

Conditionals

CS 101 - Spring 2018

ENGINEERING FLOWCHART

DOES IT MOVE?

NO

SHOULD IT?

NO

NO

PROBLEM

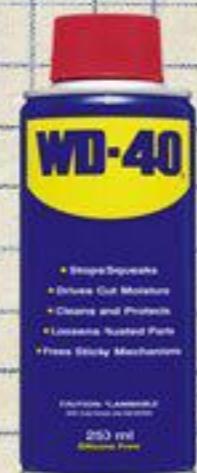
YES

SHOULD IT?

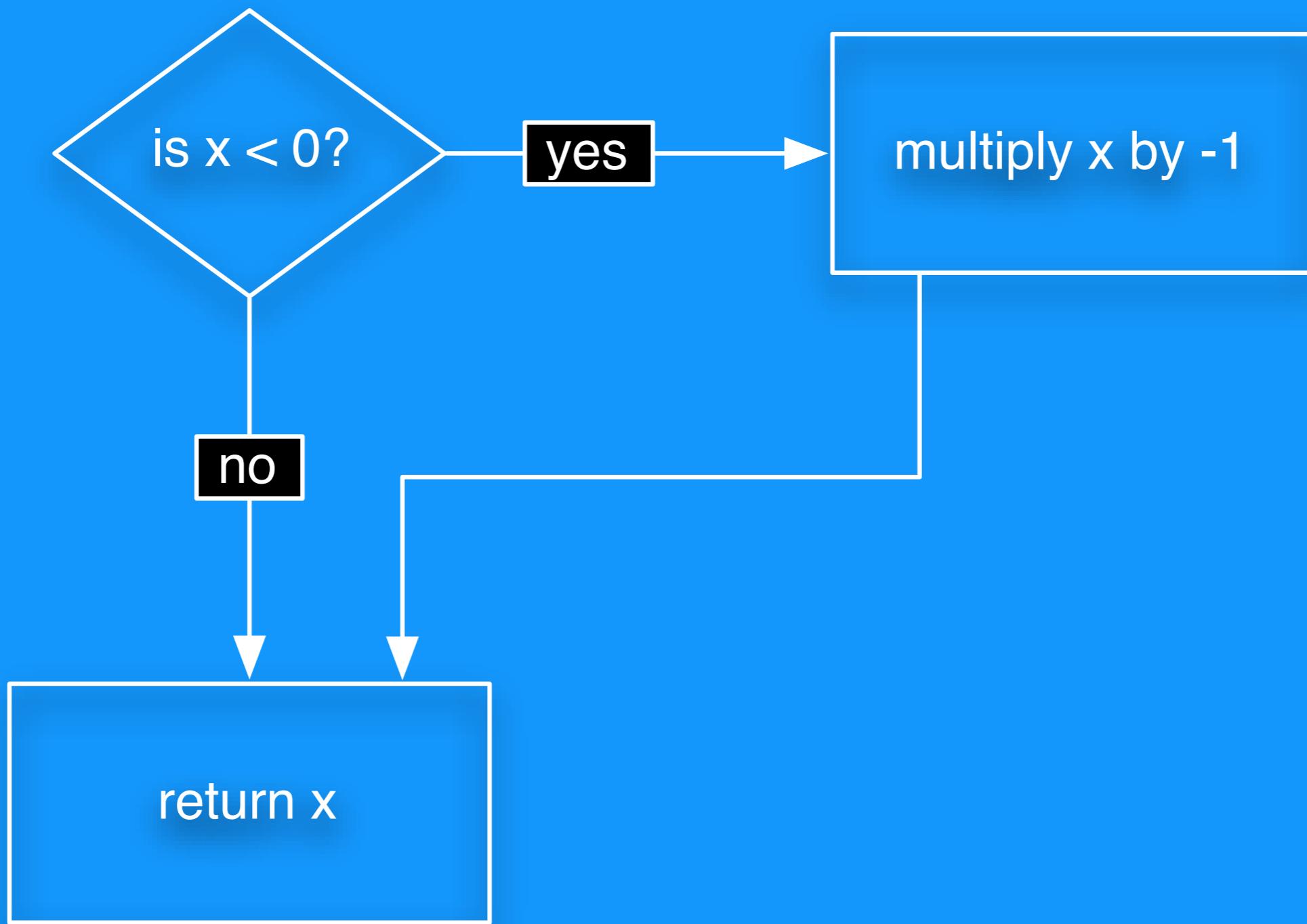
YES

NO

PROBLEM

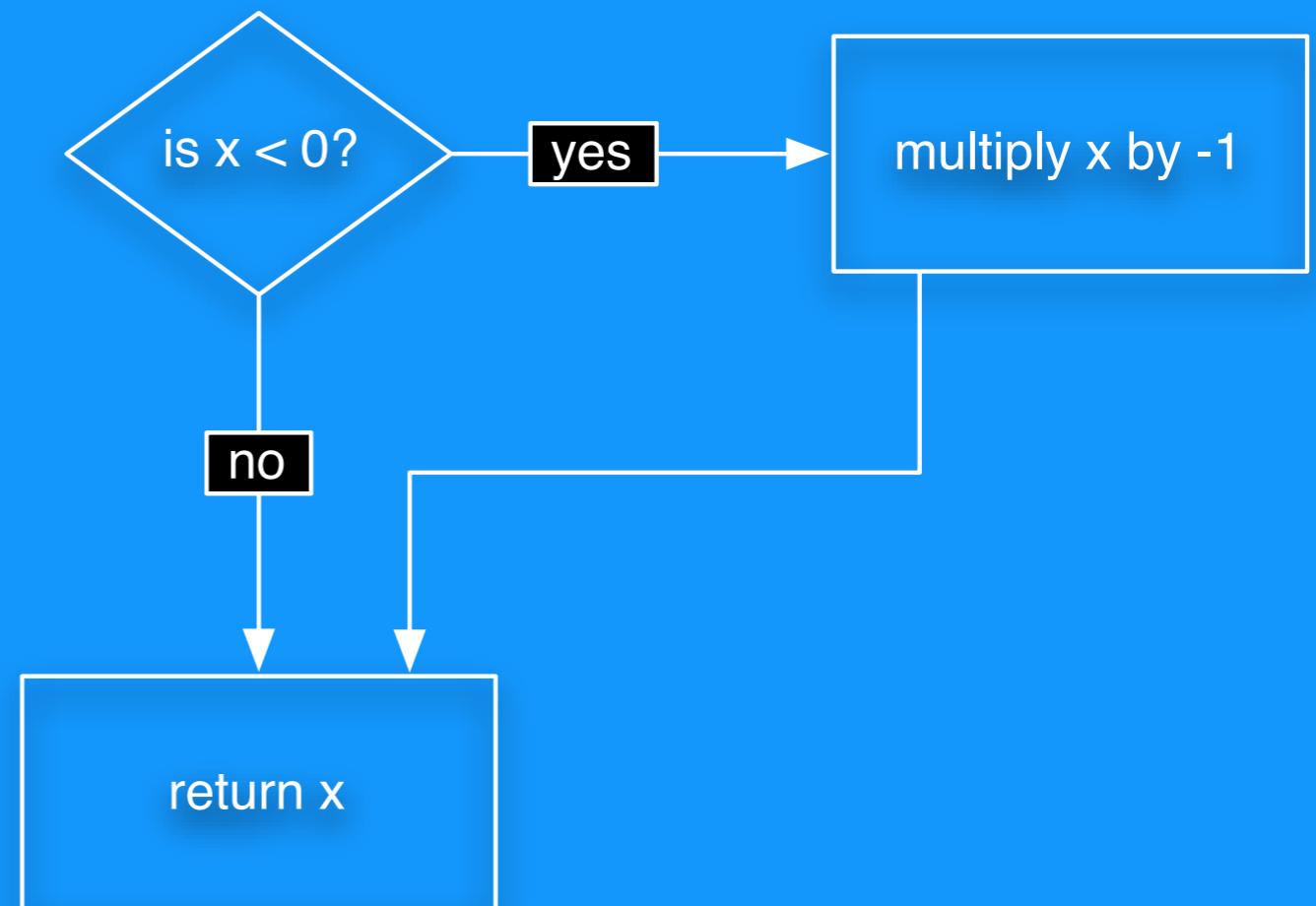


Calculate the absolute value



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```
def absolute(x):  
    if x < 0:  
        x = x * -1  
    return x
```



Basic conditional statement

new keyword

```
if condition:  
    statement  
    statement
```

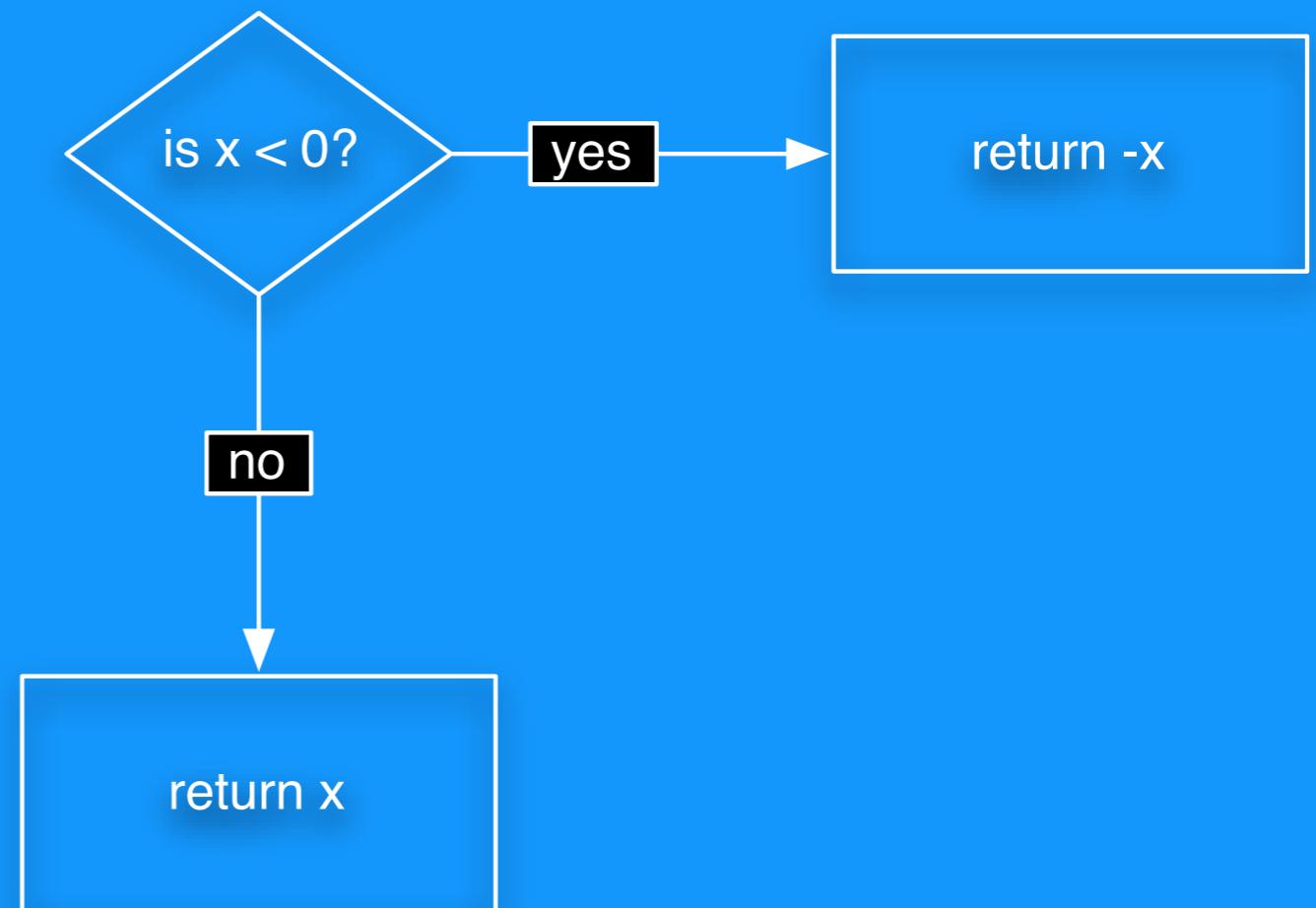
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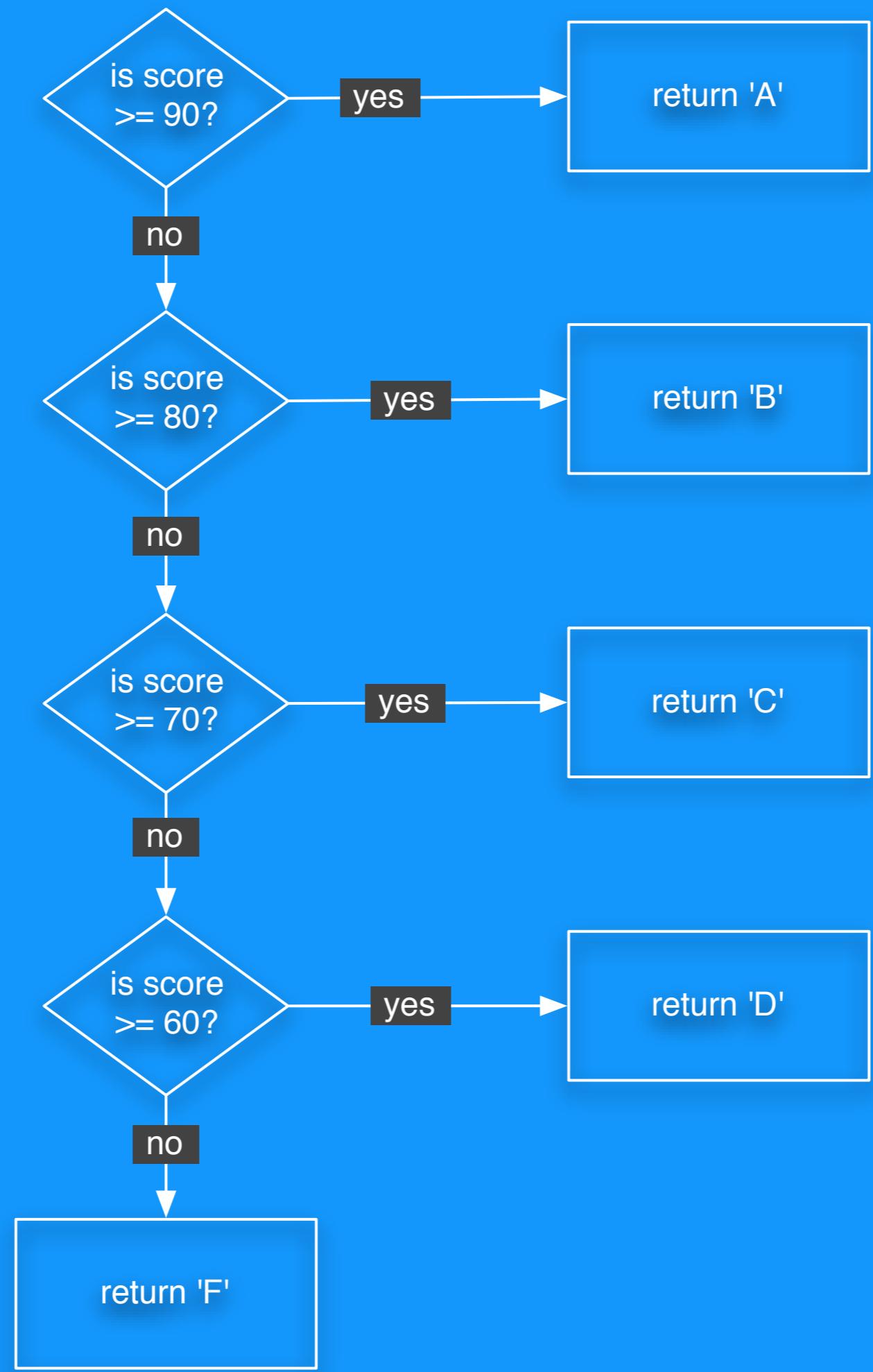
A condition is any Boolean expression. i.e., it evaluates to either **True** or **False**

Like functions, conditional statements form **blocks** using colons and indentation. All statements within the block are executed if the condition is true.

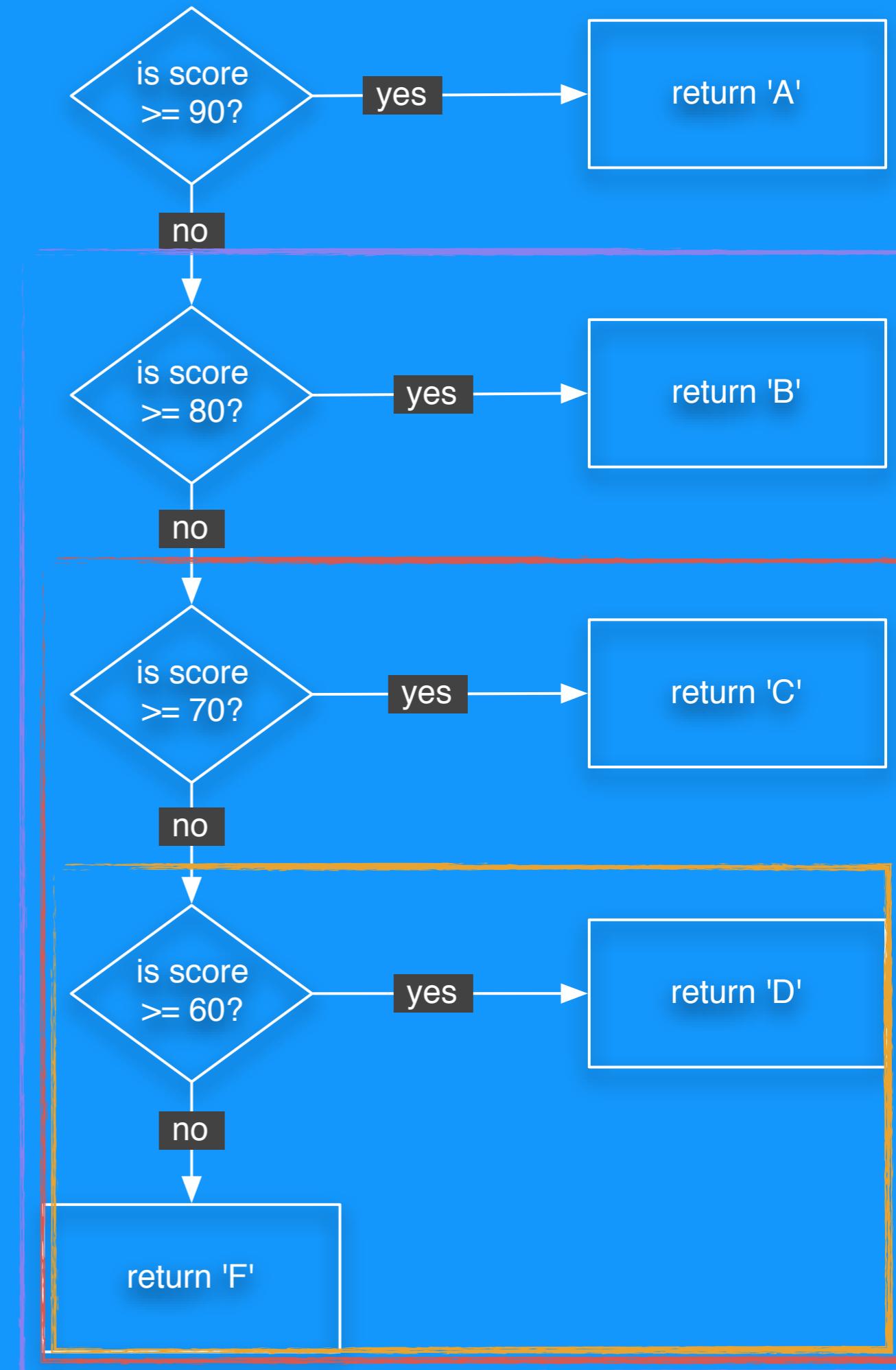
Calculate the absolute value v2

```
def absolute(x):  
    if x < 0:  
        return -x  
    else:  
        return x
```

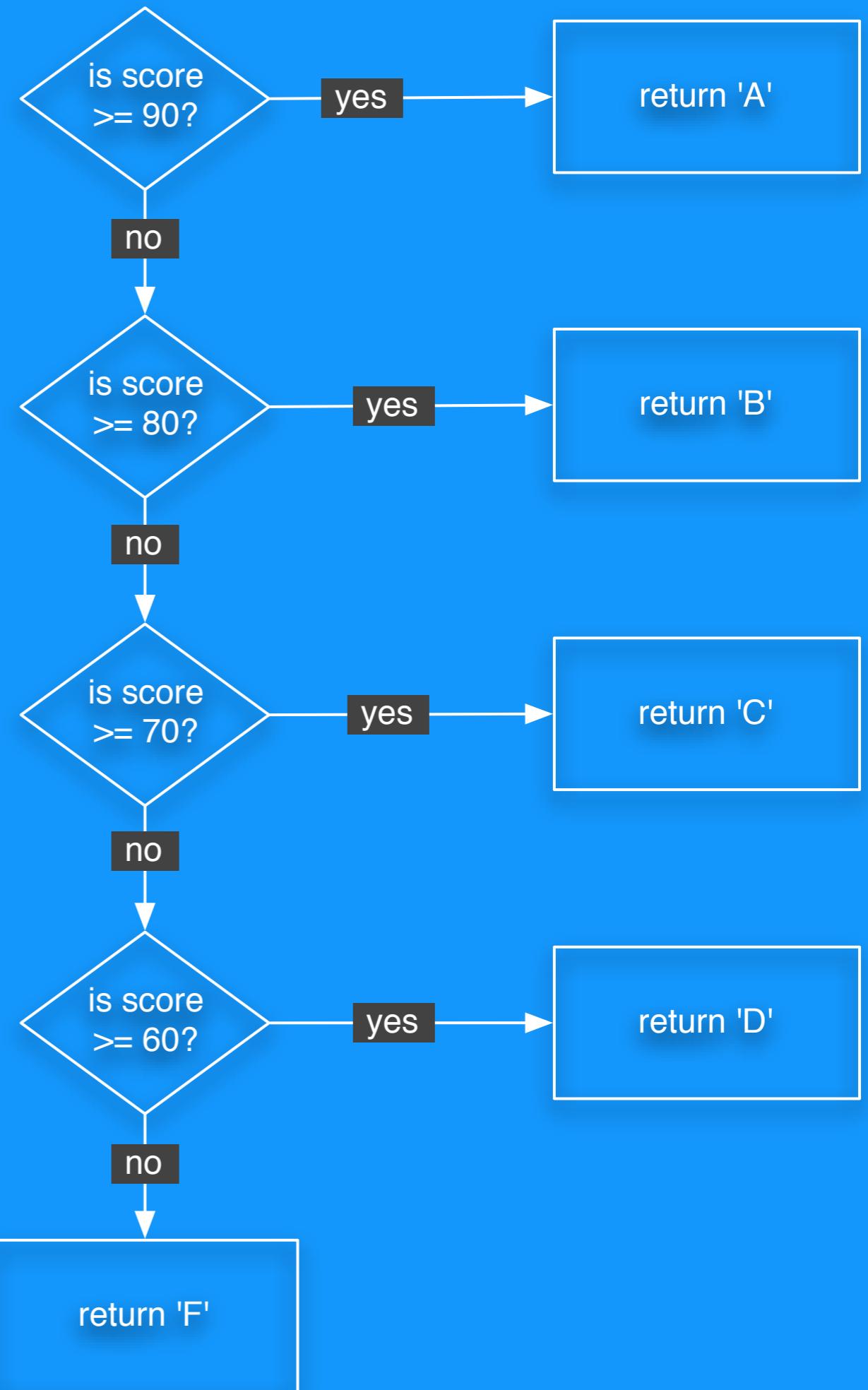




```
def assignGrade(score):
    if score >= 90:
        return 'A'
    else:
        if score >= 80:
            return 'B'
        else:
            if score >= 70:
                return 'C'
            else:
                if score >= 60:
                    return 'D'
                else:
                    return 'F'
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elif is just short of 'else if'. it is a way to eliminate excessive indentation of nested conditions