

# Nested for Loop in C#

A **nested for loop** is when a for loop is placed inside another for loop. This structure is useful when dealing with multidimensional problems, such as working with matrices, creating patterns, and performing repetitive calculations.

```
for (initialization; condition; increment/decrement)
{
    for (initialization; condition; increment/decrement)
    {
        // Inner loop statements
    }
    // Outer loop statements
}
```

- The **outer loop** runs first.
  - For each iteration of the **outer loop**, the **inner loop** runs completely.
  - The process continues until the **outer loop** condition fails.
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## Example 1: Printing a Multiplication Table

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) // Outer loop for rows
{
    for (int j = 1; j <= 5; j++) // Inner loop for columns
    {
        Console.Write((i * j) + "\t"); // Print product
    }
    Console.WriteLine(); // New line after each row
}
```

## Output:

```
1 2 3 4 5
2 4 6 8 10
3 6 9 12 15
4 8 12 16 20
5 10 15 20 25
```

## Example 2: Printing a Right-Angled Triangle

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) // Controls rows
{
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) // Controls columns
    {
        Console.Write("* ");
    }

    Console.WriteLine(); // Move to next line
}
```

### Output:

```
*
* *
* * *
* * * *
* * * * *
```

### Explanation:

- The outer loop determines the number of rows (i)
  - The inner loop prints \* according to the row number.
  - Each row has i stars.
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## Example 4: Printing a Pyramid Pattern

```
int n = 5; // Number of rows

for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) // Controls rows
{
    for (int j = 1; j <= n - i; j++) // Prints spaces
    {
        Console.Write(" ");
    }

    for (int k = 1; k <= 2 * i - 1; k++) // Prints stars
    {
        Console.Write("*");
    }

    Console.WriteLine(); // Move to the next line
}
```

**Output:**

```
  *  
  
 ***  
  
 *****  
  
 *****  
  
 *****
```

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**Key Takeaways**

- 1. **Execution Order:**
  - The inner loop completes all its iterations for each outer loop iteration.
- 2. **Use Cases:**
  - Matrix operations
  - Printing patterns
  - Working with multi-dimensional arrays
- 3. **Performance Consideration:**
  - Nested loops increase time complexity.
  - Avoid unnecessary nesting to optimize performance.