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A Simple Definite Loop

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    print(i)  
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```

5

4

3

2

1

Blastoff!

A Definite Loop with Strings

```
friends = ['Joseph', 'Glenn', 'Sally']
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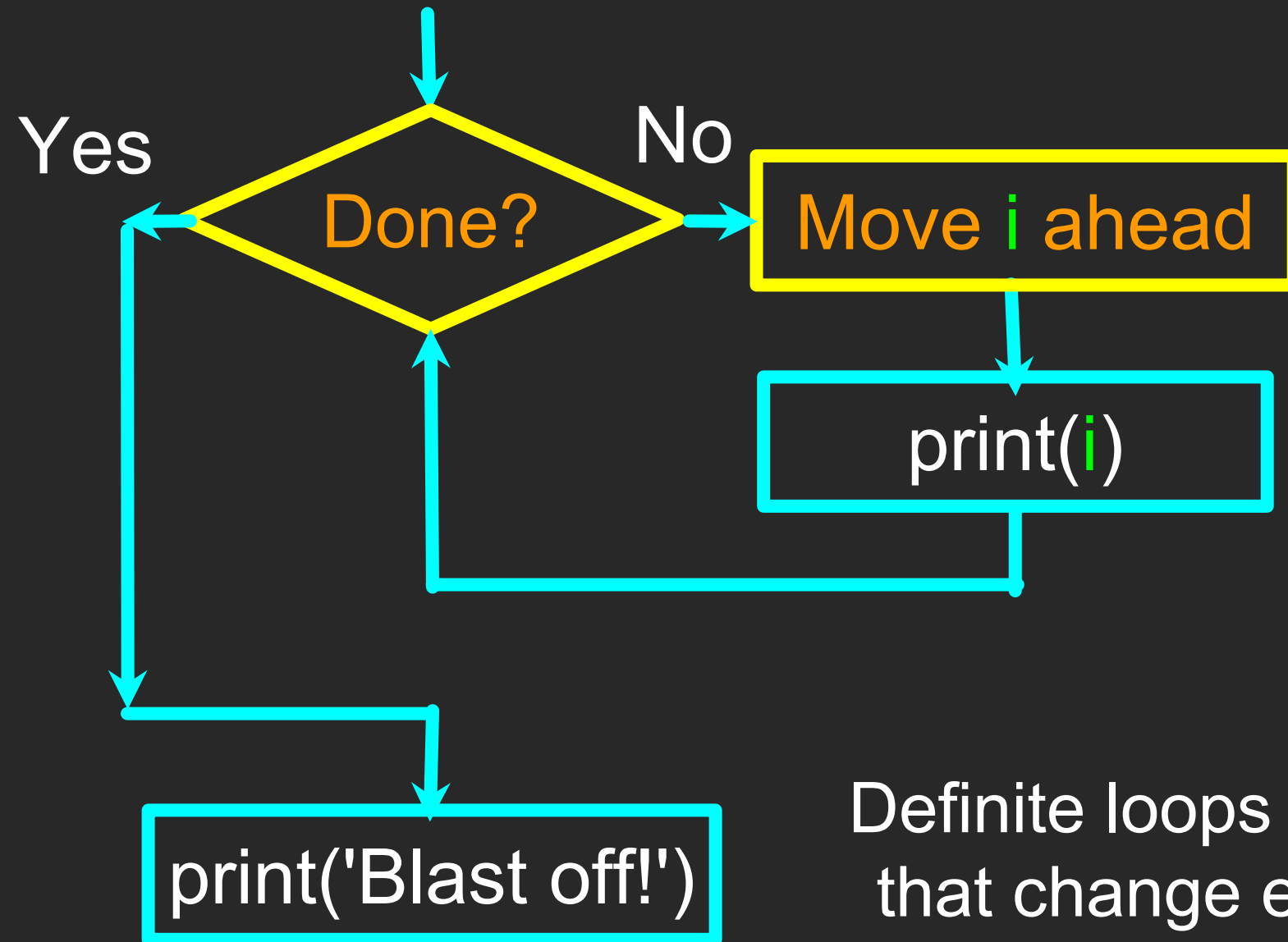
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for friend in friends :  
    print('Happy New Year:', friend)
```

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print('Done!')
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Happy New Year: Joseph
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Done!

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Definite loops (for loops) have explicit **iteration variables** that change each time through a loop. These **iteration variables** move through the sequence or set.

Looking at In...

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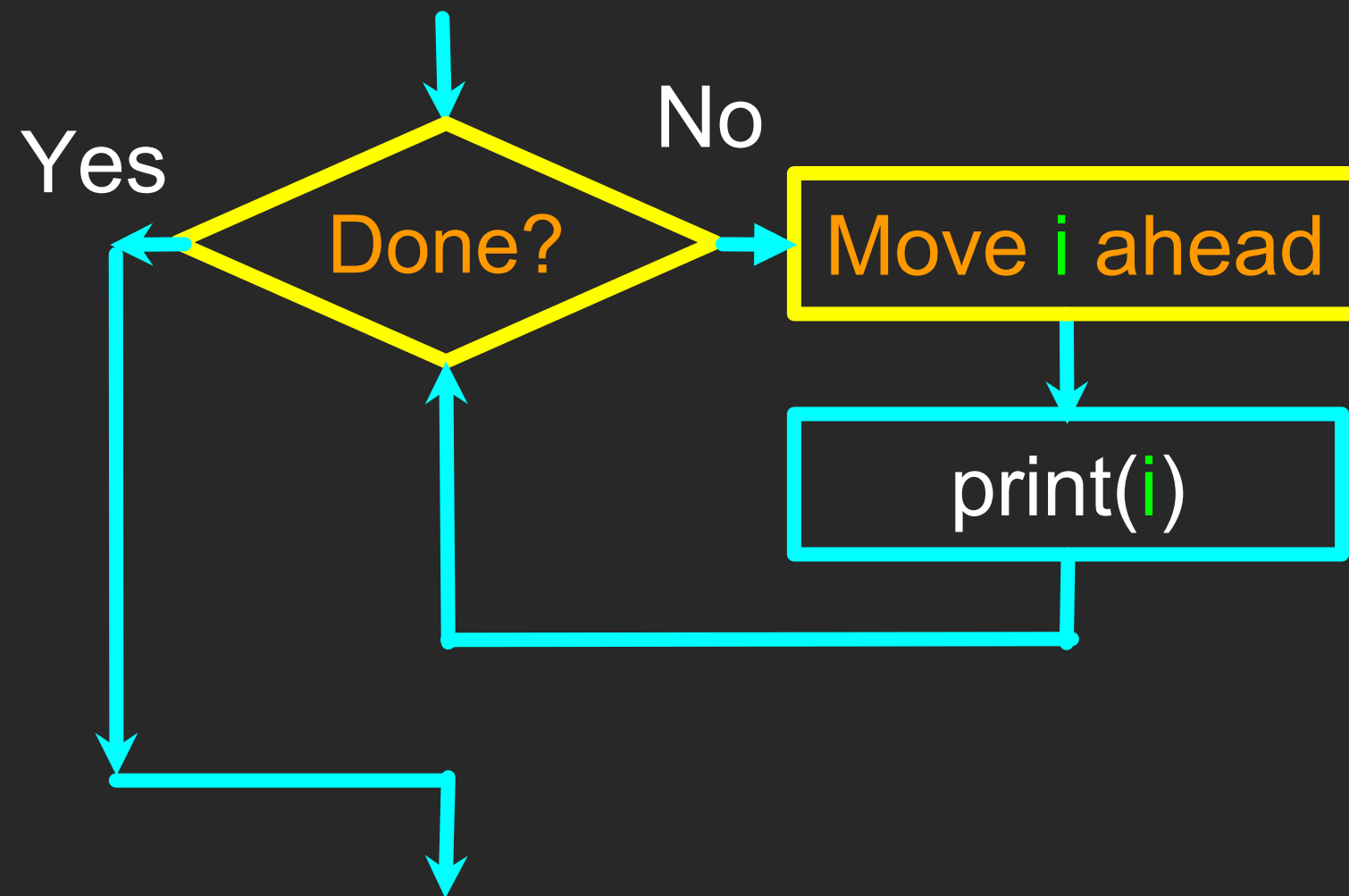
Iteration variable



Five-element
sequence

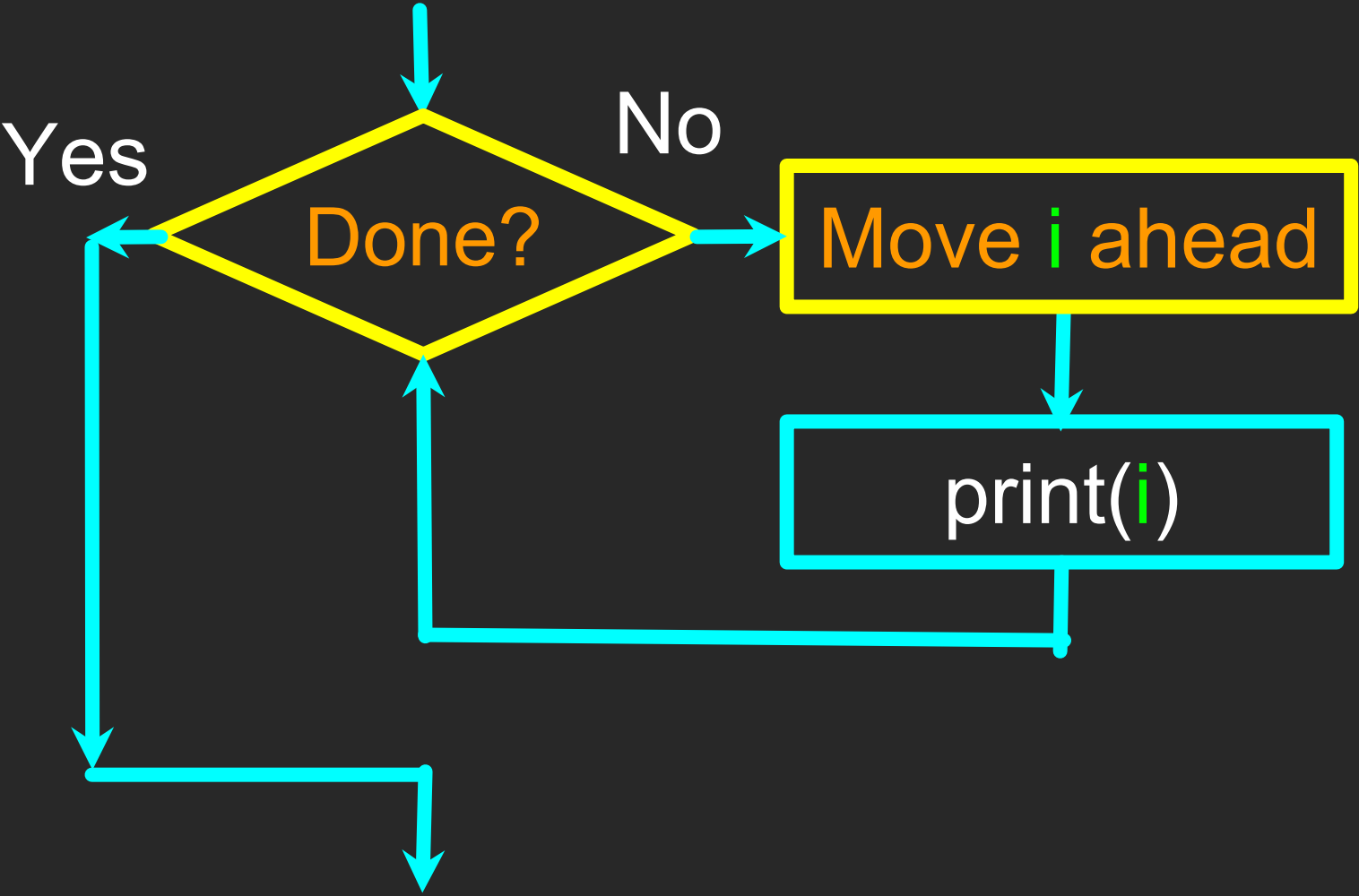


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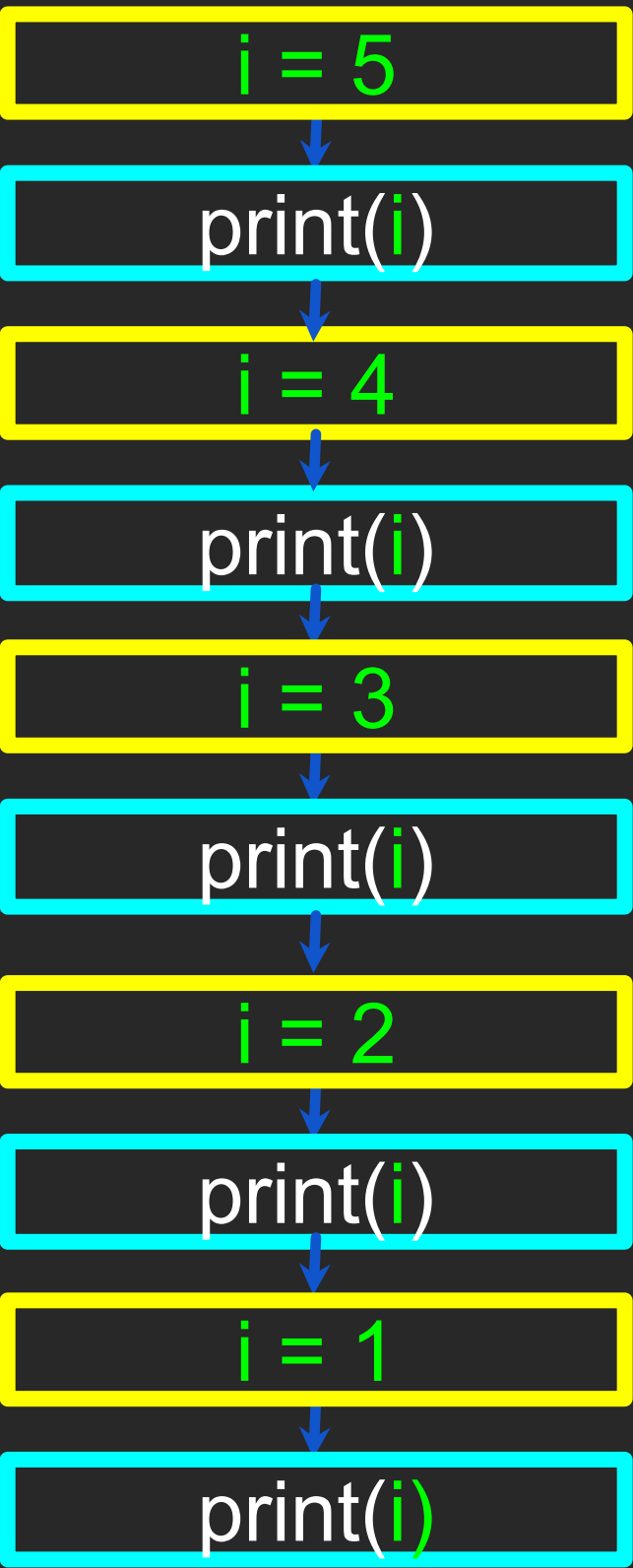


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Loop Idioms



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