



# The weather

Task

The program below asks the user for a location and the weather in that location.

How would you **extend** this program to display advice to the user on how to dress, in the cases when the weather is "**cloudy**", "**rainy**", or "**snowy**", and also provide a generic message in any other case?

**Important:** Provide only a **rough outline** of the code. Do not concern yourself with syntax or details.



Example

The program displays a prompt Where do you live? and waits for keyboard input.

The user types in a reply. Nuuk

The program displays a prompt and waits for keyboard input.	Weather	in	Nuuk	now?		
The user types in a reply.	snowy					
The program displays an appropriate message, depending on the weather.	Mittens	and	earn	nuffs	for	you

Resources are updated regularly — the latest version is available at: <u>ncce.io/tcc</u>.

This resource is licensed under the Open Government Licence, version 3. For more information on this licence, see <u>ncce.io/ogl</u>.

Year 8 – Intro to Python programming Lesson 4 – More branches





# **People in space**

## Worked example Weather

This is an example of a Python program that you developed earlier. It prompts the user for the weather in a particular location and provides clothing advice accordingly.

1	print("What's the weather like?")
2	weather = input()
3	if weather == "cloudy":
4	advice = "No sunglasses"
5	elif weather == "rainy":
6	advice = "Get an umbrella"
7	elif weather == "snowy":
8	advice = "Mittens and earmuffs"
9	else:
10	advice = "No particular advice"
11	print(advice)

### Syntax checklist

If you encounter an **error message**, read it and try to fix the problem. Use the list below to check for common errors (and tick  $\checkmark$  if you find yours).

misspelt if or else (this includes using capitals)
forgot the colon : after the if condition or after else
forgot to indent statements in the if block or the else block
indented if or else by mistake
used = instead of == in the condition for if, to check if two values are equal
used quotes around the name of a variable

forgot to use quotes around a string literal (like "snowy")

### **Testing your program**

Once you manage to run your program successfully, test it at least once for every possible **branch** of the if, elif, else statement.

### Task People in space

Below is a short program that displays how many people are currently in space.

```
1 from space import people
2 number = people()
3 print(number, "people in space right now")
```

Line 1 imports the people function from the space module, in order to retrieve this information from an online service, so the number of people displayed will not always be the same. This is **not a standard Python component**; it has been created specifically to allow you to perform these tasks.

### Step 1

**Open** this <u>Python program</u> (ncce.io/py-space-40) in your development environment and **extend** it, so that it asks the user to guess the number of people currently in space.

#### Example

**Note:** The number of people in space is retrieved from an online service through the people function. It is not always the same and the numbers shown here are just an example.

The program displays a prompt and waits for keyboard input.	How many people do you think are in space right now?
The user types in a reply.	5
The program displays the correct number.	8 people in space right now

#### Тір

Don't delete or modify any of the existing program statements, as you will need them. Simply insert any additional instructions.

Тір

Introduce a variable called guess, to refer to the number entered by the user.

#### Tip

Don't forget that the user's guess should be an integer. You will need to use int.

Тір

Before you proceed to the next step, make sure that you **run** your program, to verify that there are no errors.

### Step 2

Extend the program so that it compares the number of people in space with the user's guess and displays an appropriate message.

#### Example

**Note:** The number of people in space is retrieved from an online service through the people function. It is not always the same and the numbers shown here are just an example.

The program displays a prompt and waits for keyboard input.	How many people do you think are in space right now?	
The user types in a reply.	8	
The program displays a message that	That's right!	
the user's guess is correct.	8 people in space right now	
Example		
<b>Note:</b> The number of people in space is retrie always the same and the numbers shown here	eved from an online service through the people function. It is not re are just an example.	
The program displays a prompt and waits for keyboard input.	How many people do you think are in space right now?	
The user types in a reply.	5	
The program displays a message that	It's actually more than that	
the user's guess is incorrect, along with the correct number.	8 people in space right now	
Example		
<b>Note:</b> The number of people in space is retrieved from an online service through the people function. It is not always the same and the numbers shown here are just an example.		
The program displays a prompt and	How many people do you think are in	
waits for keyboard input.	space right now?	
The user types in a reply.	9	

The program displays a message that	It's actually fewer than that
the user's guess is incorrect, along	8 people in space right now

with the correct number.

Тір

There are three branches, so use multi-branch selection: if, elif, else.

Тір

Use == to compare if two values are equal.

Use < or > to compare if a value is less than or greater than another.

## Explorer task Temperature

Open the Python program below (ncce.io/py-temp-40) in your development environment.

```
from weather import temperature
print("Where do you live?")
location = input()
temp = temperature(location)
```

The program imports the temperature function from the weather module, to retrieve the current temperature at a specified location from an online service. This is **not a standard Python component**; it has been created specifically to allow you to perform these tasks.

### Step 1

**Extend** the program so that it displays an appropriate message depending on the range that the current temperature is in.

#### Example

**Note:** The current temperature is retrieved from an online service. It is not always the same and the numbers shown here are just an example.

The program displays a prompt and waits for keyboard input.	Where do you live?
The user types in a reply.	Nuuk
The program displays the current temperature and a message that depends on the temperature.	Current temperature in Nuuk is -5.0 It's freezing cold

Resources are updated regularly — the latest version is available at: <u>ncce.io/tcc</u>. This resource is licensed under the Open Government Licence, version 3. For more information on this licence, see <u>ncce.io/ogl</u>. Year 8 – Intro to Python programming Lesson 4 – More branches





# Homework

## Task 1

Read the Python programs below. They are almost identical, except for the fact that the program on the left uses consecutive **if** statements, whereas the program on the right uses a single **if**, **elif** statement.

```
1 number = 13:
2 if number < 10:
3 print("small")
4 if number < 100:
5 print("medium")
6 if number < 1000:
7 print("large")
```

```
number = 13:
if number < 10:
    print("small")
elif number < 100:
    print("medium")
elif number < 1000:
    print("large")
```

### Question 1

When the program on the left is executed, what will be displayed on the screen?

- A. small
- B. medium
- C. large
- D. medium large

### Question 2

When the program on the right is executed, what will be displayed on the screen?

- A. small
- B. medium
- C. large
- D. medium large

# Task 2

**Rearrange** the lines in the Python program below, so that you have a runnable program that simulates the rolling of two dice and displays a message that informs the user of the 'value' of the roll.

If the two dice reveal different faces, the value of the roll is the sum of the faces. Otherwise, the value of the roll is four times the (common) face.

```
if dice1 == dice2:
1
2
 print(value)
 dice1 = randint(1,6)
3
  from random import randint
4
  value = dice1 + dice2
5
 value = 4 * dice1
6
 dice2 = randint(1,6)
7
  else:
8
```

Write your rearranged program below. You may also indent any of the lines, if you think that it is necessary.

# Task 3

The **incomplete** program below is supposed to read two numbers that the user types on the keyboard and display the value of the largest one, or a message if they are equal.

```
print("Enter two integers:")
1
 num1 = int(input())
2
3
  num2 = int(input())
4
  if
    print("The largest of the two is", num1)
5
  elif
6
7
    print("The largest of the two is", num2)
8
  elif
    print("These numbers are equal")
9
```

### Step 1

Fill in the conditions in lines 4, 6, and 8 so that the program behaves as specified.

### Step 2

Is it really necessary to check the condition in line 8 or could the **elif** statement be replaced with an **else** statement? Justify your answer.

Resources are updated regularly — the latest version is available at: <u>ncce.io/tcc</u>.

This resource is licensed under the Open Government Licence, version 3. For more information on this licence, see<u>ncce.io/ogl</u>.