

# Algorithm & Programming Fundamental

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# Today's Objectives

- To practice thinking algorithmically
- To understand and be able to implement proper program development
- To start learning about control structures
- To be able to express an algorithm using a flow chart

# What is an Algorithm?

- Steps used to solve a problem
- Problem must be
  - Well defined
  - Fully understood by the programmer
- Steps must be
  - Ordered
  - Unambiguous
  - Complete

# Developing an Algorithm

# Program Development

1. Understand the problem
2. Represent your solution (your algorithm)
  - Pseudocode
  - Flowchart
3. Implement the algorithm in a program
4. Test and debug your program

# Step 1: Understanding the Problem

- Input
  - What information or data are you given?
- Process
  - What must you do with the information/data?
  - **This is your algorithm!**
- Output
  - What are your deliverables?

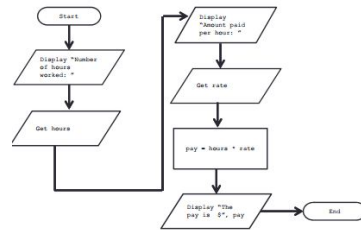
## “Weekly Pay” Example

- Create a program to calculate the weekly pay of an hourly employee
  - What is the input, process, and output?
- Input: pay rate and number of hours
- Process: multiply pay rate by number of hours
- Output: weekly pay



## Step 2: Represent the Algorithm

- Can be done with flowchart or pseudocode

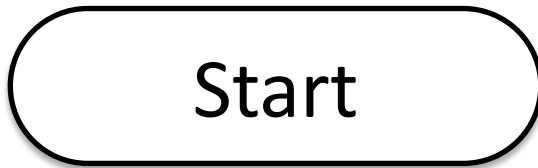


- Flowchart
  - Symbols convey different types of actions
- Pseudocode
  - A cross between code and plain English
- One may be easier for you – use that one

## Step 2A: Pseudocode

- Start with a plain English description, then...
  1. Display "Number of hours worked: "
  2. Get the hours
  3. Display "Amount paid per hour: "
  4. Get the rate
  5. Compute  $\text{pay} = \text{hours} * \text{rate}$
  6. Display "The pay is \$" , pay

# Flowchart Symbols



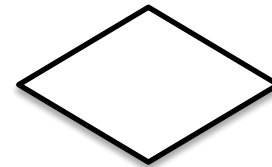
Start Symbol



Input/Output



End Symbol



Decision Symbol

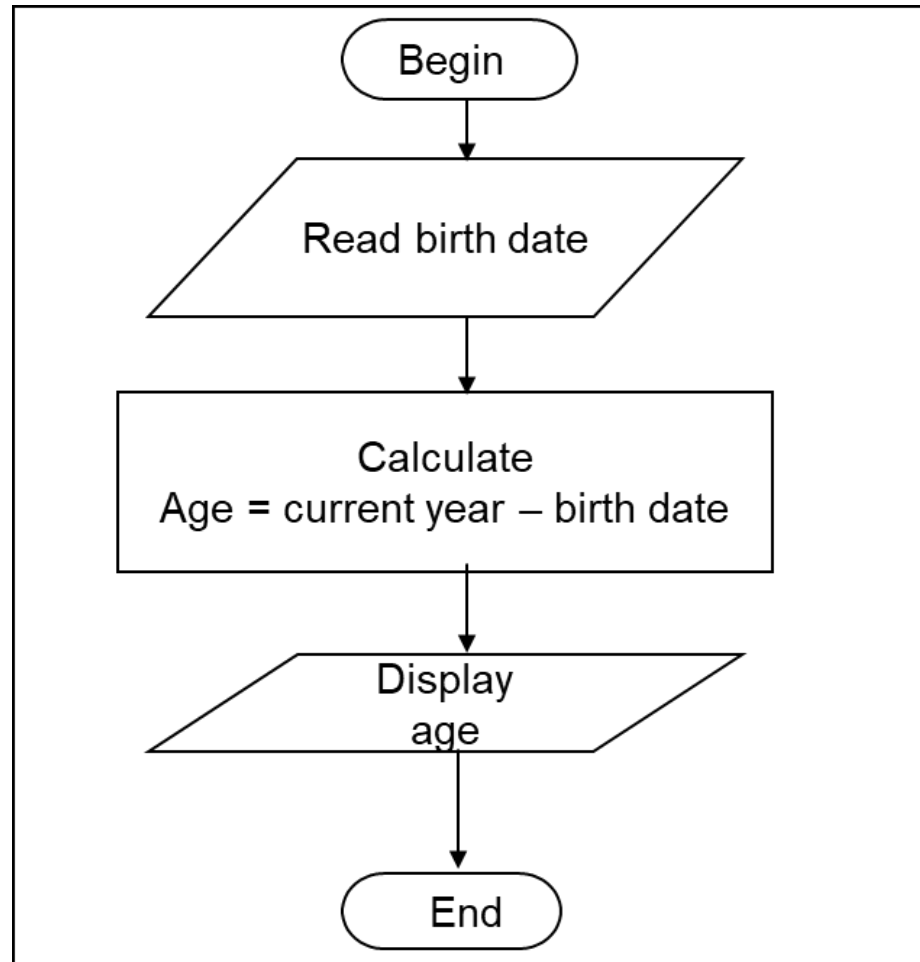


Data Processing Symbol

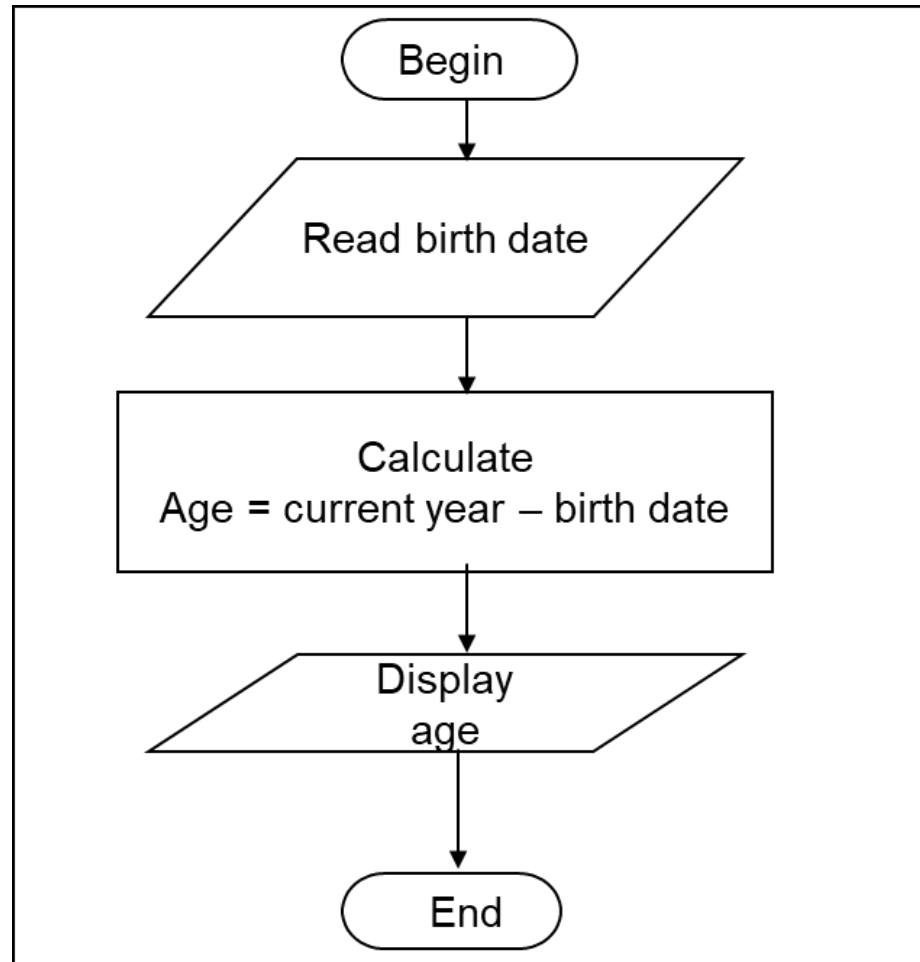


Flow Control Arrows

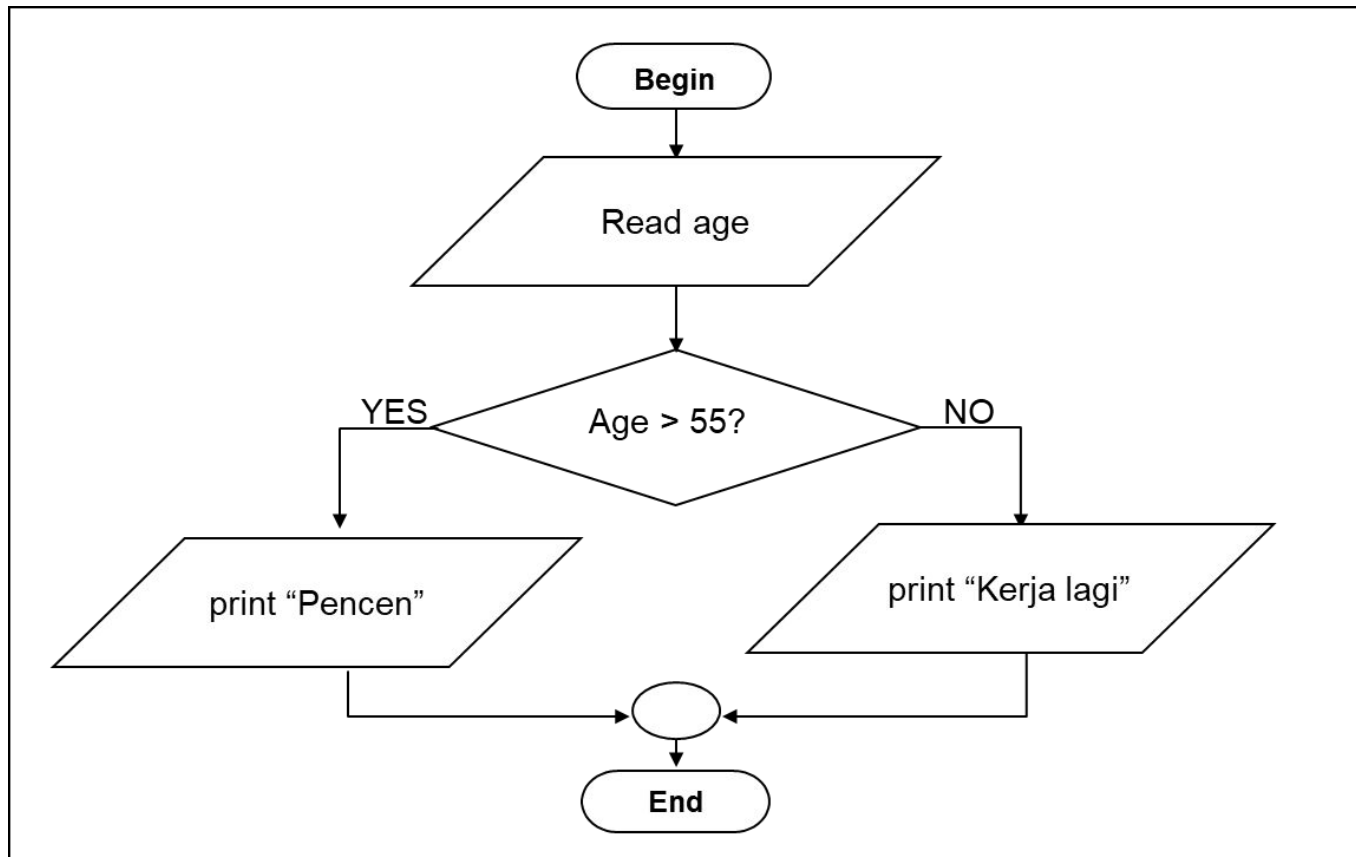
# Flowchart - Example 1



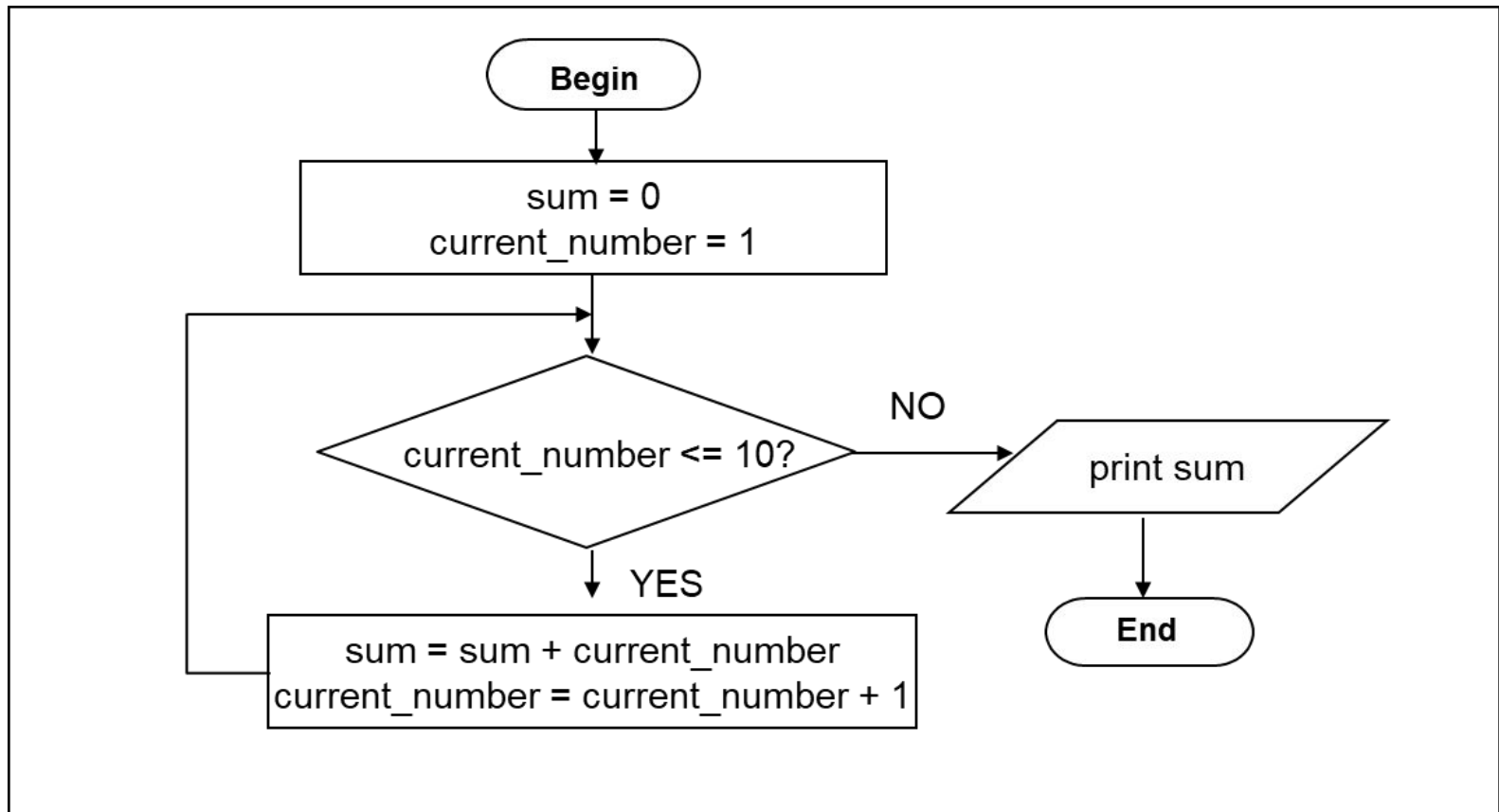
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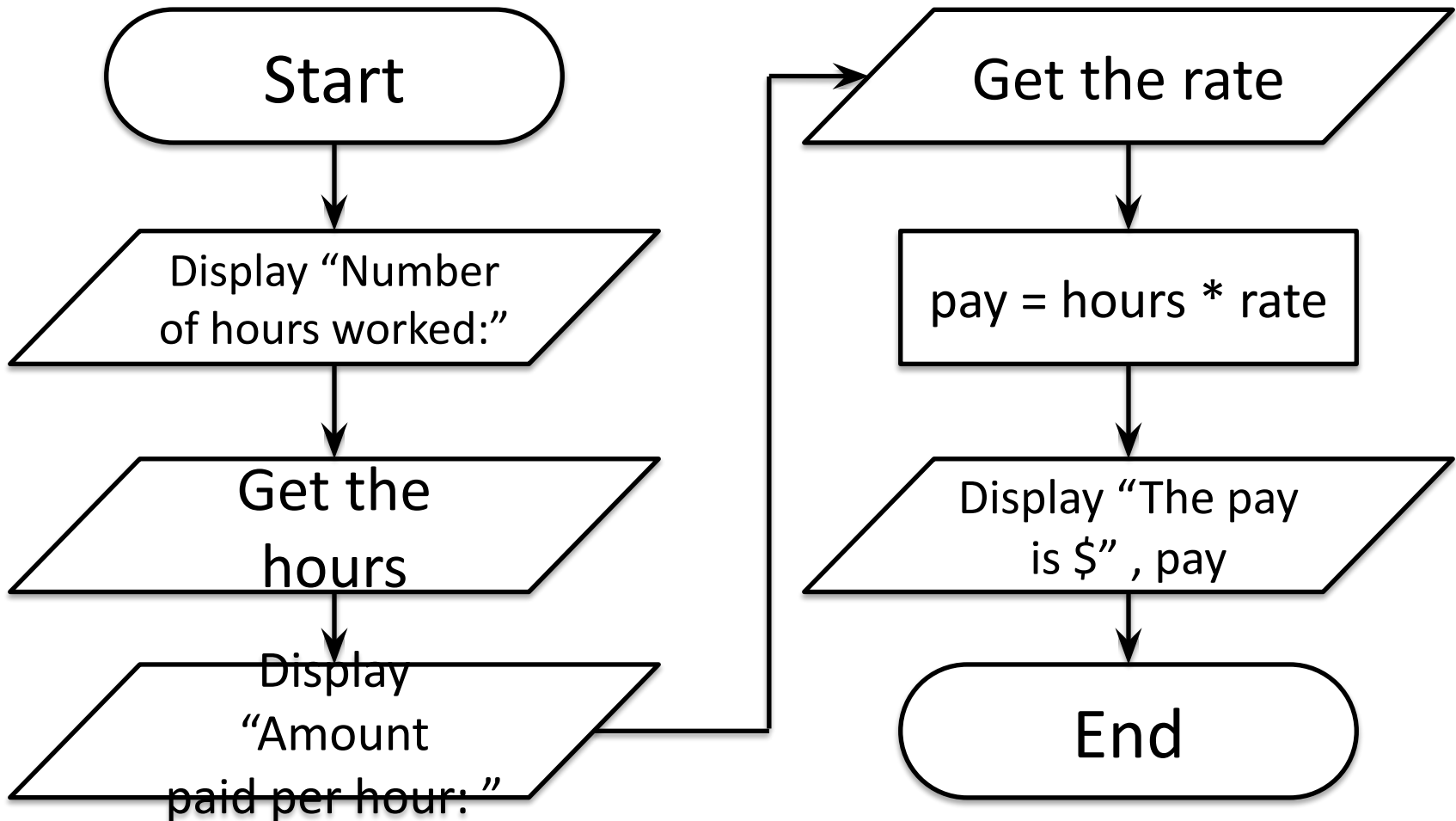
# Flowchart - Example 2



# Flowchart - Example 3



## Step 2B: Flowchart





# Steps 3 and 4: Implementation and Testing/Debugging

- We'll cover implementation in detail next class
- Testing and debugging your program involves identifying errors and fixing them
  - We'll talk about this later today

## More example...

**Example 1:** Write an algorithm to determine a student's final grade and indicate whether it is passing or failing. The final grade is calculated as the average of four marks.

# Pseudocode & Algorithm

## **Pseudocode:**

*Input a set of 4 marks*

*Calculate their average by summing and dividing by 4*

*if average is below 50*

*Print "FAIL"*

*else*

*Print "PASS"*

# Pseudocode & Algorithm

## Detailed Algorithm

Step 1: Input M1,M2,M3,M4

Step 2:  $GRADE \leftarrow (M1+M2+M3+M4)/4$

Step 3: if (GRADE < 50) then

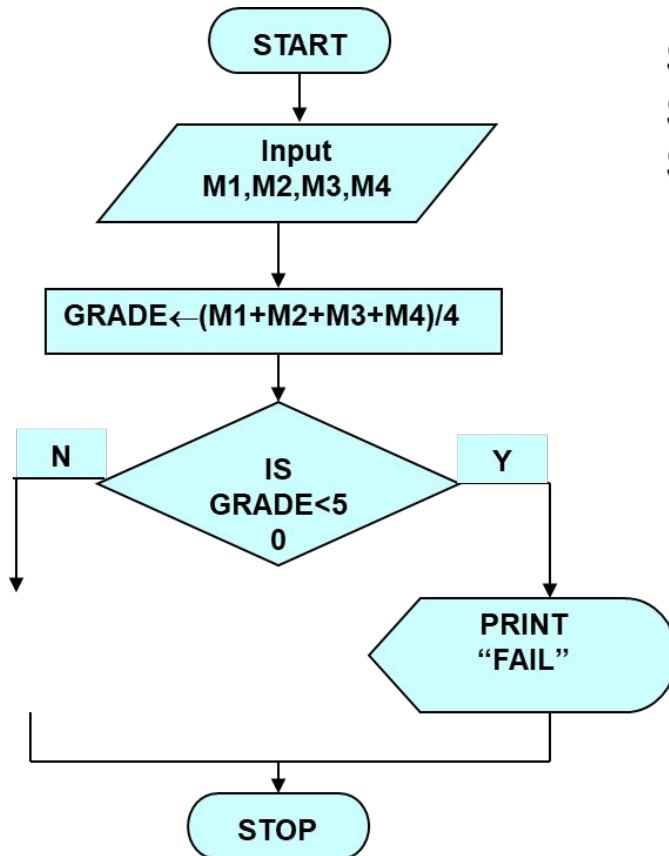
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else

    Print "PASS"

endif

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          endif

## Example 2

Write an algorithm and draw a flowchart to convert the length in feet to centimeter.

### **Pseudocode:**

*Input the length in feet (Lft)*

*Calculate the length in cm (Lcm) by multiplying LFT with 30*

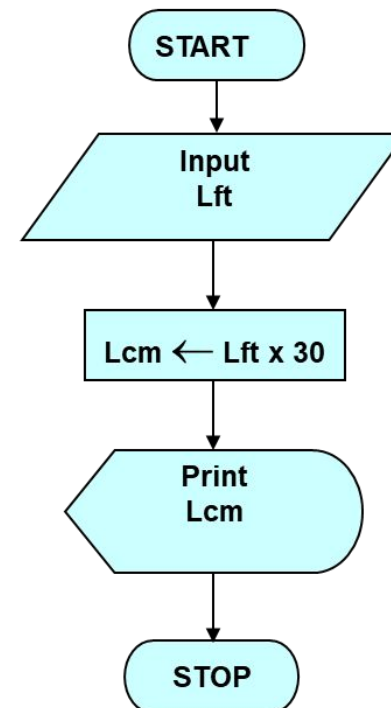
*Print length in cm (LCM)*

## Example 2

### Algorithm

- Step 1: Input Lft
- Step 2:  $Lcm \leftarrow Lft \times 30$
- Step 3: Print Lcm

### Flowchart



## Example 3

**Write an algorithm and draw a flowchart that will read the two sides of a rectangle and calculate its area.**

### **Pseudocode**

*Input the width ( $W$ ) and Length ( $L$ ) of a rectangle*

*Calculate the area ( $A$ ) by multiplying  $L$  with  $W$*

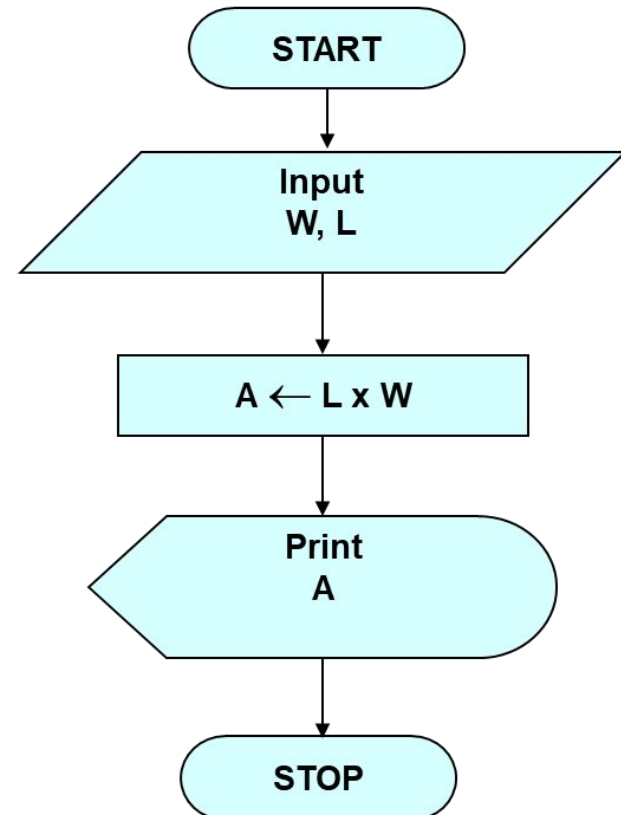
*Print  $A$*



## Example 3

### Algorithm

- Step 1: Input W,L
- Step 2:  $A \leftarrow L \times W$
- Step 3: Print A



# Algorithms and Language

- Notice that developing the algorithm didn't involve any Python at all
  - Only pseudocode or a flowchart was needed
  - An algorithm can be coded in any language
- All languages have 3 important control structures we can use in our algorithms

# Programming Principles

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- Structures that control how the program “flows” or operates, and in what order
- Sequence
- Decision Making
- Looping

# Sequence

- One step after another, with no branches
- Already wrote one for “Weekly Pay” problem
- What are some real life examples?
  - Dialing a phone number
  - Purchasing and paying for groceries

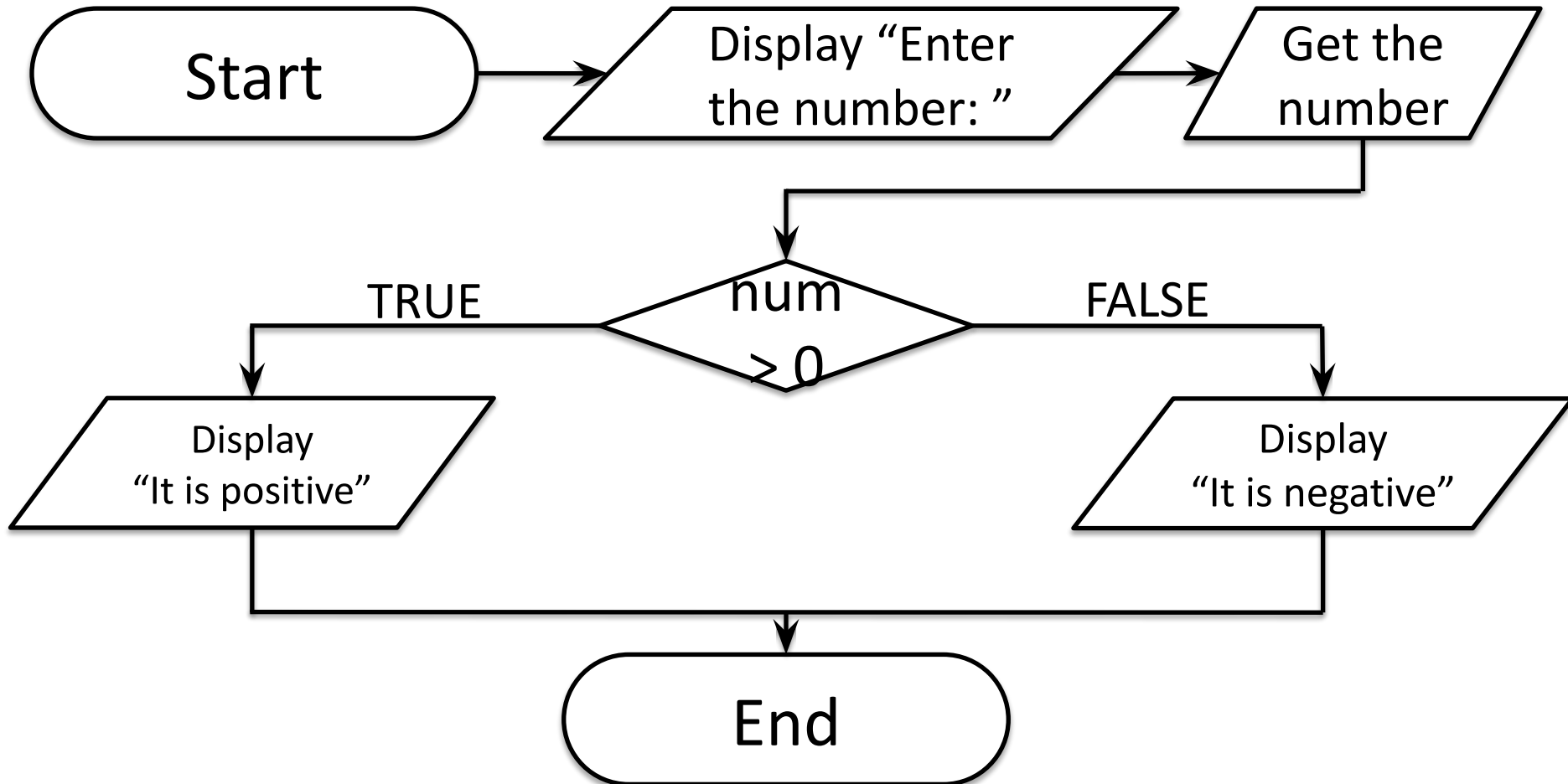
# Decision Making

- Selecting one choice from many based on a specific reason or condition
  - If something is true, do **A** ... if it's not, do **B**
- What are some real life examples?
  - Walking around campus (construction!)
  - Choosing where to eat lunch

# Decision Making: Pseudocode

- Answer the question “Is a number positive?”
    - Start with a plain English description
1. Display “Enter the number: ”
  2. Get the number (call it num)
  3. If  $\text{num} > 0$
  4.       Display “It is positive”
  5. Else
  6.       Display “It is negative”

# Decision Making: Flowchart





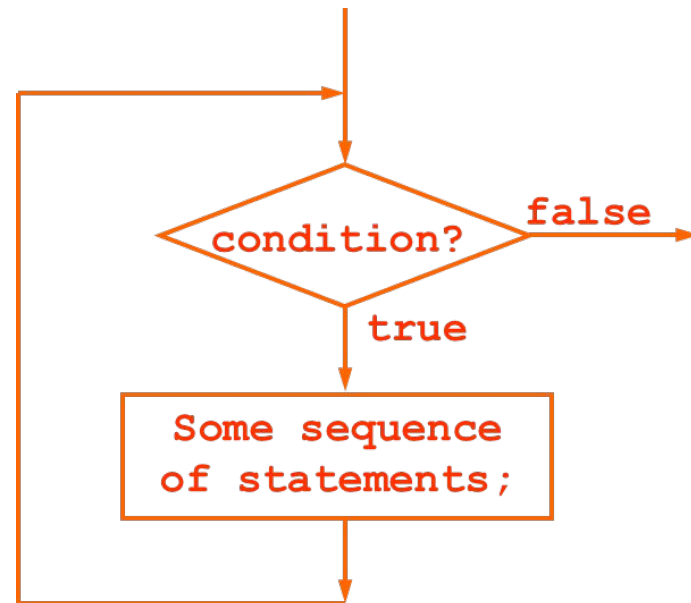
# Looping

- Doing something over and over again
- Used in combination with decision making
  - Otherwise we loop forever
    - This is called an “infinite loop”
- What are some real life examples?
  - Jogging, Assignment grading,
  - Walking up steps

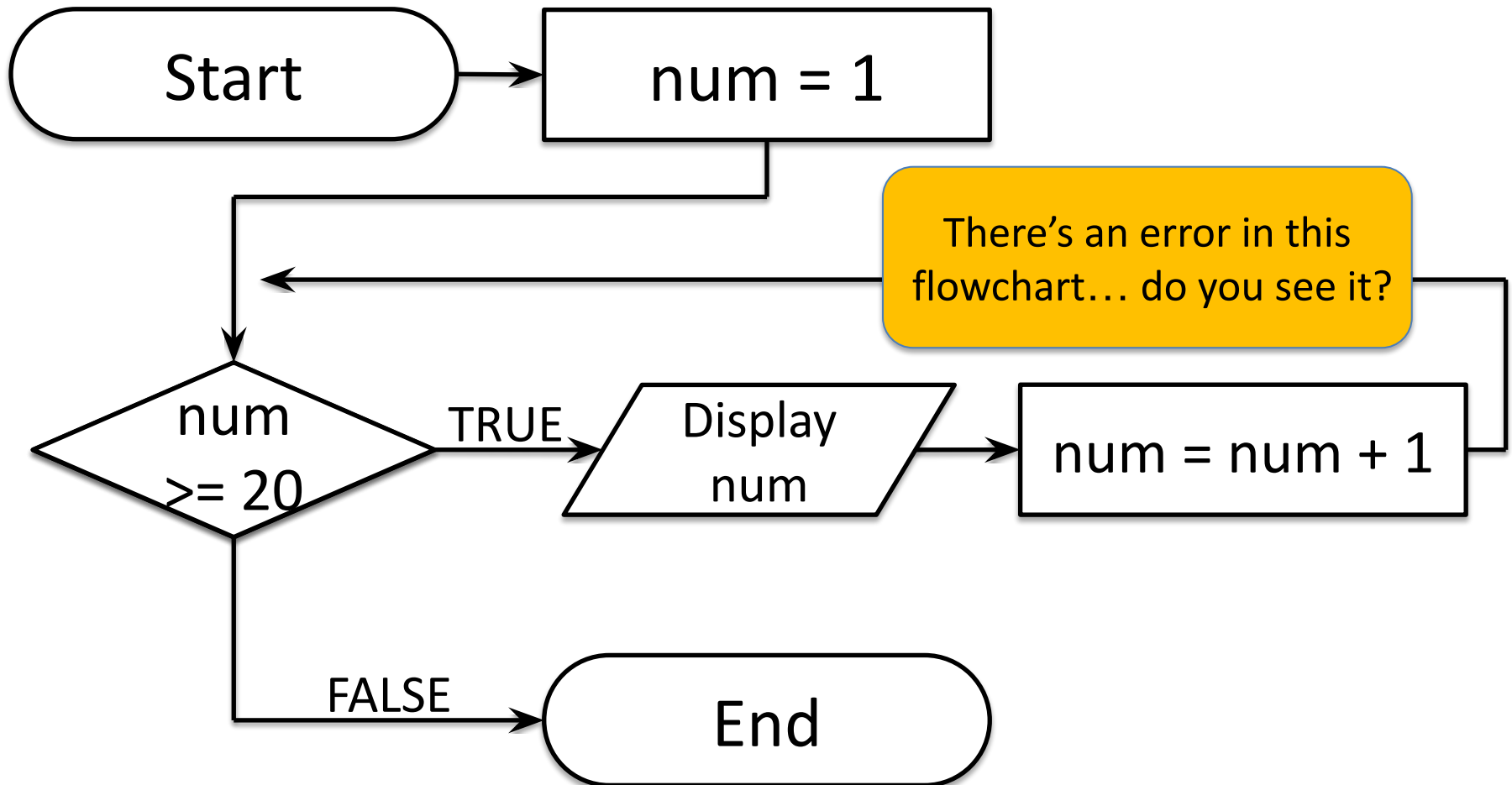
# Looping: Pseudocode

- Write an algorithm that counts from 1-20
  - Start with a plain English description

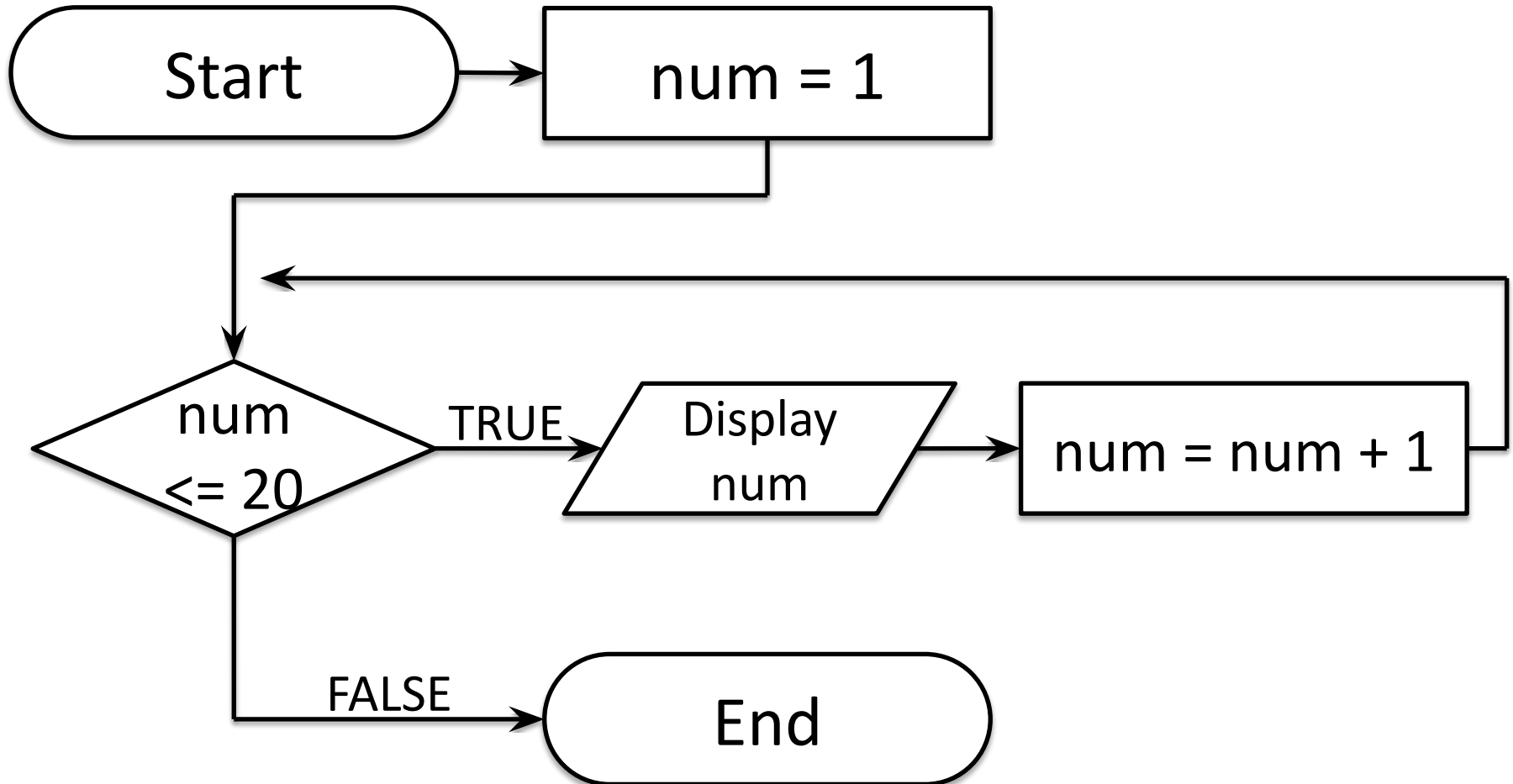
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1. Set num = 1
2. While num <= 20
3.     Display num
4.     num = num + 1
5. (End loop)
```



# Looping: Flowchart



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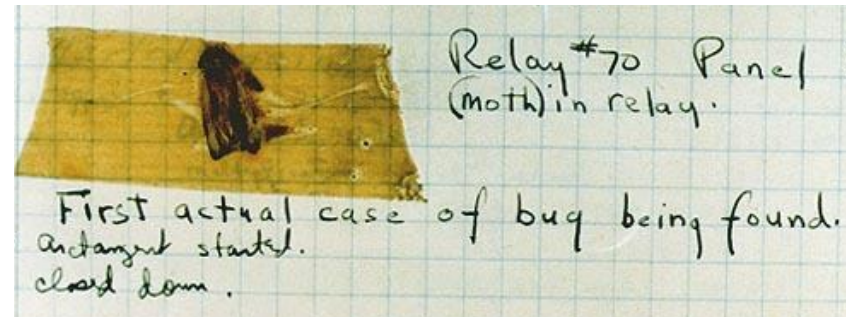


# Debugging

# A Bit of History on “Bugs”



- US Navy lab – September 9, 1947
- Grace Hopper and her colleagues were working on the Harvard Mark II
  - Or trying to... it wasn't working right
- They found a literal bug inside the machine
  - Taped the bug (a moth) into their log book



# Errors (“Bugs”)

- Two main classifications of errors
- Syntax errors
  - Prevent Python from understanding what to do
- Logical errors
  - Cause the program to run incorrectly, or to not do what you want

# Syntax Errors

- “Syntax” is the set of rules followed by a computer programming language
  - Similar to grammar and spelling in English
- Examples of Python’s syntax rules:
  - Keywords must be spelled correctly  
**True** and **False**, not **Ture** or **Flase** or **Truu**
  - Quotes and parentheses must be closed:  
**("Open and close")**



# Syntax Error Examples

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not actually a  
syntax error

# Logical Errors

- Logical errors don't bother Python at all... they only bother you!
- Examples of logical errors:
  - Using the wrong value for something  
**currentYear = 2013**
  - Doing steps in the wrong order
    - “Close jelly jar. Put jelly on bread. Open jelly jar.”

# Exercise

- Write an algorithm that asks a user for their name, then responds with “Hello NAME”
- You can use a flowchart or pseudocode

Start

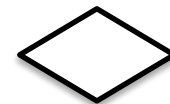
End



Input/Output



Data Processing



Decision



Flow Control

## Exercise #2

- Write an algorithm that asks a user for their grade, and tells them their letter grade.

A: 100 - 90

B: <90 - 80

C: <80 - 70

D: <70 - 60

F: <60 - 0

Start

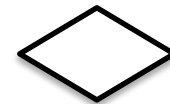
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