

# Conditional Control Flow

**COMP110 - CLO4**

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**Today is a Paper + Pencil or Tablet + Pencil day...  
please keep laptops stowed away!**



Illustration by [Arthur Rackham](#), 1918, in *English Fairy Tales* by [Flora Annie Steel](#)

# Announcements

- Quiz 0 - Median is approximately an 85%, will return by tomorrow
  - Please review and understand questions and diagram points missed immediately, these concepts will be important to have an understanding of on moving forward.
  - Not sure about a correct answer? Come see us in office hours for conceptual help! We *love* working through quiz-style conceptual problems. Please do not ask questions about content in regrade requests. The key is
- EX00 - Deadline was last night, but insurance points have you covered if you had trouble reaching full credit (see syllabus). Come to office hours if unable to hit 100%
- LSo6 - Unicode, Emoji, Escape Sequences, and f-Strings Reading - Due Tomorrow
- ChatGPT, Google, and Explainability of Concepts Covered in COMP110

# Today's Goals

- Warm-up Questions
- Relational Operators and Logical Operators
  - `==`, `!=`, `>`, `>=`, `<`, `<=`
- Conditional Control Flow with if-then-else Statements
- If time permits, function definitions that *call themselves!*

# Warm-up Questions

Some misconceptions found on Thursday's quiz, and a new boolean idea!

```
1  """Warmup question..."""
2
3
4  def is_21(age: int) -> bool:
5      """Return whether age is at least 21."""
6      print("in is_21")
7      return age == 21 or age > 21
8
9
10 def age_next_year(age: int) -> int:
11     """Calculates something's age next year."""
12     print("in next_year")
13     return age + 1
```

**Given these two function definitions, reason through the questions to the right with your neighbors!**

1. Which expression is valid based on parameter and return type declarations?
  - a) `age_next_year(age=is_21(age=21))`
  - b) `is_21(age=age_next_year(age=21))`
2. For the selected expression above, which function call expression *evaluates first*?
  - a) Inner-most function call based on parens
  - b) Outer-most function call based on parens
  - c) First function call encountered, reading from left-to-right, ignoring parens
3. What is the *printed output* of evaluating: `is_21(age=21)`
4. What is the *returned value* of evaluating: `is_21(age=21)`

# Relational Operators Refresher

**These operators are placed between expressions of the same type\* to compare them.**

**Relational operators evaluate to *boolean* values.**

English	Mathematical Notation	Python Operator
"is greater than"	$>$	<code>&gt;</code>
"is at least"	$\geq$	<code>&gt;=</code>
"is less than"	$<$	<code>&lt;</code>
"is at most"	$\leq$	<code>&lt;=</code>
"is equal to"	$=$	<code>==</code>
"is not equal to"	$\neq$	<code>!=</code>

*\* Comparisons made between int and float values will automatically convert ("type coerce") int values to floats*

# Relational Operator Practice

On paper/tablet, write down each expression and its evaluated result.

A.  $1 + 2 < 3 + 4$

Follow-on question: what operator *must* have higher precedence?  $<$  or  $+$ ?

B. `"UNC" > "DUKE"`

Beware of string comparisons!  
The full reasoning for this is in the assigned lesson!

C. `110.0 != 110`

# Reasoning through the logical or operator

Recall the warm-up question...

```
4 def is_21(age: int) -> bool:
5     """Return whether age is at least 21."""
6     print("in is_21")
7     return age == 21 or age > 21
```

1. `is_21` returns True if age is at least 21 and false otherwise. How must the or operator work?

Fill in the table below.

Expression	Evaluated Result (Fill In)
False <b>or</b> False	
True <b>or</b> False	
False <b>or</b> True	
True <b>or</b> True	

2. How would you rewrite line 7 to *simplify* it using a different relational operator?

# Reasoning through the logical and operator

Consider this function...

```
1 def can_enter(age: int, has_id: bool) -> bool:
2     """Can you enter the 18+ club on Cottagecore night?"""
3     return age >= 18 and has_id
```

1. Trusting this is a sensibly implemented function, reason through filling in the table.

Expression	Evaluated Result (Fill In)
False <b>and</b> False	
True <b>and</b> False	
False <b>and</b> True	
True <b>and</b> True	

2. What must have higher precedence,  $\geq$  (relational operator) or **and** (logical/boolean operator)?



# Reasoning through the logical not operator

Consider this function...

```
1 def can_enter(age: int, has_id: bool, looks_really_old: bool) -> bool:
2     """Can you enter the 18+ club on Woodland Cottagecore night?"""
3     return not age < 18 and has_id or looks_really_old
```

1. Trusting this is also a sensibly implemented function, reason through filling in the table.

Expression	Evaluated Result (Fill In)
<code>not True</code>	
<code>not False</code>	

2. For this to be sensible, what must be the precedence of **not**, **and**, & **or**?

# Logical / Boolean Operators

Expression	Evaluation
False <b>or</b> False	False
True <b>or</b> False	True
False <b>or</b> True	True
True <b>or</b> True	True

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True <b>and</b> True	True

Expression	Evaluation
<b>not</b> True	False
<b>not</b> False	True

**Precedence (Highest-to-lowest):**

**0. Arithmetic Operators (PEMDAS)**

**1. Relational Operators**

**2. not**

**3. and**

**4. or**

When in doubt, use parentheses!

**For now, assume logical operators operate exclusively on boolean expression operands.**

# If-Then-Else / *Conditional* Statements

Writing code that behaves conditionally based on input values.

- Read the following function definition:

```
1  def taste_porridge(temp: int) -> str:
2      """Mmm bear porridge!"""
3      if temp == 140:
4          return "Just right!"
5      else:
6          if temp > 140:
7              return "Too hot!"
8          else:
9              return "Too cold!"
```

**Predict 1) what is the evaluation of: `taste_porridge(temp=175)`**

**Predict 2) what is the evaluation of: `taste_porridge(temp=110)`**

**Predict 3) what is the evaluation of: `taste_porridge(temp=140)`**

# If-Then / *Conditional* Statements

## General syntax and semantics

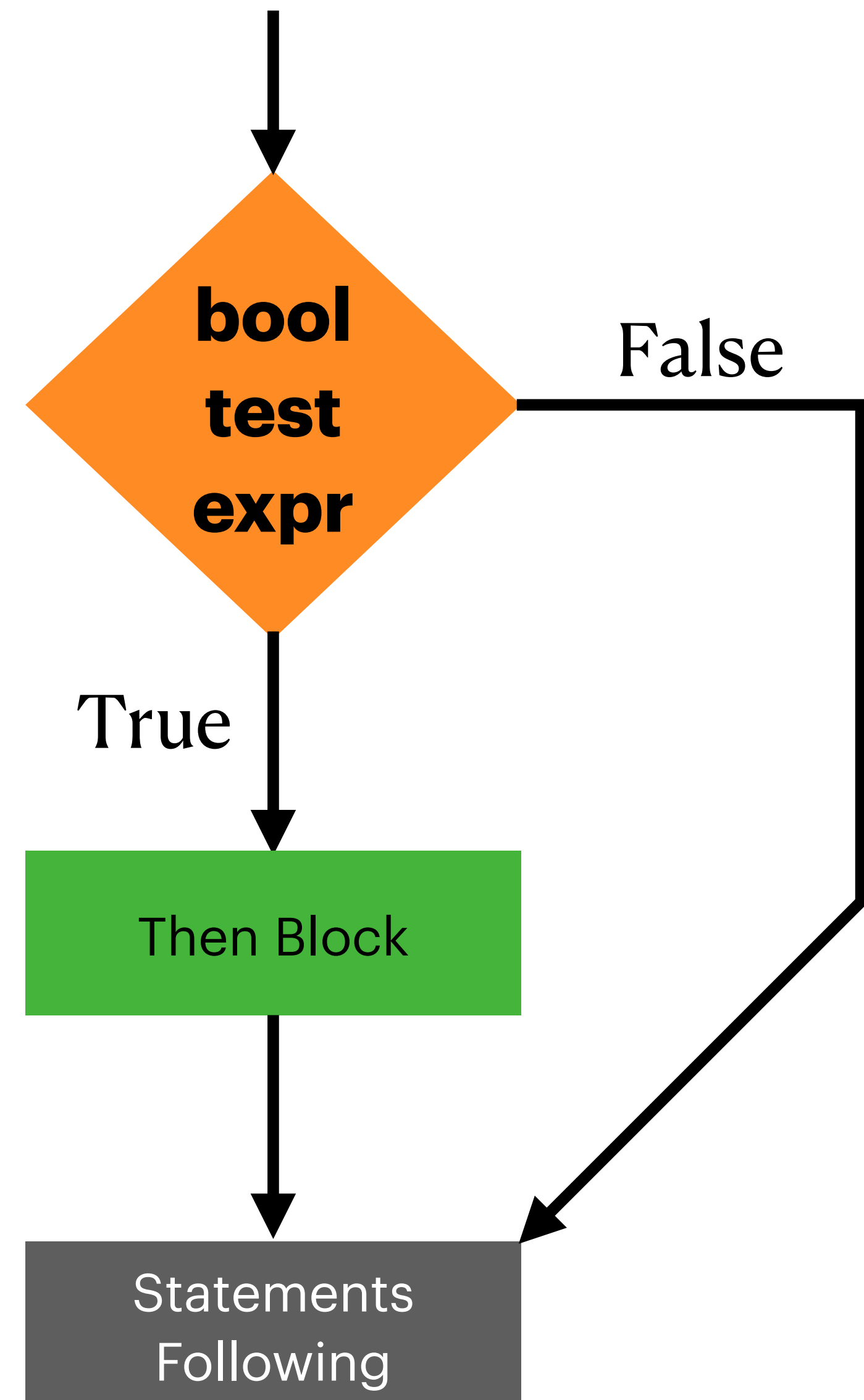
### Syntax:

```
if bool_test_expression:  
    ...then statements block...
```

*...statements following if-else...*

### Semantics:

1. When evaluation reaches the *if* statement, the boolean test expression is evaluated.
2. If the test expression evaluates to true, control continues into the then statement block. If then block completes without a return, control continues by skipping else block.
3. Otherwise, if the test expression evaluates to false, control jumps over the then block and control continues to the next line.



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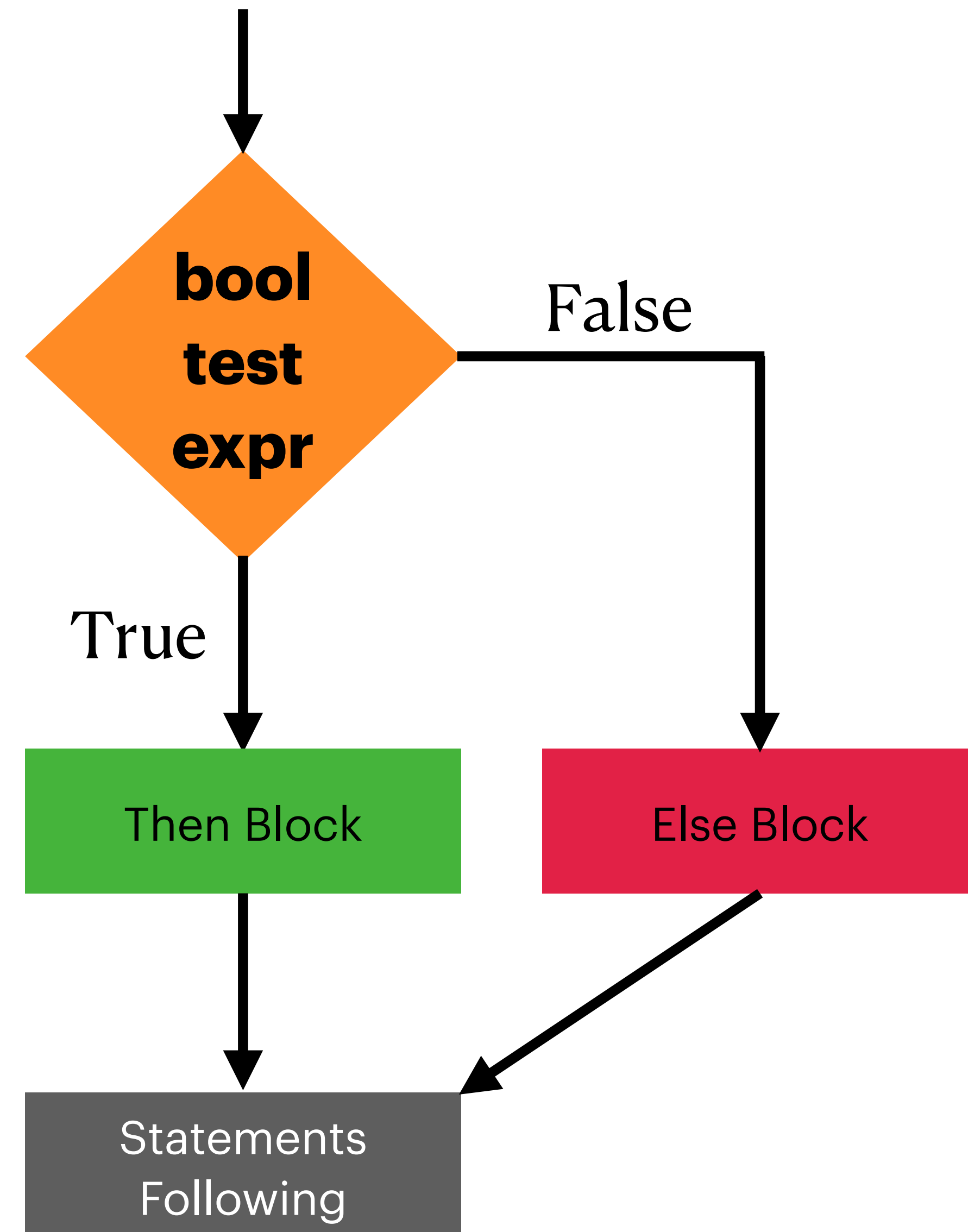
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if bool_test_expression:  
    ...then statements block...  
else:  
    ...else statements block...  
...statements following if-else...
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3. Otherwise, if the test expression evaluates to false, control jumps over the then block and into the else block. If the else block completes without a return, control continues to the next line.



# Diagram the Following Program

```
1  """Examples of conditionals."""
2
3
4  def number_report(x: int) -> None:
5      """Print some numerical properties of x"""
6      if x % 2 == 0:
7          print("Even")
8      else:
9          print("Odd")
10
11     if x % 3 == 0:
12         print("Divisible by 3")
13
14     if x == 0:
15         print("Zero")
16     else:
17         if x > 0:
18             print("Positive")
19         else:
20             print("Negative")
21
22     print("x is " + str(x))
23
24
25  number_report(x=110)
```

# Diagram the Following Program

```
1  """Calling to and fro..."""
2
3
4  def ping(i: int) -> int:
5      print("ping: " + str(i))
6      if i <= 0:
7          return i
8      else:
9          return pong(i=i - 1)
10
11
12 def pong(i: int) -> int:
13     print("pong: " + str(i))
14     return ping(i=i - 1)
15
16
17 print(ping(i=2))
```

# Diagram the Following Program

```
1  """Mysterious 'rev' from source (src) to destination (dest)!"""
2
3
4  def rev(src: str, i: int, dest: str) -> str:
5      """You happen upon a magical lil function..."""
6      if i >= len(src):
7          return dest
8      else:
9          return rev(src=src, i=i + 1, dest=src[i] + dest)
10
11
12  print(rev(src="lwo", i=0, dest=""))
```



# Submitting to Gradescope for Participation

## *From Hamilton 100*

- Decide one of the two of you (or three...) to be the SUBMITTER
- From the SUBMITTER's cell phone:
  1. Open CL assignment on Gradescope and make a submission
  2. Upload a wide angle selfie-photo of your pair or group of 3 holding your *diagram* notes and giving a cozy thumbs up
  3. Make your submission, **then add your partner(s) to your submission!!!**