

**Resource:** <https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/what-is-a-flowchart-tutorial>

**Flow Chart:**

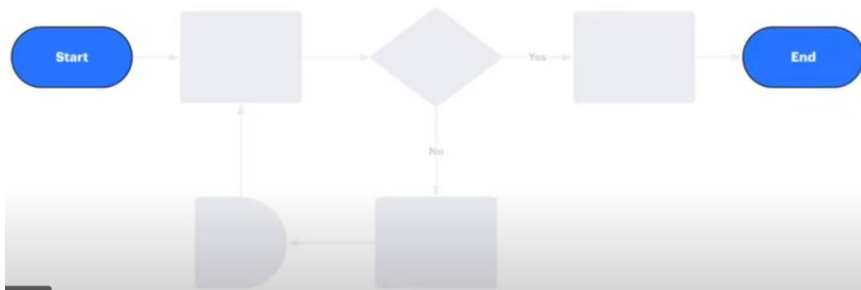
- It is a type of diagram that represents a process or a system.
- Improve context and comprehension.
- Abstract steps and concepts are easily comprehensible for nontech individuals.

**Advantages:**

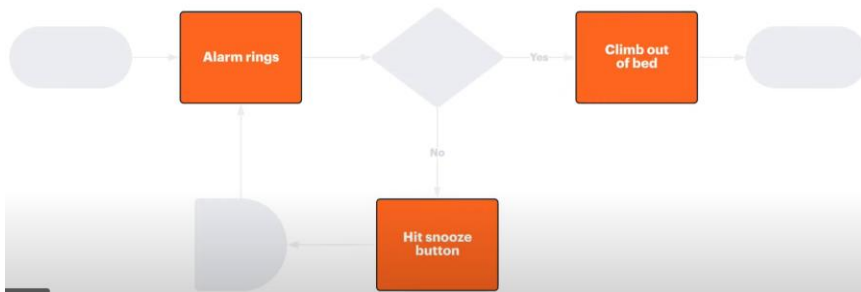
- Identify specific steps
- Simplify complex info
- Communicate Faster

**Symbols:**

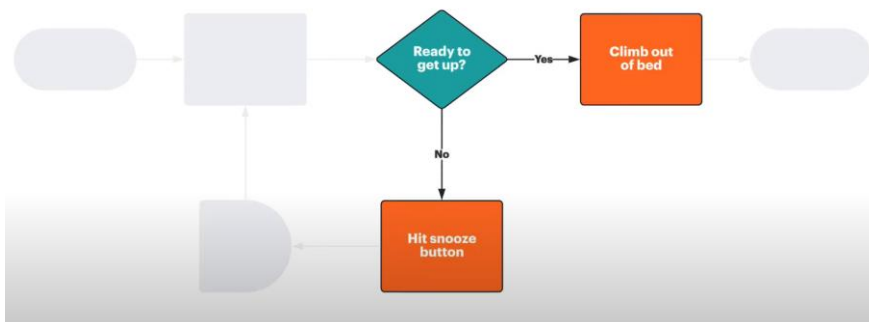
Terminator – Represents where a system terminates



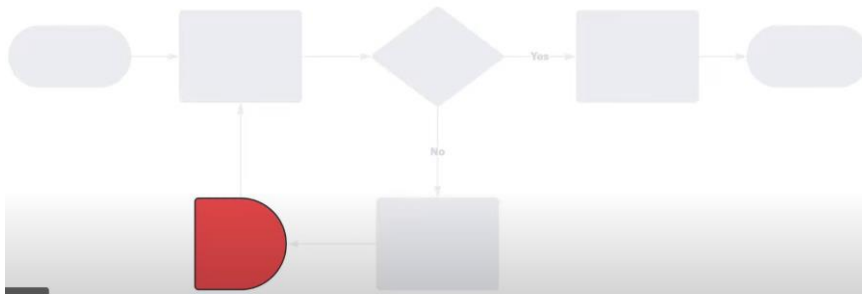
Process Symbol – Represents a process action or function



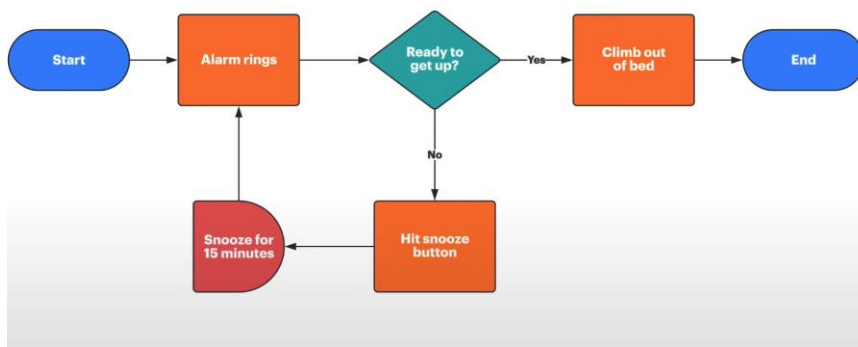
Decision Diamond – Fork in your flow as per a decision or condition



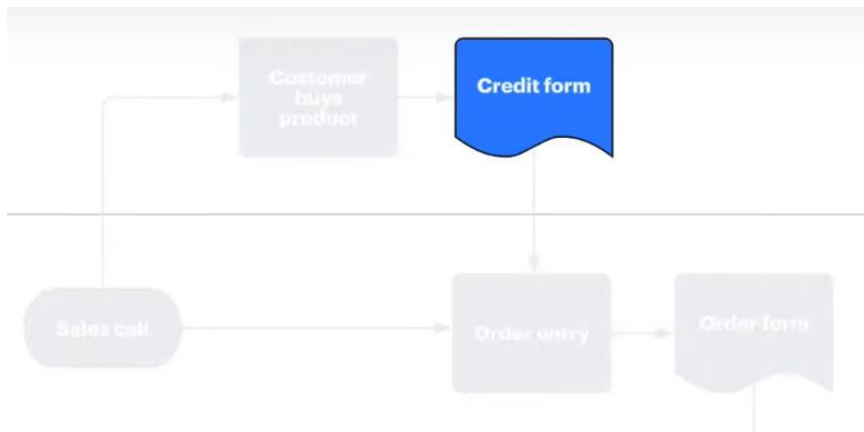
Delay Symbol –



Lines or connectors – Indicate the sequence of things



Document Symbol – Input or output of a document



Of page connector shape/Link shape – Connect separate elements across multiple pages



Data –



Database –



Swim Lane –



**Steps to create a flow chart:**

1. Define purpose.
2. Identify Task
3. Format tasks by type
4. Draw Chart
5. Confirm flow chart

## **Types of flowcharts**

Different authors describe various types of flowcharts in different terms.

**Document Flowcharts:** These “have the purpose of showing existing controls over document flow through the components of a system. ... The chart is read from left to right and documents the flow of documents through the various business units.”

**Data Flowcharts:** These show “the controls governing data flows in a system. ... Data flowcharts are used primarily to show the channels that data is transmitted through the system rather than how controls flow.”

**System Flowcharts:** These “show the flow of data to and through the major components of a system such as data entry, programs, storage media, processors, and communication networks.”

**Program Flowcharts:** These show “the controls placed internally to a program within a system.”