

EXPERIMENT 4

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1. Aim

To understand and implement iterative control structures in PostgreSQL conceptually, including FOR loops, WHILE loops, and basic LOOP constructs, for repeated execution of database logic.

2. Objective:

After completing this practical, the learner will be able to:

- To understand why iteration is required in database programming
- To learn the purpose and behavior of FOR, WHILE, and LOOP constructs
- To understand how repeated data processing is handled in databases
- To relate loop concepts to real-world batch processing scenarios
- To strengthen conceptual knowledge of procedural SQL used in enterprise systems.

3. Practical / Experiment Steps

- a. Start the system.
- b. Open pgAdmin.
- c. Create and select the database in which you want to perform the experiment.
- d. Establish connection to the database using Alt+Shift+Q.
- e. Run the following queries given in Experiment Steps (5).

4. Procedure of the Practical

- 1. Start the system and log in
- 2. Start the PostgreSQL service
- 3. Open PostgreSQL client (psql or pgAdmin)
- 4. Create a new database
- 5. Create the required table
- 6. Insert sample data into the table
- 7. Execute SELECT queries for LOOP, WHILE, FOR
- 8. Ensure successful execution of queries
- 9. Save the work for documentation

5. SQL Queries Used in the Experiment

- a. For Loop (simple iteration):

```
DO $$  
BEGIN  
  FOR i IN 1..5 LOOP  
    RAISE NOTICE 'Number: %', i;  
  END LOOP;  
END $$;
```

- b. For Loop with Query (Row-by-Row Processing):

```
DO $$  
DECLARE  
  rec RECORD;  
BEGIN  
  FOR rec IN  
    SELECT id, marks FROM students  
  LOOP  
    RAISE NOTICE 'ID: %, Marks: %', rec.id, rec.marks;  
  END LOOP;  
END $$;
```

- c. While Loop (conditional iteration):

```
DO $$
```

```
DECLARE
    i int:=1;
BEGIN
    WHILE i<=5 LOOP
        RAISE NOTICE 'WHILE LOOP turn %',i;
        i:=i+1;
    END LOOP;
END $$
```

d. Loop with 'EXIT WHEN':

```
DO $$
DECLARE
    i int :=1;
BEGIN
    LOOP
        RAISE NOTICE 'i=%',i;
        i:=i+1;
        EXIT WHEN i>5;
    END LOOP;
END $$;
```

e. Salary increment using For Loop:

```
DO $$
DECLARE
    rec RECORD;
BEGIN
    FOR rec IN
        SELECT id, salary FROM salaries
    LOOP
        UPDATE salaries
        SET salary = rec.salary * 1.10
        WHERE id = rec.id;
    END LOOP;
END $$;
```

f. Combining Loop with IF condition:

```
DO $$
DECLARE
    rec RECORD;
BEGIN
    FOR rec IN
        SELECT id, marks FROM students
    LOOP
        IF rec.marks > 50 THEN
            RAISE NOTICE 'ID: %, Marks: %', rec.id, rec.marks;
        END IF;
    END LOOP;
END $$;
```

6. Input / Output Analysis (I/O Analysis)

- For Loop (simple iteration):

```
NOTICE:  Number: 1
NOTICE:  Number: 2
NOTICE:  Number: 3
NOTICE:  Number: 4
NOTICE:  Number: 5
DO
```

- For Loop with Query (Row-by-Row Processing):

```
NOTICE:  ID: 1, Marks: 45
NOTICE:  ID: 2, Marks: 72
NOTICE:  ID: 3, Marks: 88
NOTICE:  ID: 4, Marks: 39
NOTICE:  ID: 5, Marks: 61
DO
```

- While Loop (conditional iteration):

```
NOTICE: WHILE LOOP turn 1
NOTICE: WHILE LOOP turn 2
NOTICE: WHILE LOOP turn 3
NOTICE: WHILE LOOP turn 4
NOTICE: WHILE LOOP turn 5
DO
```

- Loop with 'EXIT WHEN':

```
NOTICE: i=1
NOTICE: i=2
NOTICE: i=3
NOTICE: i=4
NOTICE: i=5
DO
```

- Salary increment using For Loop:

```
DO

Query returned successfully in 74 msec.
```

- Combining Loop with IF condition:

```
NOTICE: ID: 2, Marks: 72
NOTICE: ID: 3, Marks: 88
NOTICE: ID: 5, Marks: 61
DO
```

7. Learning Outcome

- a. Understanding of how iterative control structures work in PostgreSQL at a conceptual level.
- b. Usage of loops in database systems, such as workflow engines, complex decision cycles, validation loops, etc.
- c. Foundational knowledge required for writing procedural logic in enterprise-grade applications.