



Basics of C

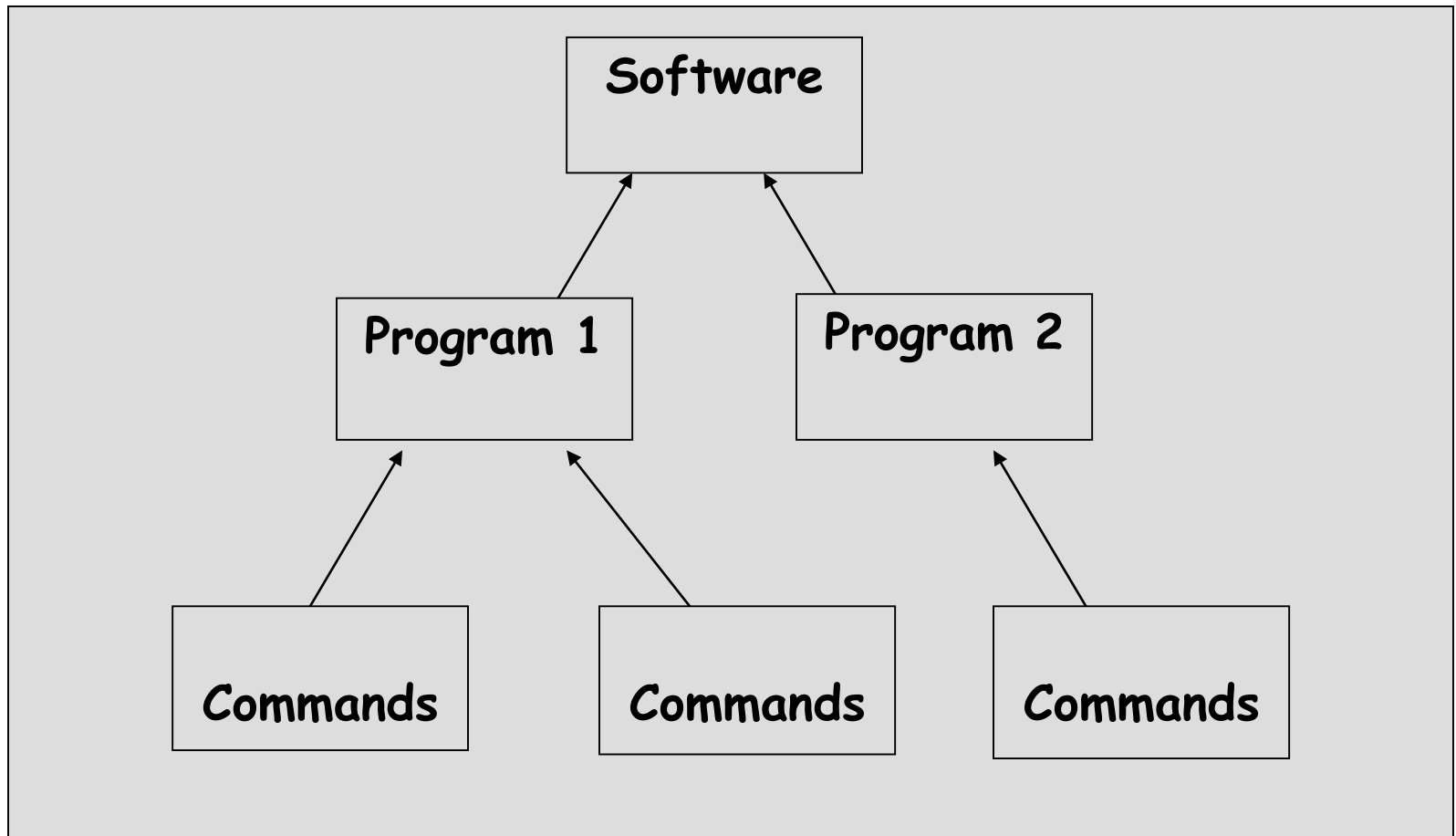
Session 1



Objectives

- Differentiate between Command, Program and Software
- Explain the beginning of C
- Explain when and why is C used
- Discuss the C program structure
- Discuss algorithms
- Draw flowcharts
- List the symbols used in flowcharts

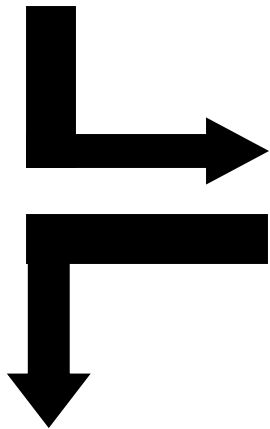
Software, Program and Command





The Beginning of C

BPCL – Martin Richards



B – Ken Thompson

C – Dennis Ritchie



Bell Laboratories, Inc.



Application Areas Of C

- C was initially used for systems programming
- A system program forms a portion of the operating system of the computer or its support utilities
- Operating Systems, Interpreters, Editors, Assembly programs are usually called system programs
- The UNIX operating system was developed using C
- There are C compilers available for almost all types of PC's



Middle Level Language

High Level Language

C

Assembly Language



Structured Language

- **C** allows synthesis of code and data
- It refers to the ability to section off and hide all information and instructions which necessary to perform a specific task, from the rest of the program
- Code can be compartmentalized in **C** by using functions or code blocks.

```
do
{
    i = i + 1;
    .
    .
    .
} while (i < 40);
```



About C

- **C** has **32** keywords
- These keywords combined with a formal syntax form a C programming language
- Rules to be followed for all programs written in C:
 - ◆ All keywords are lowercased
 - ◆ **C** is case sensitive, **do while** is different from **DO WHILE**
 - ◆ Keywords cannot be used as a variable or function name

```
main()  
{  
    /*This is a sample Program*/  
    int i,j;  
    i=100;  
    j=200;  
}
```


The C Program Structure-1


main()

- C programs are divided into units called functions.
- Irrespective of the number of functions in a program, the operating system always passes control to main() when a C program is executed.
- The function name is always followed by parentheses.
- The parentheses may or may not contain parameters.



The C Program Structure-2

Delimiters { ... }

The function definition is followed by an open curly brace (`{`).

This curly brace signals the beginning of the function.

Similarly a closing curly brace (`}`) after the codes, in the function, indicate the end of the function.



The C Program Structure-3

Statement Terminator ;

A statement in C is terminated with a semicolon

A carriage return, whitespace, or a tab is not understood by the C compiler.

A statement that does not end in a semicolon is treated as an erroneous line of code in C.



The C Program Structure-4

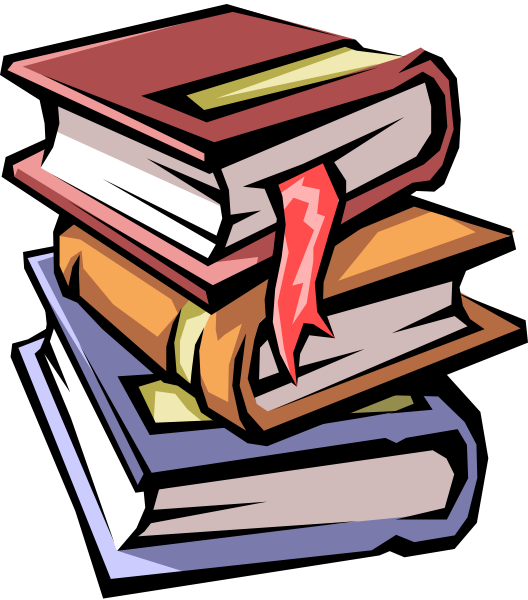
`/* Comment Lines */`

Comments are usually written to describe the task of a particular command, function or an entire program.

The compiler ignores them. In C, comments begin with `/*` and are terminated with `*/`, in case the comments contain multiple lines

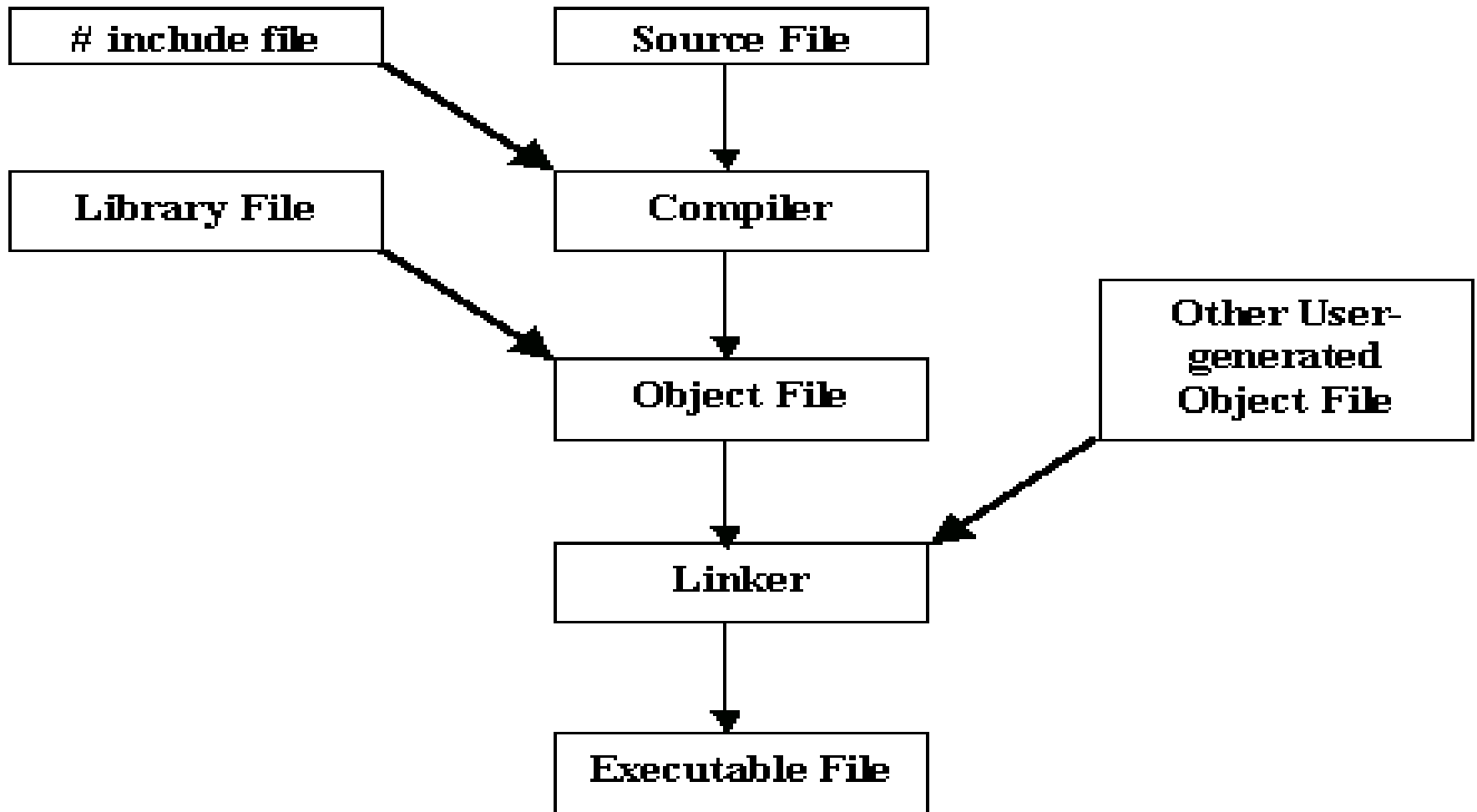


The C Library



- All C compilers come with a standard library of functions
- A function written by a programmer can be placed in the library and used when required
- Some compilers allow functions to be added in the standard library
- Some compilers require a separate library to be created

Compiling & Running A Program





Solving a Problem

In order to solve a problem

Understand the problem clearly

Gather the relevant information

Process the information

Arrive at the solution



Pseudocode

It is not actual code. A method of algorithm - writing which uses a standard set of words which makes it resemble code

BEGIN

DISPLAY 'Hello World !'

END

Each pseudocode starts with a BEGIN

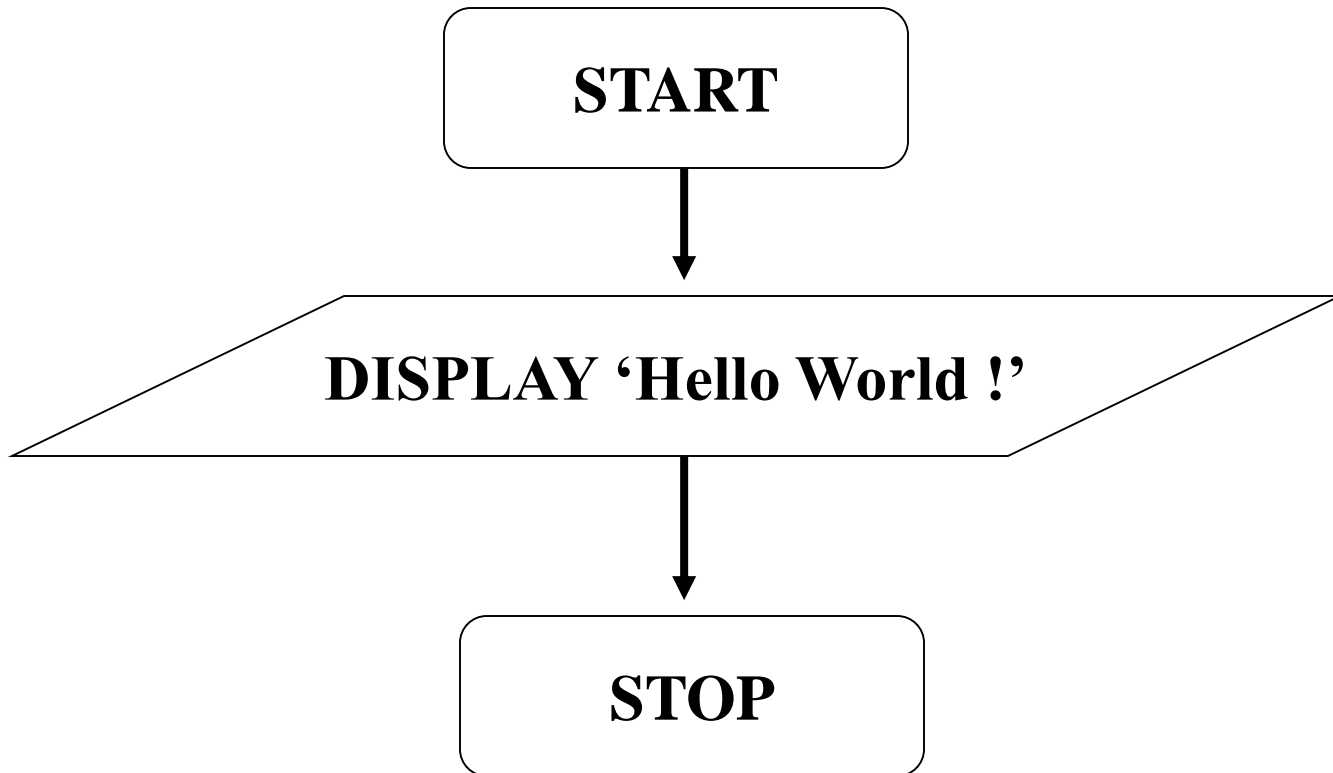
To show some value , the word DISPLAY is used

The pseudocode finishes with an END



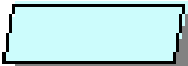

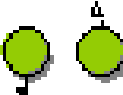



Flowcharts

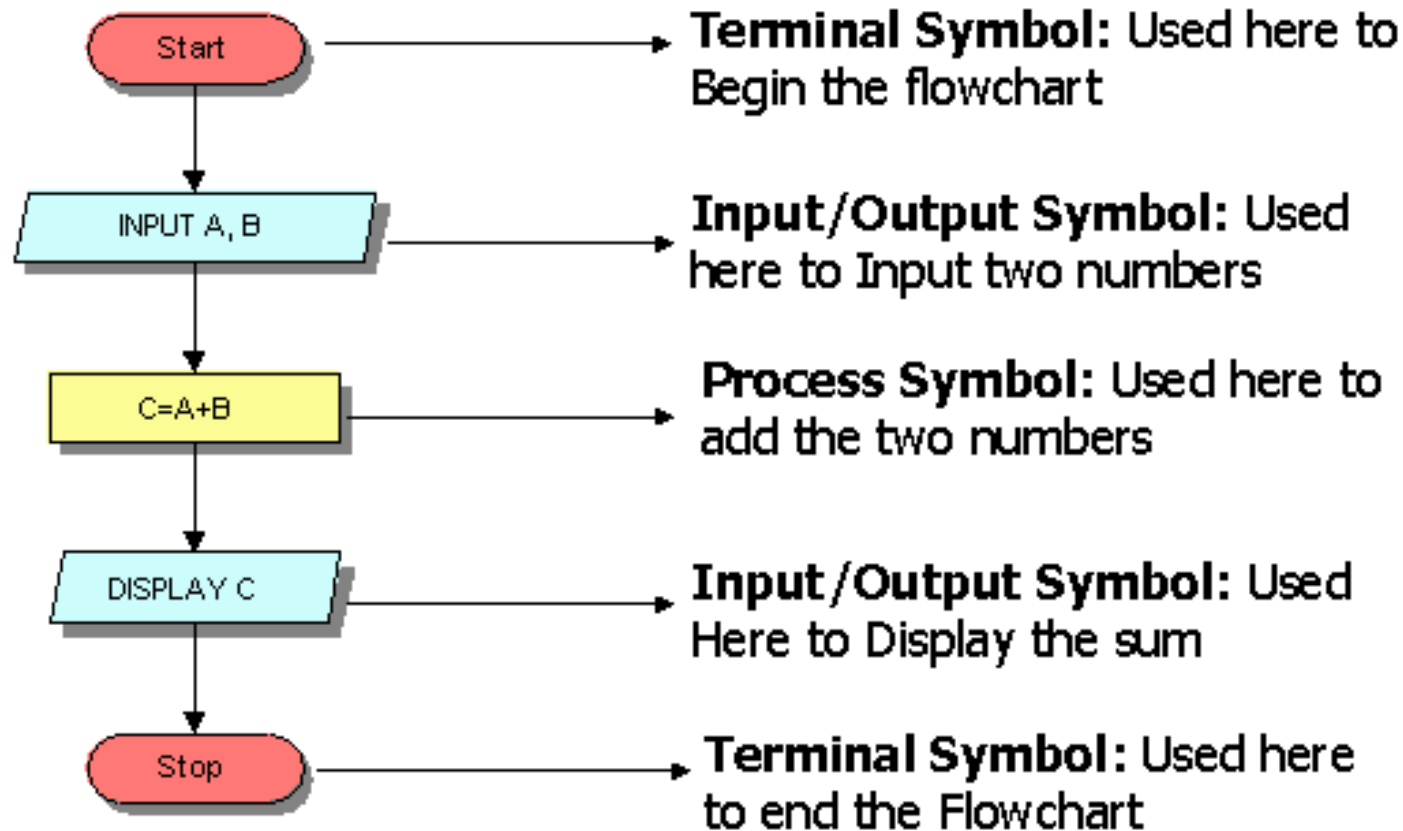
It is a graphical representation of an algorithm



The Flowchart Symbol

Symbol	Description
	Start or End of the Program
	Computational Steps
	Input / Output instructions
	Decision making & Branching
	Connectors
	Flow Line

Flowchart to add two numbers



The IF Construct

BEGIN

INPUT num

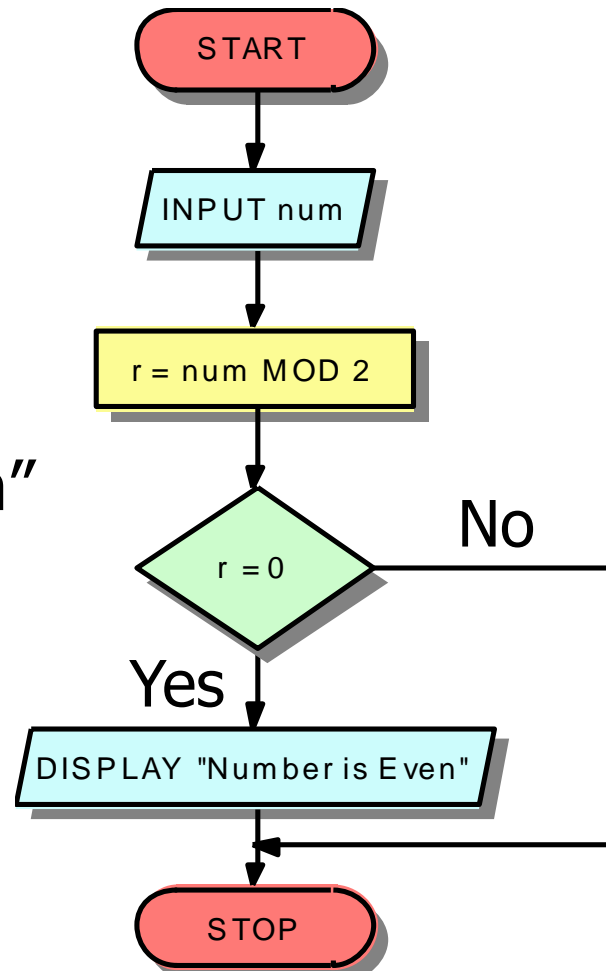
$r = \text{num} \text{ MOD } 2$

IF $r=0$

Display "Number is even"

END IF

END



The IF-ELSE Construct

BEGIN

INPUT num

$r = \text{num} \text{ MOD } 2$

IF $r = 0$

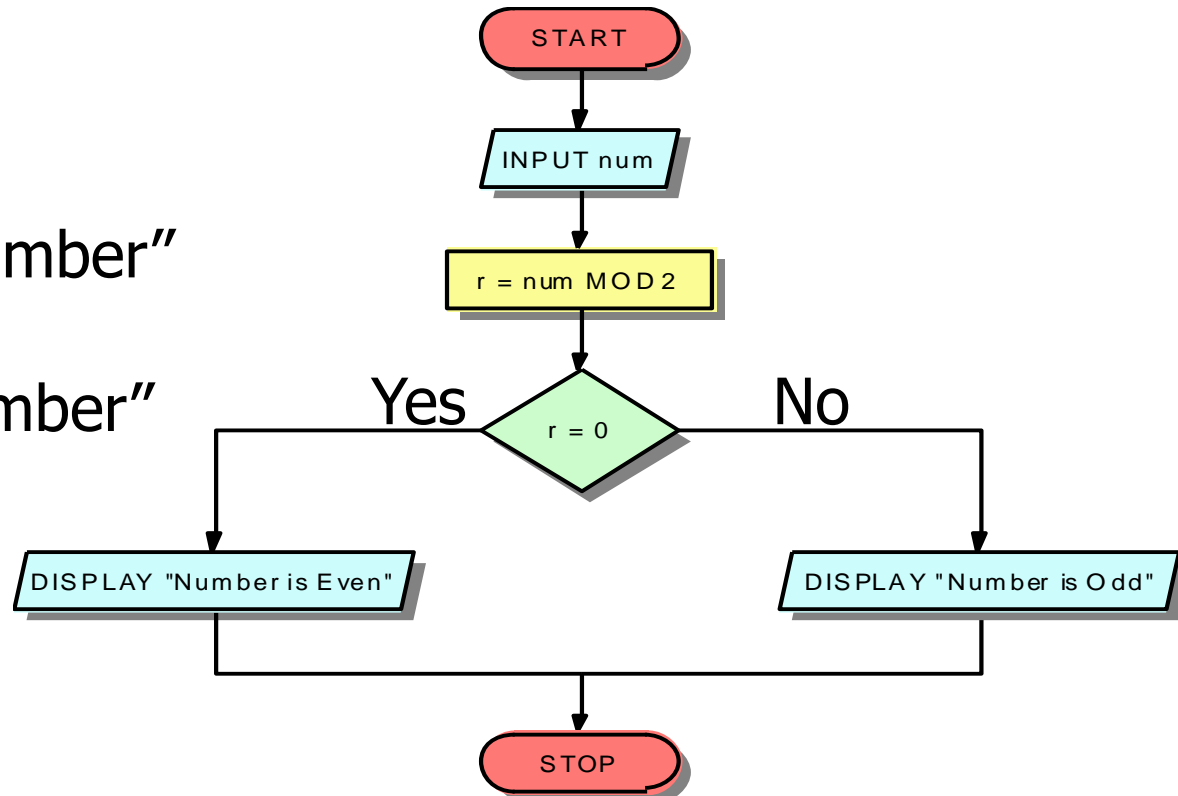
DISPLAY "Even Number"

ELSE

DISPLAY "Odd Number"

END IF

END



Multiple criteria using AND/OR



BEGIN

INPUT years

INPUT bizDone

IF (years \geq 10) **AND** (bizDone \geq 5000000)

 DISPLAY "Classified as an MVS"

ELSE

 DISPLAY "A little more effort required!"

END IF

END

Nested IFs-1



BEGIN

INPUT years

INPUT bizDone

IF years \geq 10

IF bizDone \geq 5000000

 DISPLAY "Classified as an MVS"

ELSE

 DISPLAY "A little more effort required!"

END IF

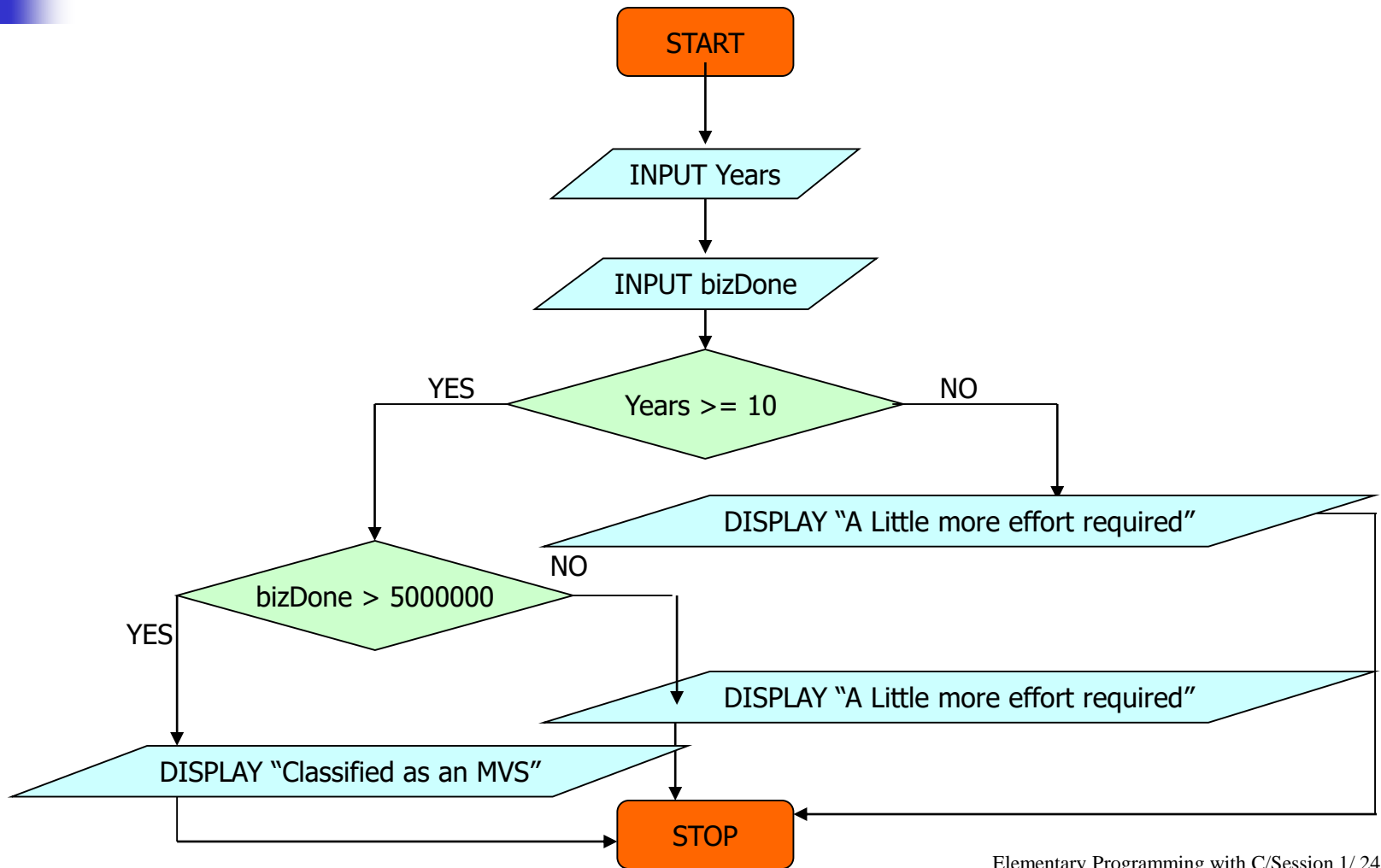
ELSE

 DISPLAY "A little more effort required!"

END IF

END

Nested IFs-2



Loops

BEGIN

cnt=0

WHILE (cnt < 1000)

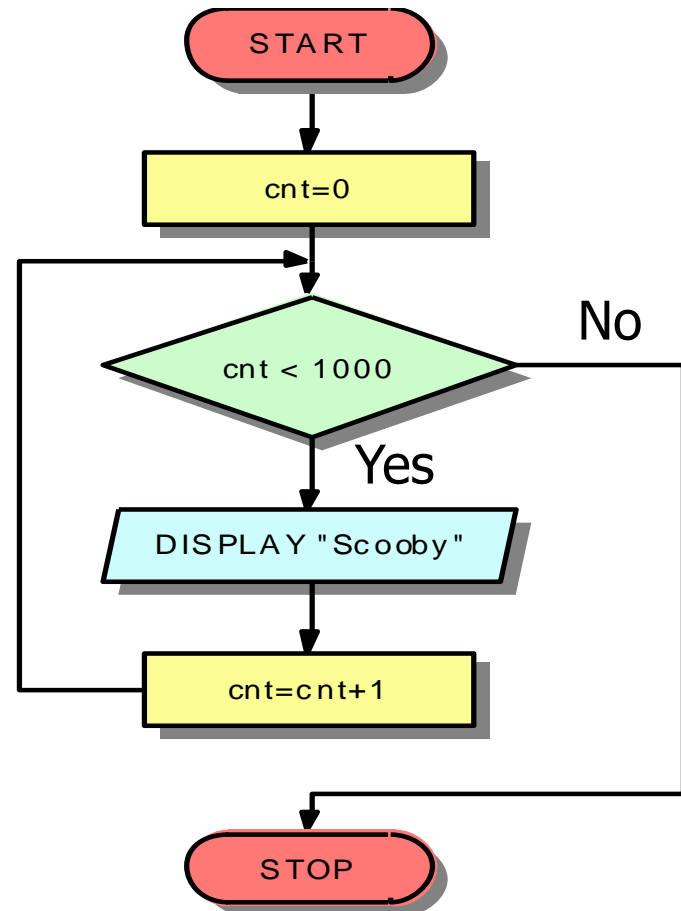
DO

DISPLAY "Scooby"

cnt=cnt+1

END DO

END





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