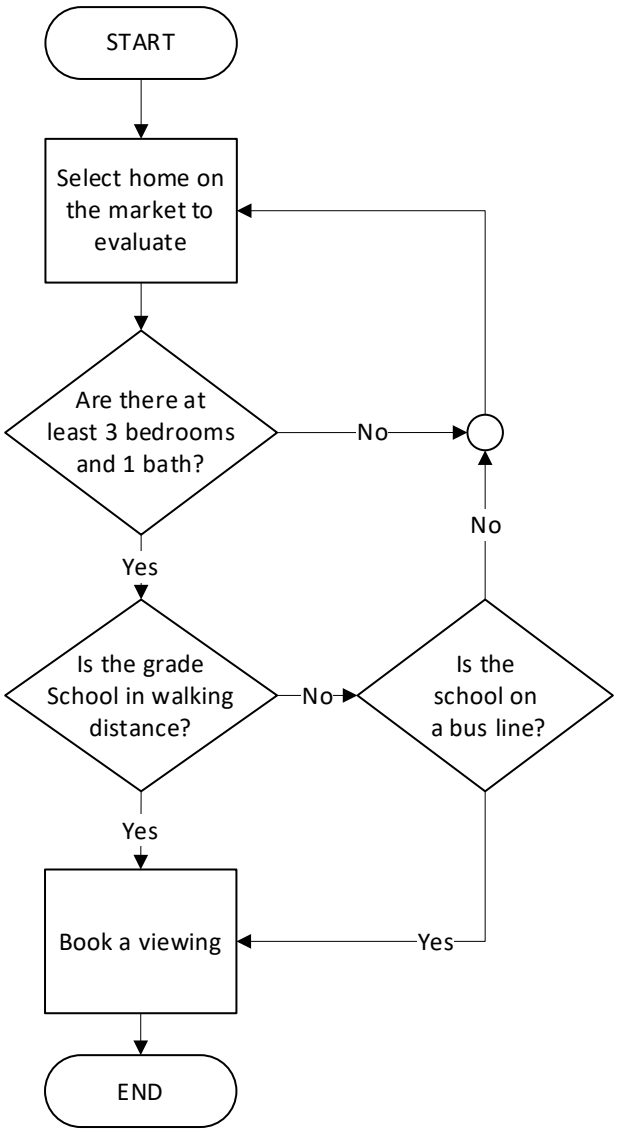
IT510: The Decision Flowchart

A special help document

First step: Make sure you read through the Unit 3 Reading PDF. Review all parts including the embedding instructions and troubleshooting information.

You must create a flowchart that helps you make decisions about a webhost service purchase. Importantly, **do *not* insert webhost names in the diagram.** Your flowchart should be usable to evaluate any host.

In the example below, a home purchase is considered. Obviously, more decisions would need to be made, but this should help you understand the process and critical thinking needed for your first diagram. Notably, this is not specific to the actual house; the idea is that this flowchart is usable no matter which house might be considered.



Read through this decision diagram; follow arrows.

- There is one Start and one End. These are capsule-shaped, not ovals.
- Rectangles are used for statements.
- All decisions are in diamond shapes and have both yes and no responses.
- In this scenario, some “no” answers loop back to selecting a new home to evaluate. There are no “dead ends," and instead, negative answers loop back to a new home selection.
- No arrows are crossing; the flow is easy to follow.
- There are three decisions (you need ***four*** for the assignment).

This is **not** a READ / WRITE diagram. It is only for making decisions.

Why do you have to identify specific web hosts or a comparison site?

- To demonstrate that you know what a web host is.
- To demonstrate that you can follow instructions and find suitable URLs.
- To help you in identifying features that you will want to include in your decisions.