Flowchart

Flowchart Symbols

**Flowcharts** use special shapes to represent different types of actions or steps in a **process**. Lines and arrows show the sequence of the steps, and the relationships among them. These are known as flowchart symbols. The type of diagram dictates the flowchart symbols that are used.

The following chart shows the flowchart symbols and their names and functions.

The symbol that appears to be an oval is named Start/End. It’s function is “An oval represents a start or end point”.  
The symbol that appears to be an arrow is named Arrows. It’s function is “A line is a connector that shows relationships between the representative shapes  
The symbol that appears to be an parallelogram is named Input/Output. It’s function is “An parallelogram represents input or output”.  
The symbol that appears to be an rectangle is named Process. It’s function is “An rectangle represents a process”.  
The symbol that appears to be an diamond is named Decision. It’s function is “An diamond represents a decision”.