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Flowchart Conventions

Name	Symbol	Usage
Start or Stop/End	Start	Signifies the start or end of a sequence.
Process	Process	An instruction.
Input/Output	Input/Output	Data received or sent by a computer.
Decision	Decision	A condition which is either true or false.
Subroutines	Subroutine	Calls a subroutine
Direction of Flow		Connects the symbols.

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Python Syntax

Action	Python code
Assign a variable	<pre>myVariable = 42 myOtherVariable = "Hello"</pre>
Print something	<pre>print("This will be printed")</pre>
Getting input	<pre>age = input("How old are you?")</pre>
if/else	<pre>if age > 17: print("You are an adult") else: print("You are not an adult yet")</pre>
for loop	<pre>for i in range(0,10): print(i)</pre>
while loop	<pre>while(True): print("hello again")</pre>

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Keywords

Algorithms Decomposition

Abstraction Selection
Subroutine Iteration

Algorithms - is a set of simple instructions that are done in a certain order to solve a problem.

Decomposition - is the process of breaking a complex problem into smaller component parts.

Abstraction - is the process of removing unnecessary detail and simplifying. Abstraction is used to remove unnecessary detail from a real-world situation and to model the simplified result in an algorithm or program.

Selection - in selection, a question is asked, and depending on the answer, the program takes one of two courses of action.

Subroutine - are a sequence of instructions that perform a specific task.

Iteration - an iteration is a single pass through a set of instructions. Most programs contain loops of instructions that are executed over and over again. The computer repeatedly executes the loop, iterating through the loop.