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Programming Fundamentals





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Module1

Pseudo code/Algorithms/Flow Charts

Flowcharts and pseudocode

Flowcharts and pseudocode are used to:

- ✓ Plan the logical steps for solving a programming problem.

What is Pseudocode?

- Pseudocode is a natural language description of a program.
- Allows the developer to focus on the logic of the code not details of syntax.
- It describe the entire logic of the task so that implementation becomes easier.
- The pseudocode acts as a blueprint for the source code.

Why Pseudocode ?

- Increase the Quality of program – Easy way for Analyst to ensure the code matches with design specifications.
- Thus it helps to ensure requirements are met and that program code meets good software development practice.
- Less Cost activity. Since Catching Logical errors is less tedious than catching them in development process.
- **There is no one defined way of writing pseudo code but a pseudo-code should possess three elements: clarity, precision and concise.**

Pseudo code can be broken down into five components:

- Variables
- Assignment
- Input/output
- Selection
- Repetition

Pseudo code can be broken down into five components:

- **A variable** - has a name, a data type, and a value. There is a location in memory associated with each variable.
- **Assignment** - is the physical act of placing a value into a variable. Assignment can be shown using `set = 5;` `set = num + set;`
- **Input / Output**- both deal with an outside source can be (a user or another program) receiving or giving information.
- **Selection** is our conditional statements – If else constructs
- **Repetition** is a construct that allows instructions to be executed multiple time – Loop constructs

Example 2: Get 5 numbers and output average Enter 5 numbers

Prompt & get the score for number1

Prompt & get the score for number2

Prompt & get the score for number3

Prompt & get the score for number4

Prompt & get the score for number5

$$\text{average} = (\text{number1} + \text{number2} + \text{number3} + \text{number4} + \text{number5}) / 5$$

Output average

Example 1 : Write a PseudoCode for Finding Whether a number is odd or even:

PROMPT is a Pseudocode keyword used to take inputs from the keyboard

STORE in a variable

BEGIN

PROMPT "Enter the number"

STORE IN num

IF num MOD 2 == 0) THEN

DISPLAY "Even Number"

ELSE

DISPLAY "Odd Number"

ENDIF

END



Example 3: Program to find the sum of first n natural numbers.

BEGIN

DECLARE num,count,sum AS INTEGER

PROMPT "Enter the value of n" AND STORE IN num

FOR COUNT = 1 TO num

sum+=count;

END FOR

PRINT "Sum is " + sum

END

Algorithm

- An algorithm is a set of instructions for solving a problem.
- It is a basic technique of how to do a specific task.
- It takes input, processes it according to a set of instructions, and generates output.
- An algorithm must provide correct output for every possible input condition.
- An algorithm must have a definite end point so that when the input has been processed and the desired output achieved, the process stops.

Example: Algorithm to calculate the difference between two numbers

START

READ A

READ B

$\text{DIFF} = A - B$

PRINT DIFF

STOP

Flowchart:

- A flow chart, is a graphical representation of a process or system that details the sequencing of steps required to create output.
 - shows logic of an algorithm
 - emphasizes individual steps and their interconnections
 - e.g. control flow from one action to the next
- Different symbols are used to draw each type of flowchart.

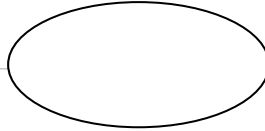
Flowchart Symbols

Name

Symbol

Use in Flowchart

Oval



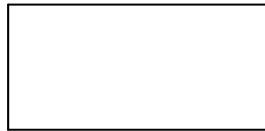
Denotes the beginning or end of the program

Parallelogram



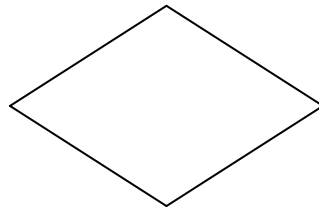
Denotes an input operation

Rectangle



Denotes a process to be carried out
e.g. addition, subtraction, division etc.

Diamond



Denotes a decision (or branch) to be made.
The program should continue along one of
two routes. (e.g. IF/THEN/ELSE)

Hybrid



Denotes an output operation

Flow line



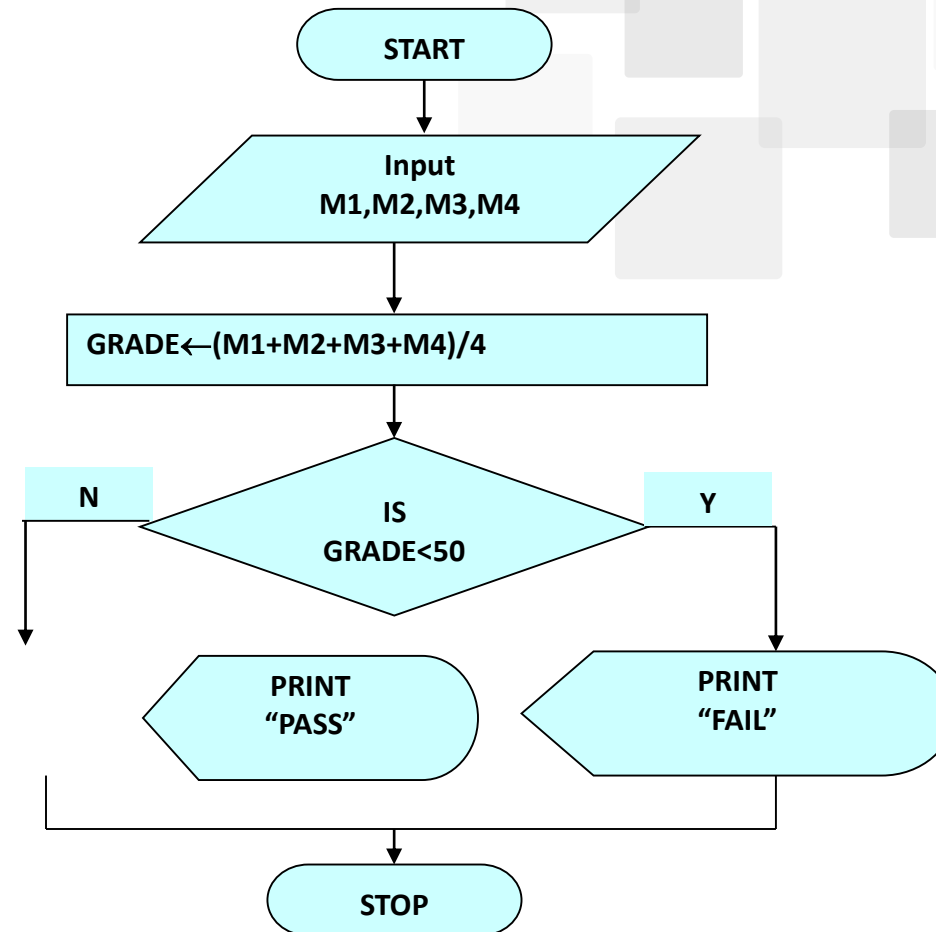
Denotes the direction of logic flow in the program

Example 1: Calculate Grade

Step 1: Input M1,M2,M3,M4

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

Step 3: if (GRADE < 50) then
 Print "FAIL"
else
 Print "PASS"
endif





Module3

Module 2: Variables

Variables

- **What is Variable?**
- A piece of your computer's memory that is given a name and type, and can store a value.
- We use variables to store the results of a computation and use those results later in our program.
- Variables are a bit like the 6 preset stations on your car stereo, except we can, essentially, have as many of them as we want, and we give them names, not numbers.

Variable DataTypes

- Numeric
- Boolean
- Character
- Date



Rules for naming a variable:

- Variable name may consists of number, characters, \$ sign and _ score but variable can't start with number.
- Variables can never used special characters like +, -, &, * #, ., etc.
- Space is not allowed in variable names
- Reserve words can not used as variable names like print, get, read, display if etc.
- Variable name must be unique in its scope.

Constants

- Constants are similar to variables except that they hold a fixed value. They are also called "READ" only variables.
- MAX_LENGTH = 420;
- PI = 3.1428;
- By convention upper case letters are used for defining constants.



Module3

Module 3:Decision Constructs

Decision or Selection

- Drive car or take BEST bus?
- Party or study? •
- Fly or drive?
- What is the common idea for all these activities?

- **Selection**

- if condition statement
- if condition statement1 else statement2
- if condition
statement1; ...
else statement2
- ...

Decision Making

- To facilitate conditional control flow in Java there are relational and logical operators to form a conditional expression that returns either true or false.

if-else

if $i < 10$

print "i is less than 10"

else

print "i is greater than or equal to 10"

Nested IF

Nesting of if statements is very helpful when you have something to do by following more than one decision.

```
boolean isSat = true;    int whichSat = 2;    boolean isHoliday = false;
```

```
if isSat
```

```
    if    whichSat == 2
```

```
        if isHoliday == false
```

```
            print "It is meeting today."
```

```
else
```

```
    print " No meeting today."
```

If-Else Ladder

```
ch = 'o';  
if ch == 'a' or ch == 'A'  
    print ch + " is vowel."  
else if ch == 'e' || ch == 'E'  
    print ch + " is vowel."  
else if ch == 'i' || ch == 'I'  
    print ch + " is vowel."  
else if ch == 'o' || ch == 'O'  
    print ch + " is vowel."  
else if ch == 'u' || ch == 'U'  
    print ch + " is vowel."  
else  
    print ch + " is a consonant."
```





Module4

Loops

How does the loop works?

- The test expression inside parenthesis is a boolean expression.
 - If the test expression is evaluated to true,
 - statements inside the while loop are executed.
 - then, the test expression is evaluated again.
- This process goes on until the test expression is evaluated to false.
- If the test expression is evaluated to false,
- while loop is terminated.

Repetitions:

- while Loops
- Repeat Loops
- for Loops
- break and continue

While Loop

while loop-continuation-condition

```
// the syntax for the while loop  
// loop-body;  
Statements
```

- If the `condition` is true, the `statement` is executed
- Then the condition is evaluated again, and if it is still true, the statement is executed again
- The statement is executed repeatedly until the condition becomes false

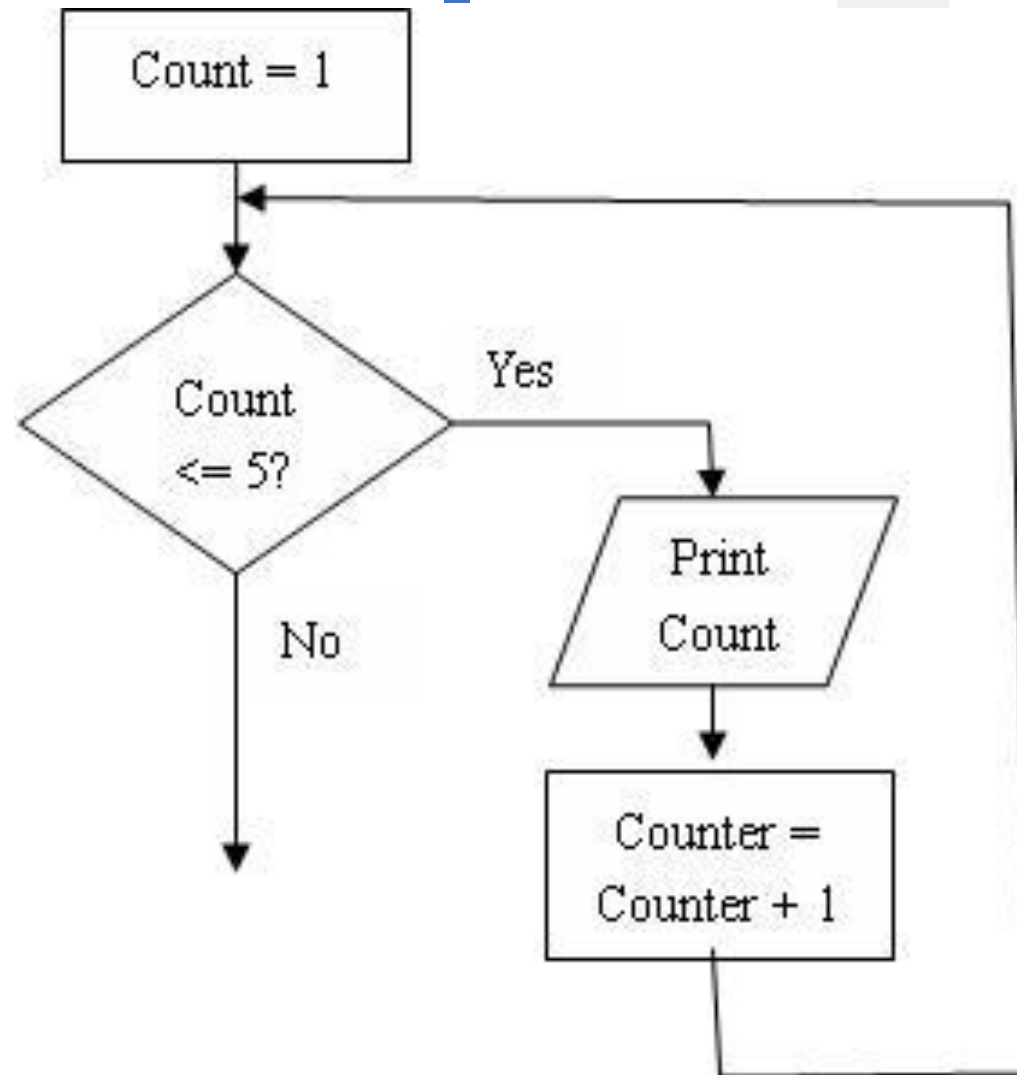
Example:

```
int count = 0;

while count < 100
print "Welcome to Java!"
count++;
```

- The variable count is initially **0**. The loop checks whether count < 100 is true.
- If so, it executes the loop body to print the message "Welcome to Java!" and increments count by 1.
- It repeatedly executes the loop body until count < 100 becomes false.
- When count < 100 is false, the loop terminates and the next statement after the loop statement is executed.

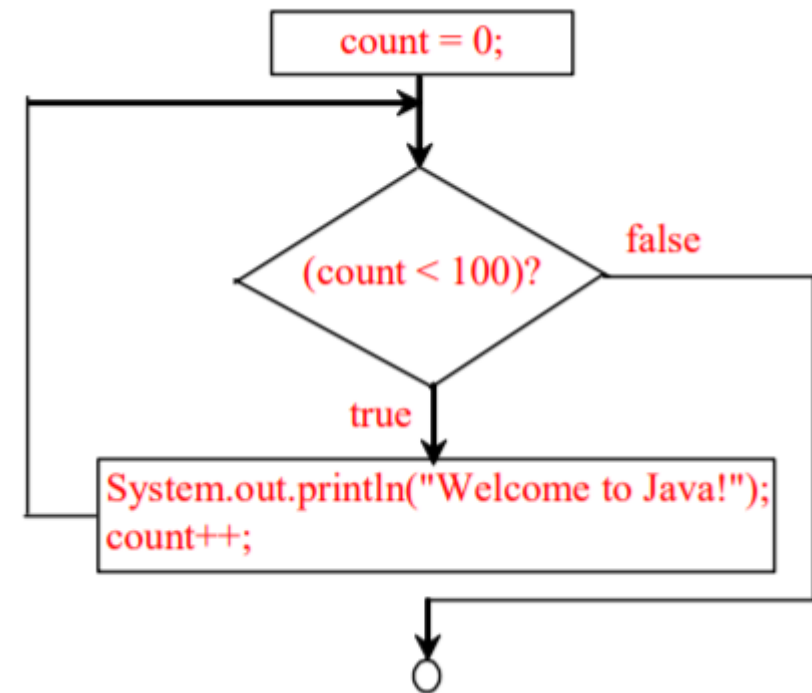
While Loop:



Example : Print Welcome to Java! 100 times

```
int count =0;  
while count<100
```

```
    Print "Welcome to Java!"  
    count ++;
```



Repeat untill loop

Repeat

// Loop body;
Statements

untill continue-condition

The `statement` is executed once initially, and then the `condition` is evaluated

The statement is executed repeatedly until the condition becomes false

```
int count = 0;  
repeat  
count++;  
  print count  
untill count < 5
```

for loop

for condition

statement;

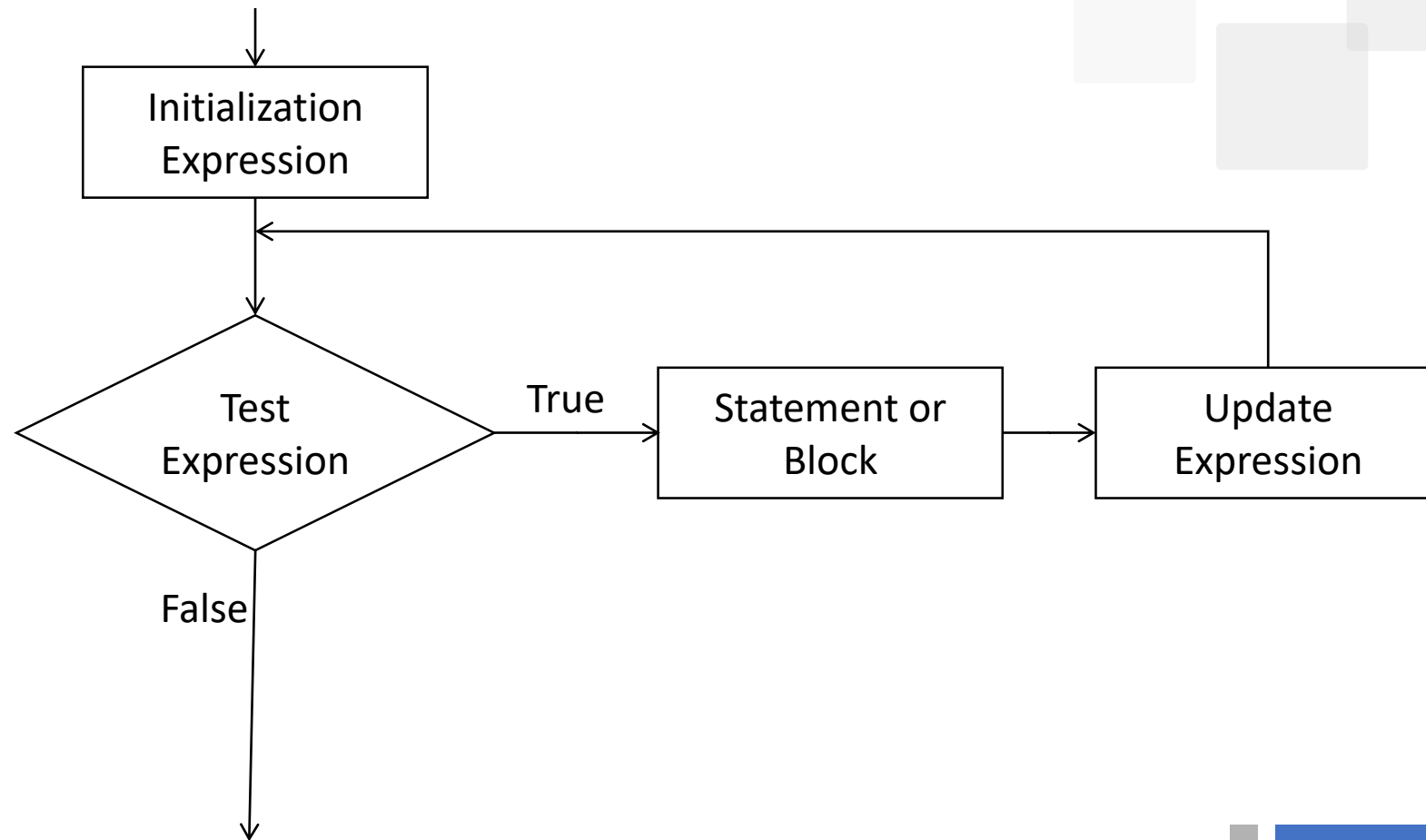
- The initialization is executed once before the loop begins
- The statement is executed until the condition becomes false

For Loop:

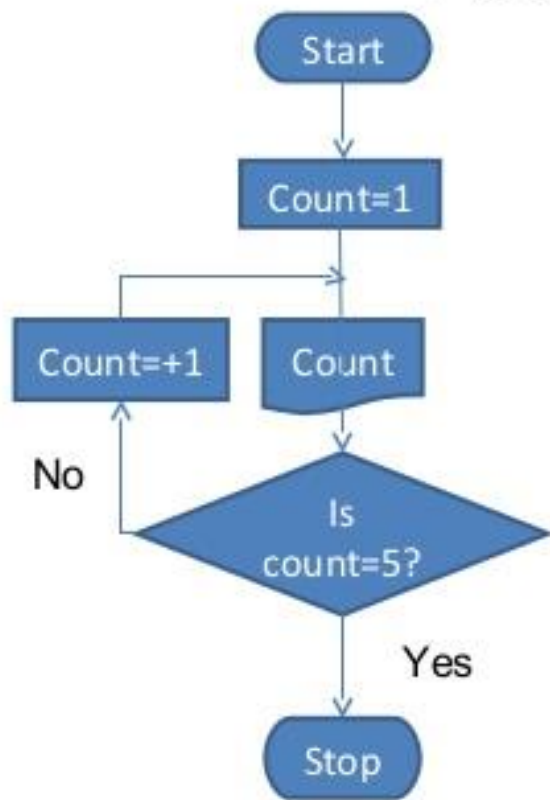
```
for count = 1 to 5  
    println count
```

- Like a `while` loop, the **condition** of a `for` loop is tested prior to executing the loop body
- Therefore, the body of a `for` loop will execute zero or more times

for Loop Flowchart



Flowchart Iteration



FOR LOOP

Range

```
Start
for Count = 1 to 5 by 1 do
  Print Count
end for
end
```

WHILE LOOP

Range

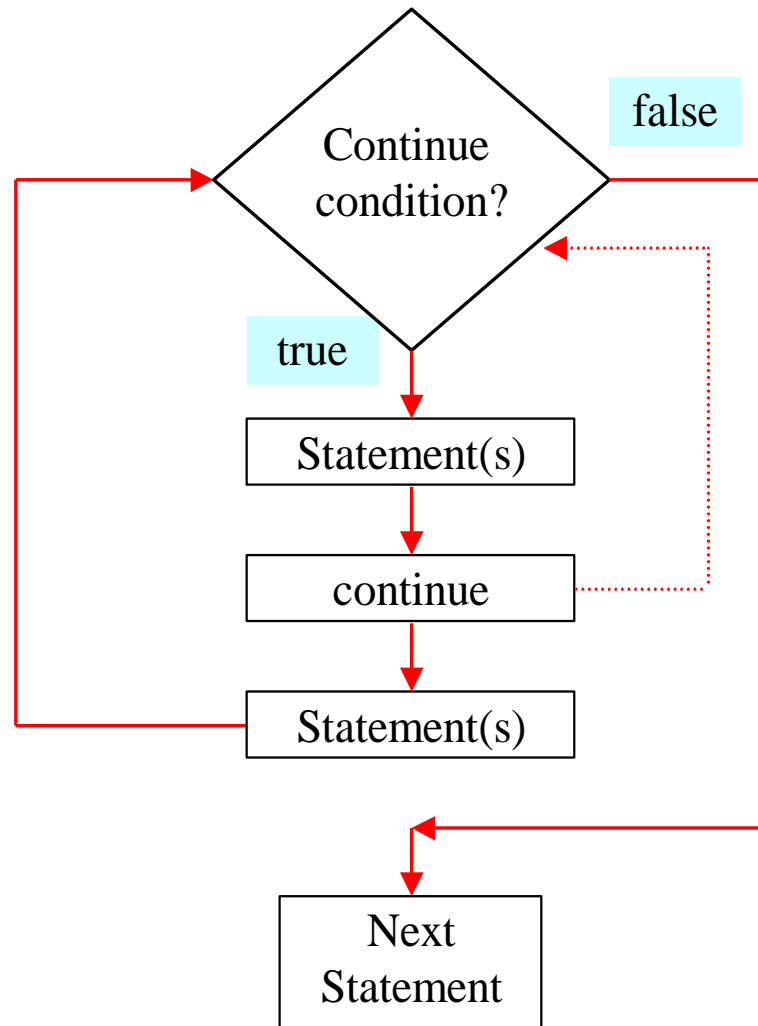
```
Start
Count = 1
while Count <= 5 do
  Print Count
  Count=Count+1
end while
end
```

REPEAT LOOP

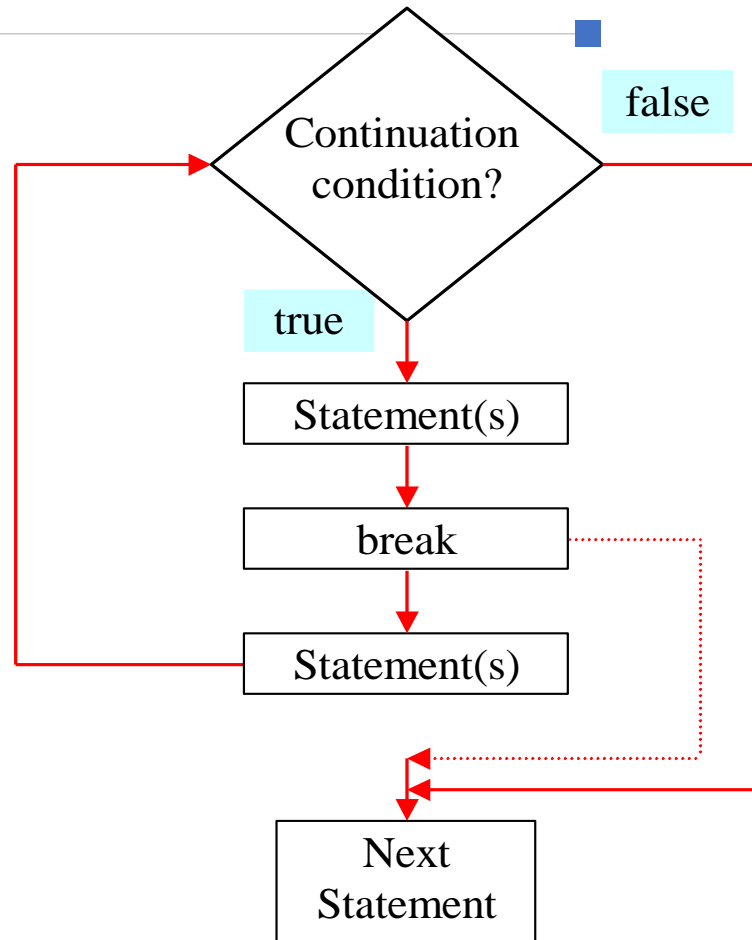
Range

```
Start
Count = 1
repeat
  Print Count
  Count=Count+1
until count > 5
end
```

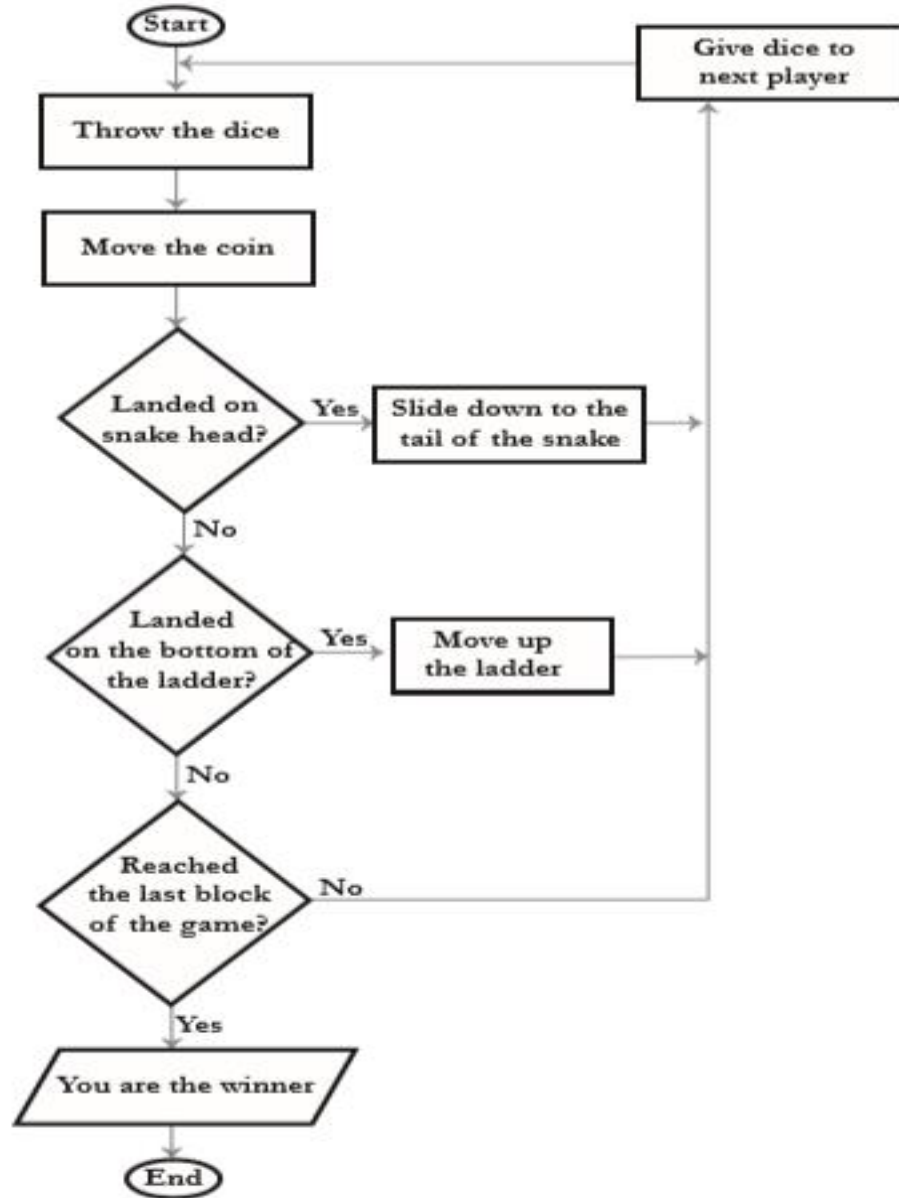
The continue Keyword



The `break` Keyword



Flowchart - Snakes and Ladder game



Thank You

