

Iteration & Strings

Lecture 4

A definite Loop

a sequence of items

```
for i in [3, 2, 1] :  
    print(i)  
print('Go!')
```

3

2

1

Go!

i = 3

print(i)

i = 2

print(i)

i = 1

print(i)

print('Go!')

Indefinite Loop with `while`

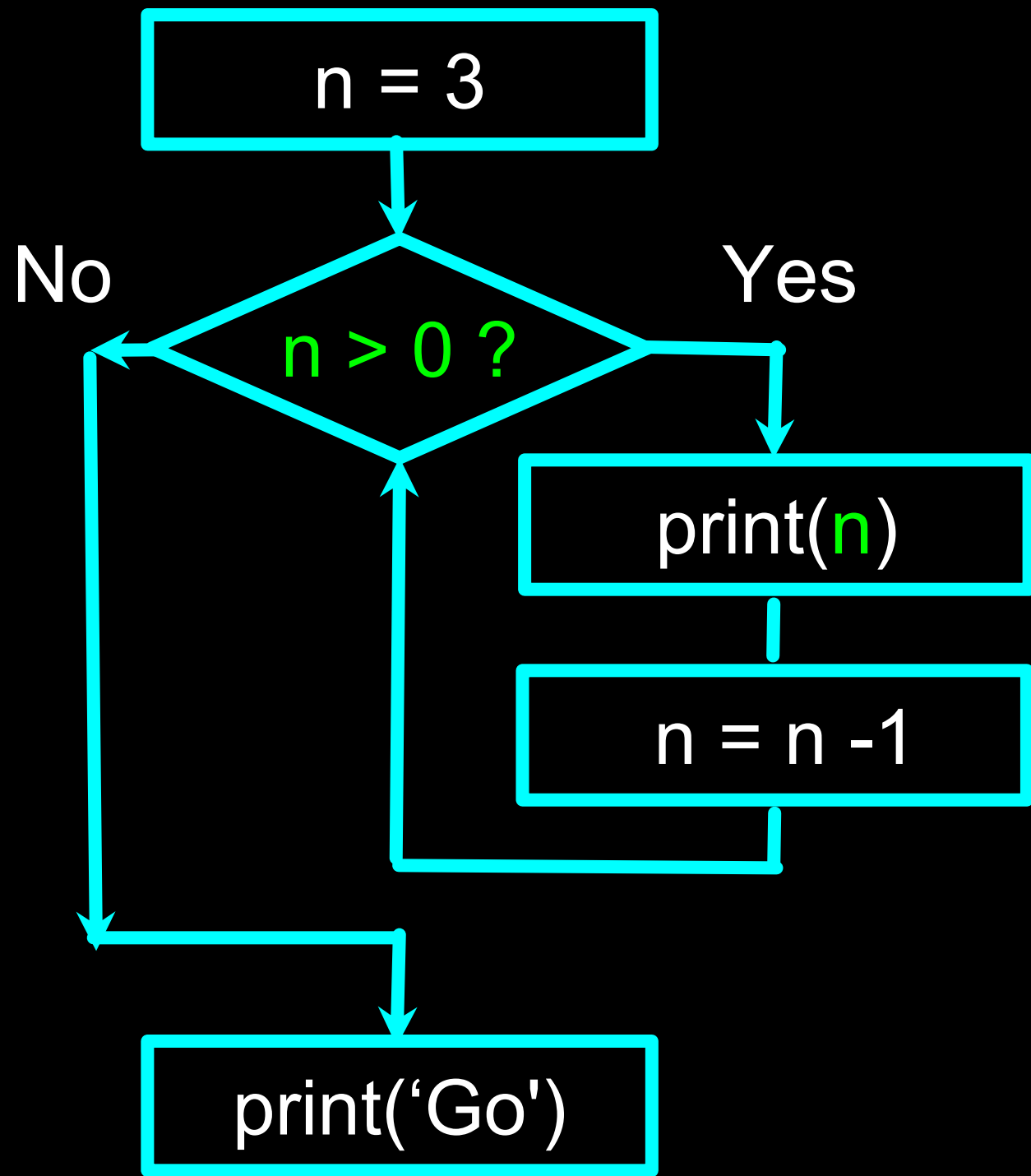
while loop

Program:

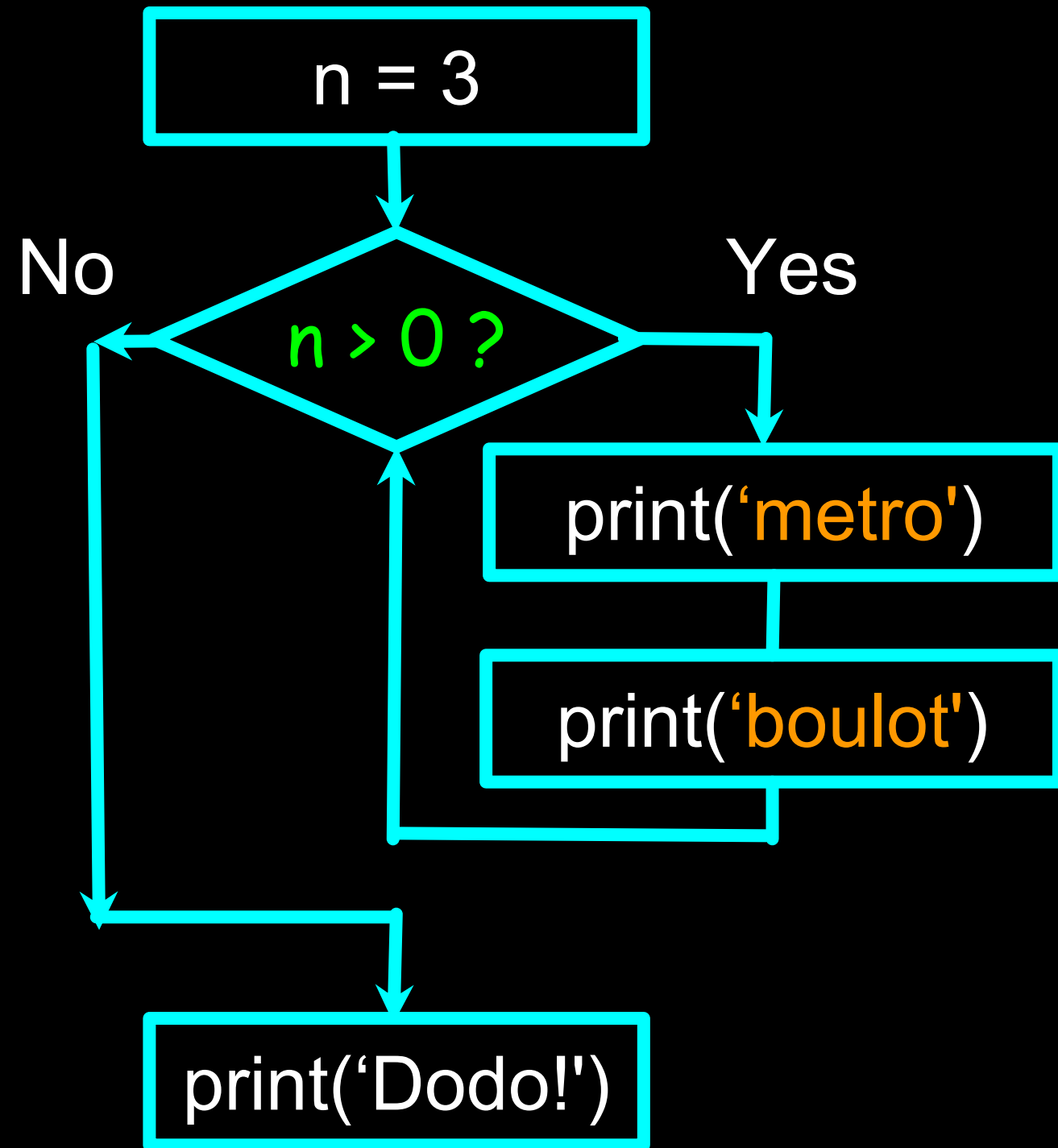
```
n = 3
while n > 0 :
    print(n)
    n = n - 1
print('Go!')
print(n)
```

Output:

3
2
1
Go!
0

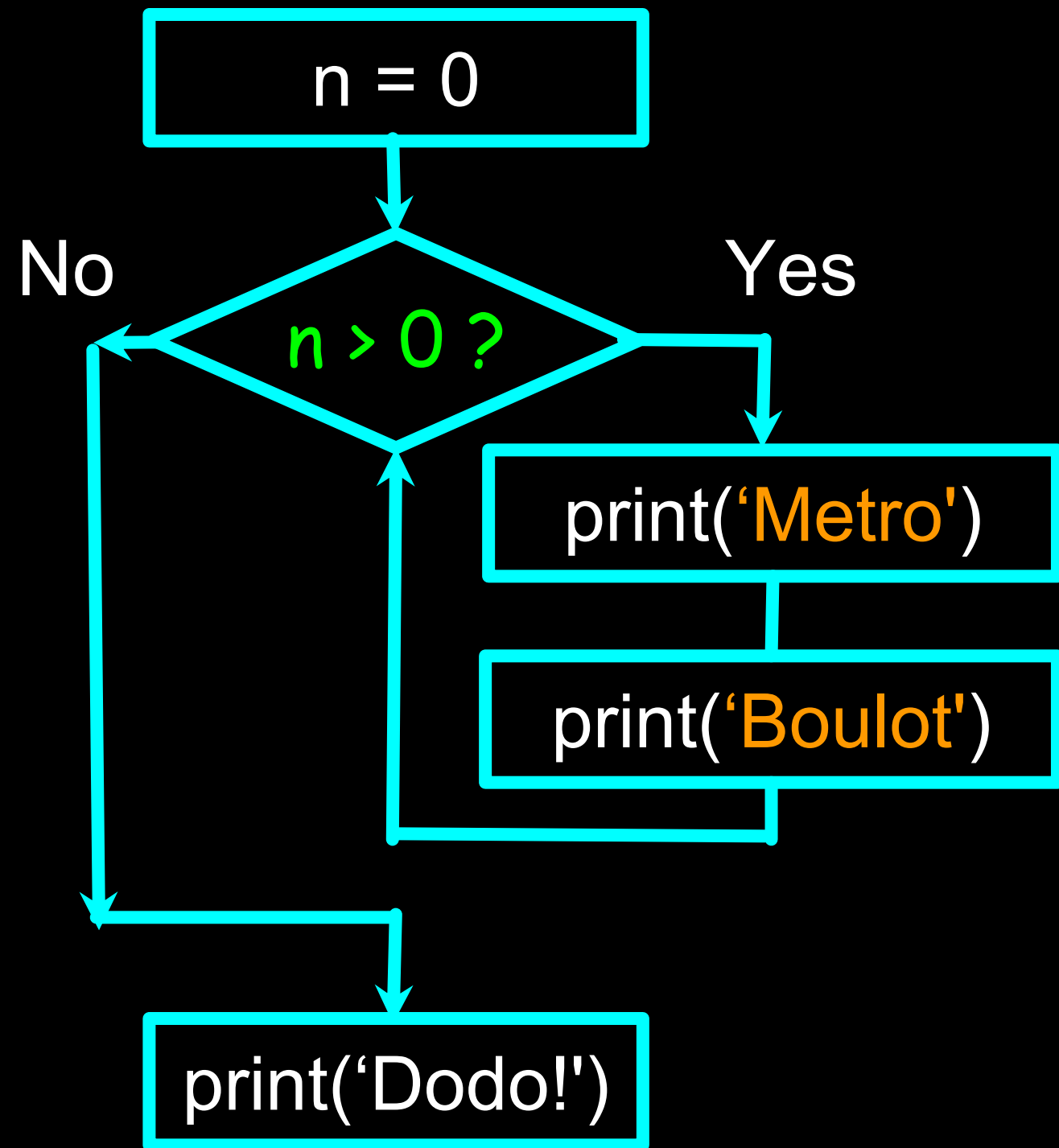


An Infinite Loop



```
n = 3
while n > 0 :
    print('metro')
    print('boulot')
print('Dodo!')
```

What is wrong with this loop?



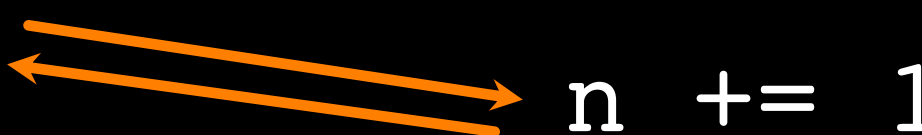
Another Loop

```
n = 0
while n > 0 :
    print('Metro')
    print('Boulot')
print('Dodo!')
```

What is this loop doing?

Checking vowel letters

```
word = "alphebet"
vowels = "aeiou"
n = 0
while n < len(word) :
    letter = word[n]
    if letter in vowels :
        print(letter)
        n = n + 1
print( 'Done!' )
```




? Output:
a
e
e
Done!

break & continue

Breaking Out of a Loop

- **break** : ends the current loop

```
name = "Marie"  
for letter in name :  
    if letter == 'i' :  
        break  
    print(letter)  
print( 'Done! ' )
```




Output:

M
a
r
Done!

Finishing an Iteration

continue: ends the current iteration

```
name = "Marie"  
for letter in name :  
    if letter == 'i' :  
        continue  
    print(letter)  
print( 'Done!' )
```



Output:

M
a
r
e
Done!

Working with `string`

String Data Type

- A string is a sequence of characters
- A string uses quotes
'Hello' or "Hello"
- For strings, + means “concatenate”
- When a string contains numbers, it is still a string
- We can convert numbers in a string into a number using `int()`

```
>>> str1 = "Hello"
>>> str2 = 'there'
>>> bob = str1 + str2
>>> print(bob)
Hellothere
>>> str3 = '123'
>>> str3 = str3 + 1
Traceback (most recent call
last):  File "<stdin>", line 1,
in <module>
TypeError: cannot concatenate
'str' and 'int' objects
>>> x = int(str3) + 1
>>> print(x)
124
>>>
```

Special characters: \s \n \t

Non-printable Characters

Represented with **backslash** notation

- **\s** space
- **\t** tab
- **\n** new line
- still one character - not two

```
>>> stuff = 'Hello\sWorld!'
>>> print(stuff)
Hello World!
>>> stuff = 'Hello\tWorld!'
>>> print(stuff)
Hello      World!
>>> stuff = 'X\nY\nZ'
>>> print(stuff)
X
Y
Z
>>> len(stuff)
5
```



Looking Inside Strings

Get a single character : `string[id]`

b	a	n	a	n	a
0	1	2	3	4	5

```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> letter = fruit[1]
>>> print(letter)
a
>>> x = 3
>>> w = fruit[x - 1]
>>> print(w)
n
```

Get a sequence of elements

```
>>> course = 'python'
>>> course[1:3]
'yt'
>>> course[:4]
'pyth'
>>> course[3:]
'hon'
>>> t[:]
'python'
```

p	y	t	h	o	n
0	1	2	3	4	5

```
>>> print(course[6])
Traceback (most recent call
last):  File "<stdin>", line
1, in <module>
IndexError: string index out
of range
>>>
```


Looping Through Strings

- **while** statement
- iteration variable
- **len** function

```
fruit = 'banana'
index = 0
while index < len(fruit):
    letter = fruit[index]
    print(index, letter)
    index = index + 1
```

0	b
1	a
2	n
3	a
4	n
5	a

Looping Through Strings

- **for** loop: much more elegant

```
fruit = 'banana'
for letter in fruit:
    print(letter)
```

```
fruit = 'banana'
index = 0
while index < len(fruit):
    letter = fruit[index]
    print(index, letter)
    index = index + 1
```

b
a
n
a
n
a

Looping and Counting

?

```
word = 'banana'
count = 0
for letter in word :
    if letter == 'a' :
        count = count + 1
print(count)
```

More String Operations

Operators: `in` & `not in`

Lists: list element?

```
>>> some = [1, 9, 21, 10]
>>> 9 in some
True
>>> 20 not in some
True
```

string: string element?

```
>>> ss = 'pencil'
>>> "s" in ss
False
>>> 'e' not in ss
False
>>> 'pen' in ss
True
```

String methods

- `string.method()`
appending the `method` to the
string variable
- `method` do not modify the
original string, instead they
return a new string

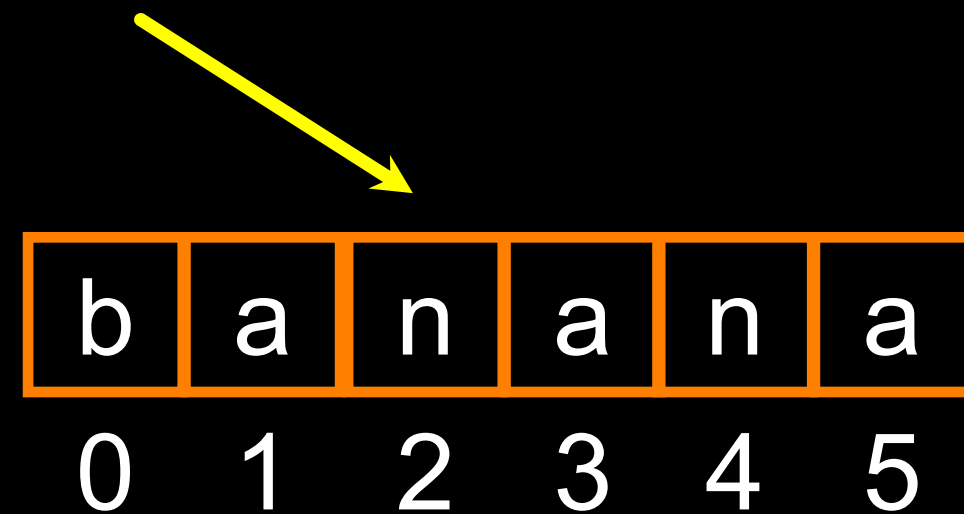
```
>>> greet = 'HELLO BOB'
>>> zap = greet.lower()
>>> print(zap)
hello bob
>>> print(greet)
HELLO BOB
>>> print(zap.upper())
HELLO BOB
```

```
>>> stuff = 'Hello world'
>>> type(stuff)
<class 'str'>
>>> dir(stuff)
['capitalize', 'casefold', 'center', 'count', 'encode',
'endswith', 'expandtabs', 'find', 'format', 'format_map',
'index', 'isalnum', 'isalpha', 'isdecimal', 'isdigit',
'isidentifier', 'islower', 'isnumeric', 'isprintable', 'isspace',
'istitle', 'isupper', 'join', 'ljust', 'lower', 'lstrip',
'maketrans', 'partition', 'replace', 'rfind', 'rindex', 'rjust',
'rstrip', 'rsplit', 'rstrip', 'split', 'splitlines',
'startswith', 'strip', 'swapcase', 'title', 'translate', 'upper',
'zfill']
```

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#string-methods>

Searching a String

- `find()`: search for a substring within another string
- `find()` finds the first occurrence
- If not found, `find()` returns `-1`



```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> pos = fruit.find('na')
>>> print(pos)
2
>>> aa = fruit.find('z')
>>> print(aa)
-1
```


Parsing and Extracting

From stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za Sat Jan 5 09:14:16 2008

21 ↓ 31 ↓

uct.ac.za

```
>>> data = 'From stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za Sat Jan 5 09:14:16 2008'
>>> atpos = data.find('@')
>>> print(atpos)
21
>>> sppos = data.find(' ', atpos)
>>> print(sppos)
31
>>> host = data[atpos+1 : sppos]
>>> print(host)
uct.ac.za
```



Search and Replace

- `replace()`: replaces **all occurrences** of the **search string** with the **replacement string**

```
>>> greet = 'Hello Bob'
>>> nstr = greet.replace('Bob', 'Jane')
>>> print(nstr)
Hello Jane
>>> nstr = greet.replace('o', 'x')
>>> print(nstr)
Hel1x Bxb
```

Stripping Whitespace

- `lstrip()` and `rstrip()` remove whitespace at the left or right
- `strip()` removes both beginning and ending whitespace

```
>>> greet = '    Hello Bob    '  
>>> greet.lstrip()  
'Hello Bob '  
>>> greet.rstrip()  
'    Hello Bob'  
>>> greet.strip()  
'Hello Bob'
```

split() Pattern

- Split strings according to delimiters (space if not provided)
- Returns a list of substrings

```
>>> line = "Good morning, Bob!"
>>> print(line.split())           ['Good', 'morning,', 'Bob!']
>>> print(line.split(','))       ['Good morning', ' Bob!']
>>> print(line.split('!'))       ['Good morning, Bob', '']
```

split() Pattern

- Split a line according to delimiters (space if not provided)
- Returns a list of substrings

```
From alice.dupont@etu.u-paris.fr Sat Jan 5 09:14:16 2021
```

```
words = line.split()  
email = words[1]           alice.dupont@etu.u-paris.fr  
pieces = email.split('@')  ['alice.dupont', 'etu.u-paris.fr']  
print(pieces[1])           'etu.u-paris.fr'
```

Prefixes

```
>>> line = 'Please have a nice day'
```

```
>>> line.startswith('Please')
```

```
True
```

```
>>> line.startswith('p')
```

```
False
```

```
x=input()  
if type(int(x)) == int:  
    print(x, "is integer")  
elif type(float(x)) == float:  
    print(x, "is float")  
elif type(x) == str:  
    print(x, "is string")  
else:  
    print("***")
```

Traceback (most recent call last):
line 2, in <module> istr = int(astr)
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with
base 10: 'Hello Bob'

All
Done



The
program
stops
here

```
x=input()  
if type(int(x)) == int:
```

Traceback (most recent call last):
line 2, in <module> istr = int(astr)
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with
base 10: 'Hello Bob'

All
Done

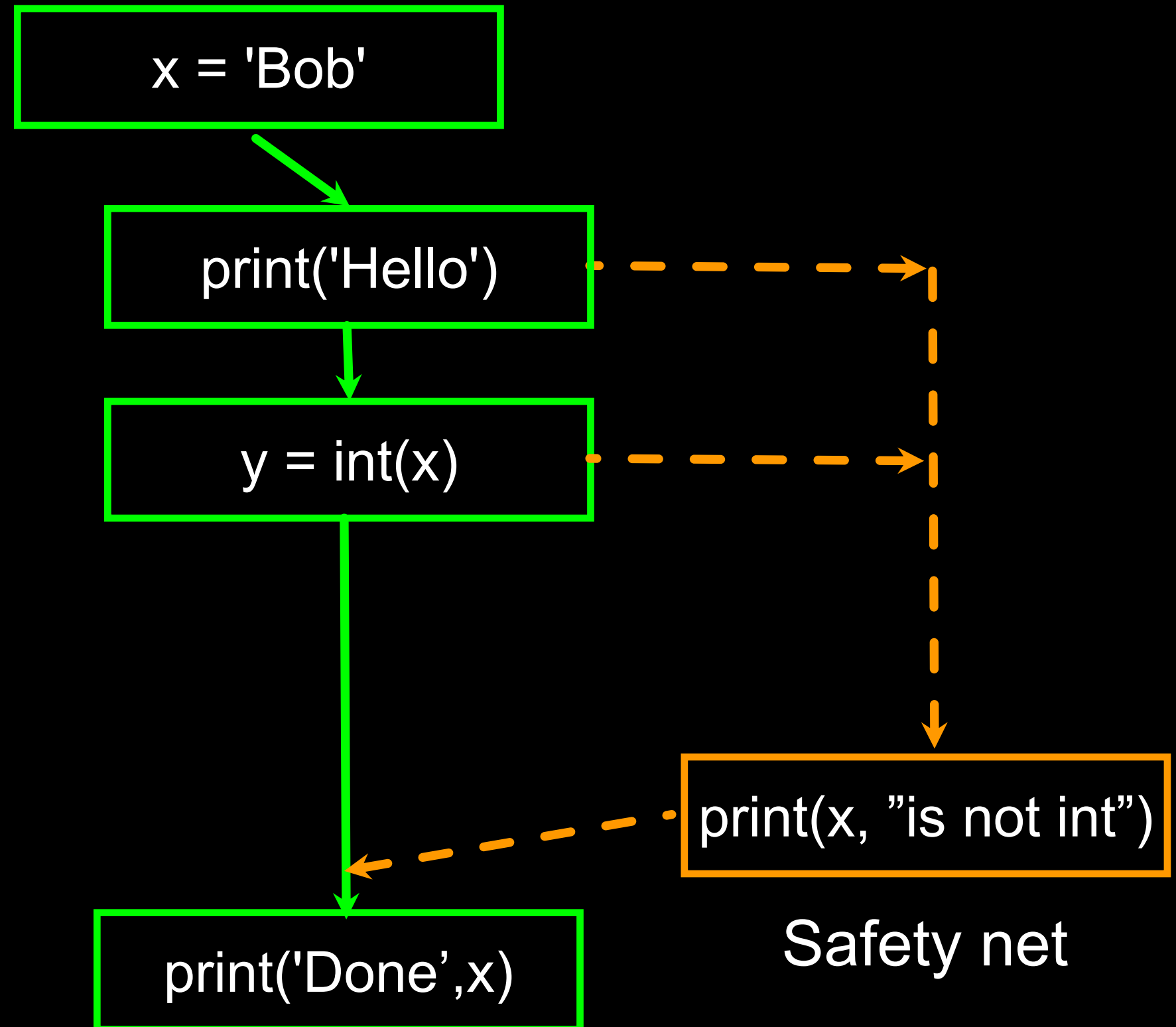


try / except

```
x = 'Bob'
try:
    print('Hello')
    y = int(x)
except:
    print(x, "is not int")

print('Done', x)
```

Output:
Bob is not int.
Done Bob

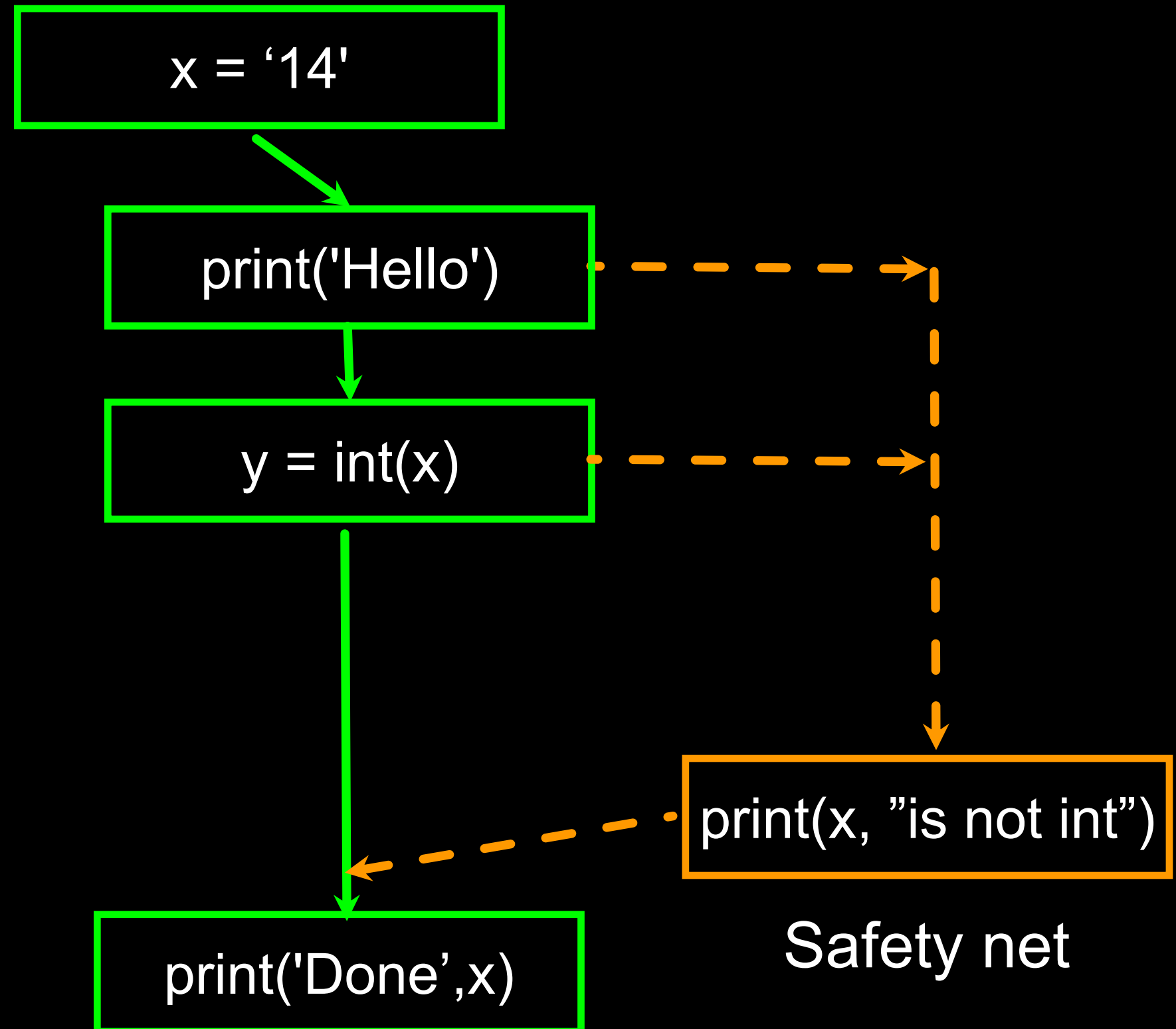


try / except

```
x = '14'
try:
    print('Hello')
    y = int(x)
except:
    print(x, "is not int")

print('Done', x)
```

Output:
Hello
Done Bob

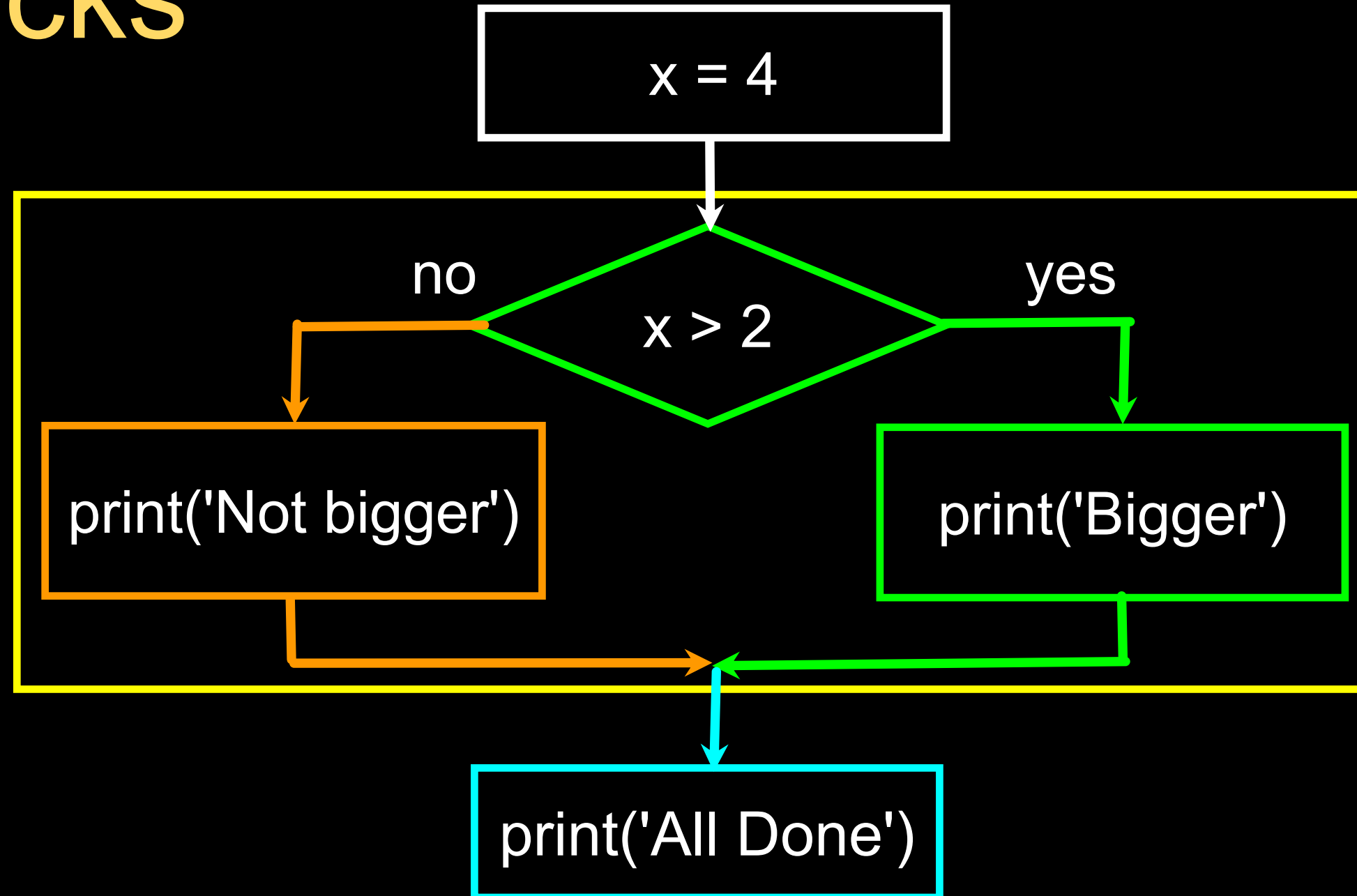


Visualize Blocks

x = 4

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

```
print('All done')
```





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