

## Lab Activity

Week 11: Smart Loops

Duration: 50 minutes — Work in pairs!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

### Lab Goals

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

- Put if statements inside for loops to filter numbers
- Use break to stop loops early when you find what you need
- Combine loops and conditions to make smart programs
- Count specific items that match certain conditions

### Getting Started

1. Extract the given [week10\\_lab.zip](#) file to your desktop. This folder contains all the files you need for this lab.

## 1 Exercise 1: Let's Filter Numbers (5 minutes)

Open [week11\\_ex1.py](#) and type the code below to print only odd numbers from 1 to 10.

```
1 # Exercise 1: Print only odd numbers
2 print("=== Odd Number Filter ===")
3 print("Numbers from 1 to 10:")
4 print("Odd numbers only: ", end="")
5
6 for num in range(1, 11):
7     if num % 2 == 1:
8         print(num, end=" ")
9
10 print() # New line at the end
11 print("\nAll odd numbers printed!")
```

Now modify the code:

- Change the if condition to print only even numbers (hint: `% 2 == 0`)
- Change the range to go from 1 to 20
- Add a counter to count how many odd numbers you found

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

## 2 Exercise 2: Multiple Counter (5 minutes)

Open [week11\\_ex2.py](#) and fill in the blanks to count multiples of 5 between 1 and 30.

```

1 # Exercise 2: Count multiples of 5
2 print("=== Counting Multiples of 5 ===")
3 count = 0
4
5 print("Checking numbers from 1 to 30:")
6
7 for num in range(1, 31):
8     if num % 5 == 0:
9         print(f"{num} is a multiple of 5!")
10        ----- = ----- + 1
11
12 print(f"\nTotal multiples of 5 found: {_____}")
13 print(f"They are: ", end="")
14
15 # Print them again in one line
16 for num in range(1, 31):
17     if _____ % _____ == _____:
18         print(num, end=" ")
19 print()

```

Test your program:

- Should find 6 multiples of 5 between 1 and 30
- They should be: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30

 **Checkpoint:** Counter working correctly? Great job! Show your teacher!

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

## 3 Exercise 3: Experiment with break (10 minutes)

Let's explore how break helps us stop loops early.

**Step 1:** Open [week11\\_ex3.py](#) which has the following code already written:

```

1 # Exercise 3: Find first square number over 50
2 print("=== Find First Large Square ===")
3 print("Looking for first square number greater than 50...")
4
5 found = False
6 found_number = 0
7 found_root = 0
8
9 for n in range(1, 20):
10    square = n * n
11    print(f"{n} squared = {square}")
12
13    if square > 50:
14        print(f"Found it! {square} is greater than 50")
15        found = True
16        found_number = square
17        found_root = n
18        break

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19     else:
20         print(" Too small, keep looking...")
21
22 if found:
23     print(f"\nThe answer is {found_root} squared = {found_number}")
24 else:
25     print("\nNo square found in range")

```

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

1. What happens if you remove the break statement?  
Result: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happens if you change the condition to > 100?  
Result: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Can you modify it to find the first square less than 50 (starting from 20 going down)?  
Hint: Use range(20, 0, -1)

**Tip:** The break statement saves time by stopping as soon as we find what we're looking for!

## 4 Exercise 4: Fix the Lucky Number Finder (10 minutes)

Open [week11\\_ex4.py](#), find and fix all issues in the code:

```

1 print("=== Lucky Number Finder ===")
2 for num in range(1, 20)
3     print(f"Checking {num}...")
4     if num = 7:
5         print("Found lucky number 7!")
6     else:
7         print("Not lucky, continue...")
8
9 print("Done searching!")

```

**Checkpoint:** Fixed code runs without errors and stops at 7? Show your teacher!

## 5 Exercise 5: Complete the Divisor Finder (5 minutes)

Open [week11\\_ex5.py](#) and complete the code to find all divisors of a number.

```

1 # Exercise 5: Find all divisors
2 number = int(input("Enter a number to find its divisors: "))
3 divisor_count = _____ # Initialize counter
4
5 print(f"\nFinding all divisors of {number}:")
6 print("Divisors: ", end="")
7
8 for possible_divisor in range(1, number + 1):
9     if number % _____ == 0:
10         print(possible_divisor, end=" ")
11         _____ = _____ + _____
12
13 print(f"\n\n{number} has {_____} divisors")
14
15 # Check if it's prime (only 2 divisors: 1 and itself)

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16 if divisor_count == 2:
17     print(f"{number} is a prime number!")
18 elif divisor_count == 1:
19     print(f"{number} is neither prime nor composite!")
20 else:
21     print(f"{number} is a composite number!")
    
```

Test with these numbers:

- 12 should have 6 divisors: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12
- 7 should have 2 divisors: 1, 7 (it's prime!)
- 1 should have 1 divisor: 1

 **Checkpoint:** Divisor finder working correctly? Nice work!

## 6 Exercise 6: Mini-Challenge - Number Guessing Helper (10 minutes)

Create a program that helps Player 2 guess Player 1's number efficiently:

1. Player 1 picks a secret number between 1 and 50
2. The program checks numbers systematically
3. For each guess, Player 1 types 'h' (too high), 'l' (too low), or 'c' (correct)
4. Use break when the correct number is found
5. Count how many guesses it took

### Example Output:

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=== Number Guessing Helper ===
Player 1: Think of a number between 1 and 50
Player 2: I'll help you guess it!
    
```

Press Enter when ready...

```

Is your number 25? Enter h/l/c: h
Is your number 12? Enter h/l/c: l
Is your number 18? Enter h/l/c: c
    
```

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Found it! Your number is 18
It took 3 guesses!
    
```

Open [week11\\_ex6.py](#) and write your code in the file.

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

**Bonus:** Can you think of a better guessing strategy than just trying every number?

 **Checkpoint:** Guessing helper working with break? Excellent!

## 7 Lab Summary

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

- Completed all exercises with your partner
- Used if statements inside for loops successfully
- Used break to exit a loop early
- Counted items that match conditions
- Shown all checkpoints to your teacher

### Reflection (2 minutes)

Rate your understanding of today's concepts:

Concept	 Need Help	 Getting It	 Got It!
Filtering numbers with loops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using break to exit early	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Counting matching items	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Combining loops & conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

One smart loop I created today: \_\_\_\_\_

The break statement is useful when: \_\_\_\_\_

 **Great work making smart loops today!**