



Basic Program Structure Repetition (Looping)

Lesson Objectives



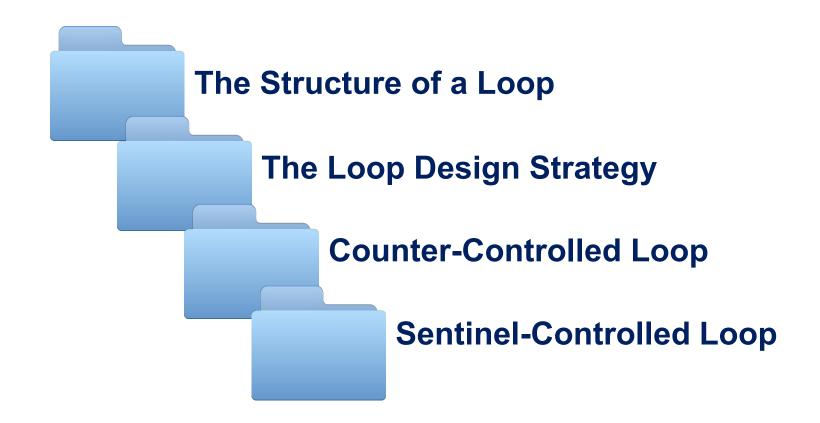


At the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the need for repetition in programming
- Familiarize with the structure of a loop
- Apply the loop design strategy when developing loops
- Distinguish between counter-controlled loop and sentinel-controlled loop

Topic Outline

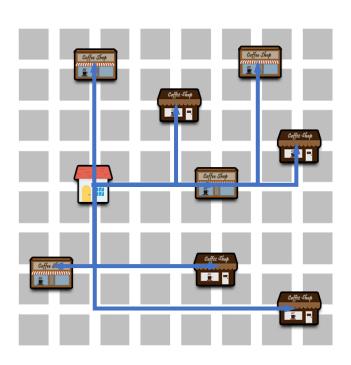




Recall: Finding Distance Between Two Points



What if there were many coffee shops?



If we only have a sequence... \Rightarrow Tedious

We need to repeat certain instruction(s).

E.g., calculate the travel distance between two points **exactly** *N* **times**, where *N* is the total number of coffee shops.

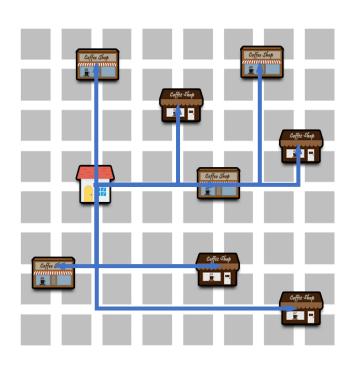
N times

```
Read horizonDist
Read vertDist
dist = horizonDist + vertDist
Display distance traveled between these two points
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Display distance traveled between these two points
:
```

Recall: Finding Distance Between Two Points



What if there were many coffee shops?



If we only have a sequence...

⇒ Not reusable



Different users have different numbers of coffee shops nearby.

Hence, the number to repeat the certain instruction has to be changed for different users.

Solution: Looping

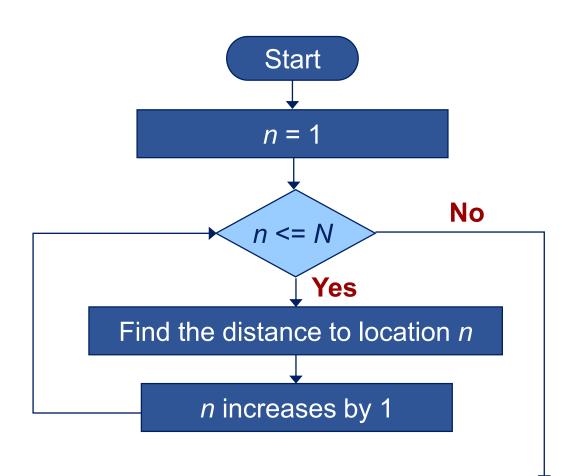


Looping

A computer program **can dynamically** choose how many times it repeats certain instruction(s) **during** the programme runtime.

Program instructions can be repeated dynamically.

 Sometimes three times, sometimes 1,000 times, or sometimes not even repeat at all.



Solution: Looping (Cont'd)



The program is the same for different users (it doesn't need to change for different numbers of repetitions).

Pseudocode

```
Count = 1
WHILE count <= N
    Read horizonDist
    Read vertDist
    dist = horizonDist + vertDist
    Display distance traveled between two points
    Increase count by 1
END WHILE</pre>
```

General Structure of a Loop



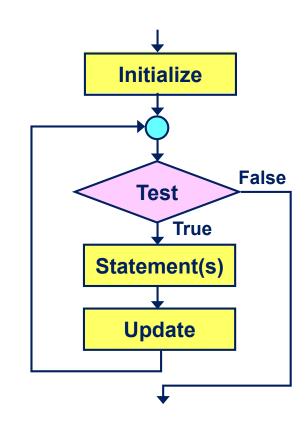
Four Steps

1. Initialize Loop control variable

2. Test Continue the loop or not?

3. Loop body Main computation being repeated

Modify the value of the loop control variable so that next time when we test, we may exit the loop



- Sometimes a loop may not have all of them. E.g., *Infinite loop* (Test condition is always true).
- A one-time execution of a loop body is referred to as an iteration of the loop.

General Structure of a Loop: More Application



Compute the Average Height of the Students in a Class



General Structure of a Loop: More Application (Cont'd)



Compute the Average Height of N Students in a Class

	Pseudocode			
	SET sum TO 0			
1	SET counter TO 0	// Initialize		
2	WHILE counter < N // Test			
3	READ height	// Loop body		
	ADD height TO sum			
4	INCREMENT counter BY 1	// Update		
	END WHILE			
	COMPUTE average = sum / counter			
	PRINT average			

Loop Design Strategies



Step 1

Identify the statements that need to be repeated

Step 2

Wrap these statements in a loop

```
while (true) {
Statements;
}
```

Step 3

Code the loop-continuation-condition and add appropriate statements for controlling loop

```
while (loop-continuation-condition) {
   Statements;
   Additional statements for controlling the loop;
}
```

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Note: In designing loops, consider both the loop control structure and the loop body.

Two Kinds of Loops



Counter-Controlled Loop

The number of repetitions can be **known** before the loop body starts; just repeat the loop on each element in a preset sequence.



Sentinel-Controlled Loop

The number of repetitions is **NOT known** before the loop body starts.

For example, a sentinel value

 (e.g. -1, different from normal data).



Counter-Controlled Loop: Application



Compute the Average Height of the Students in a Class



Assumption: The number of students is known before the start of the loop

Pseudocode

```
sum = 0.0
REPEAT N times
   ASK user for next student's height
   sum += height
END of REPEAT
Average = sum / N
```

Sentinel-Controlled Loop: Application



Compute the Average Height of the People Entering Canteen A in a Day





Are we able to know **beforehand** the number of people entering Canteen A before we start the loop body?



NO

Sentinel-Controlled Loop: Application (Cont'd)



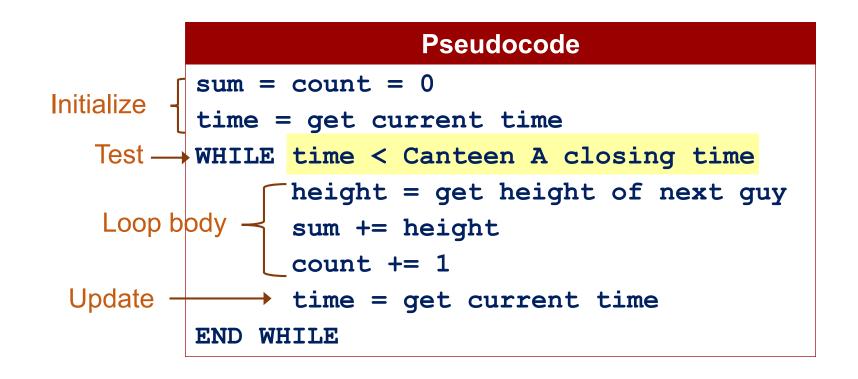
Compute the Average Height of the People Entering Canteen A in a Day



A sentinel value is a special value that signifies the end of the loop.



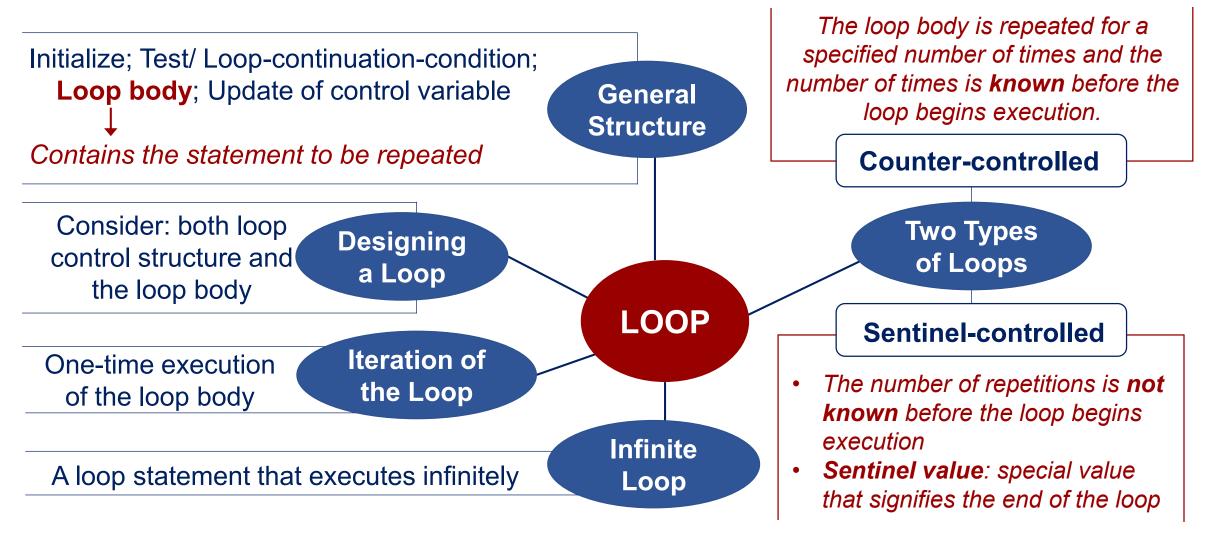
Note: **Time** is the loop control variable.



Loop-continuation-condition: *time is earlier than closing time*.

Summary





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Basic Program Structure Repetition (Looping) in Python

Lesson Objectives



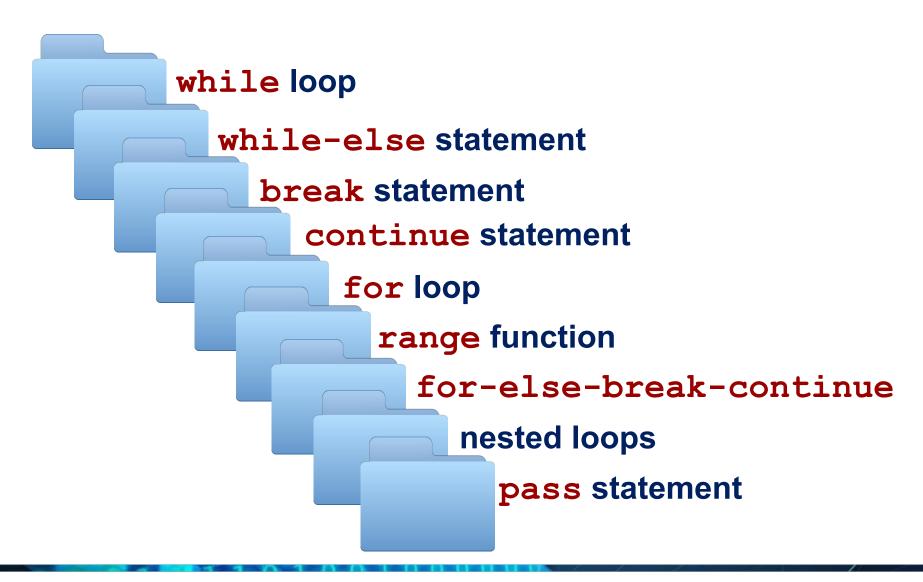


At the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Write programs for executing statements repeatedly using a while loop in Python
- Describe how to control a loop with sentinel value in Python
- Write loops using for statements in Python
- Discuss how to generate a sequence of numbers using the range() function
- Apply for loop to iterate through a range sequence
- Write nested loops in Python
- Implement program control with break, pass, and continue in Python

Topic Outline





Loops in Python



while

Usually for sentinel-controlled loops but may also be used to implement counter-controlled loops

while <boolean expression>:
 Suite

for

Usually for counter-controlled loops

Ways to implement loops

for element in collection:
 Suite

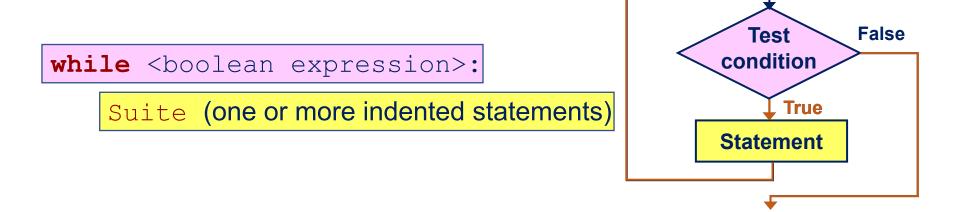
Loops in Python: while



 The while statement allows repetition a suite of Python codes as long as a condition (Boolean expression) is True.

It is structurally similar to an if statement but repeats the block until the condition becomes

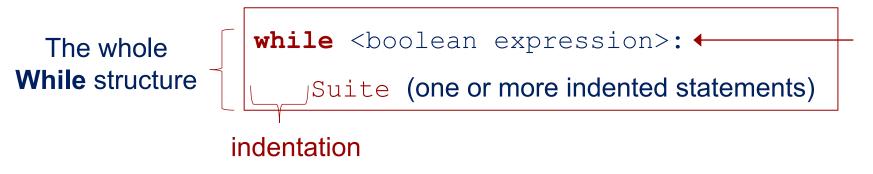
False.



• When the condition becomes False, repetition ends and control moves on to the code following the repetition.

Loops in Python: while - Syntax



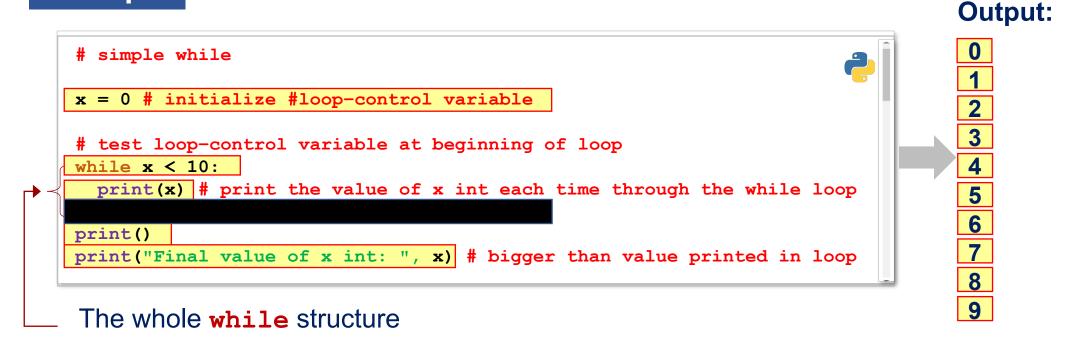


It must use a **colon** followed by a proper **indentation**

Loops in Python: while - Syntax (Cont'd)



Example



Final value of x int: 10

Loops in Python: while - Syntax (Cont'd)



More on print()

```
x = 0
while x < 10:
    print(x, end =' ')
    x = x + 1
print()
print("Final value of x int: ", x)</pre>
```

- The end = ' ' in the print statement indicates that the print ends with an empty string rather than the default new line.
- This means that the output from multiple calls to print will occur on the same output line.

Output:

0123456789

Final value of x int: 10



Separate the numbers using @?

print(x, end = '@')



Output

0@1@2@3@4@5@6@7@8@9 Final value of x int: 10

Quick Check





```
count = 5
while count < 9:
  count = count + 1
print("count= ", count, end=" ")</pre>
```

Quick Check: Answer





```
count = 5
while count < 9:
   count = count + 1
print("count= ", count, end=" ")</pre>
```

```
Answer count = 9
```

Quick Check

LOADING...



```
count = 0
number = 9
while number > 0:
   if number % 2 == 0:
      number //=2
   elif number % 3 ==0:
     number //=3
   else:
     number -=1
   count = count + 1
print ('count is:', count, 'number is:', number)
```

Quick Check: Answer

LOADING...



```
count = 0
number = 9
while number > 0:
                                                     Answer
   if number % 2 == 0:
     number //=2
   elif number % 3 ==0:
                                                   count is: 3 number is: 0
     number //=3
   else:
     number -=1
   count = count + 1
print ('count is:', count, 'number is:', number)
```

Quick Check

LOADING...



If line 1 and line 2 were removed, what effect would that have on the program?

Quick Check: Answer

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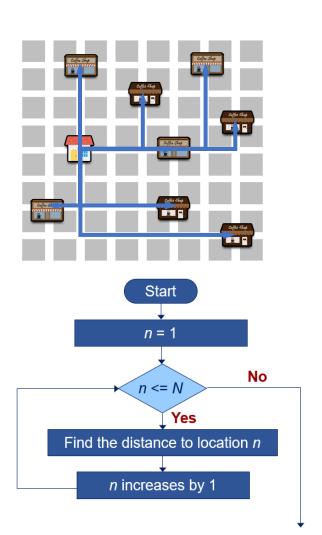
```
count = 0
number = 9
while number > 0:
   if number % 2 == 0:
      number //=2
   elif number % 3 ==0:
      number //=3
  count = count + 1
print ('count is:', count, 'number is:', number)
```

Answer

The while loop will not end.

Application of Looping: Find the Distance to N Locations







Pseudocode

Find the Distance to N Locations: Loop Design Strategies



Step 1

Identify the statements that need to be repeated

```
horizonDist = int(input("Read horizonDist in meters"))
vertDist = int(input("Read vertDist in meters"))
dist = horizonDist + vertDist
print("dist from home to coffee shop ", count, " is ", dist, "m")
```

Find the Distance to N Locations: Loop Design Strategies



(Cont'd)

Step 2

Wrap these statements in a loop

```
while (true) {
Statements;
}
```

indentation

Find the Distance to N Locations: Loop Design Strategies



(Cont'd)

Step 3

Code the loop-continuation-condition and add appropriate statements for controlling loop

User-friendly message indicating index of current input/ loop control variable

Find the Distance to N Locations: Check Loop Iteration



```
N = int(input("How many coffee shops?"))
count = 1
while count <= N:
    print ("input information of coffee shop ", count)
    horizonDist = int(input("Read horizonDist in meters"))
    vertDist = int(input("Read vertDist in meters"))
    dist = horizonDist + vertDist
    print("dist from home to coffee shop ", count, " is ", dist, "m")
    count = count + 1

print ("Thank you for using the application")</pre>
```

In the loop:

- Counter-controlled or sentinel-controlled?

Check Loop Iteration: Table (N = 2)

Count	Count <= N	Output
1	True	Dist to shop 1
2	True	Dist to shop 2
3	False	

Outputs of Sample Runs



Output Program ins

Program instructions: 2 times)

How many coffee shops? 2
input information of coffee shop 1
Read horizonDist in meters 332
Read vertDist in meters 432
dist from home to coffee shop 1 is 764 m
input information of coffee shop 2
Read horizonDist in meters 123
Read vertDist in meters 256
dist from home to coffee shop 2 is 379 m
Thank you for using the application

Output

(Program instructions: 1 time)

How many coffee shops? 1 input information of coffee shop 1 Read horizonDist in meters 55 Read vertDist in meters 778 dist from home to coffee shop 1 is 833 m Thank you for using the application

Output

(Program instructions: 0 time)

How many coffee shops? -2
Thank you for using the application

Potential Issues in the Program



```
N = int(input("How many coffee shops?"))
count = 1
while count <= N:
    print ("input information of coffee shop ", count)
    horizonDist = int(input("Read horizonDist in meters"))
    vertDist = int(input("Read vertDist in meters"))
    dist = horizonDist + vertDist
    print("dist from home to coffee shop ", count, " is ", dist, "m")
    count = count + 1
print ("Thank you for using the application")</pre>
```

How many coffee shops? -2
Thank you for using the application

Something to think about:

- Any potential issues in the program?
- If the user enters a value smaller than 1, what would happen?
- How about if the user enters '9999999999'?



Potential Issues in the Program: Solution



Force the user to input again if the input is out of a reasonable range.





Keep asking until the user enters a number that is at least 1 and at most a certain reasonable limit.



Add a while loop

Implementation of the Solution (New While Loop)



```
N = int(input("How many coffee shops?"))
         while (N < 1 \text{ or } N > 10)
New
             print("warning: input value should range from 1 to 10");
                                                                          () is okay
while
             N = int(input ("How many coffee shops?"))
                                                                          but
         count = 1
                                                                          redundant
         while count <= N:
             print ("input information of coffee shop ", count)
             horizonDist = int(input("Read horizonDist in meters"))
             vertDist = int(input("Read vertDist in meters"))
             dist = horizonDist + vertDist
             print("dist from home to coffee shop ", count, " is ", dist, "m")
             count = count + 1
         print ("Thank you for using the application")
```

In the loop:

- What is the loop control variable?
- Counter-controlled or sentinel-controlled?



while loop is useful for the purpose of repeatedly asking the user for an input until the input fulfills the requirement

Another Example of Sentinel-Controlled Loop



Write a program to read numbers from a user; sum them up until the input is -1.

```
Enter value: 2
Enter value: 1.2
Enter value: 4
Enter value: 10
Enter value: -1
total= 17.2
>>>
```

Note: -1 is called a sentinel value.

Common Sentinel Loop Implementation



```
value = some value
while value != sentinel value:
    # process value
    # get another value
```

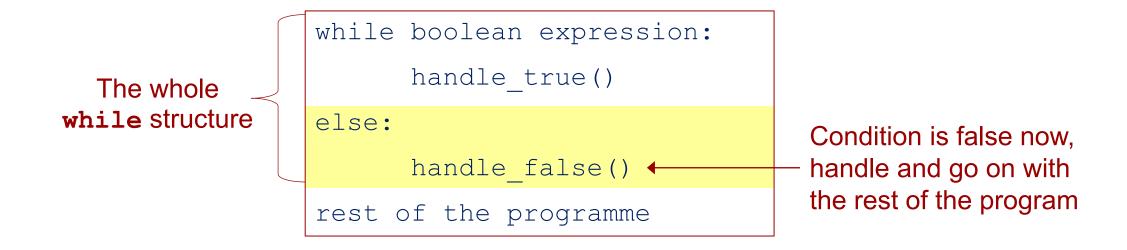
```
total = 0.0
item = float( input("Enter value: ") )
while item != -1:
   total += item
   item = float( input("Enter value: ") )
print("total=" , total )
```



Do you foresee any issue to ensure for this design?

Loops in Python: while-else (Syntax)

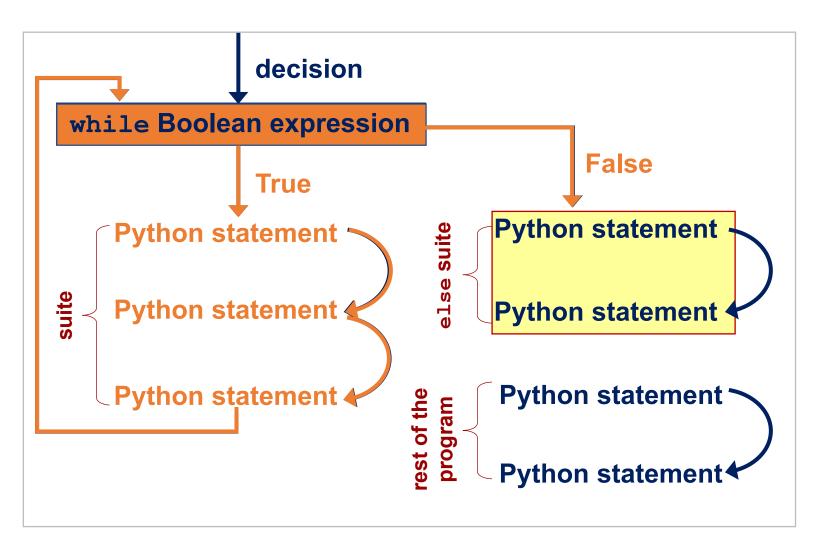




- while loop, can have an associated else statement
- else statement is executed when the loop finishes under normal conditions
 - the last thing the loop does as it exits

Loops in Python: while-else (Syntax)





- It is entered after the while loop's Boolean expression becomes False.
- This entry occurs even when the expression is initially False and the while loop has never run.
- A handy way to perform some final tasks when the loop ends normally.

while-else: Example



```
total = 0.0
count = 0
item = float(input("Enter value:"))
while item != -1:
  total += item
  count += 1
  item = float(input("Enter value:"))
else:
  print (count, "numbers read.", "Total= ", total),
```

Enter value:-1 0 numbers read. Total= 0

Enter value:55
Enter value:21

Enter value:1
Enter value:-1

3 numbers read. Total= 77.0

Quick Check





What is the output of the following code?

```
value = 1
print ("before while", value)

while value <=3:
   value = value + 1
   print ("while", value)
else:
   print ("else", value)</pre>
```

Quick Check: Answer





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else:
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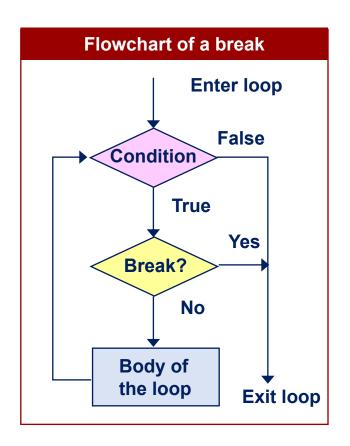
Answer

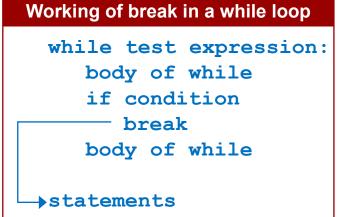
before while 1
while 2
while 3
while 4
else 4

while-else: Break Statement



- The break statement can be used to immediately exit the execution of the current loop and skip past all the remaining parts of the loop suite.
 - It is important to note that "skip past" means to skip the else suite (if it exists) as well.
- The break statement is useful for stopping computation when the "answer" has been found or when continuing the computation is otherwise useless.





Quick Try





What do you think is the output of the following code?

```
value = 1
print ("before while", value)
while value <=3:
   value = value + 1
   print ("while", value)
   if value == 2:
      break;
else:
   print ("else", value)
print ("after while", value)←
```

Compared to quick check question: added **if** and **break**.

- Executing break exits the immediate loop that contains it.
- It goes after the whole enclosing loop.

Quick Try: Answer





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print ("before while", value)
while value <=3:
   value = value + 1
   print ("while", value)
   if value == 2:
      break;
else:
   print ("else", value)
print ("after while", value)
```

Answer

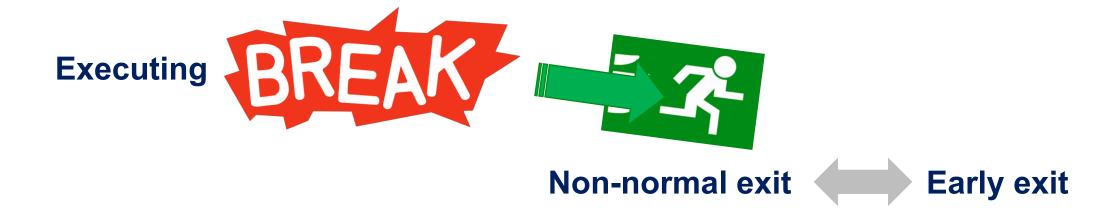
before while 1 while 2 after while 2

No more:

while 3 while 4 else 4

while-else: Break Statement (Cont'd)





while-else: Break Statement - Example



"Hi-Low" Number Guessing Game

The program starts by generating a random number hidden from the user that is between 0 and 100. The user then attempts to guess the number, getting hints as to which direction (bigger or smaller, higher or lower) to go with the next guess.

The game can end in one of two ways:

- The correctly guessed the number.
- The user can quit playing by entering a number out of the range of 0 - 100.



while-else: Break Statement – Example (Cont'd)



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ALGORITHM

Choose a random number.

Prompt for a guess.

While the guess is in range:

Check whether the guess is correct;

If it is a win, print a win message and exit.

Otherwise, provide a hint and prompt for a guess.

Else:

User quits

while-else: Example 2 Python Code



```
Number = 67
print ("Hi-Lo Number Guessing Game: between 0 and 100 inclusive.")
guess= (int) (input("Guess a number: "))
while 0 <= guess <= 100:
                                                   The else clause is often used in
    if guess > Number:
                                                   conjunction with the break
        print("Guessed Too High.")
                                                   statement
    elif quess < Number:
        print ("Guessed Too Low,")
    else: # correct guess exit with break
        print ("You guessed it. The number was:", Number)
        break
    # keep going, get the next guess
    guess= (int) (input("Guess a number: "))
else:
    print ("A pity. You quit the game early, the number was: ", Number)
```

while-else: Example 2 Python Code (Cont'd)



```
Number = 67
print("Hi-Lo Number Guessing Game: between 0 and 100 inclusive.")
guess= (int)(input("Guess a number: "))
while 0 <= guess <= 100:
    if guess > Number:
        print("Guessed Too High.")
    elif guess < Number:
        print("Guessed Too Low.")
    else: # correct guess, exit with break
        print("You guessed it. The number was:",Number)
        break
    # keep going, get the next guess
    guess= (int)(input("Guess a number: "))
else:
    print("A pity. You quit the game early, the number was:",Number)</pre>
```

Hi-Lo Number Guessing Game: between 0 and 100 inclusive.

Guess a number: 55 Guessed Too Low. Guess a number: 88 Guessed Too High. Guess a number: 234

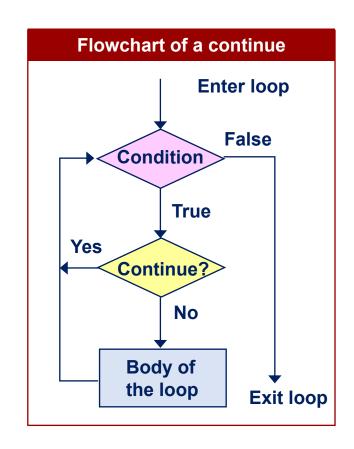
A pity. You quit the game early, the number was: 67

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while-else: Continue Statement



- Skip some portion of the while suite we are executing and have control flow back to the beginning of the while loop.
- Exit early from this iteration of the loop (not the loop itself), and keep executing the while loop.
- The continue statement continues with the next iteration of the loop.



Working of continue in a while loop while test expression: body of while if condition continue body of while statements

while-else: Continue Statement - Sample Problem



Algorithm

Prompt the user for a number.

Convert the input string to an int.

If the input is even, add it to the running sum.

If the input is not even (odd), print an error message – don't add it to the sum, just continue on.

If the input is the special character ".", end and print the final sum.

while-else: Continue Statement - Solution to the Problem 🐝



```
# sum up a series of even numbers
# make sure only even numbers contribute to sum
print ("Allow the user to enter a series of even integers. Sum them.")
print ("Ignore non-even input. End input with a '.'")
# initialize the input number and the sum
                                                 Control flow knowledge:
number str = input("Number: ")
                                                 Go immediately to test
the sum = 0
                                                 in the enclosing loop
# Stop if a period ( . ) is entered .
# remember , number str is a string until we convert it
while number str != "." : ←
    number = int(number str)
    if number % 2 == 1: # number is not even ( it is odd)
        print ("Error, only even numbers please.")
        number str = input("Number: ")
        continue # if the number is not even , ignore it
    the sum += number
    number str = input("Number: ")
print ("The sum is:", the sum)
```



Output:

Allow the user to enter a series of even integers. Sum them.

Ignore non-even input. End input with a '.'

Number: 7

Error, only even numbers please.

Number: 8 Number: 9

Error, only even numbers please.

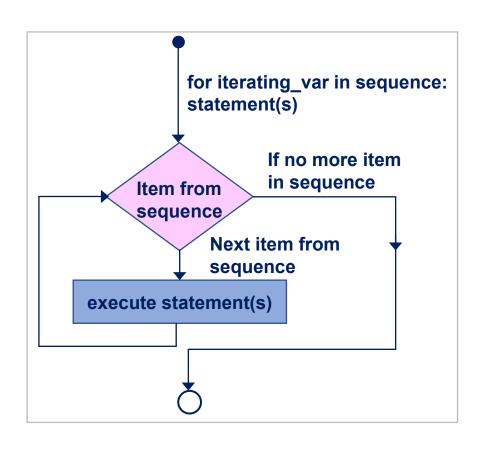
Number: 4 Number:

The sum is: 12

For **continue**, make sure loop control variable can be updated. Else, infinite loop.

Loops in Python: for





Syntax

```
for iterating_var in sequence:
   Suite (one or more indented statements)
```

- It has the ability to iterate over the items of any sequence, such as a list or a string.
- Each item in the sequence is assigned to the iterating variable iterating_var. Next, the statement(s) block is executed.
- The for loop completes when the last of the elements has been assigned to the iterating_var., i.e., the entire sequence is exhausted.

Loops in Python: for - Syntax



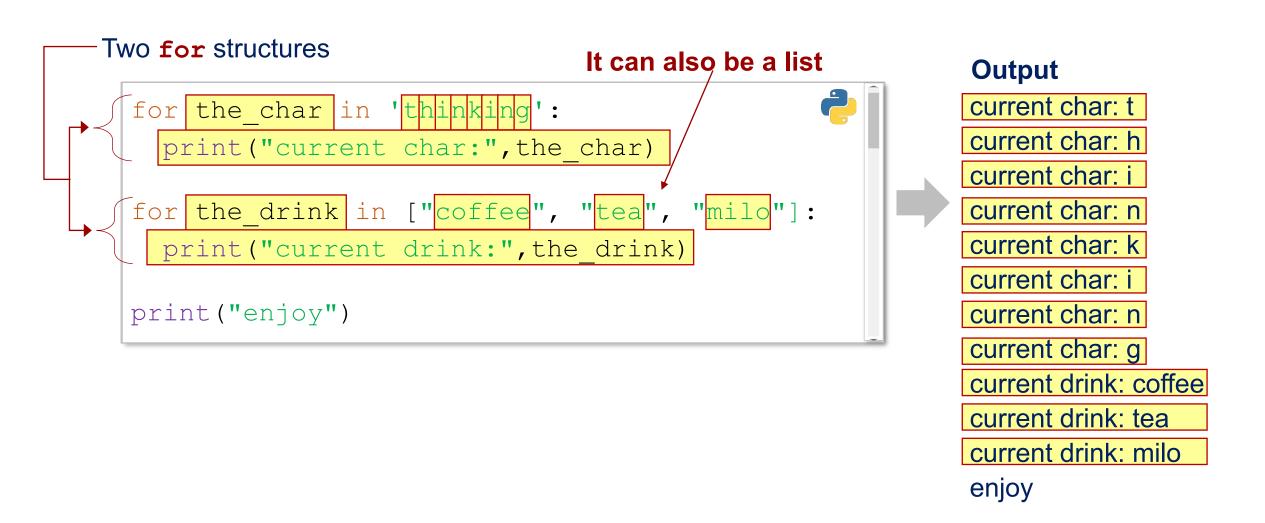
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for iterating_var in <sequence>:
Suite (one or more indented statements)
indentation
```

It must use a colon followed by proper indentation.

- Has a header and an associated suite.
- Keywords: for and in.
- The keyword in precedes the sequence.
- The variable iterating_var is a variable associated with the for loop that is assigned the value of an element in the sequence.
 - The variable iterating_var is assigned a different element during each pass of the **for** loop.
 - Eventually, iterating_var will be assigned to each element in the sequence.

Loops in Python: for - Example





Quick Check

LOADING...



Write a Python program to find the sum of the numbers from 1 to 10 using for loop.

Quick Check: Answer

LOADING...



Write a Python program to find the sum of the numbers from 1 to 10 using for loop.



```
sum = 0

for i in [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]:
   print("current i is :", i)
   sum += i

print ("the sum of the numbers from 1 to 10 is ", sum)
```



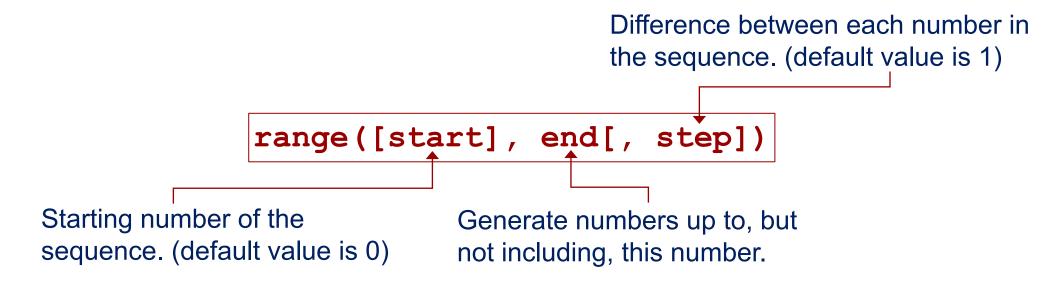
```
current i is: 1
current i is: 2
current i is: 3
current i is: 4
current i is: 5
current i is: 6
current i is: 7
current i is: 8
current i is: 9
current i is: 10
the sum of the numbers from 1 to 10 is 55
```

Python: The Range Function



range()

- It is a useful built-in function in Python.
- It generates a list of integers from start up to end (but excluding end) with step-size step.





Note: All parameters must be integers, positive or negative.

Python: The Range Function - Variance



Syntax

Three different Forms:

range (end)

- Python puts start to 0 and step to 1.
- Example: range (11) \longrightarrow [0,1, 2, 3,..., 10]

range(start, end)

- Python puts step to 1 (default value).
- Example: range (1, 11) [1, 2, 3,..., 10]

range(start, end, step)

Examples:

range (1, 11, 2)
$$\longrightarrow$$
 [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
range (11, 2, -3) \longrightarrow [11, 8, 5]

Quick Check





What is the output of the following code?

```
sum = 0

for number in range(1,10):
    sum = sum + number

print (sum)
```

Quick Check: Answer





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```

Answer

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Note: The range in Python excludes the ending element.

Quick Check



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What is the output of the following code?

```
sum1 = sum2 = 0

for number in range(1,5,1):
    sum1 += number

for number in range(5,1,-1):
    sum2 += number

print ("sum1:", sum1, "sum2:", sum2)
```

Quick Check: Answer





What is the output of the following code?

```
sum1 = sum2 = 0

for number in range(1,5,1): [1,2,3,4]
   sum1 += number

for number in range(5,1,-1): [5,4,3,2]
   sum2 += number

print ("sum1:", sum1, "sum2:", sum2)
```

Answer

sum1: 10 sum2: 14

Note:

- The sequence is not symmetric.
 - range (1,5,1) != range (5,1,-1)
- Variable number in the example "for" loops will take different values in different loop iterations.

range (): Problem Example



Problem: Print a Multiplication Table of a Certain Number (Multiplier)

Example: 9 (multiplicands: from 1 to 10)



- First, ask the user for a number.
- Then loop from 1 to 10, compute the multiplication, and display the formulae.

```
>>>
Enter a number between 1 to 9: 9
  × 9
  \times 9 = 18
3 \times 9 = 27
6 \times 9 = 54
```

range (): Problem Example - Implementation in Python



In Python ⇒ just a few lines

```
num = int(input("Enter a number between 1 to 9: "))
for x in range (1,11):
    print (x , 'x' , num , '= ' , x*num)

Use comma to separate
    different elements for print.
End with 11 instead of 10 if we want the last value to be 10.
```

for-else-break-continue



```
for target in object:
```

statement suite1

if boolean expression1:

break # Exit loop now; skip else

if boolean expression2:

continue # Go to top of loop now

else:

statement suite2

Working of break in a for loop

for var in sequence:
 body of for
 if condition
 break
 body of for

→statements

Working of continue in a while loop

while test expression:
 body of while
 if condition
 continue
 body of while

statements

Quick Check



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```
for letter in "Python":
   if letter == 'h':
      break;
   print (letter, end = '')
```

Quick Check: Answer



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Quick Check



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for letter in "Python":
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Quick Check: Answer



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for-else-break: Computational Thinking Example



Prime or Non-Prime

Given a number k, how to determine if it is a prime?

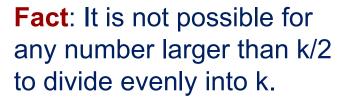
- A prime number does not have other divisors except 1 and itself
- Find out whether a number is prime:
 - Divide it by numbers smaller than it.
 - 2. If any of them have a zero remainder, then the number is not prime.

This is a job is for a **for** loop.

Logic

```
isprime = True
for n in range (1, k):
    if k%n == 0:
        isprime = False
```

The for loop ends at k/2.





Is there a need to divide it by all the numbers smaller than it?

for-else-break: Computational Thinking Example



```
k = int(input("Please enter an integer: "))
\# Divide k by all numbers 2 \le n \le k/2
for n in range (2, int(k/2)+1):
    # If the remainder is 0 then n is a factor of k
    if k%n == 0:
        isprime = "no" # K is not a prime
        break | #exit loop
else:
    isprime = "yes" # Loop not exited: it is prime
print(k, "is a prime? " , isprime)
```

Please enter an integer: 31 31 is a prime? yes

Please enter an integer: 32 32 is a prime? no

Nested Loops



Nested Loop

a loop inside another loop

- Just as it is possible to have if statements nested within other if statements, a loop may appear inside another loop.
 - An outer loop may enclose an inner loop.

What can be nested?

- Nest as many levels of loops as the system allows.
- Nest different types of loops.

Nested Loops: Example 1



```
for y in range (1,4):#outer loop
    for x in range (1,6):#inner loop
        print('(', x, ',', y, ')', end = '') #inner loop body
    #end inner loop
    print()
    #end outer loop
```

This is the entire suite/ block inside the outer **for** loop.

Only one statement inside the inner **for** loop.

This additional argument is used in Python 3 to avoid the default ending \n.

```
      (1,1)
      (2,1)
      (3,1)
      (4,1)
      (5,1)

      (1,2)
      (2,2)
      (3,2)
      (4,2)
      (5,2)

      (1,3)
      (2,3)
      (3,3)
      (4,3)
      (5,3)
```



How many times each **print** is executed?

What is the control flow?

Nested Loops: Example 2 - Printing Full Multiplication Table



```
m = int (input ("Enter a number between 1 to 9: "))
n = int (input ("Enter another number between 1 to 9: "))
for x in range (1, m+1):
    for y in range (1, n+1):
        print (x, 'x', y, '=', x*y, end ='')
    print()
```



Enter a number between 1 to 9: 3

Enter another number between 1 to 9: 4

$$1 \times 1 = 1 \ 1 \times 2 = 2 \ 1 \times 3 = 3 \ 1 \times 4 = 4$$

$$2 \times 1 = 2 \times 2 = 4 \times 3 = 6 \times 4 = 8$$

$$3 \times 1 = 3 \quad 3 \times 2 = 6 \quad 3 \times 3 = 9 \quad 3 \times 4 = 12$$

In-Depth Nested Loops



- Loops can be nested to a greater depth if necessary, and while and for loops can be nested interchangeably.
- Is it ever useful to do this?

 Yes, very often.

Application

Test multiple numbers whether they are prime or not.

- How many numbers to check? Unknown
- User enters '#' to end the checking.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Test Multiple Numbers - Prime or Not: Implementation



```
k str = input("Please enter an integer: ")
while k str != '#':
    k = int(k str)
    \# Divide k by all numbers 2<= n <= k/2
    for n in range (2, int(k/2)+1):
        # If the remainder is 0 then n is a factor of k
        if k%n == 0:
            isprime = "no" # k is not a prime
          → break #exit for loop
    else:
        isprime = "yes" # loop not exited: it is prime
    print(k, "is a prime? " , isprime)
    k str = input("Please enter another integer: ")
```



Please enter an integer: 31

31 is a prime? yes

Please enter another integer: 32

32 is a prime? no

Please enter another integer: 13

13 is a prime? yes

Please enter another integer: #

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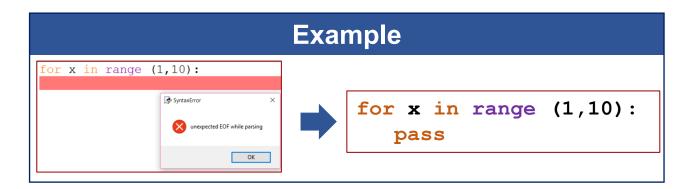
Note: break affects only that inner loop that contains it.

Interesting Pass Statement



- It has no effect (does nothing) but helps in indicating an empty statement/ suite/ block.
- Use when you have to put something in a statement (syntactically, you cannot leave it blank or Python will complain) but what you really want is nothing.

Python has the syntactical requirement that code blocks (after if, for, while, except, def, class, etc.) cannot be empty.



Some uses of pass

- It can be used to test a statement (say, opening a file or iterating through a collection) just to see if it works.
- You can use pass as a place holder.

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Quick Check: Answer



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Summary



while

while <boolean expression>:
 Suite

LOOPS in PYTHON

for

for element in collection:
 Suite

Keywords in Loop Structure

else, break,
continue, pass

Range function

range([start], end[, step])

range (end)

range(start, end)

Nested Loop

A loop inside another loop