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Now that you are familiar with both  $\boxed{\text{for}}$  and  $\boxed{\text{while}}$  loops, let's consider when it's most helpful to use each of them.

for loops are ideal when the number of iterations is known or finite.

### Examples:

- When you have an iterable collection (list, string, set, tuple, dictionary)
  - for name in names:
- When you want to iterate through a loop for a definite number of times, using range()
  - for i in range(5):
- \*\* while \*\* loops are ideal when the iterations need to continue until a condition is

### met.

### Examples:

- When you want to use comparison operators
  - while count <= 100:
- When you want to loop based on receiving specific user input.
  - while user\_input == 'y':

Check out these webpages to see more examples on this topic:

- StackOverflow discussion.
- Wiki page on **Python.org**





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