A Gentle Introduction to Python

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Control Structures

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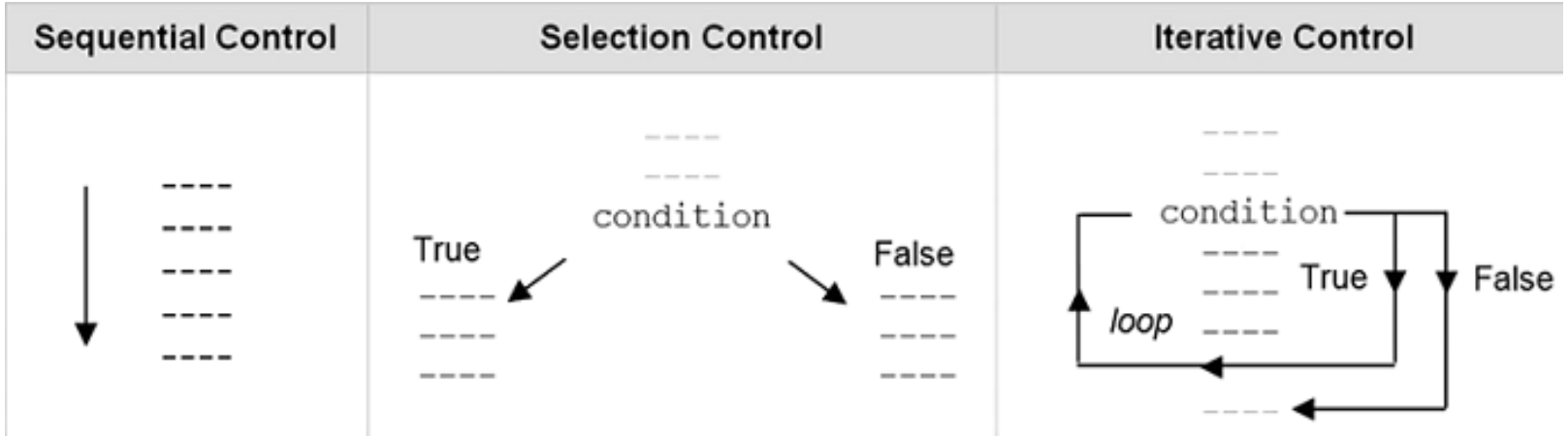
- **Control flow** is the order that instructions are executed in a program.
- A **control statement** is a statement that determines the control flow of a set of instructions.
- **Types of Control:**
  - **Sequential control**: Instructions are executed in the order that they are written
  - **Selection control**: Selectively executes the instructions.

    E.g. Decision Control
  - **Iterative control**: Repeatedly executes the instructions. **E.g**. Loops.

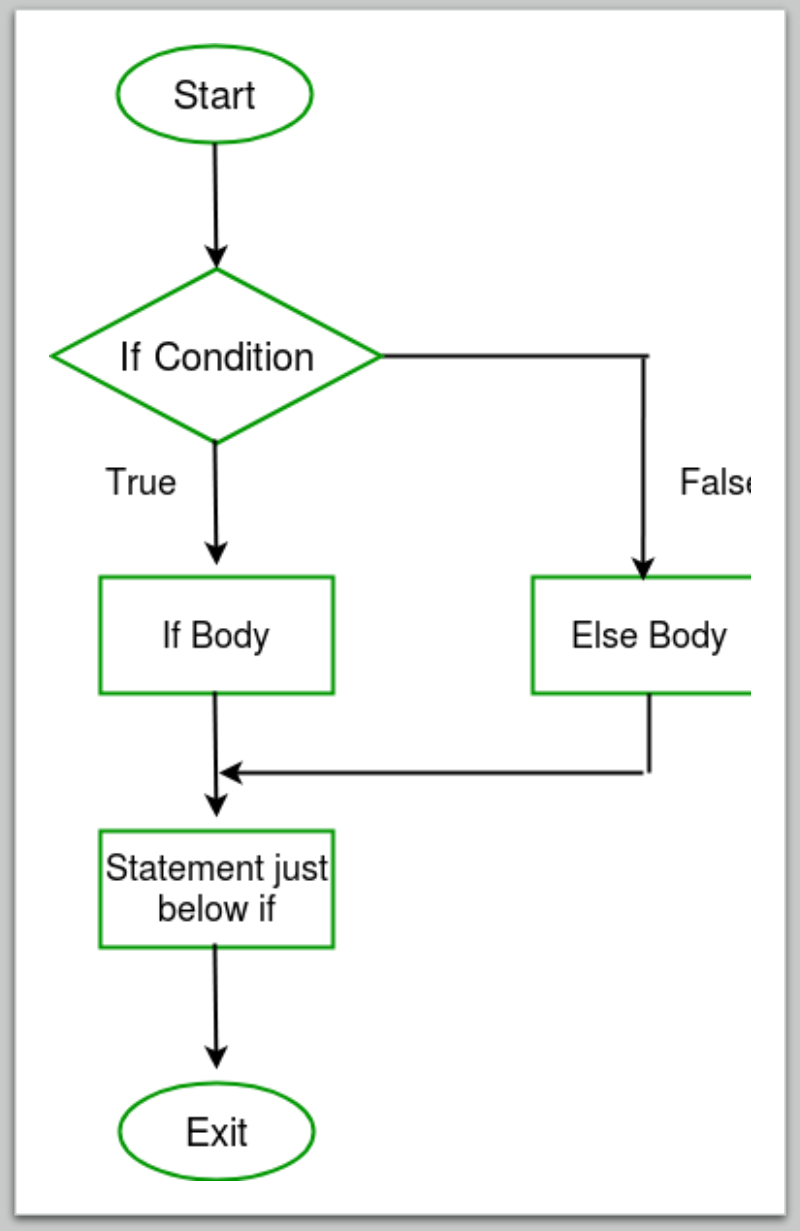


Selection Control or Decisions

(It is a control statement providing selective execution of instructions)

Decisions in a Python program

- if statements
- if else statements
- elif statements
- nested if conditions



If Statement: It is a selection control statement based on the value of a given Boolean expression

Syntax:
if test expression:
    statement(s)

Expression's value can be True or False.

We may want to do something only when a certain condition is true.

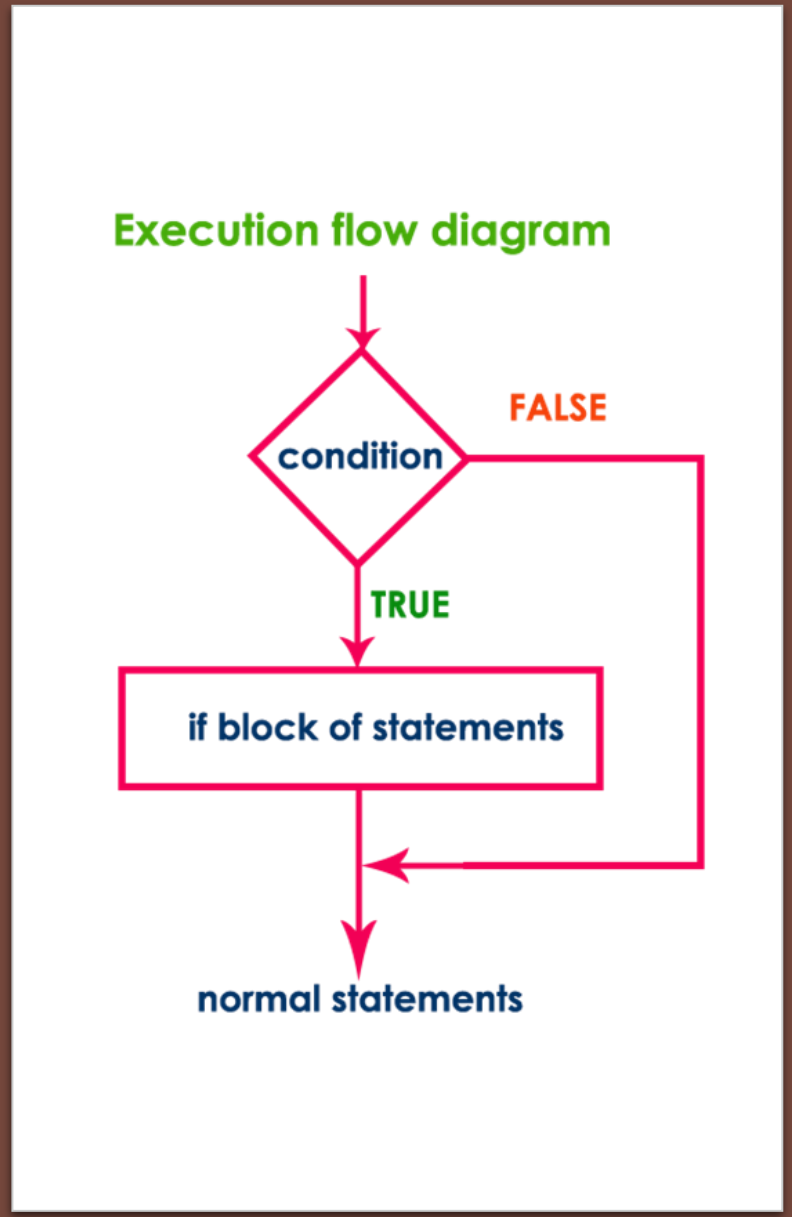
if statement in python takes an expression with it.

If the expression results to True

- then the block of statements under it is executed.

If it results False

- then the block is skipped and control transfers to the statements after the block.



If Statement: Example

if statement	Example use	

`if condition:`
`    statements`
`else:`
`    statements`
	`if grade >= 70:`
	`    print('passing grade')`
	`else:`
	`    print('failing grade')`
		`if grade == 100:`
		`    print('perfect score!')`

Example: What will be the output ?

1.
```
x = 5
if x < 10:
  print ("Smaller")
```

2.
```
if x > 20:
  print ("Bigger")
print ("Finish")
```

3.
```
if 1:
    print("yay")
```

4.
```
num = 3
if num > 0:
    print(num, "is a positive number.")
print("This is always printed.")
```

5.
```
num = -1
if num > 0:
    print(num, "is a positive number.")
print("This is also always printed.")
```

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Output: Smaller

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Output: Finish

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print("This is always printed.")
```
Output: 3 is a positive number.
This is always printed.

5.
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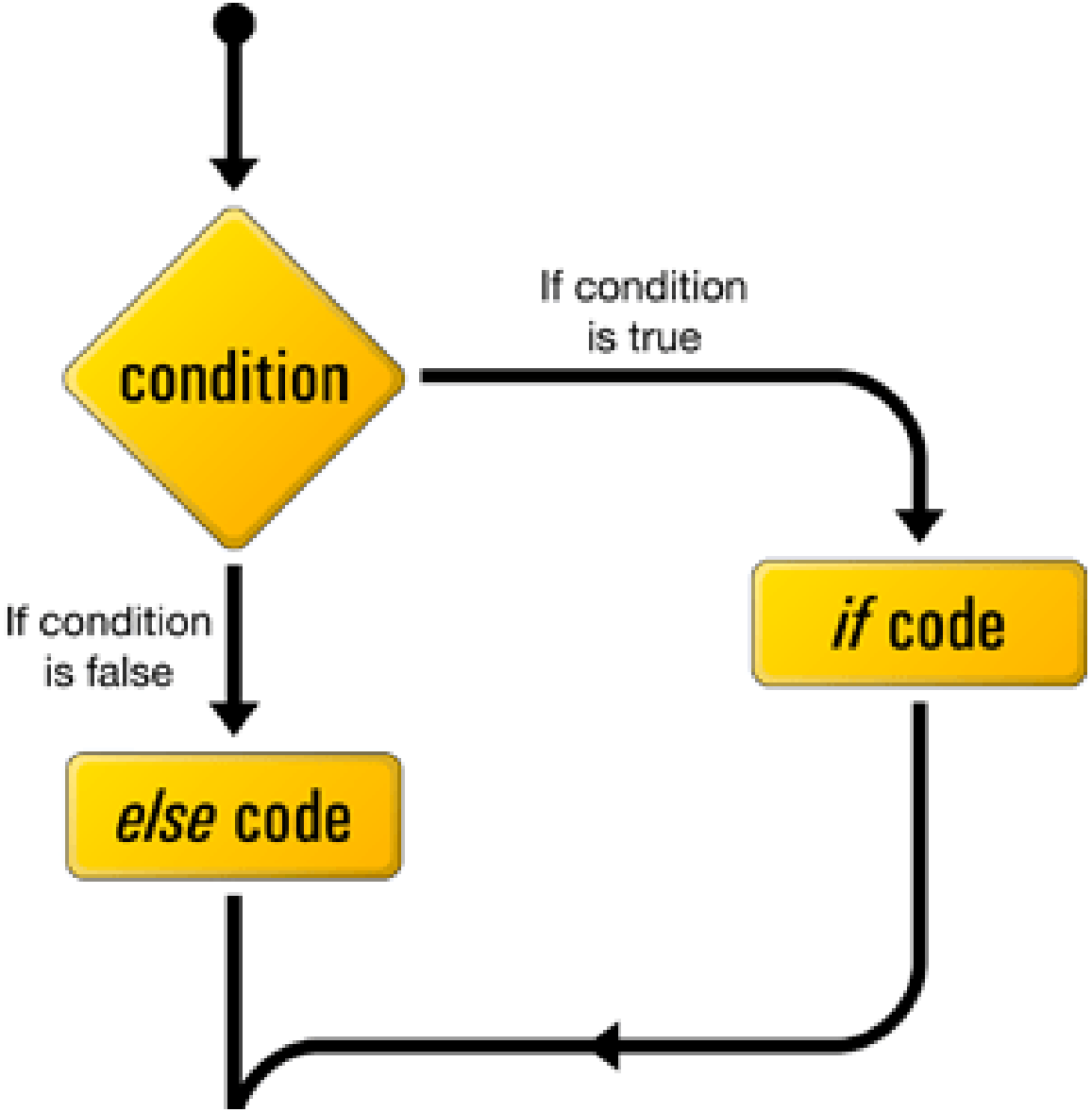
num = -1
if num > 0:
    print(num, "is a positive number.")
print("This is also always printed.")
```
Output: This is also always printed.

if...else Statement
a.k.a. Two-way decisions

What happens when the condition is untrue or false?

We can mention that it in the block after the else statement.

An ‘else’ statement comes right after the block after ‘if’.



Header, Suite and Indentation

- One unique aspect of Python is that the amount of indentation of each program line is significant.

First **clause** of if statement

```
if which == 'F':                                    header
    converted_temp = (temp - 32) * 5/9              suite
    print(temp, 'degrees Fahrenheit equals',
          converted_temp, 'degrees Celsius')
```

Second **clause** of if statement

```
else:                                               header
    converted_temp = (9/5 * temp) + 32              suite

    print(temp, 'degrees Celsius equals',
          converted_temp, 'degrees Fahrenheit')
```

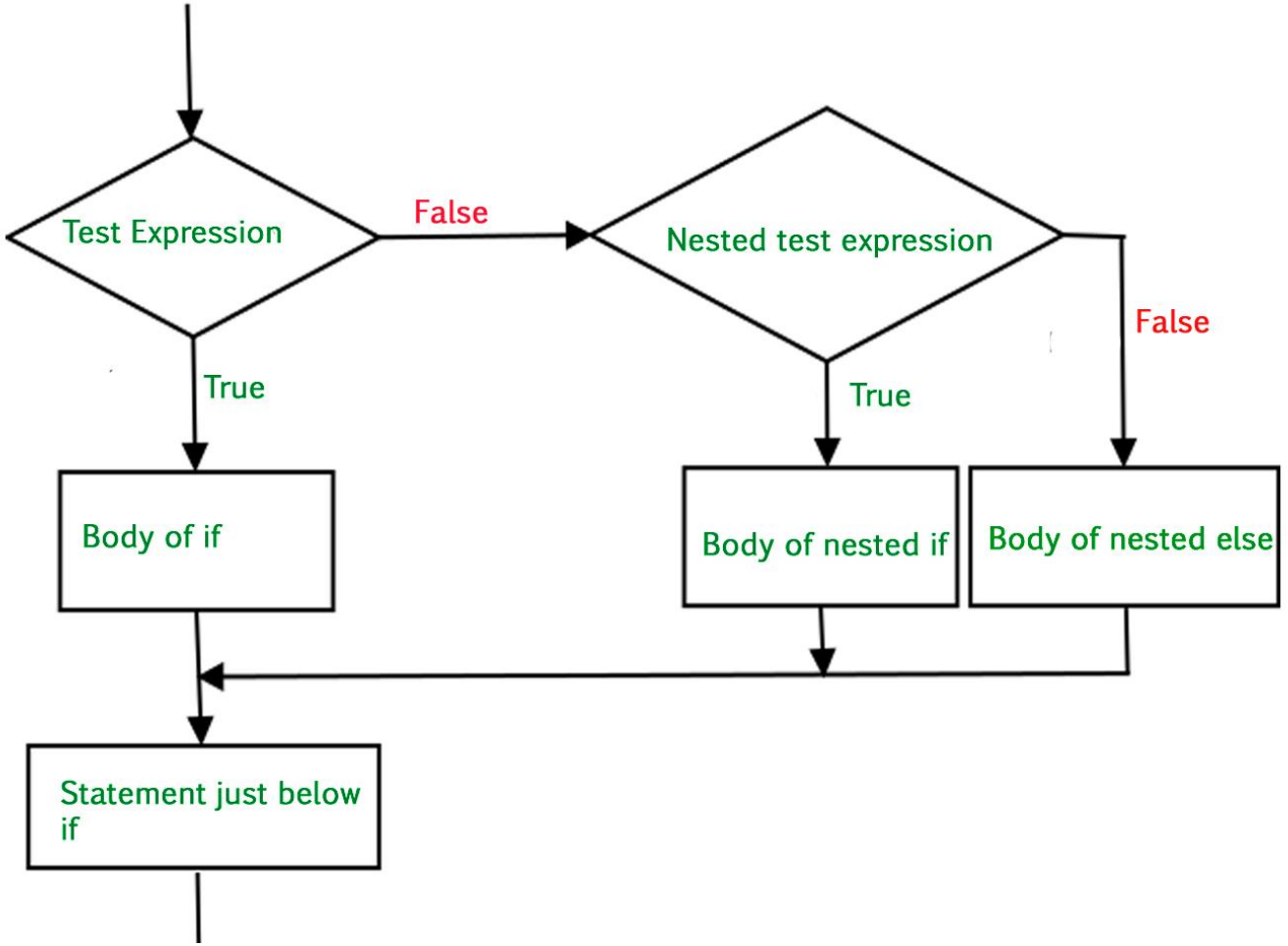
Valid indentation		Invalid indentation	

(a)
`if condition:`
`  statement`
`  statement`
`else:`
`  statement`
`  statement`
	(b)
	`if condition:`
	`  statement`
	`  statement`
	`else:`
	`  statement`
	`  statement`
		(c)
		`if condition:`
		`  statement`
		`  statement`
		`else:`
		`  statement`
		`  statement`
			(d)
			`if condition:`
			`  statement`
			`  statement`
			`else:`
			`  statement`
			`  statement`

Nested if statements (multi-way selection)

You can put an if statement in the block under ***another if statement***.

This is to implement further checks.



Nested if statements: Example

Nested if statements	Example use

```
if condition:
    statements
else:
    if condition:
        statements
    else:
        if condition:
            statements

            etc.
```

```
if grade >= 90:
    print('Grade of A')
else:
    if grade >= 80:
        print('Grade of B')
    else:
        if grade >= 70:
            print('Grade of C')
        else:
            if grade >= 60:
                print('Grade of D')
            else:
                print('Grade of F')
```

Example: What will be the output?

```
num = float(input("Enter a number: "))
if num >= 0:
    if num == 0:
        print("Zero")
    else:
        print("Positive number")
else:
    print("Negative number")
```

```
Enter a number: 10.5
```

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```
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Positive number
```

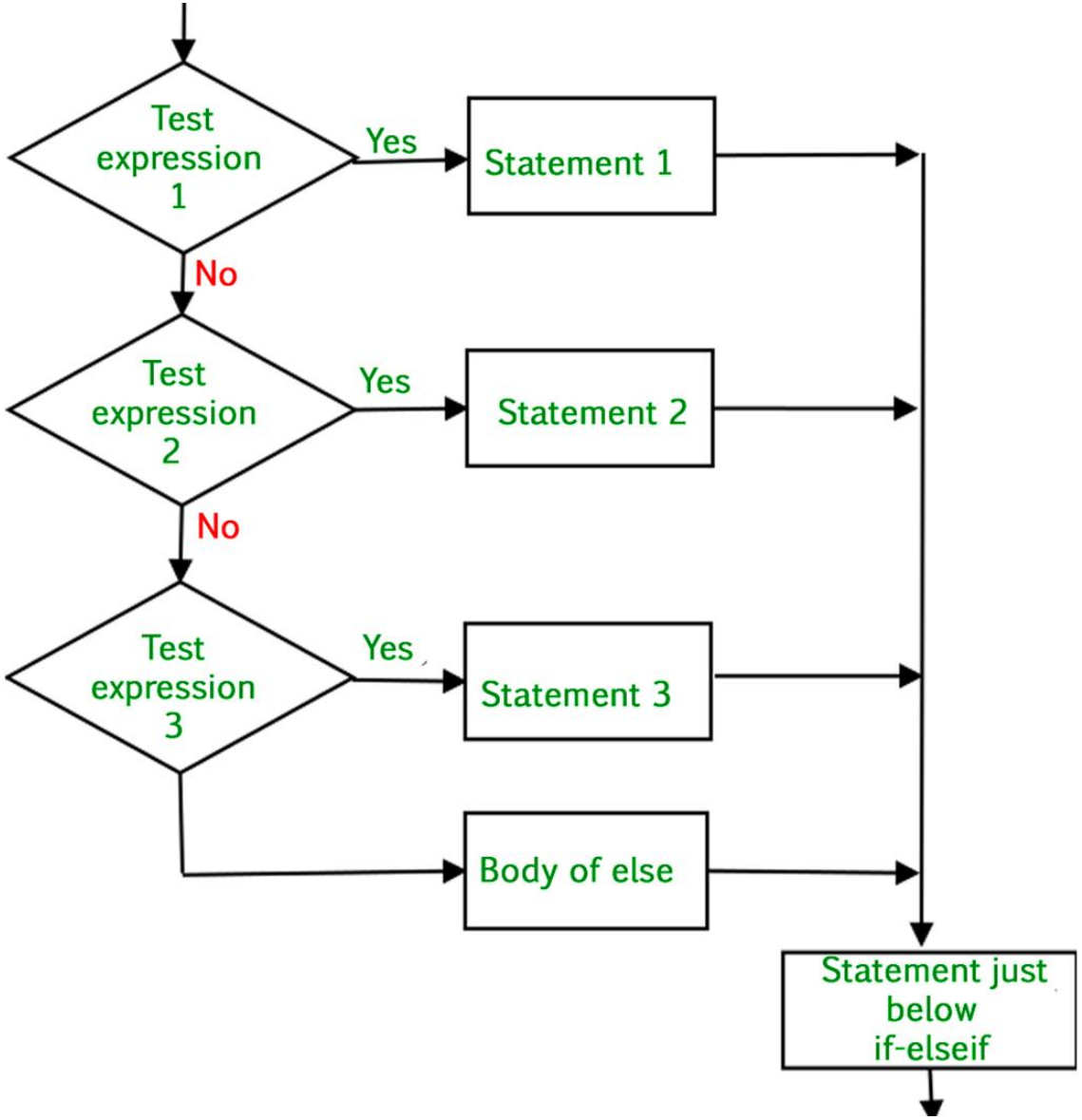
if...elif...else Statement

Replacement to the else-if statements

More than one condition to check

If condition 1 isn't True, ***condition 2*** is checked.

If it isn't true, ***condition 3*** is checked.



if...elif...else Statement: Example Use

Syntax:

```
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    Body of if
elif test expression:
    Body of elif
else:
    Body of else
```

```
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    print('Grade of A')
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    print('Grade of B')
elif grade >= 70:
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else:
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```

Example: What will be the output?

```
num=10
if num > 0:
    print("Positive number")
elif num == 0:
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else:
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Exercise

Find out the Max of three numbers

Maximum between 3 numbers

```
x1, x2, x3 = eval(input("Please enter three values: "))

if x1 >= x2:
  if x1 >= x3:
    max = x1
  else:
    max = x3
else:
  if x2 >= x3:
    max = x2
  else:
    max = x3
print("The largest value is", max)
```

Maximum between 3 numbers

```
x1, x2, x3 = eval(input("Please enter three values: "))

if x1 >= x2 and x1 >= x3:
        max = x1
elif x2 > x1 and x2 > x3:
        max = x2
else:
        max = x3

print("The largest value is", max)
```

Maximum between 3 numbers

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Iterative Control (Loop)

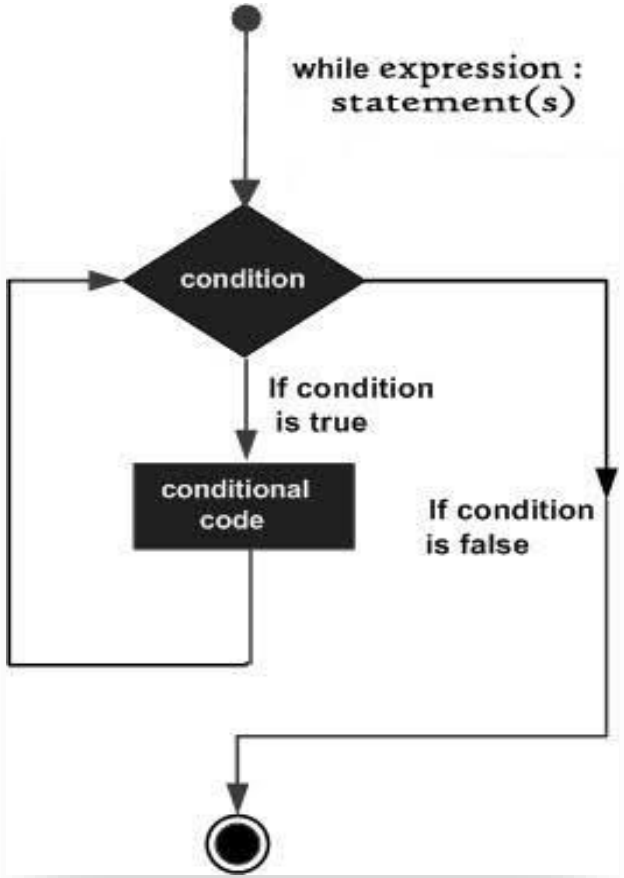
- An iterative control statement is a control statement that allows for the **repeated execution** of a set of statements.

- Due to their repeated execution, iterative control structures are commonly referred to as “**loops**”.

- Loop Statements:
  - While
  - For
  - Nested loop

While Statement (indefinite loop)

- A **while statement** is an iterative control statement that repeatedly executes a set of statements based on a provided Boolean expression (condition).



while statement	Example use

`while condition:`
`    suite`
	`sum = 0`
	`current = 1`
	
	`n = int(input('Enter value: '))`
	
	`while current <= n:`
	`    sum = sum + current`
	`    current = current + 1`

Example 1

- **Find all even numbers from 0 to n. where, n is given by user.**

```
x=0
n=int(input("enter last number-"))
while(x<n):
    print(x)
    x=x+2
```

```
enter last number-10
0
2
4
6
8
```

Example 2

- **Print all even numbers between n to m. m should be greater than n.**

```
n=int(input("enter first number-"))
m=int(input("enter last number-"))
n =n + n%2
while(n<m):
    print(n)
    n=n+2
```

```
enter first number-1
enter last number-7
2
4
6
```

Example 3

Write a program to take numbers from the user until he enter 0 as input. then print sum of all entered number.

```
sum =0
x=int(input("enter a number to sum to stop enter 0  -"))
while(x!=0):
    sum +=x
    x=int(input("enter a number to sum to stop enter 0  -"))
print(sum)
```

```
enter a number to sum to stop enter 0  -1
enter a number to sum to stop enter 0  -2
enter a number to sum to stop enter 0  -6
enter a number to sum to stop enter 0  -3
enter a number to sum to stop enter 0  -0
12
```

Example 4

- **Write an efficient program to determine sum of N natural numbers where N is given by user.**

```
n=int(input("enter number N- "))
i,sum=0,0
while(i<=n):
    sum+=i
    i+=1
print("Sum is ", sum)
```

```
n=int(input("enter number N- "))
sum =n*(n+1)/2
print("Sum is ", sum)
```

For Loop
(definite loop)

Loop to read sequence

- A **for** loop is used for iterating over a sequence (that is either a list, a tuple, a dictionary, a set, or a string). Can execute a set of statements, once for each item in a list, tuple, set etc.

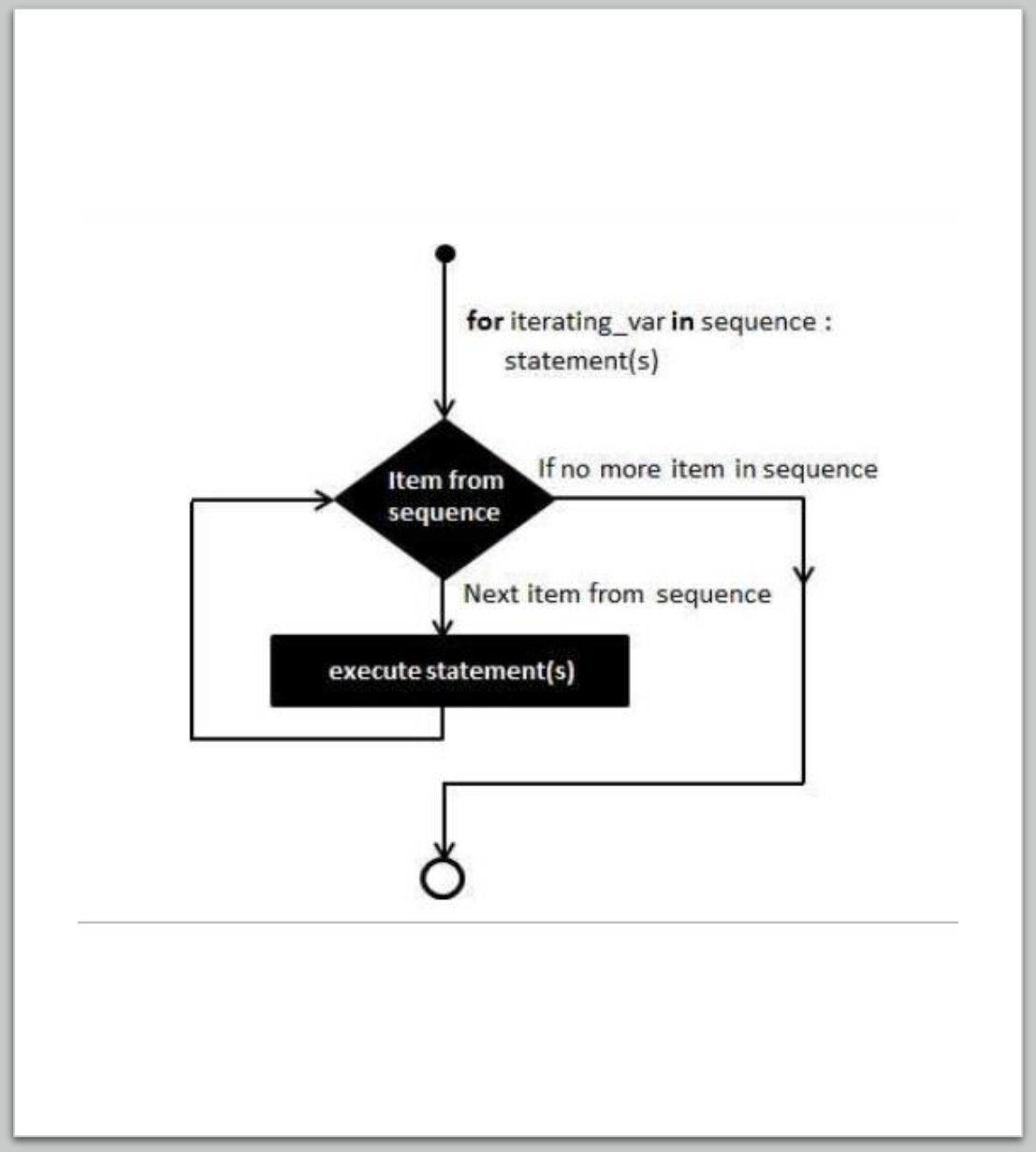
Syntax:

for iterating_var in sequence:
    statements(s)

- **Example:**

```
for x in range(5):
    print(x)
```

```
0
1
2
3
4
```



Sequences

- Sequence of character - 'QWERTYUIOPASDFGHJKL’
- Sequence of words - ['abc','def','efg','ijk’]
- Sequence of numbers - [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
- Sequence of mix data – [‘Suvi’, 4, “LKG”, “SNU”, 98.5]

Sequence of numbers can also be generated as:

- range(start, end, difference)
- range(3) = (0,1,2)
- range(1,5) = (1,2,3,4)
- range(3,9,2) = (3, 5, 7)
- range(9,2,-1) = (9,8,7,6,5,4,3)
- range(9,2,1) = []

For Loop: What will be the output?

1.
```
for x in 'QWERTYU':
    print(x)
```

2.
```
for x in range(1,10,2):
    print(x*2)
```

3.
```
for x in range(10,2,-2):
    print(x+2)
```

4.
```
for x in [123,'def','efg','ijk']:
    print(x)
```

5.
```
for x in range(10):
    x=x+2
    print(x)
```

Loop Control Statements

- **Break Statement:** Terminates the loop statement and transfers execution to the statement immediately following the loop.
- **Continue Statement:** Causes the loop to skip the remainder of its body and immediately retest its condition prior to reiterating.
- **Pass Statement:**The pass statement in Python is used when a statement is required syntactically but you do not want any command or code to execute.

Use of pass in if:

```
a = 33
b = 200
if b > a:
  pass
```

Example:

```
for letter in 'Python’:
       if letter == 'h’:
           pass
           print('This is pass block’)
       print('Current Letter :', letter)
print(“Loop Ended!“)
```

Output:

```
Current Letter : P
Current Letter : y
Current Letter : t
This is pass block
Current Letter : h
Current Letter : o
Current Letter : n
Loop Ended
```

Break and Continue: Examples

- **Break Statement:**

Ex.1:
```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
for x in fruits:
  print(x)
  if x == "banana":
    break
```

Output:
```
apple
banana
```

Ex.2:
```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
for x in fruits:
  if x == "banana":
    break
  print(x)
```

Output:
```
apple
```

- **Continue Statement:**

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
for x in fruits:
  if x == "banana":
    continue
  print(x)
```

Output:
```
apple
cherry
```

For Loop: Answers to Previous Questions

1

```
Q
W
E
R
T
Y
U
```

2

```
2
6
10
14
18
```

3

```
12
10
8
6
```

4

```
123
def
efg
ijk
```

5

```
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
```

Nested Loop

- Loop inside a loop a is called nested loop.

- **Example:**

```
for i in range(5) :
    print("Outside loop: i = ", i)
    for j in range(i):
        print(" Nested Loop: j = ", j)
```

Find all prime numbers between given two numbers

```
import math
y = int(input("first number"))
for i in range(2,int(math.sqrt(y))+1):
    if(y%i==0):
        print("Number is not Prime")
        break
else:
    print("Number is Prime")
```

```
N = int(input("first number"))
M = int(input("Second number"))
if(N>M):
    N,M=M,N
for i in range(N,M+1):
    print(i)
```

```
N = int(input("first number"))
M = int(input("Second number"))
if(N>M):
    N,M=M,N
for j in range(N,M+1):
    y = int(math.sqrt(j))+1
    for i in range(2,y):
        if(j%i==0):
            break
    else:
        print(j)
```

Find first 100 prime numbers start from 2.

```
x = 2
count=1
while count<=100:
    flag=True
    for i in range(2,(int(math.sqrt(x))+1)):
        if(x%i==0):
            break
    else:
        print(x, end=" ,")
        count +=1
    x=x+1
```

Find number is Strong or not

If the sum of the factorial of the digits in a number is equal to the original number, the number is a strong number.

```
n=int(input("Enter a number "))
fact=1
for i in range(1,n+1):
    fact*=i
print(fact)
```

```
m=int(input("Enter a number "))
sum=0
while m>0:
    print(m%10)
    sum+=m%10
    m//=10
print(sum)
```

```
m=int(input("Enter a number "))
orig=m
sum=0
while m>0:
    n=m%10
    fact=1
    for i in range(1,n+1):
        fact*=i
    sum+=fact
    m//=10
if(sum==orig):
    print("Number is Strong")
else:
    print("Number is not Strong")
```

Calculate and print the sum of following series

$$\frac{1}{1!} + \frac{2}{2!} + \frac{3}{3!} + \frac{4}{4!} + \frac{5}{5!} + \frac{6}{6!} \ldots\ldots$$

```
limit=int(input("Enter your Limit "))
sum=0
for m in range(1,limit+1):
    fact=1
    for i in range(1,m+1):
        fact*=i
    sum += m/fact
print(sum)
```

Infinite loop

- An **infinite loop** is an iterative control structure that never terminates (or eventually terminates with a system error).
- Infinite loops are generally the result of programming errors.
- **For example:** if the condition of a while loop can never be false, an infinite loop will result when executed.

```
# add up first n integers
sum = 0
current = 1

n = int(input('Enter value: '))

while current <= n:
    sum = sum + current
```

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