Conditional Execution

Chapter 3

Python for Everybody

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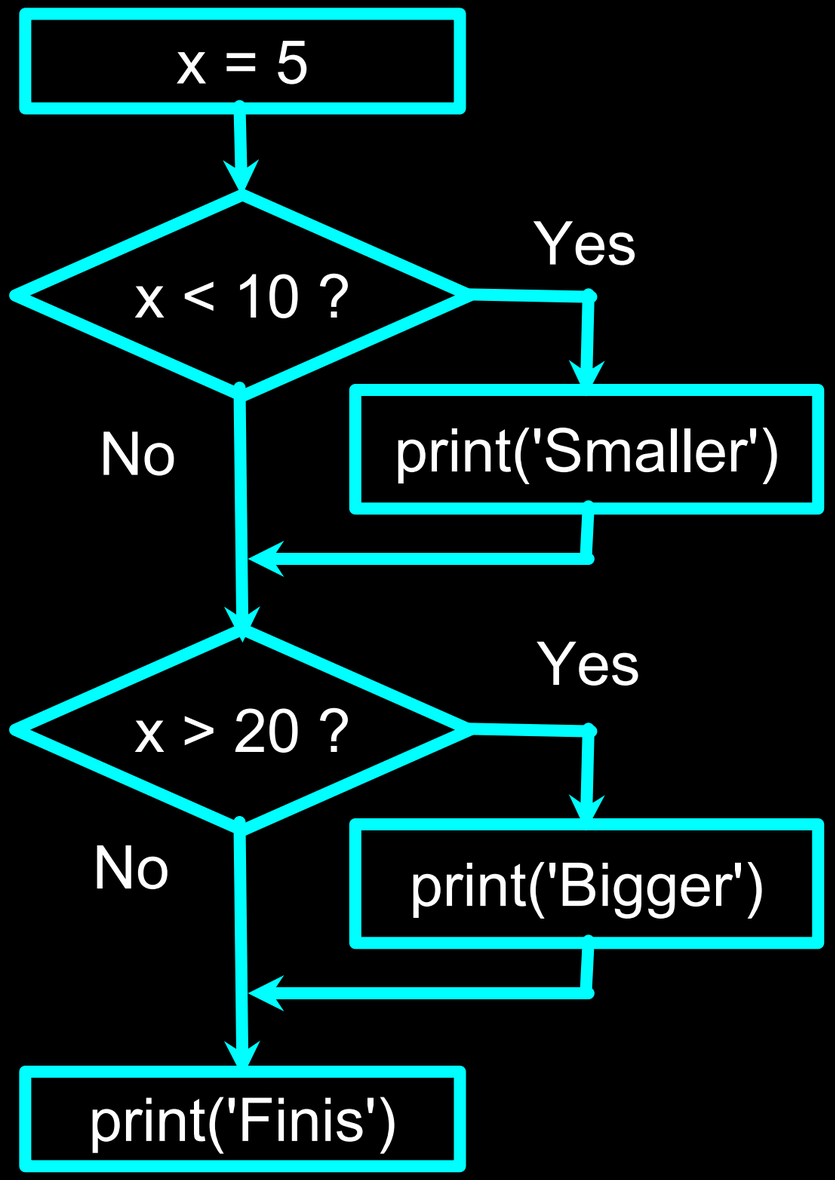


Conditional Steps

Program:

```
x = 5
if x < 10:
    print('Smaller')
if x > 20:
    print('Bigger')

print('Finis')
```

Output:

```
Smaller
Finis
```

Comparison Operators

- Boolean expressions ask a question and produce a Yes or No result which we use to control program flow
- Boolean expressions using comparison operators evaluate to True / False or Yes / No
- Comparison operators look at variables but do not change the variables

Python	Meaning
<	Less than
<=	Less than or Equal to
==	Equal to
>=	Greater than or Equal to
>	Greater than
!=	Not equal

Remember: "=" is used for assignment.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Boole

Comparison Operators

```
x = 5
if x == 5 :
    print('Equals 5')
if x > 4 :
   print('Greater than 4')
if  x >= 5 :
    print('Greater than or Equals 5')
if x < 6 : print('Less than 6')
if x <= 5 :
    print('Less than or Equals 5')
if x != 6 :
    print('Not equal 6')
```

Equals 5

Greater than 4

Greater than or Equals 5

Less than 6

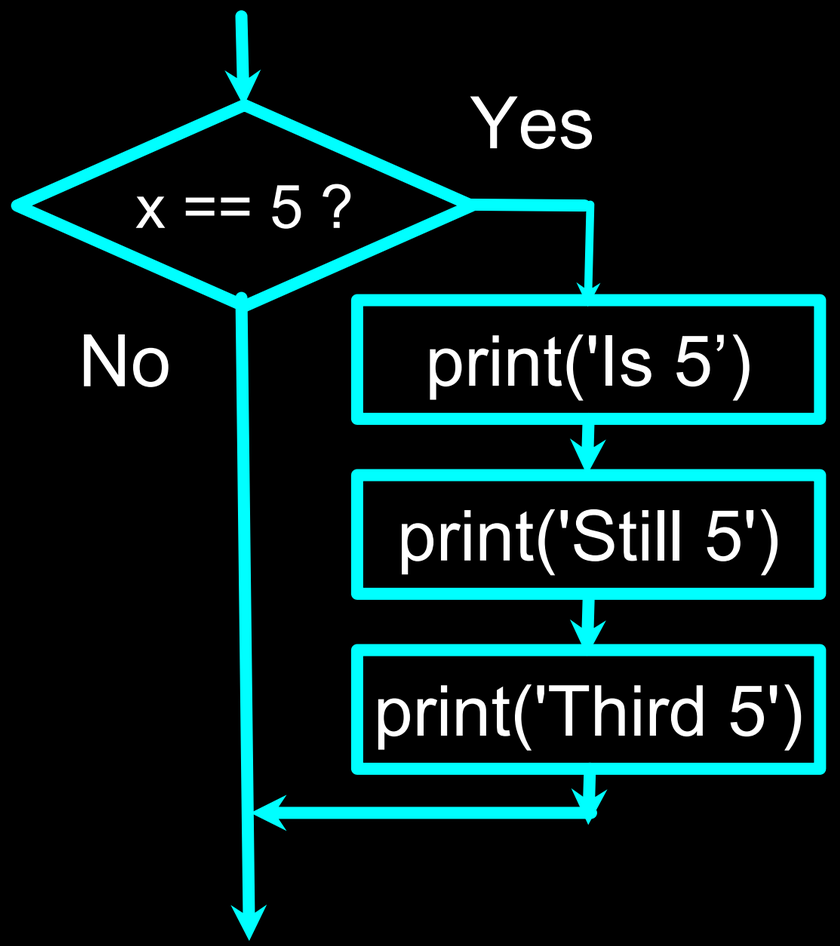
Less than or Equals 5

Not equal 6

One-Way Decisions

```
x = 5
print('Before 5')
if  x == 5 :
    print('Is 5')
    print('Is Still 5')
    print('Third 5')
print('Afterwards 5')
print('Before 6')
if x == 6 :
    print('Is 6')
    print('Is Still 6')
    print('Third 6')
print('Afterwards 6')
```

```
Before 5

Is 5
Is Still 5
Third 5
Afterwards 5
Before 6

Afterwards 6
```

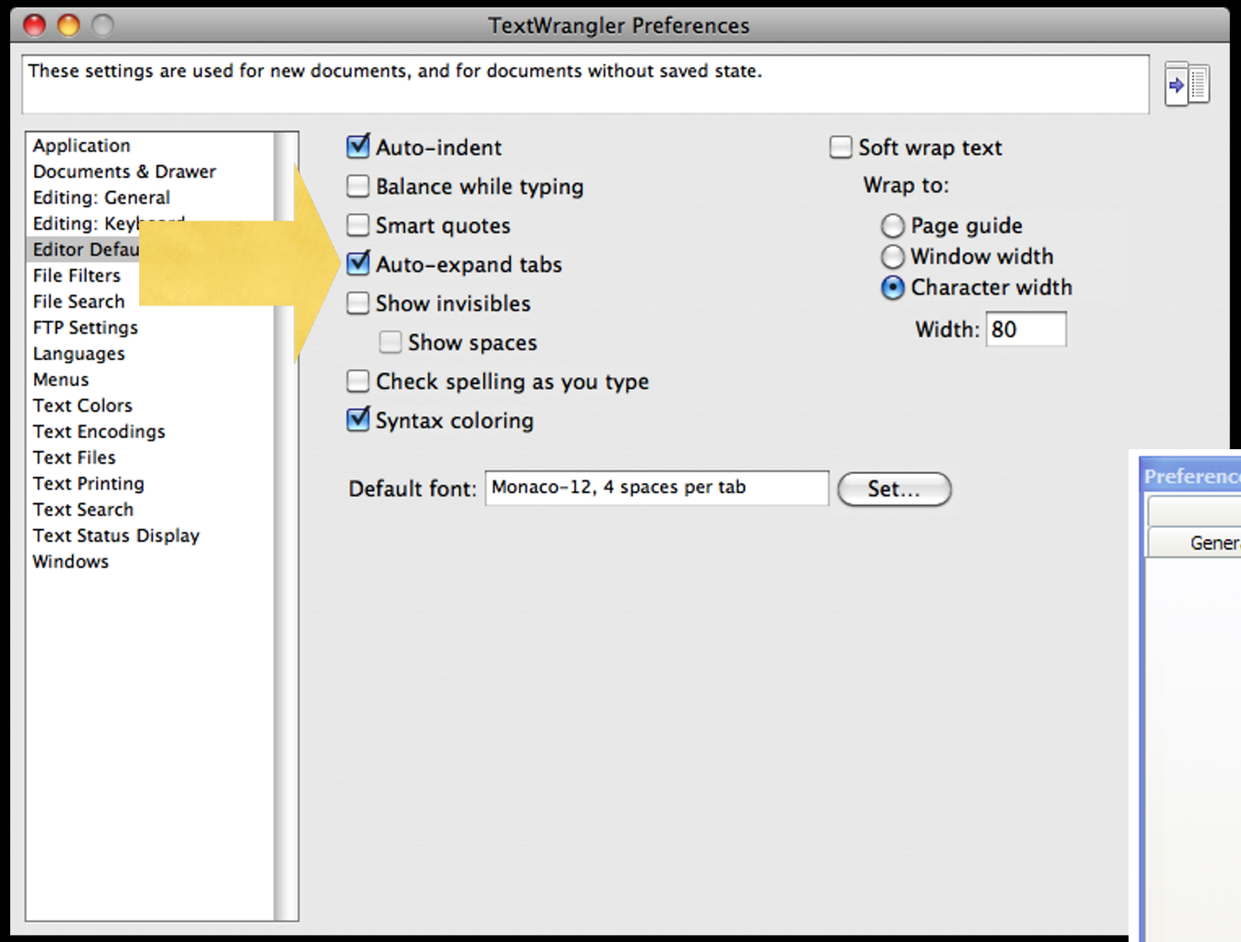


Indentation

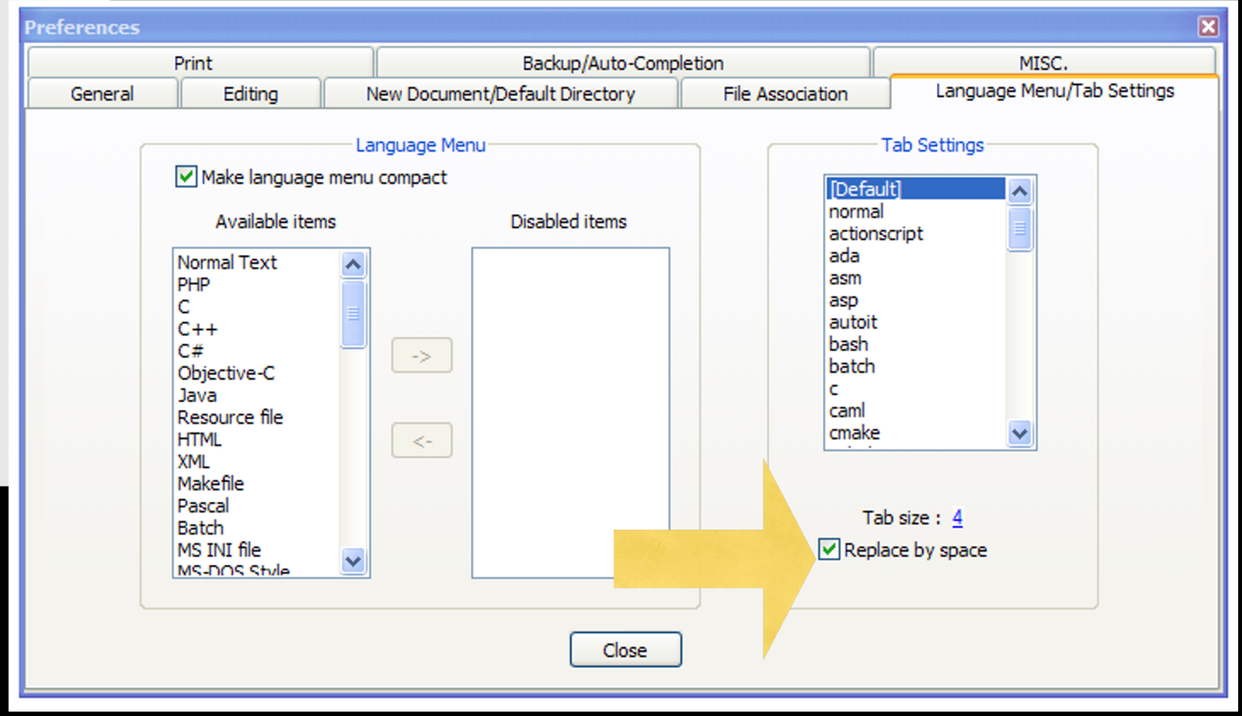
- Increase indent indent after an if statement or for statement (after :)
- Maintain indent to indicate the scope of the block (which lines are affected by the if/for)
- Reduce indent back to the level of the if statement or for statement to indicate the end of the block
- Blank lines are ignored - they do not affect indentation
- Comments on a line by themselves are ignored with regard to indentation

Warning: Turn Off Tabs!!

- Atom automatically uses spaces for files with ".py" extension (nice!)
- Most text editors can turn tabs into spaces - make sure to enable this feature
  - NotePad++: Settings -> Preferences -> Language Menu/Tab Settings
  - TextWrangler: TextWrangler -> Preferences -> Editor Defaults
- Python cares a *lot* about how far a line is indented. If you mix tabs and spaces, you may get “indentation errors” even if everything looks fine

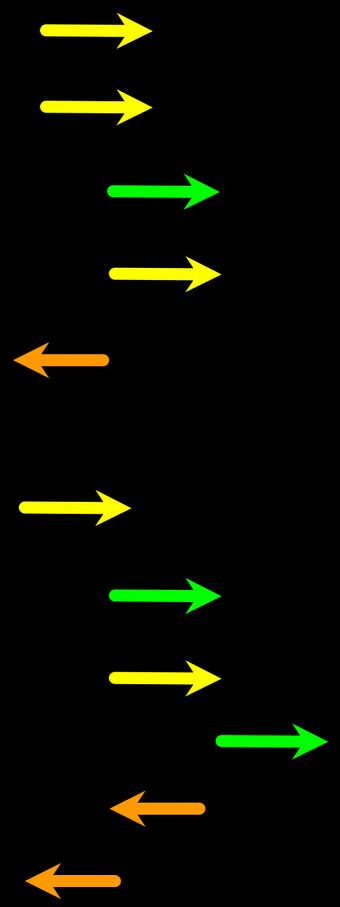


This will save you much unnecessary pain.



increase / maintain after if or for

decrease to indicate end of block



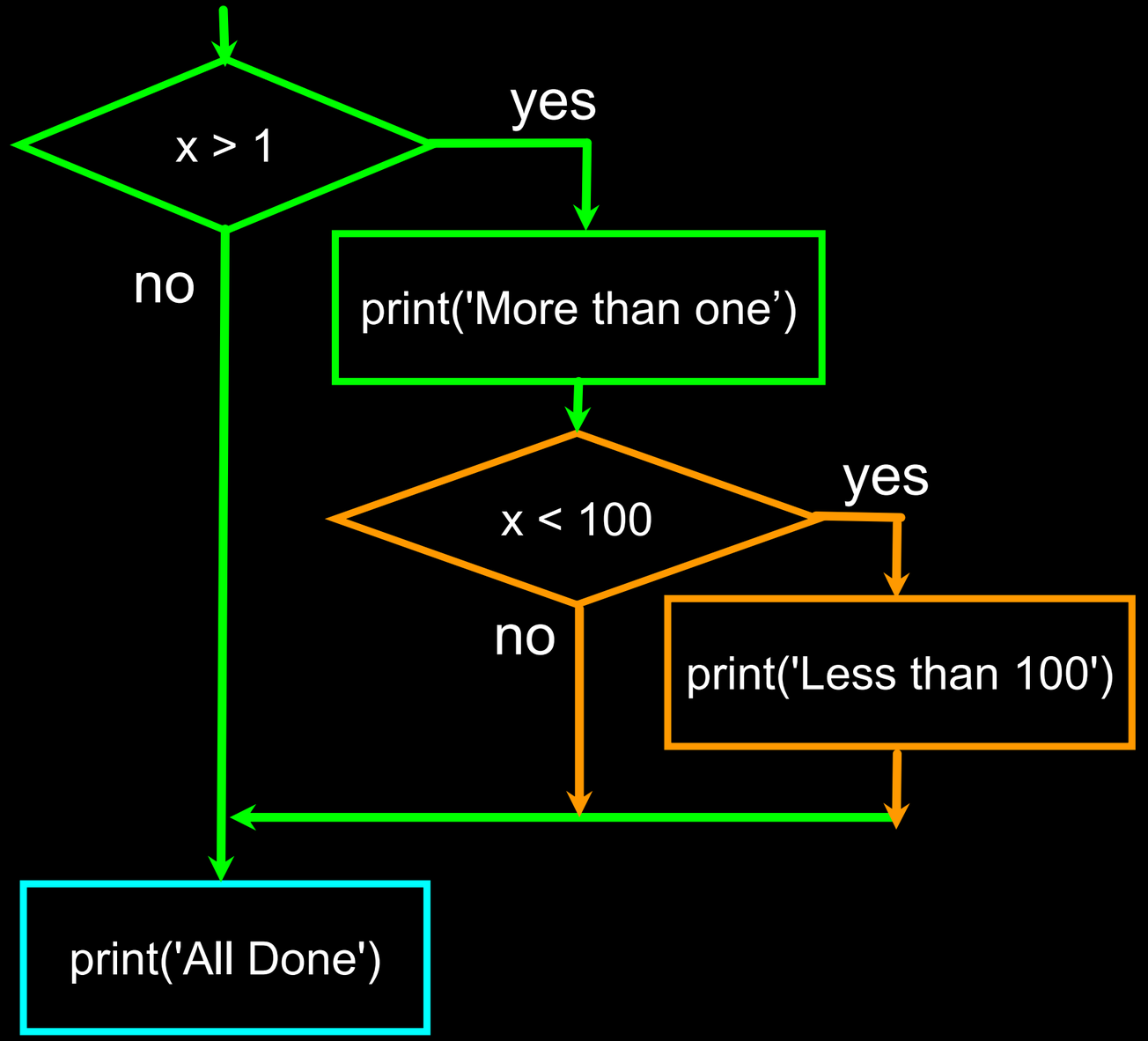
```
x = 5
if x > 2 :
    print('Bigger than 2')
    print('Still bigger')
print('Done with 2')

for i in range(5) :
    print(i)
    if i > 2 :
        print('Bigger than 2')
    print('Done with i', i)
print('All Done')
```

Think About begin/end Blocks

```
x = 5
if x > 2 :
    print('Bigger than 2')
    print('Still bigger')
print('Done with 2')

for i in range(5) :
    print(i)
    if i > 2 :
        print('Bigger than 2')
    print('Done with i', i)
print('All Done')
```

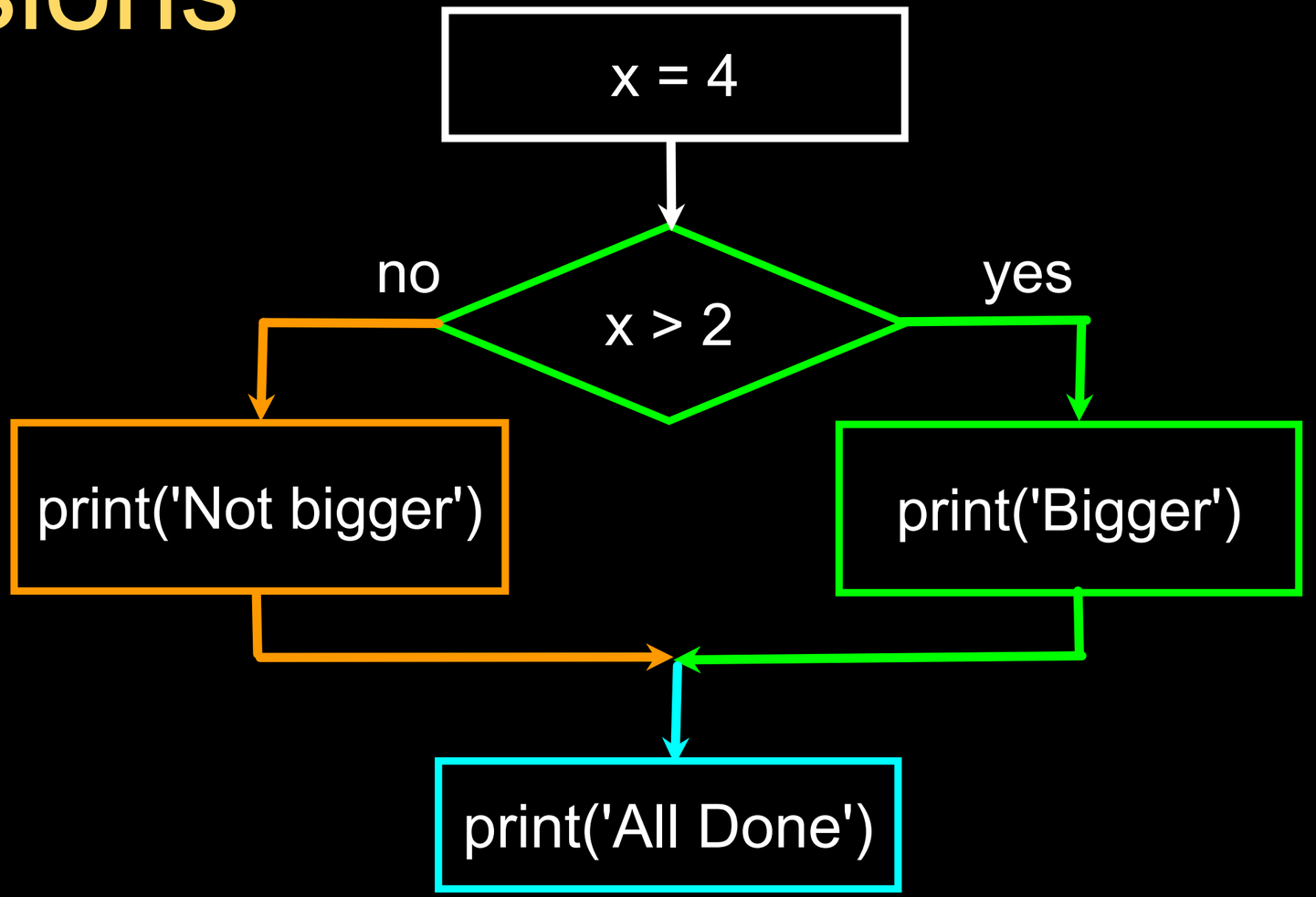
Nested Decisions

```
x = 42
if x > 1 :
    print('More than one')
    if x < 100 :
        print('Less than 100')
print('All done')
```



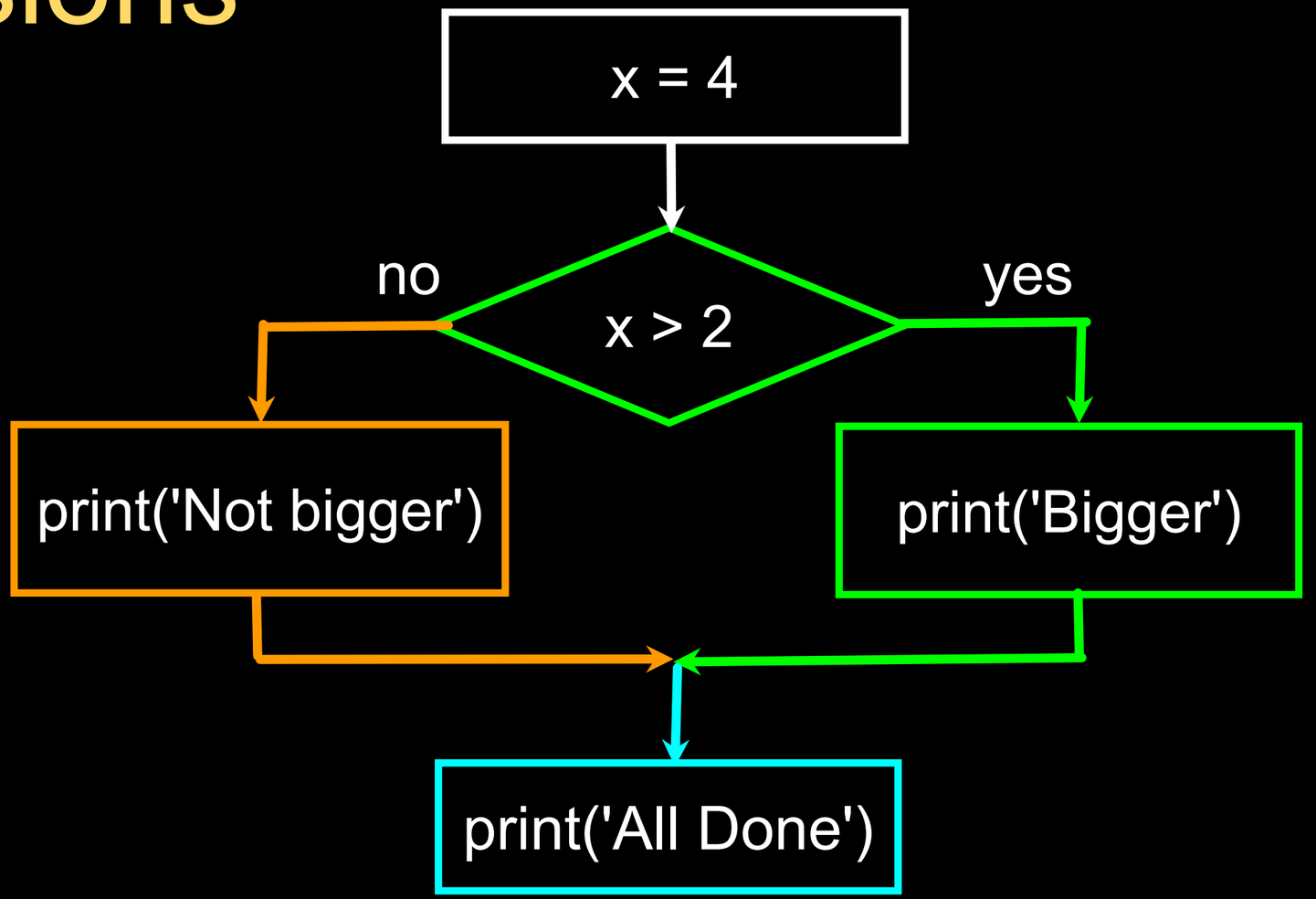
Two-way Decisions

- Sometimes we want to do one thing if a logical expression is true and something else if the expression is false
- It is like a fork in the road - we must choose one or the other path but not both



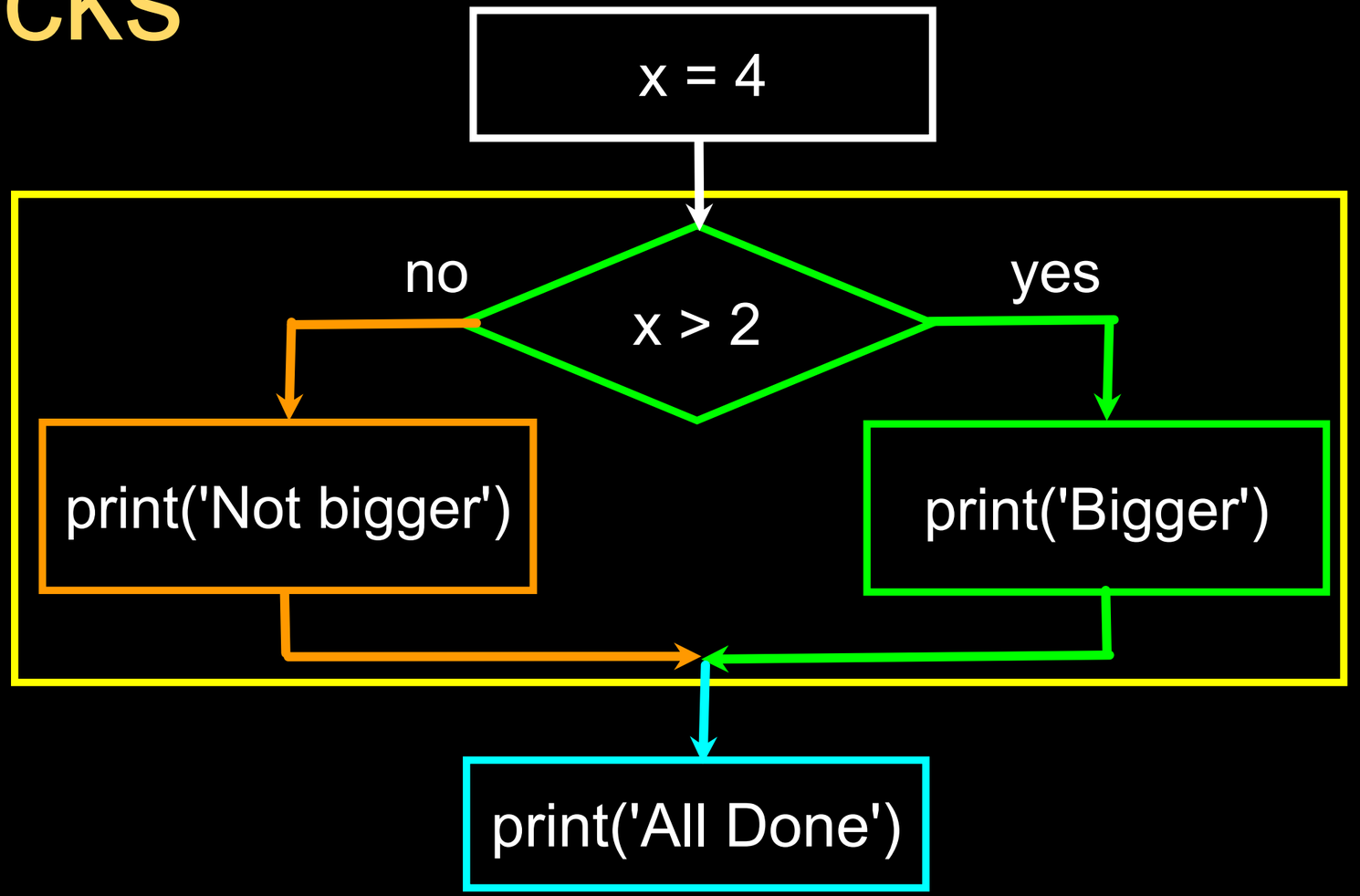
Two-way Decisions with else:

```
x = 4

if x > 2 :
    print('Bigger')
else :
    print('Smaller')

print('All done')
```



Visualize Blocks

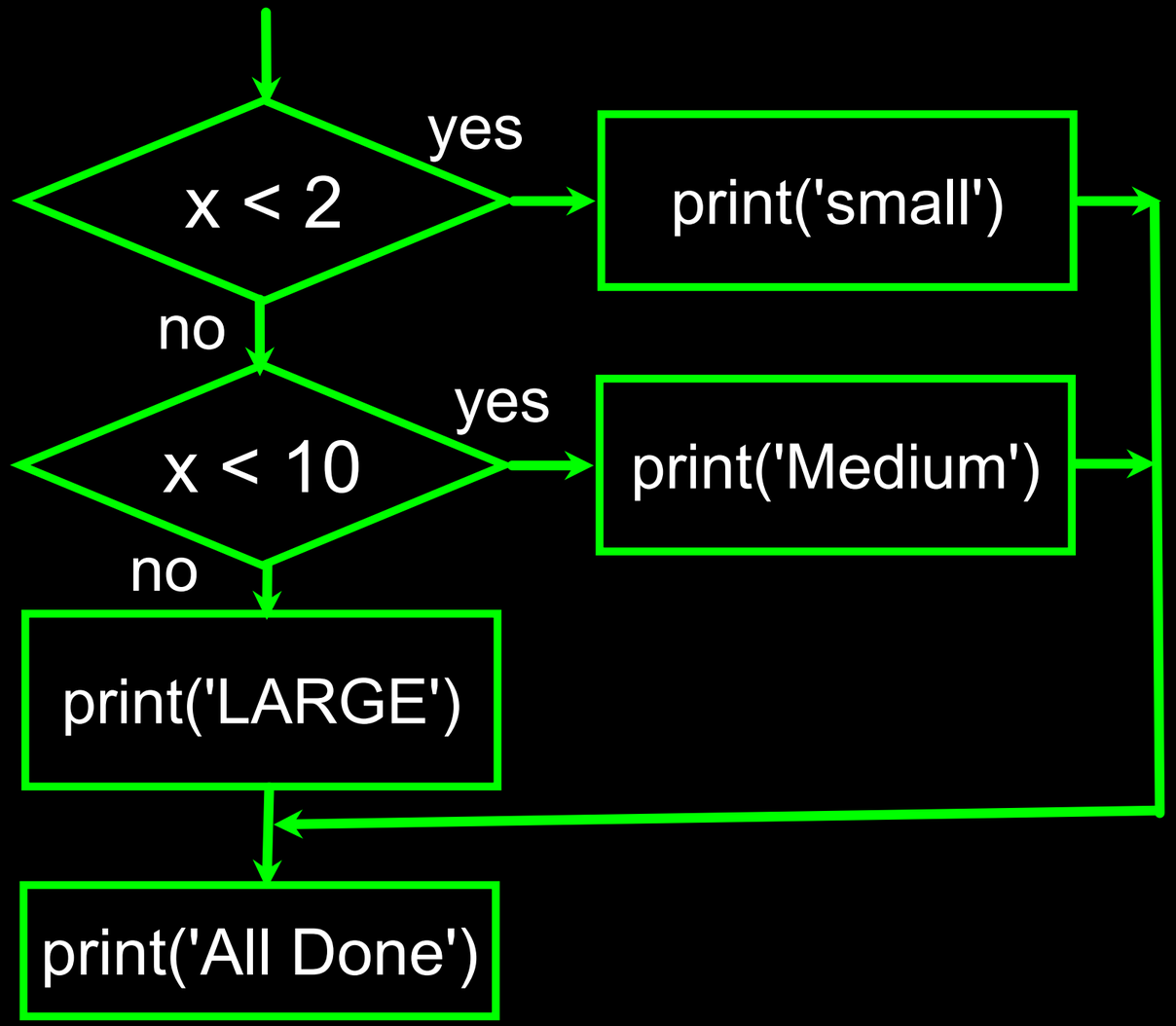
```
x = 4

if x > 2 :
    print('Bigger')
else :
    print('Smaller')

print('All done')
```



More Conditional Structures…

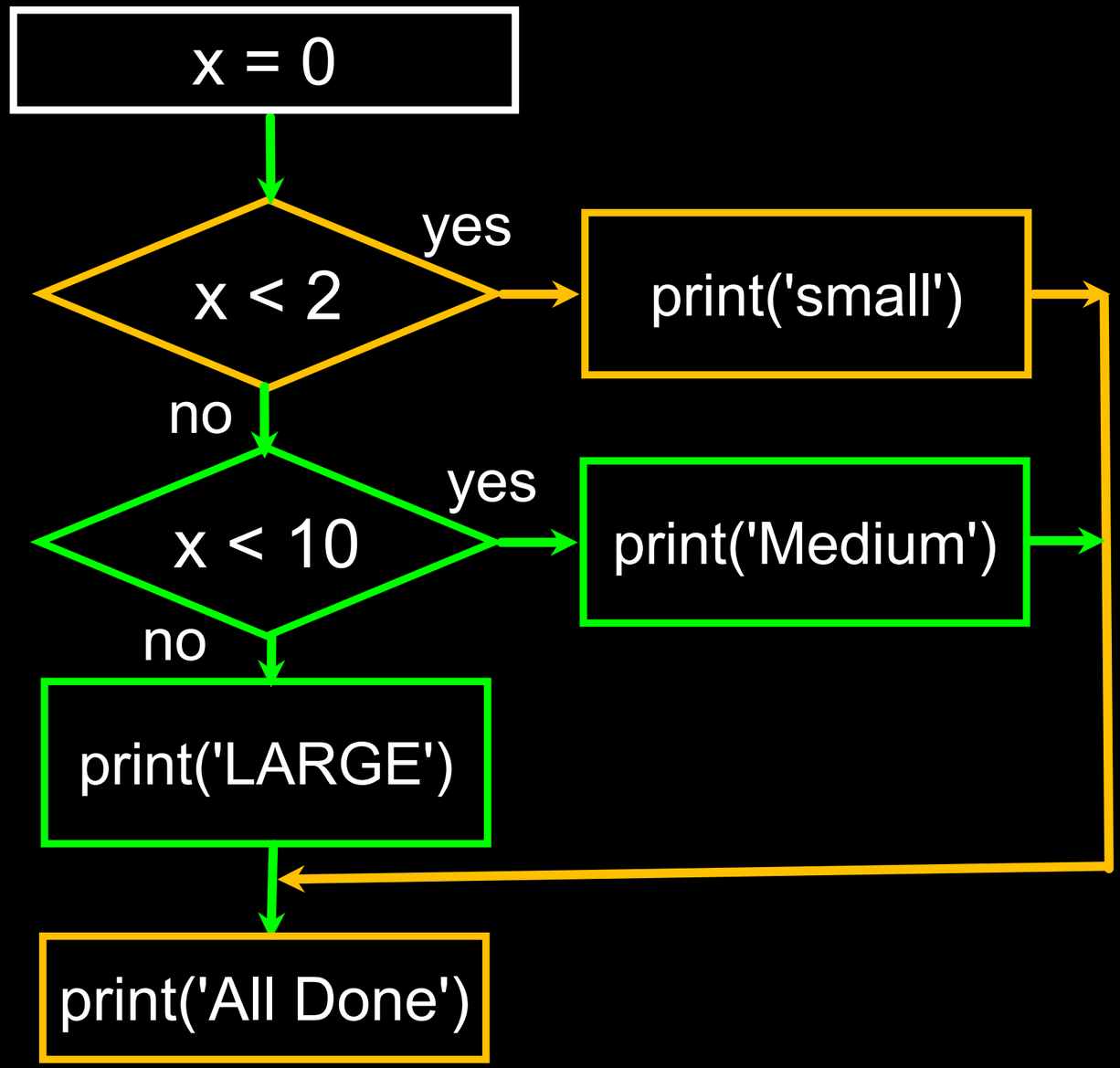
Multi-way

```
if x < 2 :
    print('small')
elif x < 10 :
    print('Medium')
else :
    print('LARGE')
print('All done')
```



Multi-way

```
x = 0
if x < 2 :
    print('small')
elif x < 10 :
    print('Medium')
else :
    print('LARGE')
print('All done')
```



Multi-way

```
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if x < 2 :
    print('small')
elif x < 10 :
    print('Medium')
else :
    print('LARGE')
print('All done')
```
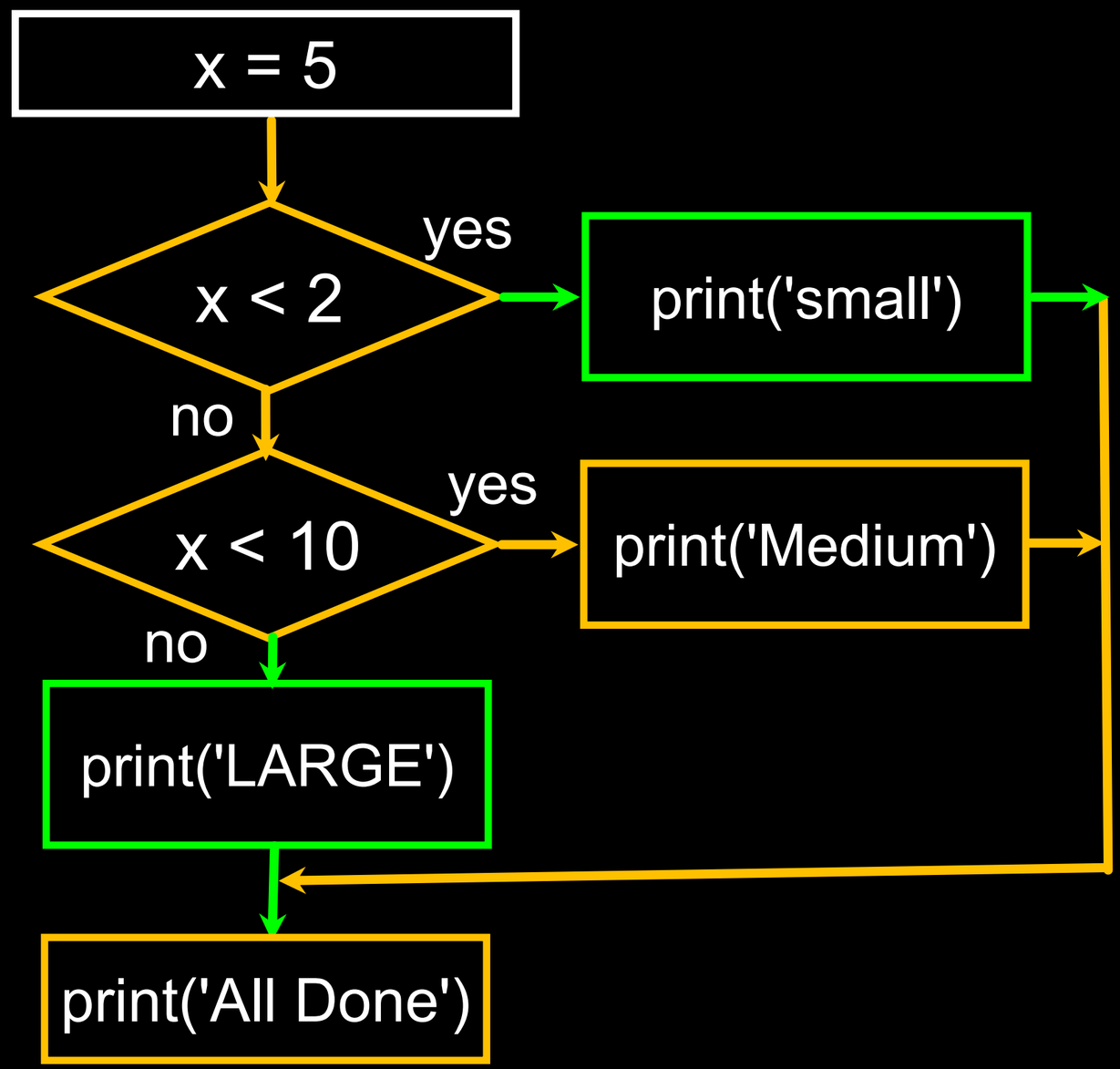
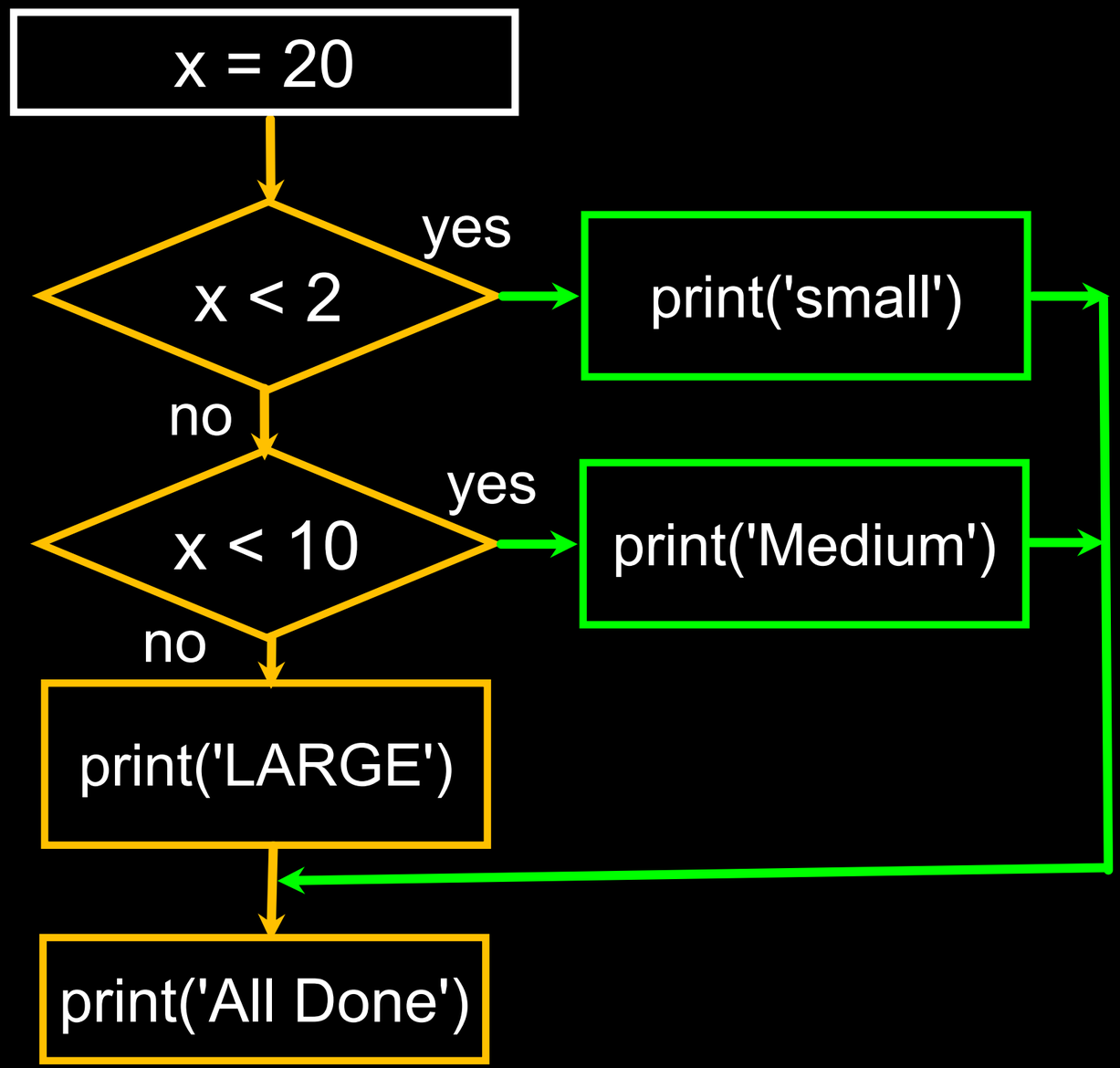



Multi-way

```
x = 20
if x < 2 :
    print('small')
elif x < 10 :
    print('Medium')
else :
    print('LARGE')
print('All done')
```



Multi-way

```
# No Else
x = 5
if x < 2 :
    print('Small')
elif x < 10 :
    print('Medium')

print('All done')
```

```
if x < 2 :
    print('Small')
elif x < 10 :
    print('Medium')
elif x < 20 :
    print('Big')
elif x < 40 :
    print('Large')
elif x < 100:
    print('Huge')
else :
    print('Ginormous')
```

Multi-way Puzzles

Which will never print regardless of the value for x?

```
if x < 2 :
    print('Below 2')
elif x >= 2 :
    print('Two or more')
else :
    print('Something else')
```

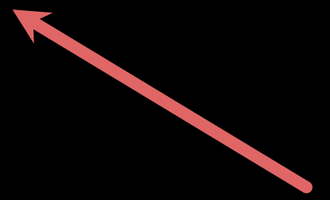
```
if x < 2 :
    print('Below 2')
elif x < 20 :
    print('Below 20')
elif x < 10 :
    print('Below 10')
else :
    print('Something else')
```

The try / except Structure

- You surround a dangerous section of code with try and except
- If the code in the try works - the except is skipped
- If the code in the try fails - it jumps to the except section

```
$ cat notry.py
astr = 'Hello Bob'
istr = int(astr)
print('First', istr)
astr = '123'
istr = int(astr)
print('Second', istr)
```

```
$ python3 notry.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "notry.py", line 2, in <module>
istr = int(astr)ValueError: invalid literal
for int() with base 10: 'Hello Bob'
```



All
Done

The program stops here

```
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istr = int(astr)
```

```
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istr = int(astr)ValueError: invalid literal
for int() with base 10: 'Hello Bob'
```
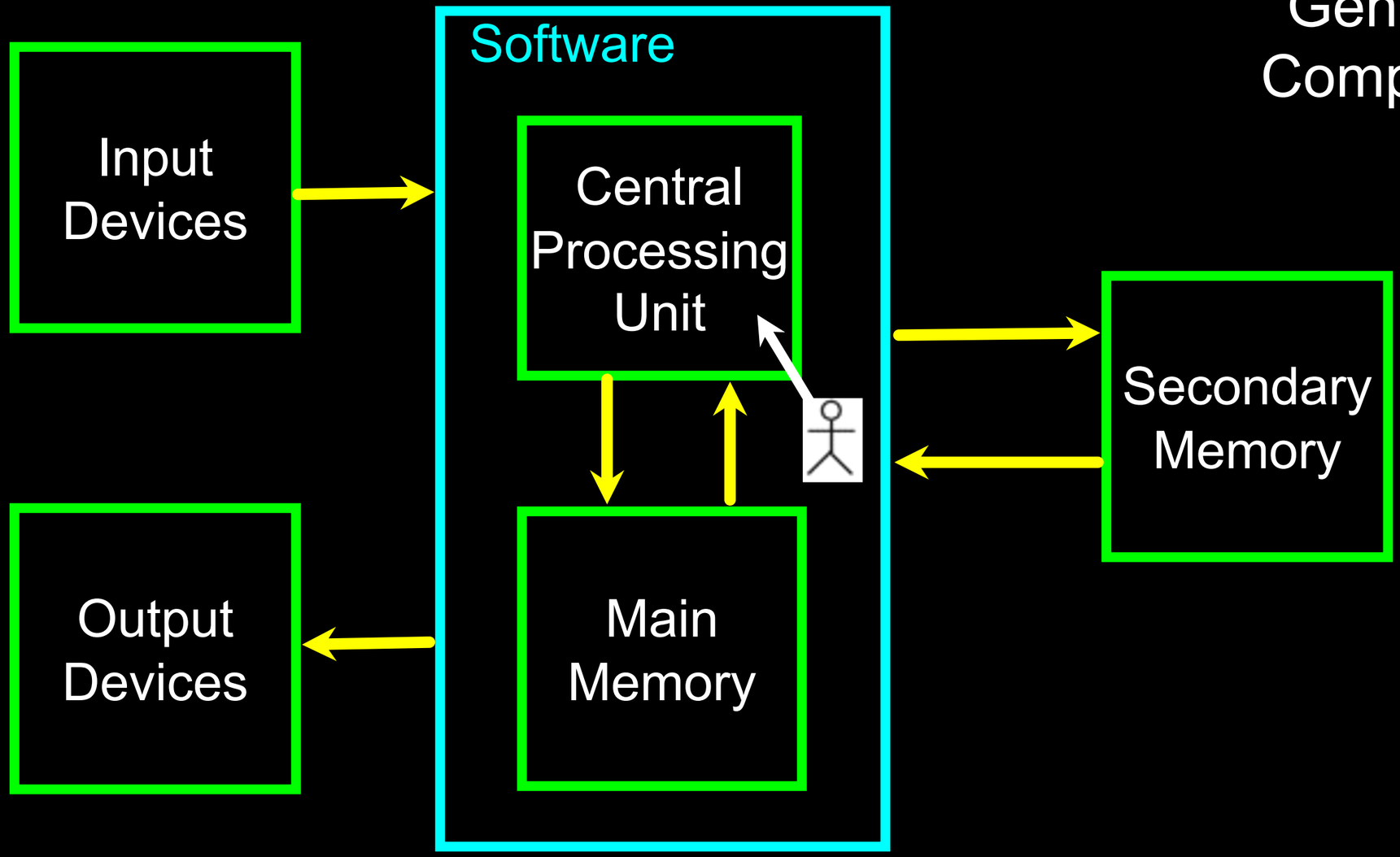
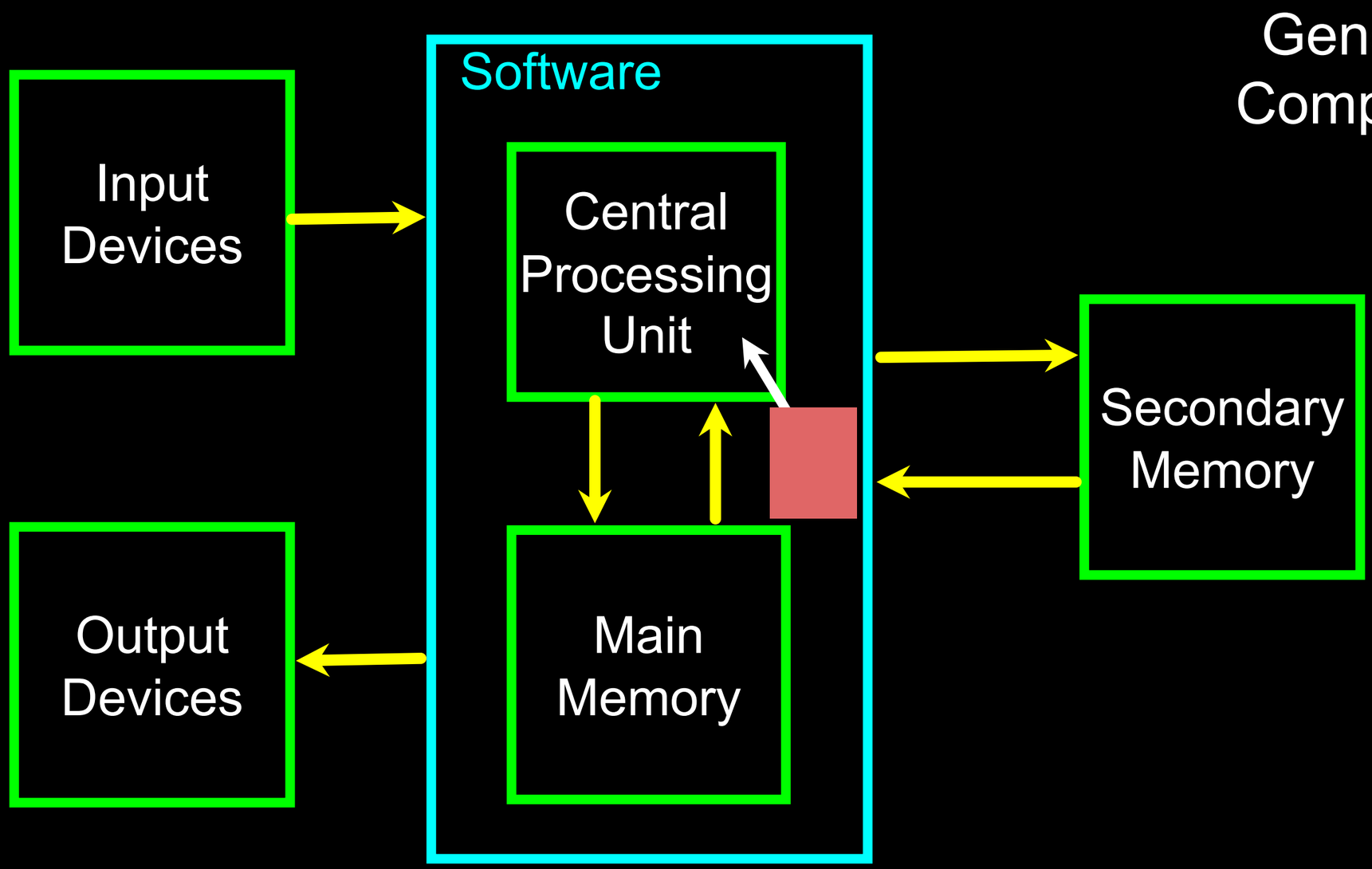

All Done

Generic Computer

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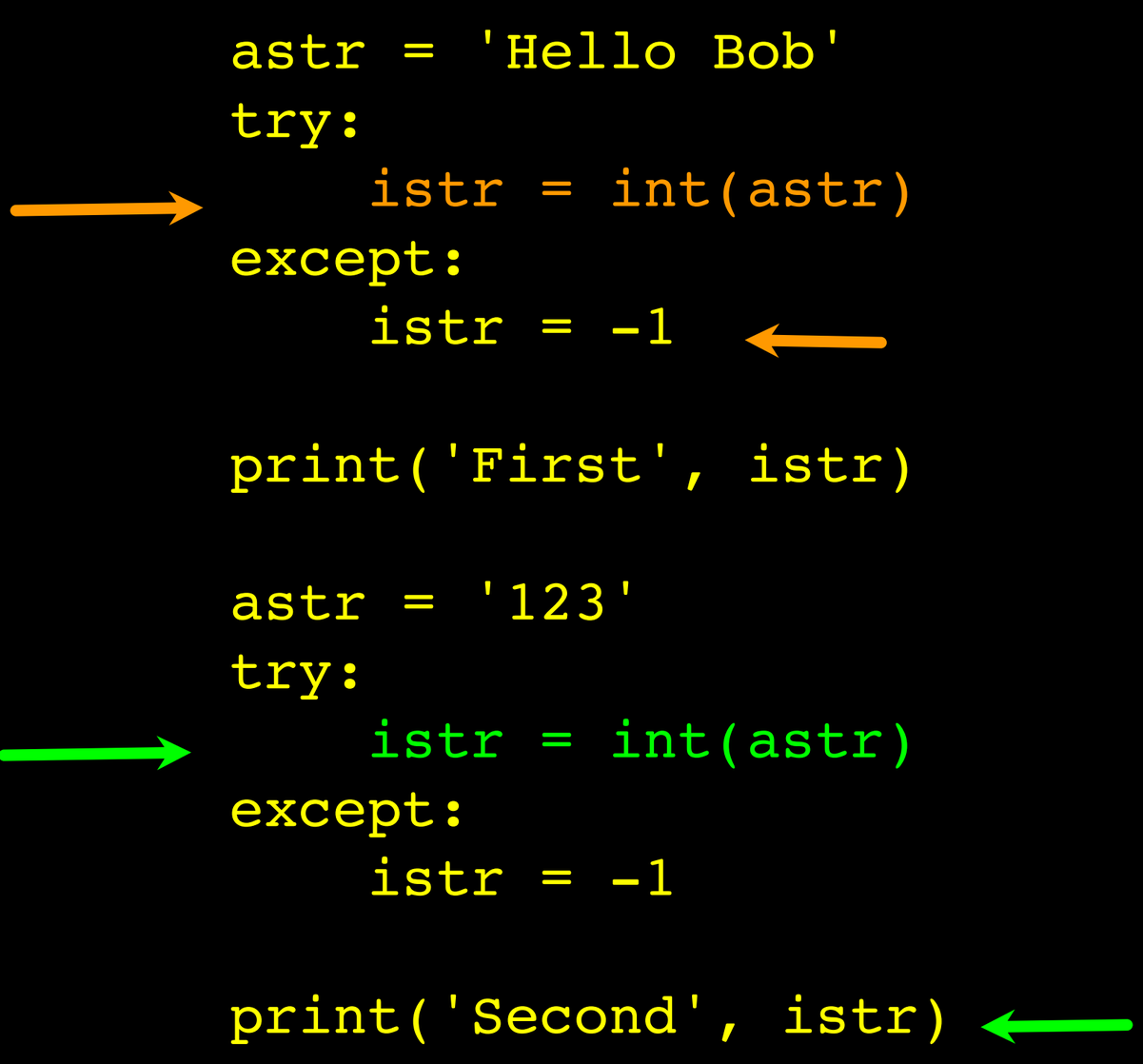


When the first conversion fails - it just drops into the except: clause and the program continues.

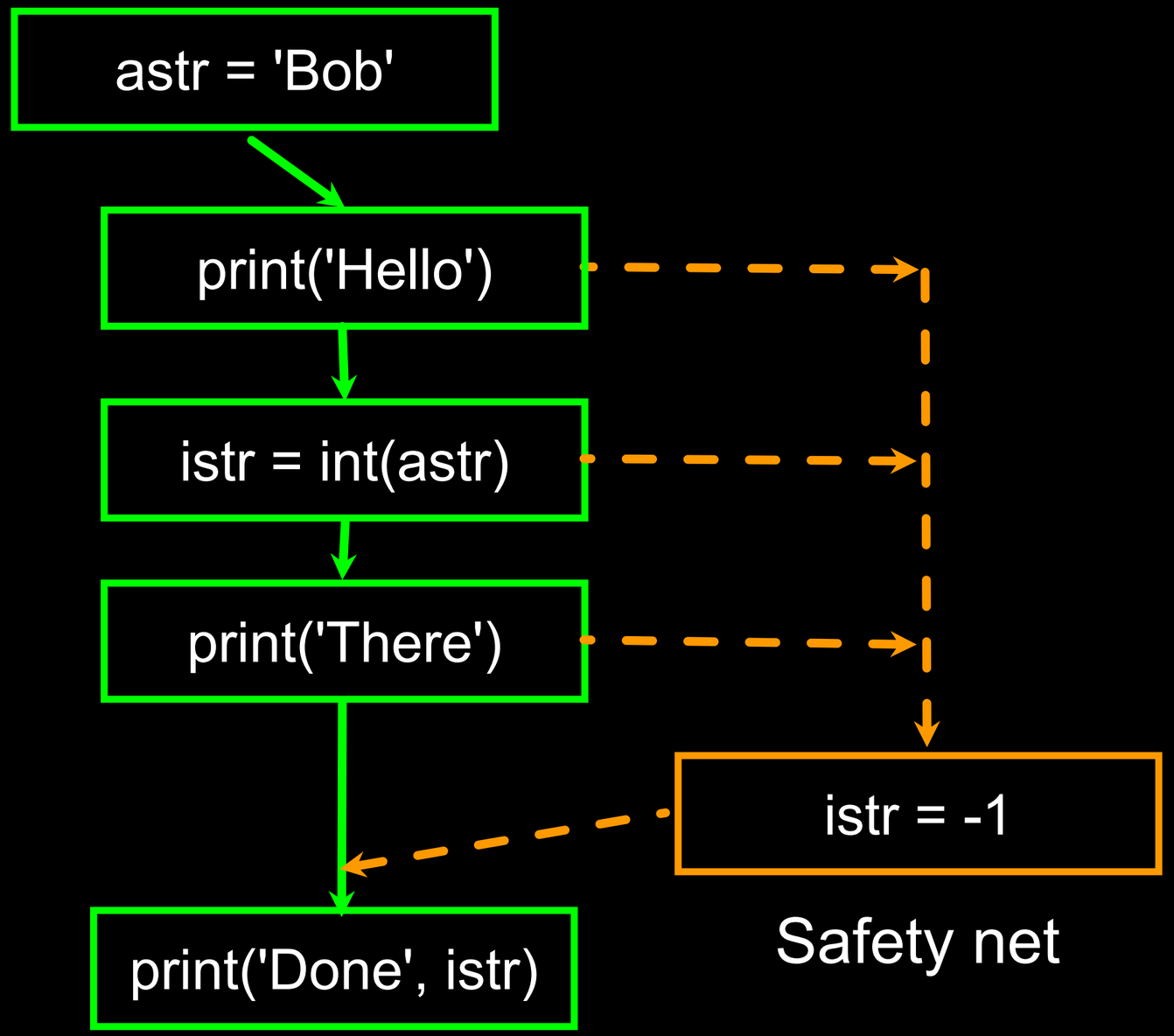
```
$ python tryexcept.py
First -1
Second 123
```

When the second conversion succeeds - it just skips the except: clause and the program continues.

try / except

```
astr = 'Bob'
try:
    print('Hello')
    istr = int(astr)
    print('There')
except:
    istr = -1

print('Done', istr)
```



Sample try / except

```
rawstr = input('Enter a number:')
try:
    ival = int(rawstr)
except:
    ival = -1

if ival > 0 :
    print('Nice work')
else:
    print('Not a number')
```

```
$ python3 trynum.py
Enter a number:42
Nice work
$ python3 trynum.py
Enter a number:forty-two
Not a number
$
```

Summary

- Comparison operators
  == <= >= > < !=
- Indentation
- One-way Decisions
- Two-way decisions:
  if: and else:
- Nested Decisions
- Multi-way decisions using elif
- try / except to compensate for errors

Exercise

Rewrite your pay computation to give the employee 1.5 times the hourly rate for hours worked above 40 hours.

```
Enter Hours: 45
Enter Rate: 10

Pay: 475.0
```

475 = 40 * 10 + 5 * 15

Exercise

Rewrite your pay program using try and except so that your program handles non-numeric input gracefully.

```
Enter Hours: 20
Enter Rate: nine
Error, please enter numeric input

Enter Hours: forty
Error, please enter numeric input
```

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