

Lab Activity

Week 7: Making Decisions with `if` Statements

Duration: 50 minutes — Work in pairs!

Name: _____ Partner: _____

Lab Goals

By the end of this lab, you will be able to:

- Write simple `if` statements with correct syntax
- Use comparison operators to create conditions
- Make programs that respond differently to different inputs
- Fix common `if` statement errors

Getting Started

1. Extract the given [week7_lab.zip](#) file to your desktop. This folder contains all the files you need for this lab.

1 Exercise 1: Your First `if` Statement (7 minutes)

Open [week7_ex1.py](#) and type the following code exactly as shown and then run it:

```
1 age = int(input("Enter age: "))
2
3 if age >= 13:
4     print("You can join our coding club!")
5     print("Welcome aboard!")
6
7 print("Thanks for checking!")
```

Now modify the code:

- Change `age` to 10 and run it again. What happens?
- Change the condition to `age == 13` (two equals). What changes?
- Add one more `print` statement inside the `if` block

 **Checkpoint:** Show your teacher the output before moving on!

2 Exercise 2: Complete the Password Checker (7 minutes)

Open [week7_ex2.py](#) and complete the password checker program:

```

1 # Password checker program
2 correct_password = "python123"
3 user_password = input("Enter password: ")
4
5 # Check if passwords match
6 if user_password == correct_password: # Use correct comparison
7     print("Access granted!")
8     print("Welcome to the system!")
9
10 # Check if password is too short
11 if len(user_password) < 5: # Less than 5 characters
12     print("Password too short!")
13
14 print("Security check complete.")

```

Test values:

- Enter “python123” - should say “Access granted!”
- Enter “abc” - should say “Password too short!”
- Enter “wrongpass” - should only say “Security check complete.”

 **Pair Programming:** Switch who types every 5 minutes!

 **Checkpoint:** Password checker working correctly? Excellent!

3 Exercise 3: Explore Comparison Operators (10 minutes)

Let’s explore how different comparison operators work in if statements:

Step 1: Start with this code (open [week7_ex3.py](#)):

```

1 # Testing different comparisons
2 temperature = 30
3 humidity = 65
4
5 # Test 1: Greater than
6 if temperature > 25:
7     print("It's a hot day!")
8
9 # Test 2: Less than or equal
10 if humidity <= 70:
11     print("Humidity is comfortable")

```

Step 2: Try these experiments (run after each change):

1. Change temperature to exactly 25. Does “It’s a hot day!” still print?
Result: _____
2. Add a new if statement that checks if temperature is not equal to 30:
Your code: `if temperature _____ 30:`
3. Create an if statement that checks if humidity is between 40 and 80:
Your code: _____

Step 3: Create your own weather advisor:

Add an if statement that prints advice based on temperature

```
1 # If temperature > 35: print "Stay indoors!"
```

 **Tip:** Use != for “not equal to”. Also try to combine conditions using boolean operators whenever possible

4 Exercise 4: Debug the Age Verifier (10 minutes)

Open [week7_ex4.py](#), find the issues in this age verification program and fix them:

```
1 print("Welcome to the Movie Theater!")
2 age = input("Enter your age: ")
3
4 if age = 18:
5     print("You're exactly 18!")
6
7 if age >= 13
8     print("You can watch PG-13 movies!")
9
10 if age < 13:
11     print("Kids movies are in Theater 3")
12
13 if Age >= 17:
14     print("You can watch horror movies!")
```

 **Checkpoint:** All errors fixed and program running correctly? Great debugging!

5 Exercise 5: Mini-Challenge - Grade Calculator (12 minutes)

Create a program that gives feedback based on exact score ranges:

1. Ask for a test score (0-100)
2. If score is 90-100: print "Grade A - Excellent work!"
3. If score is 80-89: print "Grade B - Good job!"
4. If score is 70-79: print "Grade C - Keep it up!"
5. If score is below 70: print "Need more practice!"

Hint: Use compound conditions like: `if score >= 90 and score <= 100:`

Example Output:

```
Enter your test score: 85
Grade: B - Good job!
```

Starter Help:

Open [week7_ex5.py](#) and start with this code:

```
1 # Grade calculator
2 score = int(input("Enter your test score: "))
3
4 # Add your if statements here
```

```

5 # Start with the A grade check:
6 if score >= 90 and score <= 100:
7     print("Grade: A - Excellent!")
8
9 # Continue adding other grades:
    
```

Test your program with: 95, 85, 75, 65, 55

Bonus: Add a check at the beginning - if score > 100 or score < 0, print "Invalid score!"

 **Checkpoint:** Grade calculator working for all test scores? Amazing work!

 **Pair Programming:** Switch who types every 5 minutes!

6 Exercise 6: Quick Quiz (5 minutes)

Circle the correct answer:

1. What symbol must come after an if condition?

- ;
- :
- .
- ,

2. Which operator checks if two values are equal?

- =
- ==
- !=
- >=

3. What will this code print if x = 5?

```

1 if x > 10:
2     print("Big")
3 print("Done")
    
```

- Big
- Done
- Big
Done
- Nothing

4. What's the recommended amount of spaces you should use for indentation in Python?

- 1
- 2

- 4
- Any number

5. What's wrong with this code?

```
1 if name == "Ali"
2 print("Hello Ali!")
```

- Missing colon after condition
- Wrong comparison operator
- Indentation error
- Both A and C

7 Lab Summary

✔ Checkpoint: Final checkpoint - make sure you have:

- Completed all exercises with your partner
- Written working if statements with proper syntax
- Used comparison operators (==, !=, <, >, <=, >=)
- Fixed indentation errors
- Shown checkpoints to your teacher

Reflection (2 minutes)

Rate your understanding of today's concepts:

Concept	☹ Need Help	😊 Getting It	😄 Got It!
if statement syntax	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Comparison operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indentation rules	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

One thing I learned today: _____

One thing I'm still confused about: _____

😊 Great work making Python think and decide!