

Boolean Values

- Booleans represent one of two values: True or False.
- In programming you often need to know if an expression is True or False.
- You can evaluate any expression in Python, and get one of two answers, True or False.

When you compare two values, the expression is evaluated and Python returns the Boolean answer:

Example:

```
print(10 > 9)
print(10 == 9)
print(10 < 9)
```

Output:

```
True
False
False
```

When you run a condition in an if statement, Python returns `True` or `False`:

Example:

Print a message based on whether the condition is `True` or `False`:

```
a = 200
b = 33

if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
else:
    print("b is not greater than a")
```

Output:

```
b is not greater than a
```

Evaluate Values and Variables

The `bool()` function allows you to evaluate any value, and give you `True` or `False` in return,

Example:

Evaluate a string and a number:

```
print(bool("Hello"))  
print(bool(15))
```

Output:

```
True  
True
```

Example:

Evaluate two variables:

```
x = "Hello"  
y = 15
```

```
print(bool(x))  
print(bool(y))
```

Output:

```
True  
True
```

Most Values are True

- Almost any value is evaluated to `True` if it has some sort of content.
- Any string is `True`, except empty strings.
- Any number is `True`, except `0`.
- Any list, tuple, set, and dictionary are `True`, except empty ones.

Example:

The following will return True:

```
bool("abc")  
bool(123)  
bool(["apple", "cherry", "banana"])
```

Output:

```
True  
True  
True
```

Some Values are False

In fact, there are not many values that evaluate to `False`, except empty values, such as `()`, `[]`, `{}`, `""`, the number `0`, and the value `None`. And of course the value `False` evaluates to `False`.

Example:

The following will return `False`:

```
bool(False)
bool(None)
bool(0)
bool("")
bool(())
bool([])
bool({})
```

Output:

```
False
False
False
False
False
False
False
False
```

One more value, or object in this case, evaluates to `False`, and that is if you have an object that is made from a class with a `__len__` function that returns `0` or `False`:

Example:

```
class myclass():
    def __len__(self):
        return 0

myobj = myclass()
print(bool(myobj))
```

Output:

```
False
```

Functions can Return a Boolean

You can create functions that returns a Boolean Value:

Example:

Print the answer of a function:

```
def myFunction() :  
    return True  
  
print(myFunction())
```

Output:

True

You can execute code based on the Boolean answer of a function:

Example:

Print "YES!" if the function returns True, otherwise print "NO!":

```
def myFunction() :  
    return True  
  
if myFunction():  
    print("YES!")  
else:  
    print("NO!")
```

Output:

YES!

Python also has many built-in functions that return a boolean value, like the `isinstance()` function, which can be used to determine if an object is of a certain data type:

Example:

Check if an object is an integer or not:

```
x = 200  
print(isinstance(x, int))
```

Output:

True