

Lab Activity

Week 8: Multiple Paths with `if/else` and `elif`

Duration: 50 minutes — Work in pairs!

Name: _____ Partner: _____

Lab Goals

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

- Add `else` blocks to handle both `True` and `False` cases
- Use `elif` for multiple choice decisions
- Write simple nested `if` statements
- Combine conditions with `and/or` operators

Getting Started

1. Extract the given [week8_lab.zip](#) file to your desktop. This folder contains all the files you need for this lab.

1 Exercise 1: Adding `else` to `if` (7 minutes)

Last week we learned `if` statements. This week, let's add `else` to handle both cases!

Open [week8_ex1.py](#) and type this code exactly as shown and run it:

```
1 temperature = 35
2
3 if temperature > 30:
4     print("It's hot today!")
5     print("Drink lots of water.")
6 else:
7     print("Temperature is pleasant.")
8     print("Enjoy your day!")
9
10 print("Weather check complete.")
```

Now modify the code:

- Change temperature to 25. Before running, guess what gets printed?

- Add one more `print` statement in the `else` block
- Change the condition to check if temperature equals exactly 30. Print "It's exactly 30 degrees!"

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

💡 **Tip:** The else block runs when the if condition is False!

2 Exercise 2: Complete the Ticket Price Program (7 minutes)

Open [week8_ex2.py](#) and complete the movie ticket program:

```

1 # Movie ticket prices
2 age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
3
4 # Check if eligible for child price
5 if age <= 12: # Less than or equal to 12
6     price = 150
7     print("Child ticket: Rs. 150")
8 else: # if it's not a child
9     price = 300
10    print("Adult ticket: Rs. 300")
11
12 # Apply student discount for teens
13 if age >= 13 && age <= 19: # both conditions must be true
14     print("Student discount available!")
15     price = price - 50
16
17 print(f"Your ticket price: Rs. {price}")

```

Test values:

- Age 10: Should be Rs. 150 (child)
- Age 15: Should be Rs. 250 (adult with student discount)
- Age 25: Should be Rs. 300 (adult)

✔ **Checkpoint:** All test cases working? Show it to your teacher

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

3 Exercise 3: Explore elif Chains (10 minutes)

Let's make a simple grade message system using `elif`:

Step 1:

Open [week8_ex3.py](#) which has the following code snippet already written:

```

1 # Grade feedback system
2 marks = int(input("Enter your marks (0-100): "))
3
4 if marks >= 90:
5     print("Outstanding! A+")
6 elif marks >= 80:
7     print("Excellent! A")
8 elif marks >= 70:

```

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9     print("Good work! B")
10 elif marks >= 60:
11     print("Keep trying! C")
12 else:
13     print("Need improvement. See teacher.")

```

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

1. Enter 95. What message appears?

Result: _____

Explain why: _____

2. Enter 85. Which elif executes? Explain why not the first if?

Answer: _____

3. What happens if you enter 55?

Result: _____

Explain why: _____

Step 3: Add one more elif before the else:

- Check if marks ≥ 50
- Print "Pass, but aim higher! D"

Tip: Only ONE block in an if/elif/else chain executes - the first True condition!

4 Exercise 4: Simple Nested if (8 minutes)

Open [week8_ex4.py](#) file which already has a basic structure for checking roller coaster eligibility (*need both age and height*):

```

1  # Roller coaster eligibility
2  print("=== Roller Coaster Check ===")
3
4  age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
5
6  if age >= 12:
7      print("Age requirement met!")
8      # Now check height (nested if)
9      height = int(input("Enter height in cm: "))
10
11     if height >= 140:
12         print("You can ride! Have fun!")
13     else:
14         print("Sorry, too short. Need 140cm.")
15 else:
16     print("Sorry, must be 12 or older.")
17     print("Try the kids' rides!")

```

Test with these combinations:

- Age 10: Should stop at age check

- Age 13, Height 135: Should fail height check
- Age 14, Height 145: Should allow riding

Now add another nested check:

- Inside the “You can ride!” section
- Ask “Do you have a ticket? (yes/no)”
- Only if yes: print “Head to the ride!”
- If no: print “Buy a ticket first!”

✔ **Checkpoint:** Nested conditions working correctly? Excellent!

5 Exercise 5: Mini-Challenge - Simple Restaurant Menu (13 minutes)

Create a program for a school cafeteria that:

1. Shows a simple menu
2. Asks what the student wants
3. Uses elif to handle different choices
4. Tells them the price
5. Checks if they have enough money

Example Output:

```
=== School Cafeteria ===
1. Sandwich - Rs. 50
2. Biryani - Rs. 80
3. Juice - Rs. 30
```

```
What would you like? (1/2/3): 2
You chose Biryani!
Price: Rs. 80
```

```
How much money do you have? Rs. 100
Great! You have enough. Enjoy your meal!
Your change: Rs. 20
```

Starter Help:

Open [week8_ex5.py](#) and start with this code snippet:

```
1 # School cafeteria program
2 print("=== School Cafeteria ===")
3 print("1. Sandwich - Rs. 50")
4 print("2. Biryani - Rs. 80")
5 print("3. Juice - Rs. 30")
6 print()
7
```

```

8 choice = input("What would you like? (1/2/3): ")
9
10 # Use elif to handle choices
11 if choice == "1":
12     item = "Sandwich"
13     price = 50
14 # Add elif for choice 2
15
16 # Add elif for choice 3
17
18 # Add else for invalid choice
19
20 print(f"You chose {item}!")
21 print(f"Price: Rs. {price}")
22
23 # Now check if they have enough money
24 money = int(input("\nHow much money do you have? Rs. "))
25
26 # Add if/else to check money vs price

```

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

Test your program with:

- Choice 1, Money 100 (enough)
- Choice 2, Money 70 (not enough)
- Choice 4 (invalid)

Bonus: Add a 4th menu item!

 **Checkpoint:** Menu program working? Show your teacher!

6 Exercise 6: Quick Quiz (5 minutes)

Circle the correct answer:

1. What happens when an if condition is False and there's an else?
 - The program crashes
 - The else block runs
 - Nothing happens
 - Both blocks run
2. In an if/elif/elif/else chain, how many blocks can execute at a time?
 - All of them
 - Only one
 - At least two
 - None
3. What's the output of this code when $x = 15$?

```

1 if x > 20:
2     print("A")
3 elif x > 10:
4     print("B")
5 elif x > 5:
6     print("C")
7 else:
8     print("D")

```

- A
 - B
 - C
 - B and C
 - B, C and D
4. Which operator combines two conditions where both must be True?
- or
 - and
 - not
 - else
5. In nested if statements, the inner if only runs when:
- Always
 - The outer if is True
 - The outer if is False
 - Never

7 Lab Summary

 **Checkpoint:** Final checkpoint - make sure you have:

- Completed all exercises with your partner
- Used if/else for two-way decisions
- Created elif chains for multiple choices
- Written a nested if statement
- Made the cafeteria menu program
- Shown checkpoints to your teacher

Reflection (2 minutes)

Rate your understanding of today's concepts:

Concept	☹️ Need Help	😊 Getting It	😄 Got It!
if/else statements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
elif chains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nested if statements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
and/or operators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

One thing I learned today: _____

One thing I'm still confused about: _____

😊 Great work with multiple decision paths!