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The C++ 20 Masterclass : From Fundamentals to Advanced

Learn and Master Modern C++ From Beginning to Advanced in Plain English : C++11, C++14, C++17, C++20 and More!

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Section : Loops

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Loops : Introduction

Repetitive tasks

```
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For loop

Range based for loop

While loop

Do while loop

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```


for loop

```
for(unsigned int i{}; i < 10 ;++i){  
    std::cout << "I love C++" << std::endl;  
}
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Pillars of any loop

- Iterator
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- Loop body

`size_t`

Not a type, just a type alias for some
unsigned int representation

for loop

```
for(size_t i{}; i < 10 ;++i){  
    std::cout << "I love C++" << std::endl;  
}
```


Other operations in the loop body

```
for( size_t i{0} ; i < 10 ; ++i){  
    std::cout << "i : " << i << ". Double that and you get " << 2*i << std::endl;  
}
```

Can leave out the {}

```
for (size_t i{} ; i < 5 ; ++i)  
    std::cout << "Single statement in body. Can leave out {} on loop body" << std::endl;
```

Scope of the iterator

```
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    for (size_t i{0} ; i < 10 ; ++i){
        // i is valid to use within the boundaries of the {} here
        std::cout << "i is usable here, the value is : " << i << std::endl;
    }
    //If you try to access i here, you'll get an error.
    //i doesn't exist in the main function local scope

    return 0;
}
```

Iterator can live outside the loop scope

```
size_t j{} ;  
  
for(j ; j < 10 ; ++j){  
    std::cout << "Using the j variable from main function local scope : " << j << std::endl;  
}  
std::cout << "Loop done, the value of j is : " << j << std::endl;
```

Can leave out the iterator declaration in the loop

```
size_t j{} ;  
  
for( ; j < 10 ; ++j){  
    std::cout << "Using the j variable from main function local scope : " << j << std::endl;  
}  
std::cout << "Loop done, the value of j is : " << j << std::endl;
```

Hard coded values are bad

```
const size_t COUNT {10};  
for(size_t j{} ; j < COUNT ; ++j){  
    std::cout << "The value of j is : " << j << std::endl;  
}
```

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for loop : Multiple Declarations

Multiple Declarations

```
for (size_t i{0} , x {5}, y{22} ; y > 15 ; ++i , x+=5 , y-=1){  
    std::cout << "i: " << i << ", x : " << x << ", y : " << y << std::endl;  
}
```

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Comma Operator

Comma Operator

```
//The comma operator combines
//two or more expressions into a single expression,
// where the value of the operation is the value of its right operand

int increment {5};
int number1 {10};
int number2 {20};
int number3 {25};
int result = (number1 *= ++increment, number2 - (++increment), number3 += ++increment);
std::cout << "number1 : " << number1 << std::endl; // 60
std::cout << "number2 : " << number2 << std::endl; // 20
std::cout << "number3 : " << number3 << std::endl; // 33
std::cout << "result : " << result << std::endl; // 33
```

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Range based for loop

for loop

```
for(unsigned int i{}; i < 10 ;++i){  
    std::cout << "I love C++" << std::endl;  
}
```

Range based for loop

```
int bag_of_values [] {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};  
for (int value : bag_of_values){  
    //value holds a copy of the current iteration in the whole bag  
    std::cout << " value : " << value << std::endl;  
}
```


Specify the collection in place

```
for (int value : {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}){  
    //value holds a copy of the current iteration in the whole bag  
    std::cout << " value : " << value << std::endl;  
}
```

Let the compiler deduce the type

```
for (auto value : {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}){  
    //value holds a copy of the current iteration in the whole bag  
    std::cout << " value : " << value << std::endl;  
}
```

scope

Value is scoped within the for block. You can't use it from the outside of the for block.

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```

while loop

```
const unsigned int COUNT {10};  
  
unsigned int i {0};  
  
while ( i < COUNT){  
    std::cout <<" I love C++" << std::endl;  
    ++i;  
}
```


while loop

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const unsigned int COUNT {10};
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unsigned int i {0};
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while ( i < COUNT){  
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    ++i;  
}
```

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Huge Loops with Output

Loop without output

```
const size_t COUNT {1000};

unsigned int i {0};

while ( i < COUNT){
    //std::cout <<"[" << (i+1) << "]: I love C++" << std::endl;
    ++i;
}
std::cout << "Done!" << std::endl;
```

Loop with output

```
const size_t COUNT {1000};  
  
for(size_t i{}; i < COUNT ; ++i){  
    std::cout << "[" << (i+1) << "]: I love C++" << std::endl;  
}  
std::cout << "Done!" << std::endl;
```

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Do while loops

Loop with output

```
const unsigned int COUNT {10};  
unsigned int i {11}; // Initialization  
  
do{  
    std::cout << "[" << i << "]" : I love C++" << std::endl;  
    ++i; // Increment  
}while(i < COUNT); // Test
```

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    ++i; // Increment  
}while(i < COUNT); // Test
```

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do while loop

Runs the body then checks

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Infinite Loops



Loops that run indefinitely and never stop

for loop

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    std::cout << "I love C++" << std::endl;  
}
```

while loop

```
const unsigned int COUNT {10};  
  
unsigned int i {0};  
  
while ( i < COUNT){  
    std::cout <<" I love C++" << std::endl;  
    ++i;  
}
```

Infinite for loop

```
for (size_t i{}; ; ++i){  
    std::cout << "Just looping around" << std::endl;  
}
```


Infinite while loop

```
while(true){  
    std::cout << "Just looping around" << std::endl;  
}
```

Infinite do while loop

```
do{  
    std::cout << "Just looping around" << std::endl;  
}while(true);
```

Infinite loops

- They sometimes occur by error and may cause your program to do crazy things. Watch out for this!
- Sometimes they are just part of your design especially when you don't know how many times your loop will execute, when that's determined by the user for example. We'll see an example about that in the next lecture.

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Infinite Loops : Practice



A terminal based calculator

User decides
when the loop
ends

```
char operation;  
double operand1;  
double operand2;  
bool end {false};  
  
std::cout << "Welcome to Awesome Calculator"<< std::endl;  
  
while((end == false)){  
    //Do some processing  
    /* ...  
  
    std::cout << "Continue ? ( Y | N ) : ";  
  
    char go_on;  
    std::cin >> go_on;  
  
    //end = ((go_on == 'Y') || (go_on == 'y')) ? false : true;  
  
    //You could also write the previous statement using if else  
    if((go_on == 'Y') || (go_on == 'y')){  
        end = false;  
    }else{  
        end = true;  
    }  
}
```

Processing

```
std::cout << "-----" << std::endl;
std::cout << "What operation do you want help with? " << std::endl;
std::cout << "+,-,* and / are supported. Please choose one and type below"<< std::endl;
std::cout << "Your operation : ";
std::cin >> operation;
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Please type in your two operands separated by a space and hit enter: ";
std::cin >> operand1 >> operand2;
std::cout <<std::endl;

switch(operation){
case '+' :
    std::cout << operand1 << " + " << operand2 << " = " << operand1 + operand2 << std::endl;
    break;
case '-' :
    std::cout << operand1 << " - " << operand2 << " = " << operand1 - operand2 << std::endl;
    break;
case '*' :
    std::cout << operand1 << " * " << operand2 << " = " << operand1 * operand2 << std::endl;
    break;
case '/' :
    std::cout << operand1 << " / " << operand2 << " = " << operand1 / operand2 << std::endl;
    break;
default :
    std::cout << operation << " operation not supported" << std::endl;
}
```


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Decrementing Loops

for loop

```
const size_t COUNT {5};

std::cout << "Incrementing for loop : " << std::endl;
for (size_t i{} ; i < COUNT ; ++i){
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
}

std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Decrementing for loop : " << std::endl;

for(size_t i{COUNT} ; i > 0 ; --i){
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
}
```

Range based for loop

```
//Range based for loop always increments
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Range based for loop always increments" << std::endl;
//You gain some flexibility, loose some control.
for( auto i : {1,2,3,4,5}){
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
}
```

While loop

```
//Incrementing while
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Incrementing while" << std::endl;

size_t i{0};

while( i < COUNT){
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
    ++i;
}

//Decrementing while
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Decrementing while : " << std::endl;
i = COUNT;

while( i > 0){
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
    --i;
}
```

do while loop

```
//Incrementing do while
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Incrementing do while" << std::endl;
i = 0;

do {
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
    ++i;
}while ( i < COUNT);

//Decrementing do while
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Decrementing do while" << std::endl;
i = COUNT;

do {
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
    --i;
}while ( i > 0);
```

DANGER !

Underflow and infinite loop

```
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "Decrement and print out the 0 " << std::endl;

for(size_t i{COUNT} ; i >= 0 ; --i){
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
}
```

Underflow in action

```
size_t my_number{0};  
std::cout << "subtract 1, result : " << my_number -1 << std::endl; //4294967295
```


Nested Loops

Nested Loops

The more loops you nest, the more dimensions the data you're looping around could represent.

```
const size_t ROWS {20};  
const size_t COLS {5};  
  
for (size_t row{0} ; row < ROWS ; ++ row){  
  
}  

```



```
{1,2,3,4,5};
```

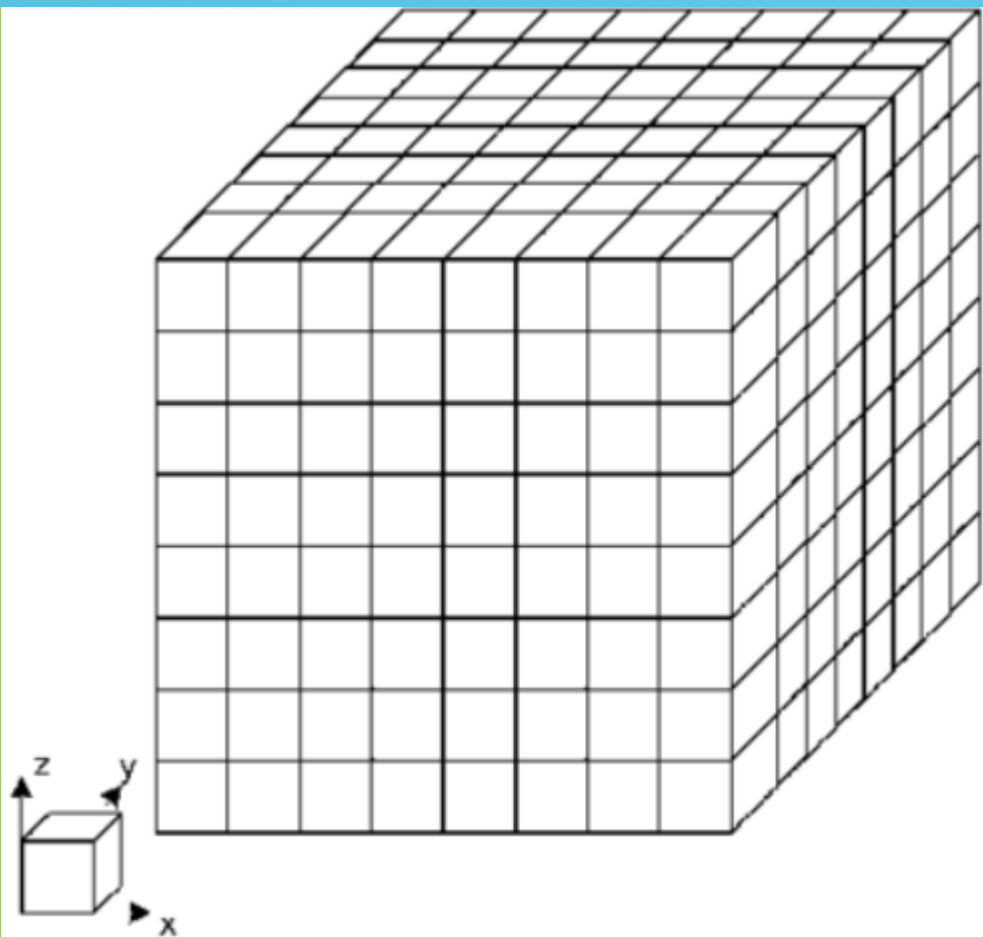
```
//Setw on numbers before you print them
const size_t ROWS {12};
const size_t COLS {3};

for (size_t row{0} ; row < ROWS ; ++ row){
    for (size_t col{0} ; col < COLS ; ++col){
        std::cout << "( row " << std::setw(2) << row << ",col " << std::setw(2) << col << ")";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
}
```

```
C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe

( row 0,col 0)    ( row 0,col 1)    ( row 0,col 2)    ( row 0,col 3)    ( row 0,col 4)
( row 1,col 0)    ( row 1,col 1)    ( row 1,col 2)    ( row 1,col 3)    ( row 1,col 4)
( row 2,col 0)    ( row 2,col 1)    ( row 2,col 2)    ( row 2,col 3)    ( row 2,col 4)
( row 3,col 0)    ( row 3,col 1)    ( row 3,col 2)    ( row 3,col 3)    ( row 3,col 4)
( row 4,col 0)    ( row 4,col 1)    ( row 4,col 2)    ( row 4,col 3)    ( row 4,col 4)
( row 5,col 0)    ( row 5,col 1)    ( row 5,col 2)    ( row 5,col 3)    ( row 5,col 4)
( row 6,col 0)    ( row 6,col 1)    ( row 6,col 2)    ( row 6,col 3)    ( row 6,col 4)
( row 7,col 0)    ( row 7,col 1)    ( row 7,col 2)    ( row 7,col 3)    ( row 7,col 4)
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( row 12,col 0)   ( row 12,col 1)   ( row 12,col 2)   ( row 12,col 3)   ( row 12,col 4)
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( row 14,col 0)   ( row 14,col 1)   ( row 14,col 2)   ( row 14,col 3)   ( row 14,col 4)
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( row 19,col 0)   ( row 19,col 1)   ( row 19,col 2)   ( row 19,col 3)   ( row 19,col 4)
Press any key to continue . . .
```

3D



General Thought

It's not easy to visually represent data structures with a dimension greater than 3, but now the idea should be building up that the more layers of nests you have in your loops, the more dimensions the data you are looping around could represent.

2D tabular data visualization with nested for loops

```
//Setw on numbers before you print them
const size_t ROWS {12};
const size_t COLS {3};

for (size_t row{0} ; row < ROWS ; ++ row){
    for (size_t col{0} ; col < COLS ; ++col){
        std::cout << "( row " << std::setw(2) << row << ",col " << std::setw(2) << col << ")";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
}
```

2D tabular data visualization with nested while loops

```
//Remember to reset col to 0 after the inner loop is done for the next row
// to use the right columns.
size_t row {0};
size_t col {0};

while(row < ROWS){
    while(col < COLS){
        std::cout << "( row " << std::setw(2) << row << ",col " << std::setw(2) << col << ")";
        ++col;
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
    col = 0 ; // Reset col to 0 to allow printing from col 0 . col is in main
              // function local scope now.
    ++row;
}
```

2D tabular data visualization with nested do while loops

```
row = 0;
col = 0;

do { // row
    do {
        std::cout << "( row " << std::setw(2) << row << ",col " << std::setw(2) << col << " )";
        ++col;
    }while(col < COLS);

    std::cout << std::endl;
    col = 0 ; // Reset col to 0 to allow printing from col 0 . col is in main
              // function local scope now.
    ++row;
}while(row < ROWS);
```

Range based for loops

Range based for loops aren't a good fit for visually representing multi dimensional data structures . It's possible to do that though. We'll see how to do that when we have more tools in the next chapter

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break and continue

break

break breaks out of the loop immediately and causes execution of the statement following the loop immediately

continue

continue allows you to skip a single iteration and move to the next one


```

//break - for loop
//break stops the loop all together and we fall outside the closing } of the loop
std::cout << "break - for loop : " << std::endl;
for ( size_t i{0}; i < 20 ; ++i){

    if(i==6)
        break;
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
}
//Falls here after break
std::cout << "Loop is done" << std::endl;


// continue - for loop
//Continue : skips a single iteration
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "continue - for loop : " << std::endl;

for(size_t i {0} ; i < 20; ++i){
    if(i==6)
        continue;    //Skip current iteration and go to next one.
                       // Will cause for 6 not to be printed
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
}

```

Danger

continue may cause for the incrementing/ decrementing statement not to be executed and you'll get an infinite loop.

```
size_t i{0};

while (i < 20){
    //std::cout << "Inside the while loop" << std::endl;
    if(i==5) {
        ++i;

        continue;
    }
    if(i==11)
        break;
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
    ++i;
}
std::cout << "Loop done" << std::endl;
```

```
size_t i{0};

do{
    if(i==5) {
        ++i;
        continue;
    }
    if(i==11)
        break;
    std::cout << "i : " << i << std::endl;
    ++i;
}while (i < 20);
std::cout << "Loop done" << std::endl;
```

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The possibility for infinite loop is not present with `continue` with `for` loops because the incrementing/decrementing part is kind of built in. It always executes when control leaves the body of the loop.

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Fixing our Calculator

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break

Continue when the operation is not a valid one

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Range based for loop with initializer

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Helper variable in outer scope

```
std::cout << "range based for loop without initializer : " << std::endl;

auto multiplier1 {4};

for (int value : {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}){
    //value holds a copy of the current iteration in the whole bag
    std::cout << " result : " << (value*multiplier1) << std::endl;
}
std::cout << "multiplier1 : " << multiplier1 << std::endl;
```

Helper variable in loop scope (C++20)

```
//Range based for loop with initializer
for (auto multiplier2{4} ;int value : {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}){
    //value holds a copy of the current iteration in the whole bag
    std::cout << " result : " << (value*multiplier2) << std::endl;
}

//Error : multiplier2 not in scope here
//std::cout << "multiplier2 : " << multiplier2 << std::endl;
```

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Loops : Summary

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Repetitive tasks

```
//Print I love C++ 10 times  
std::cout << "I love C++" << std::endl;  
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```

Loops

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Pillars of any loop

- Iterator
- Starting Point
- Test(controls when the loop stops)
- Increment(Decrement)
- Loop body

For loop

Range based for loop

While loop

Do while loop

for loop

```
for(size_t i{}; i < 10 ;++i){  
    std::cout << "I love C++" << std::endl;  
}
```

while loop

```
const unsigned int COUNT {10};  
  
unsigned int i {0};  
  
while ( i < COUNT){  
    std::cout << " I love C++" << std::endl;  
    ++i;  
}
```

Loop with output

```
const unsigned int COUNT {10};  
unsigned int i {11}; // Initialization  
  
do{  
    std::cout << "[" << i << "]" : I love C++" << std::endl;  
    ++i; // Increment  
}while(i < COUNT); // Test
```



size_t

Range based for loop

```
for (int value : {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10}){  
    //value holds a copy of the current iteration in the whole bag  
    std::cout << " value : " << value << std::endl;  
}
```

Infinite loops

Loops with `std::cout`

Decrementing loops

Nested loops

`break` and `continue`

Comma operator

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