Conditional Execution

Chapter 3

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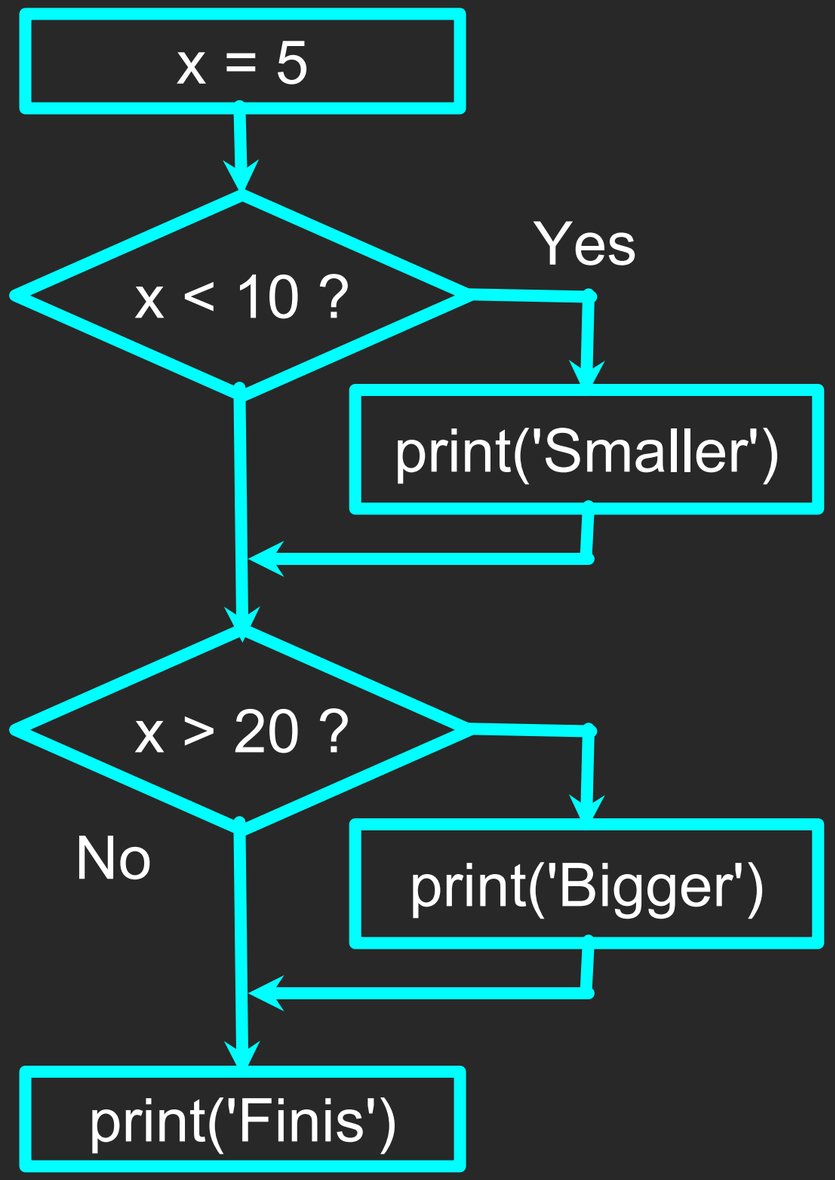

Conditional Steps

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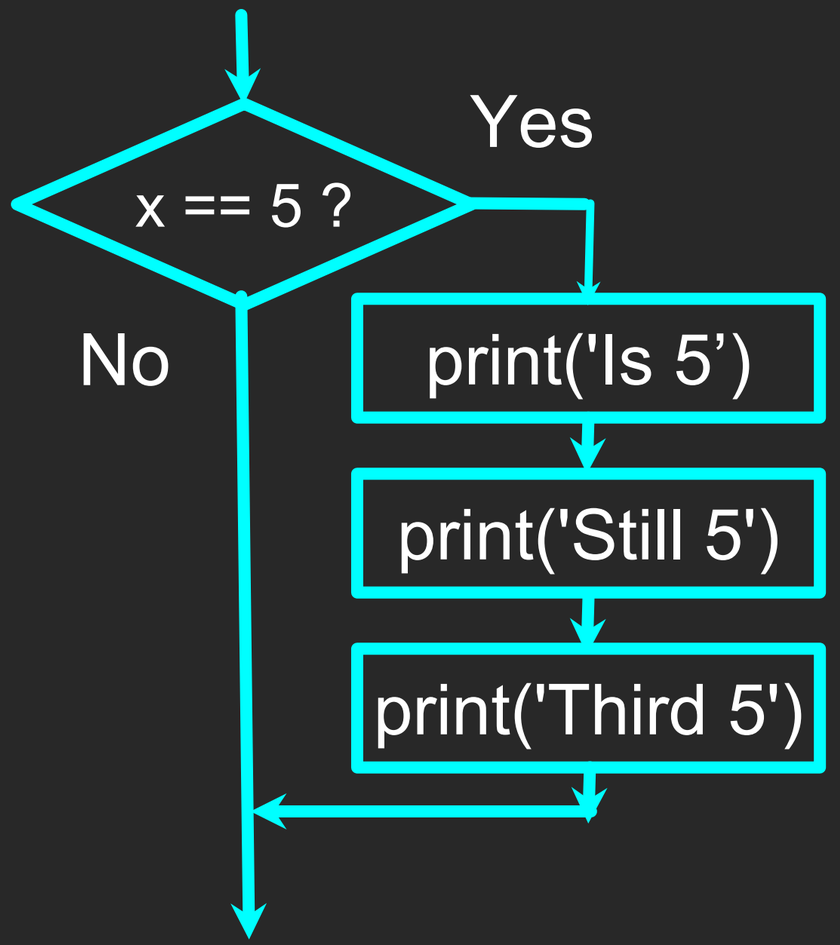

```
Before 5
Is 5
Is Still 5
Third 5
Afterwards 5
Before 6
Afterwards 6
```



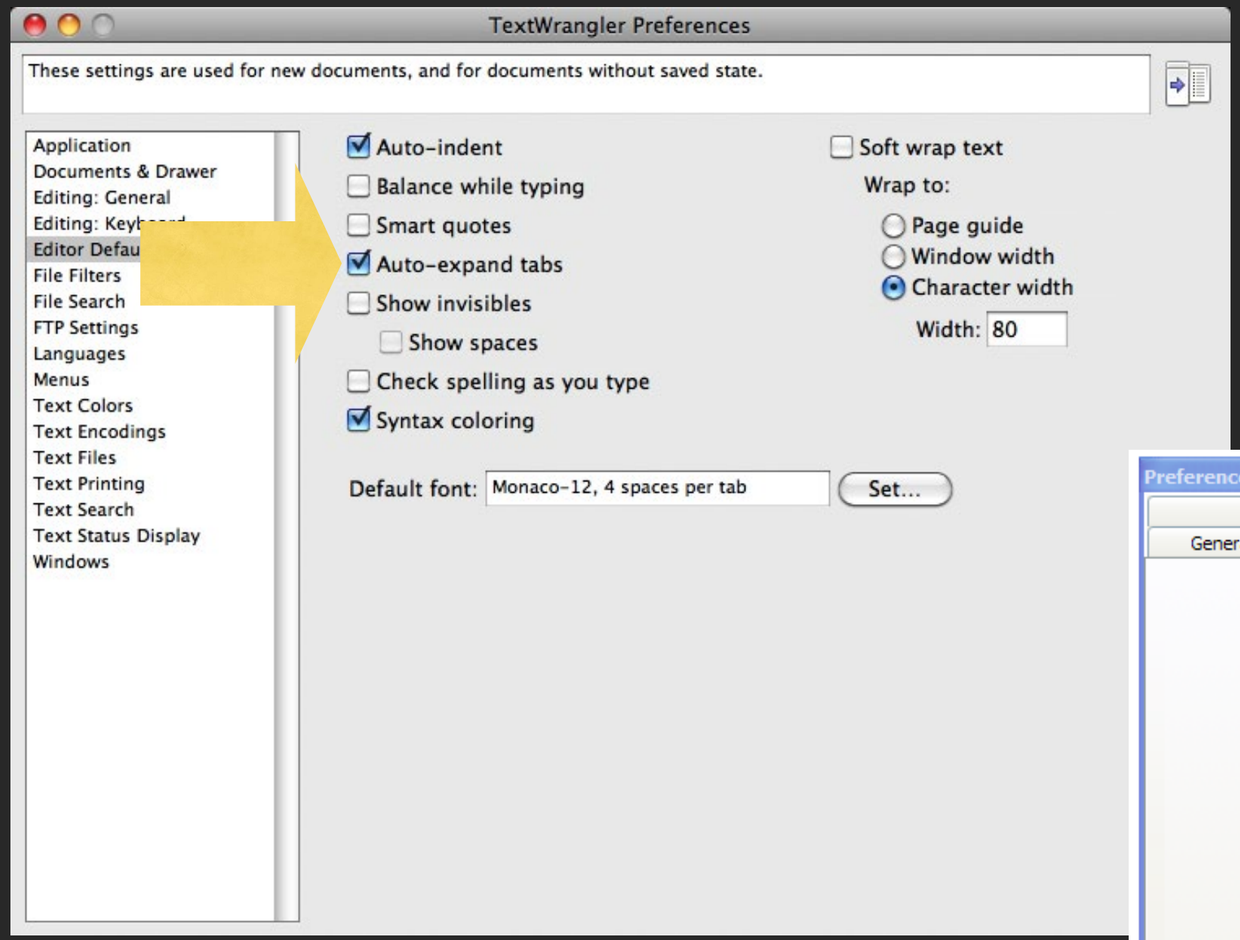
Indentation

- 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

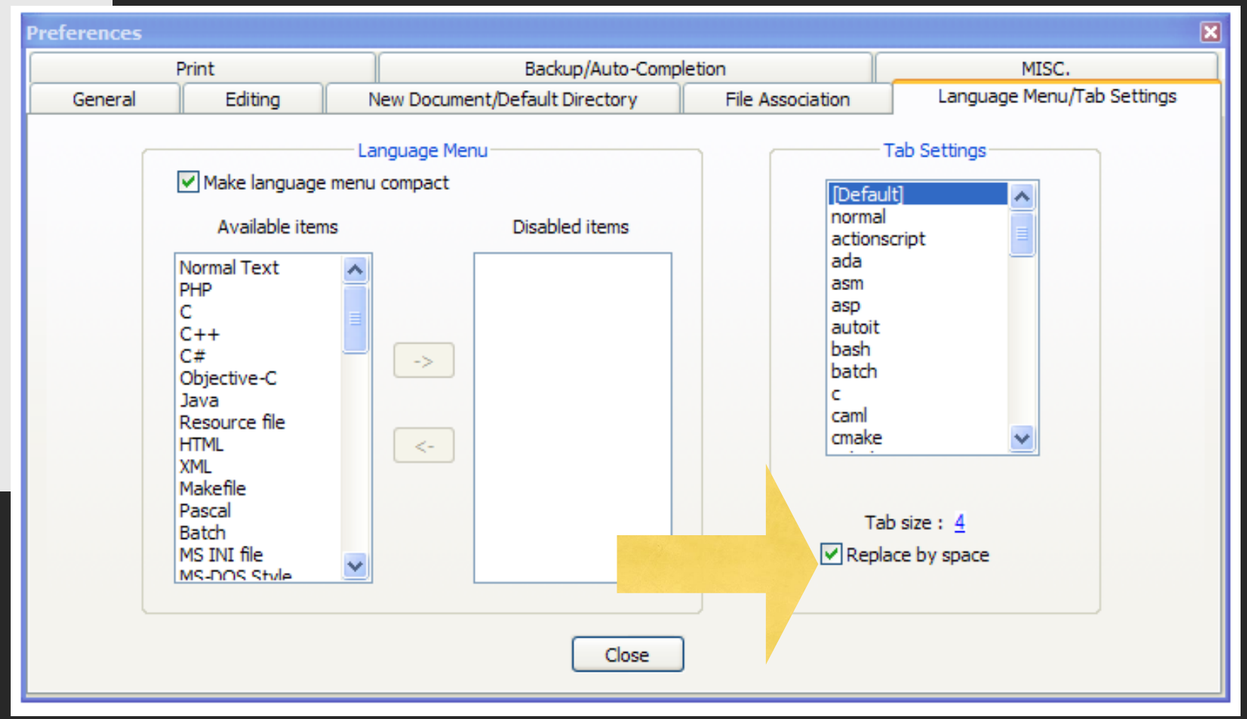
Warning: Turn Off Tabs!!

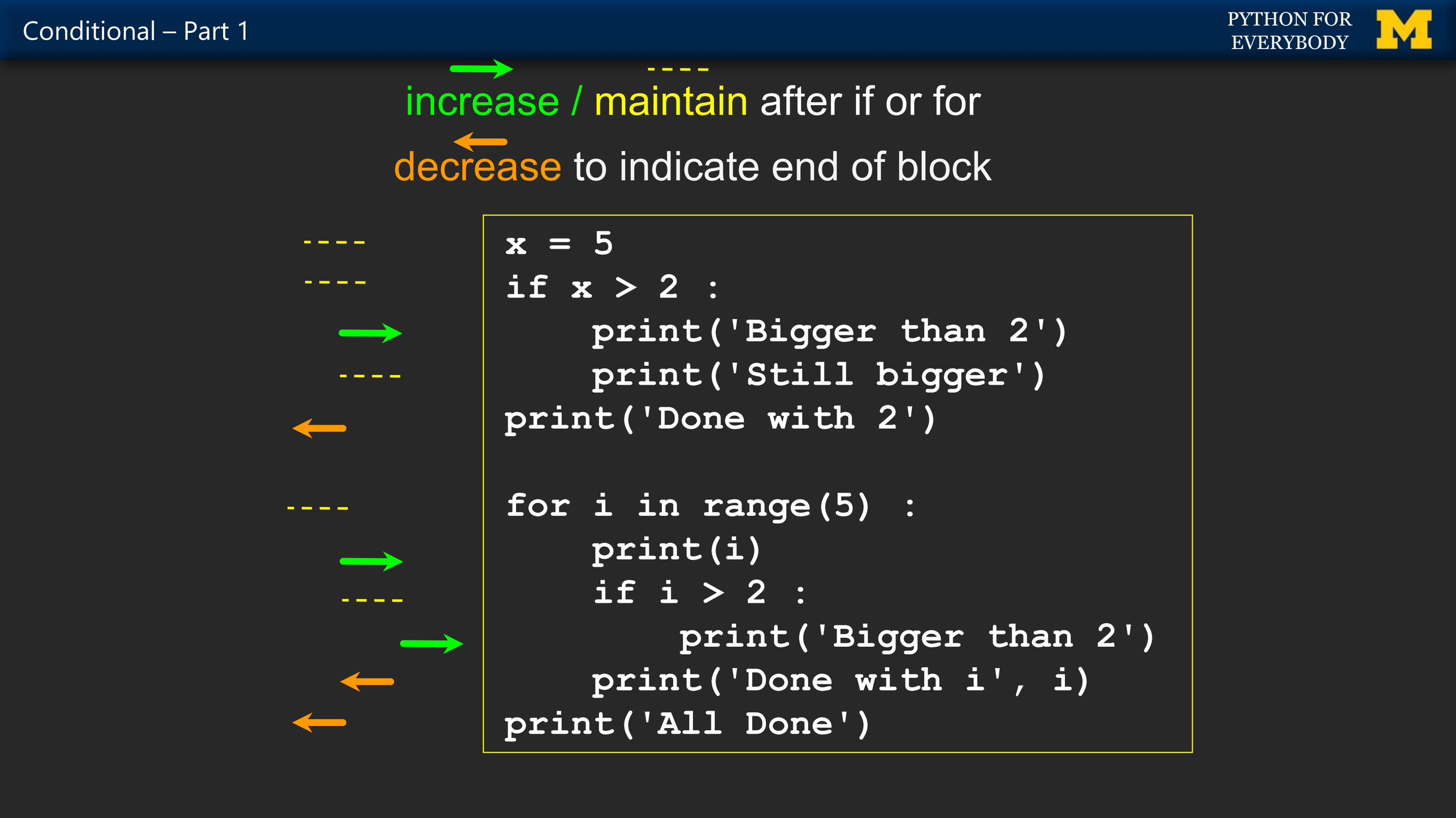
Atom automatically uses spaces for files with ".py" extension (nice!)

- Most text editors can turn tabs into spaces - make sure to enable this feature
- 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.





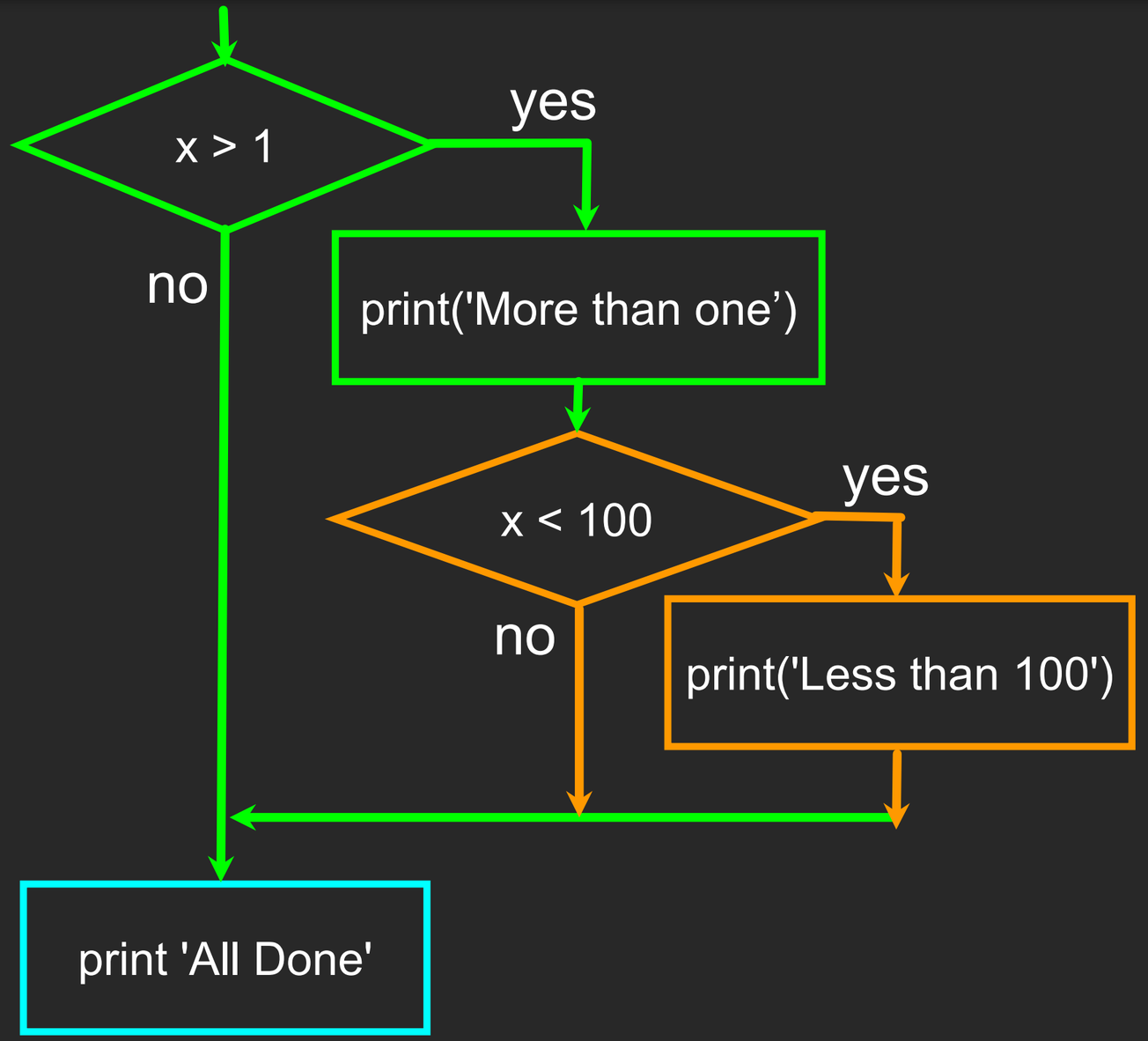

```
x = 5
if x > 2 :
    print('Bigger than 2')
    print('Still bigger')
print('Done with 2')

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

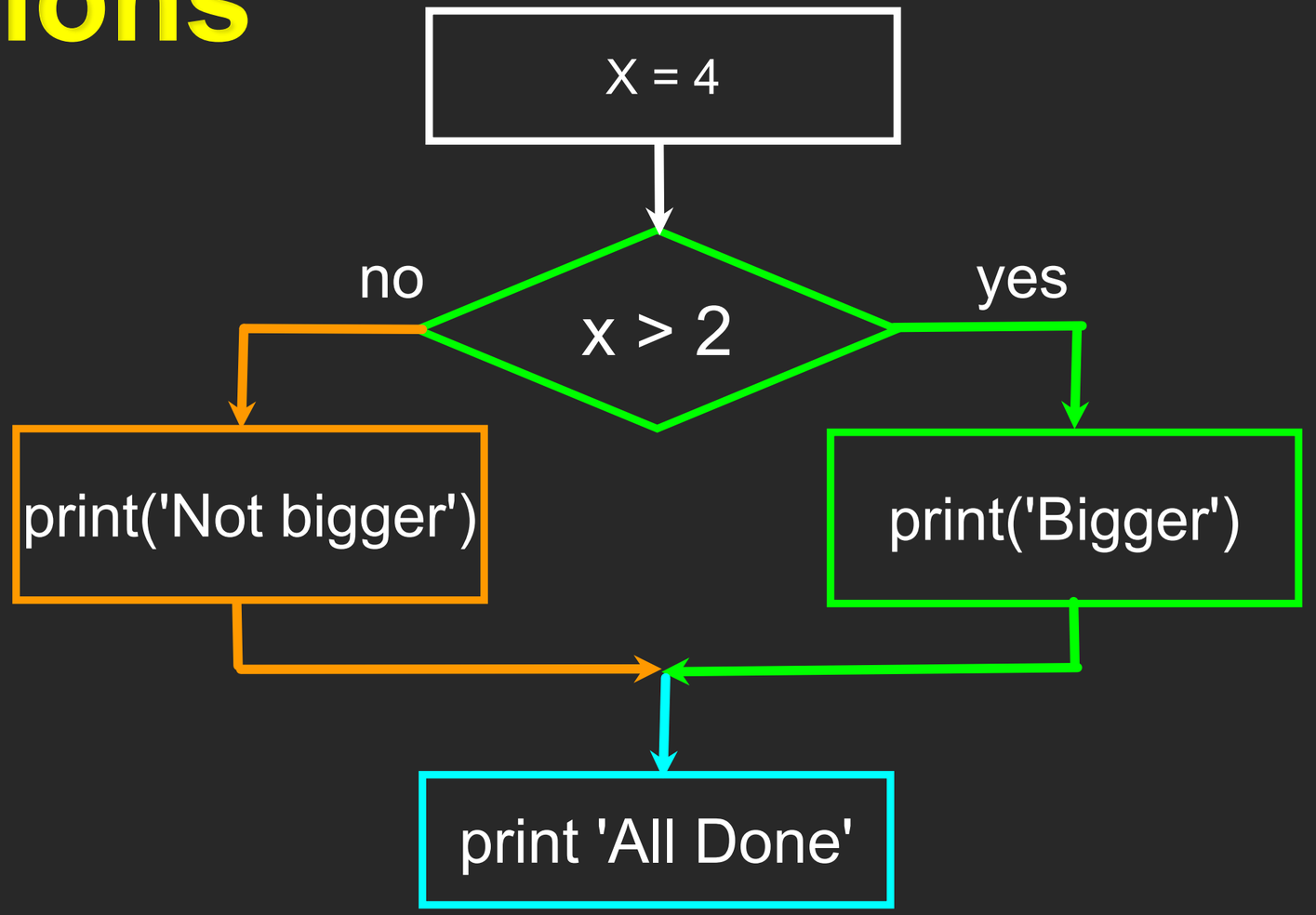
```
x = 42
if x > 1 :
    print('More than one')
    if x < 100 :
        print('Less than 100')
print('All done')
```



Two-way Decisions

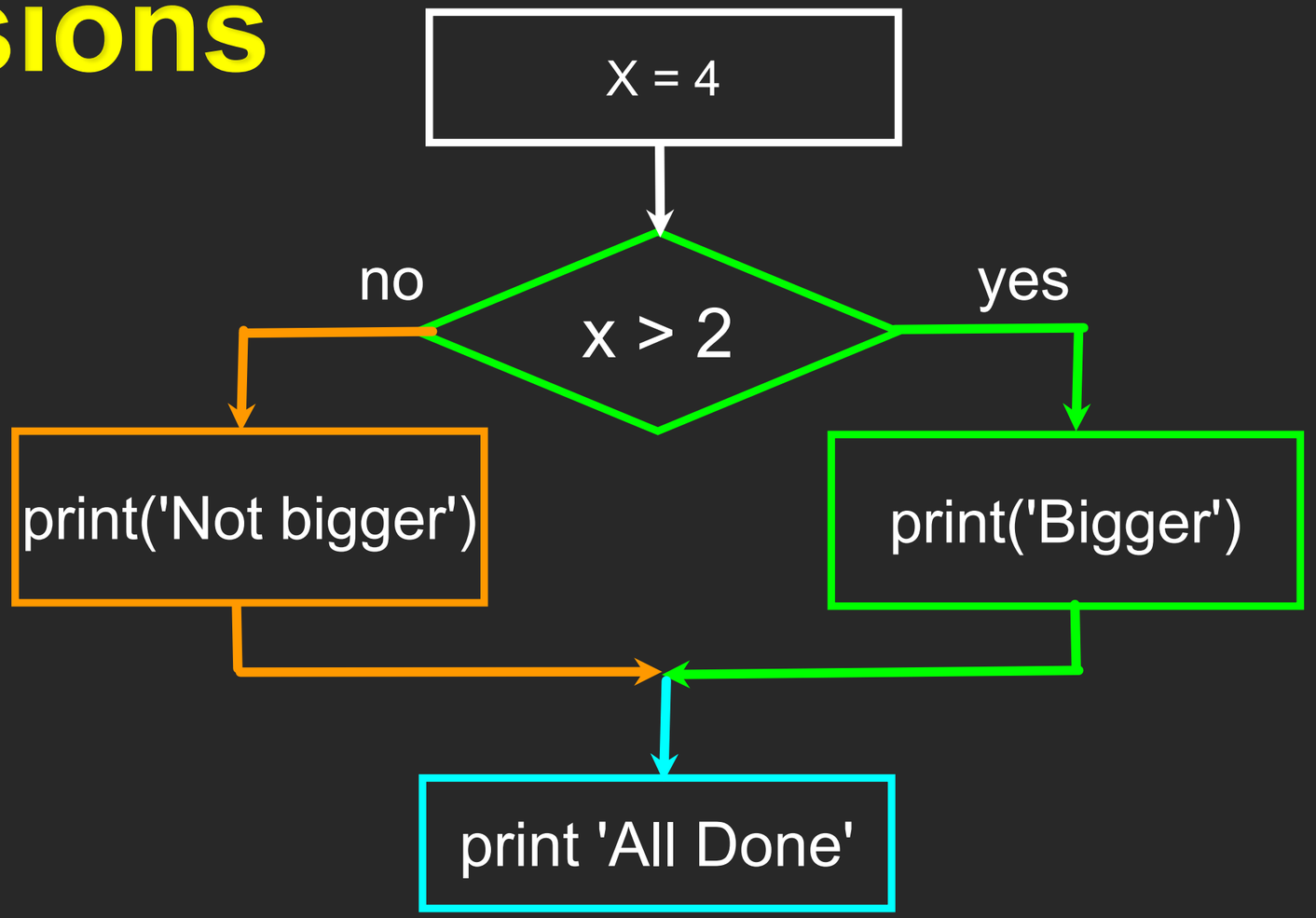
- Sometimes we want to do one thing if a logical expression is true and something else if the expression is false

- 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'
```



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