

Day 21 - Go (Golang) Basics - Loops

A loop is a sequence of instructions that is continually repeated until a certain condition is met.

Go supports only one loop structure, the `for` loop. It can be used in several forms.

Standard For Loop [🔗](#)

This form includes an initializer, a condition, and a post statement.

Syntax: [🔗](#)

```
for initialization; condition; post {  
    // statements  
}
```

Example: [🔗](#)

```
1 package main  
2  
3 import "fmt"  
4  
5 func main() {  
6     for i := 1; i < 5; i++ {  
7         fmt.Println(i)  
8     }  
9 }
```

While-Style For Loop [🔗](#)

You can omit the initialization and post statement and use a `for` loop like a `while` loop.

Example: [🔗](#)

```
1 package main  
2  
3 import "fmt"  
4  
5 func main() {  
6     i := 1  
7     for i <= 5 {  
8         fmt.Println(i)  
9         i++  
10    }  
11 }
```

Infinite Loop [🔗](#)

A `for` loop with no condition runs forever unless broken manually.

Example: [🔗](#)

```
1 package main  
2  
3 import "fmt"
```

```

4
5 func main() {
6     for {
7         fmt.Println("This will run forever")
8     }
9 }

```

Use `break` to exit it when needed.

Break Statement [🔗](#)

The `break` statement is used to exit a loop immediately.

Example: [🔗](#)

```

1 package main
2 import "fmt"
3
4 func main() {
5     i := 1
6     for i <= 5 {
7         if i == 3 {
8             break
9         }
10        fmt.Println(i)
11        i++
12    }
13 }
14
15

```

Output:

```

1
2

```

Continue Statement [🔗](#)

The `continue` statement skips the current iteration and continues with the next.

Example: [🔗](#)

```

1 package main
2
3 import "fmt"
4
5 func main() {
6     for i := 1; i <= 5; i++ {
7         if i == 3 {
8             continue
9         }
10        fmt.Println(i)
11    }
12 }

```

Output:

```

1

```

2

4

5

Note: [🔗](#)

- The `continue` does not stop the loop, it only skips the current iteration.
- `break` exits the loop completely.