

Topic 1 - CS1A Review - P4 - Repetition

Chapter 6 in the shrinkwrap

Repetition Structures

What if I want some instructions to run over and over again?



Repetition Structures

Repetition

→ When a set of instructions need to be executed more than 1 time

- Run a select set instructions repeatedly
 - until some condition is false
- Conditions again are based on a Boolean Expression
- The computer evaluates a Boolean Expression and executes the code until that condition is FALSE

3 Basic Repetition Structures

• For Loop

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• Do While Loop

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For right now we will focus on the For Loop

The Loop Control Variable (LCV)

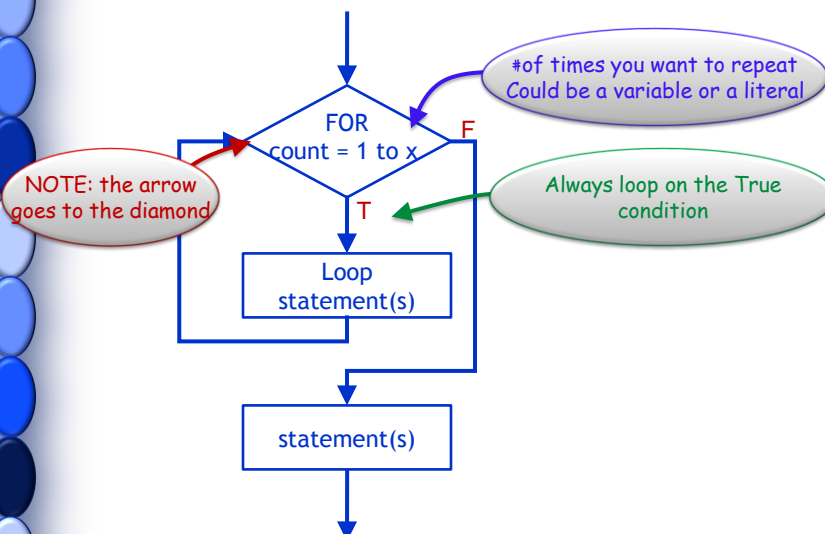
- The LCV is what controls when our loop will execute and when it will exit
- FOR ANY LOOP WE MUST!!
 - 1 - Initialize the LCV
 - 2 - Compare (or check) the LCV
(in some conditional statement)
 - 3 - Change the LCV

WARNING:

You must change the LCV or else your loop will run forever!
That is called an *infinite loop*.

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Flowchart: For loop



Coding a For Loop

- We use the for loop when we know ahead of time how many times we need to repeat a code segment
- update LCV is the amount the LCV should be modified at each iteration

Syntax:

```
for (initialization; condition; update LCV )  
{  
    loop statements;  
}
```

For Loop Example

initialization

condition

Update

```
for(count = 1; count <= 3; count = count + 1)  
{
```

```
    cout << "Enter Name: ";  
    cin.getline(username,25);
```

```
    cout << "Enter Age: ";  
    cin >> age;  
    cin.ignore(10000, '\n');
```

get the \n off the buffer

```
    cout >> "Press enter to continue";  
    cin.ignore(10000, '\n');
```

flush the input buffer

Why not use cin.get?

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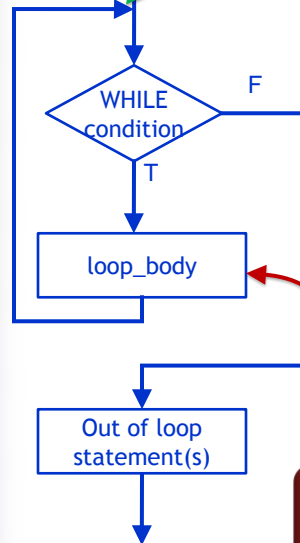
Now we will move onto the While Loop

While Loop

- What if we don't know how many times we need to run our loop?
- We use the while loop
 - → the LCV is modified dynamically within the loop
- The LCV needs to be initialized before entering the loop
- The condition is tested at the top of the loop → making it a pre-test loop
 - if the condition evaluates to TRUE
 - ▣ the loop is entered
 - if the condition evaluates to FALSE
 - ▣ the loop is bypassed
- The LCV **MUST be updated within the loop**
 - typically just before the end of the loop
 - otherwise you will run into an infinite loop situation

Flowchart for While Loop

Note: on the flow chart the arrow goes above the loop



First it evaluates the condition.

2. → If the condition is TRUE it executes the `loop_body` and returns to step 1

→ If the condition is FALSE it exits the loop and does not execute the `loop_body`, it moves on to the statement immediately following the loop

The `loop_body` will continue to be executed as long as the condition is true

What will happen if we don't change the LCV in here?

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Coding a While Loop

- Event-controlled loop - a loop that terminates based on a condition and a *sentinel value*
 - this loop executes an unspecified number of times
- Does a while loop always have to execute?

Syntax:

```
initialize the LCV;  
while (condition)  
{  
    loop statements;  
    change the LCV;  
}
```

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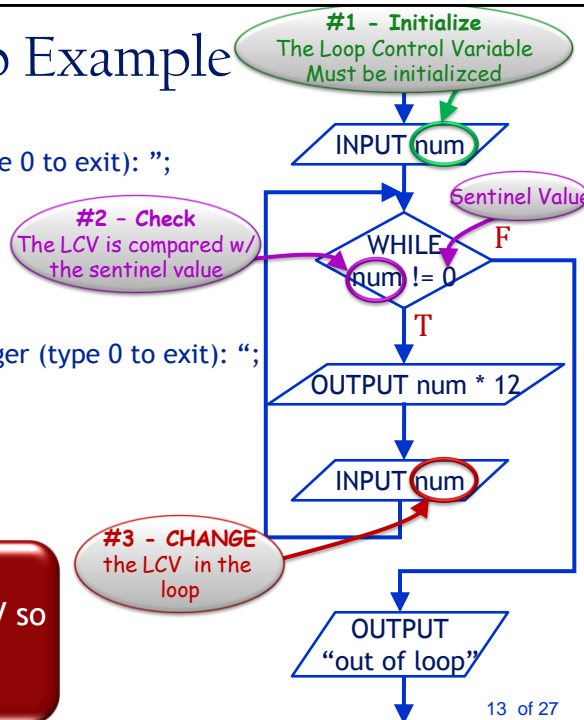
While loop Example

```
cout << "Enter an integer (type 0 to exit): ";
cin >> num;
while (num != 0)
{
    cout << num * 12 << endl;
    cout << "Enter another integer (type 0 to exit): ";
    cin >> num;
}
cout << "Out of loop" << endl;
```

What does this do?

WARNING:

You must change the LCV so that you don't have an infinite loop!



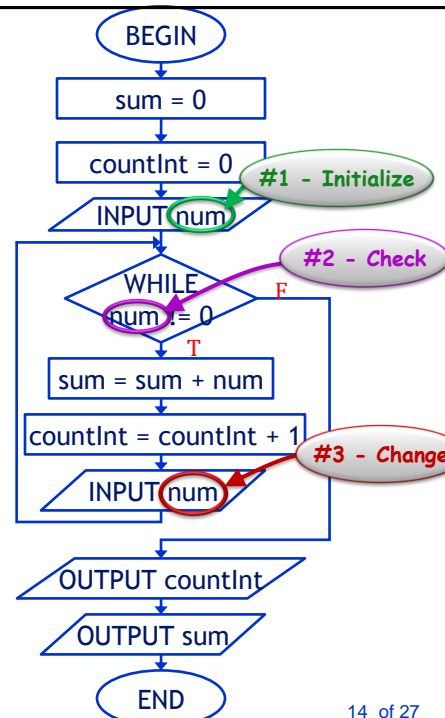
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Example #2 – While loop

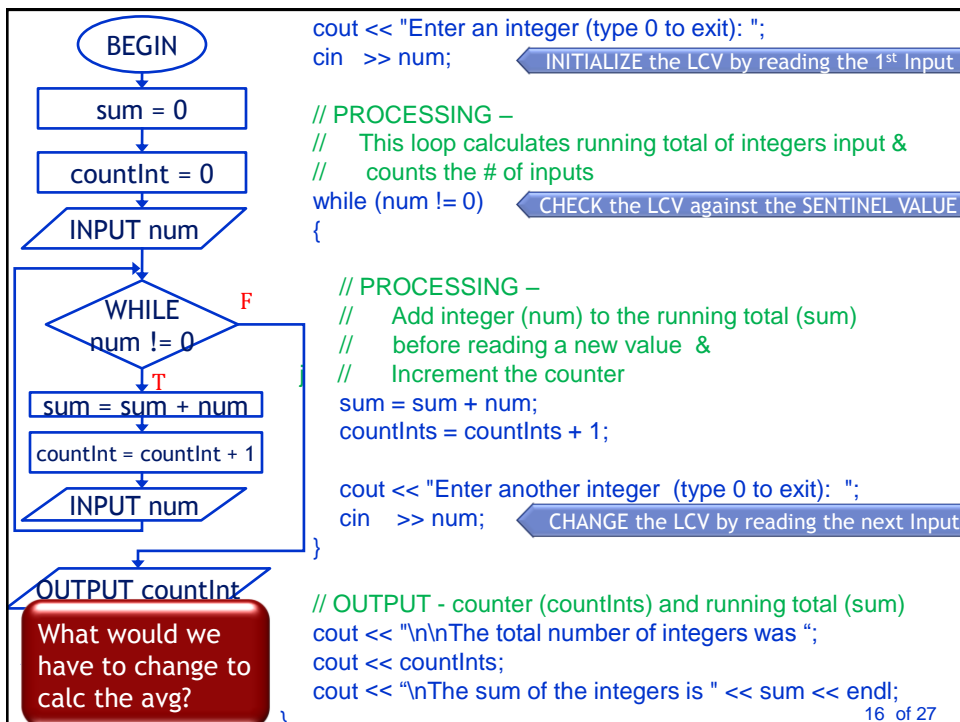
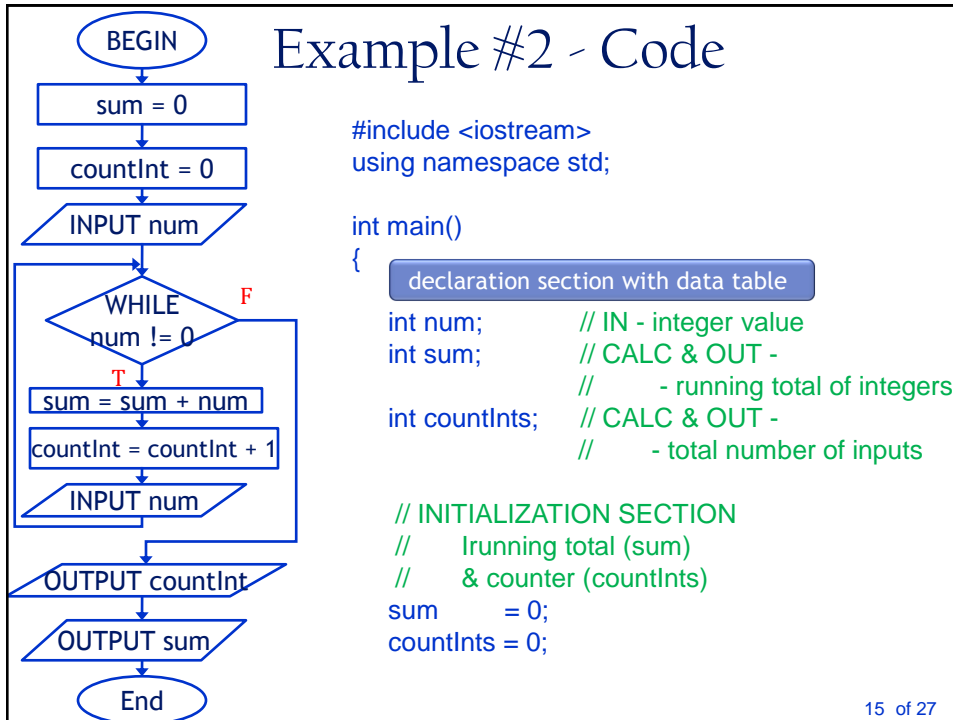
Write a program that will accept a set of integers from a user, sum the set of integers & count how many integers were input. It will stop accepting integers when a 0 is reached.

Output the total number of integers given as input & the sum

First, let's draw the flowchart.



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```
int num1, num2, num3;
```

```
num1 = 2;
```

num1

num2

num3

```
num2 = num1 * 2;
```

```
num3 = num1 + num2;
```

```
while (num1 <= 15)
```

```
{
```

```
    cout << num1 << " " << num2 << " " << num3 << endl;
```

```
    if (num1 < 6)
```

```
    {
```

```
        num1 = num1 + num2;
```

```
    }
```

```
    else
```

```
    {
```

```
        num1 = num1 + num3;
```

```
    }
```

```
    num2 = num2 + num3;
```

```
    cout << num3 << " " << num2 << " " << num1 << endl;
```

```
}
```

```
cout << "Out of loop ";
```

What will the output be for this code segment?

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When would we use them?

- As a counter

- Count the # of inputs

- Running totals

- Sum a # of inputs

- When you don't know how many times you need to loop

Example

Sum a number of integers. Output the sum and the total number of integers given as input.

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Do While Loop

- The LCV can be initialized in the loop

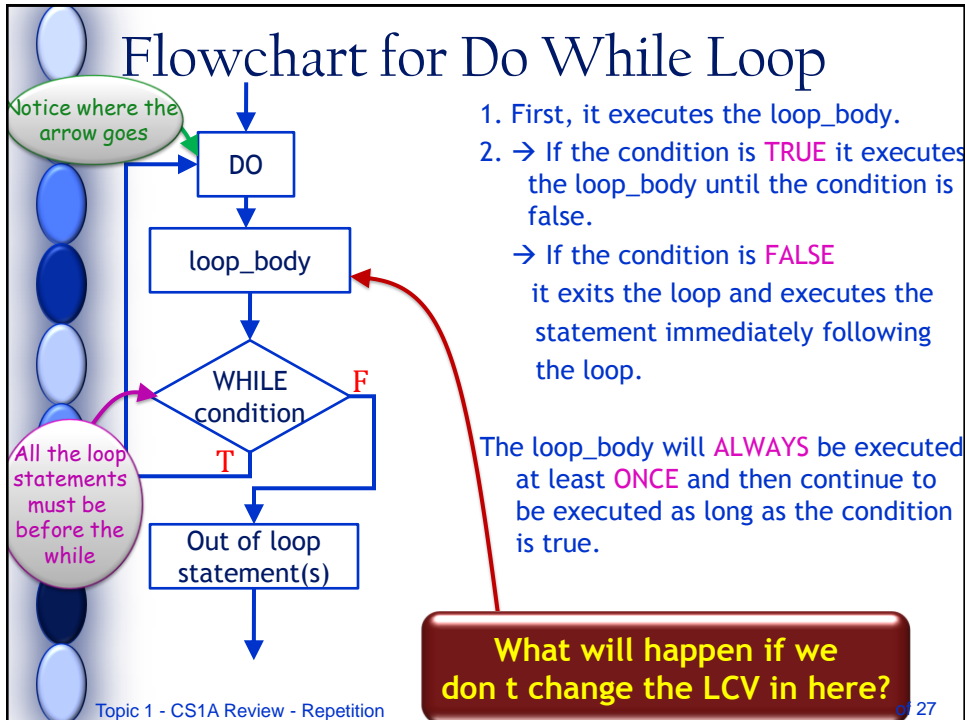
The loop statements are executed BEFORE the condition is tested

- The condition is tested at the bottom of the loop
→ making it a post-test loop

- if the condition evaluates to TRUE
 - ▣ the loop statements are executed again
- if the condition evaluates to FALSE
 - ▣ the loop exits (the statements are run at least 1X)

- The LCV MUST be updated within the loop

- typically at the beginning of the loop
- otherwise you will run into an infinite loop situation



Coding a Do While Loop

- Event-controlled loop - a loop that terminates based on a condition and a *sentinel value*
 - *this loop executes an unspecified number of times*
- Do the statements in a Do While loop ever have to execute?
- For this loop the LCV can be initialized before or within the loop

Syntax:

```

do
{
    change the LCV;
    loop statements;
}
while (condition);
          
```

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Example: Do While

```
int weight;  
do  
{  
    cout << "Enter your weight: ";  
    cin >> weight; #1 - Initialize  
    if (weight < 100) #3 - Change  
    {  
        cout << "You must weigh at least 100 lbs"  
        cout << "\n\t to use this program.\n";  
    }  
} #2 - Check LCV  
while (weight < 100);  
  
cout << "Out of loop with a valid weight of  
cout << weight << " lbs.";
```

What will the flowchart look like?

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When would we use them

- When we know we have to run the code at least 1 time
- Great for checking for valid inputs

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Which loop should I use?

- Which loop should be used if we want the loop body to execute a **specific number of times**?
- Which loop should be used if we want the loop to be controlled an **event** rather than a counter **and the body may or may not be executed**?
- Which loop should be used if we want the loop to be controlled an **event** rather than a counter **and the body must be executed at least one time**?



Which loop should I use?

- Write a code segment that sums a group of positive integers.
- Write a code segment that sums 10 numbers.
- Write a code segment that validates that a user has entered a value between 1 & 5



Loops – Common Errors

1 - Not initializing the Loop Control Variable

2 - Not updating the LCV within a while or do while loop

3 - A loop that is not properly written can run forever this is called an **infinite loop**

→ make sure that the condition that ends the loop **can** and **will** happen

4 - Off by 1 errors (common in for loops)

How many times will these run?

for (i = 0; i <= 3; i = i + 1)

for (i = 1; i < 3; i = i + 1)

for (i = 1; i <= 3; i = i + 1)

for (i = 1; i >= 1; i = i + 1)