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WORKSHEET 4

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.

Tools Used: PostgreSQL

OBJECTIVES:

- 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

Given:

Practical / Experiment Steps

Step 1: FOR Loop – Simple Iteration

- **The loop runs a fixed number of times**
- **Each iteration represents one execution cycle**
- **Useful for understanding basic loop behavior**

Query:

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

Output:

Data Output	Messages	Notifications
NOTICE:	Number is:- 1	
NOTICE:	Number is:- 2	
NOTICE:	Number is:- 3	
NOTICE:	Number is:- 4	
NOTICE:	Number is:- 5	
DO		
Query returned successfully in 103 msec.		

Step 2: FOR Loop with Query (Row-by-Row Processing)

- The loop processes database records one at a time
- Each iteration handles a single row
- Simulates cursor-based processing

Query:

```
CREATE TABLE employee (  
    emp_id INT,  
    emp_name VARCHAR(50),  
    salary INT  
);
```

```
INSERT INTO employee VALUES  
(1, 'Amit', 30000),  
(2, 'Neha', 40000),  
(3, 'Rahul', 35000);
```

```
DO $$  
DECLARE  
    rec RECORD;  
BEGIN  
    FOR rec IN SELECT * FROM employee LOOP  
        RAISE NOTICE 'ID: %, Name: %, Salary: %',  
            rec.emp_id, rec.emp_name, rec.salary;  
    END LOOP;  
END $$;
```

Output:

```
Data Output  Messages  Notifications
NOTICE:  ID: 1, Name: Amit, Salary: 30000
NOTICE:  ID: 2, Name: Neha, Salary: 40000
NOTICE:  ID: 3, Name: Rahul, Salary: 35000
DO
Query returned successfully in 98 msec.
```

Step 3: WHILE Loop – Conditional Iteration

- The loop runs until a condition becomes false
- Execution depends entirely on the condition
- The condition is checked before every iteration

```
DO $$
DECLARE
    sum INTEGER := 1;
BEGIN
    WHILE sum <= 5 LOOP
        RAISE NOTICE 'Sum is : %',sum;
        sum := sum + 1;
    END LOOP;
END $$;
```

Output:

```
NOTICE:  Sum is : 1
NOTICE:  Sum is : 2
NOTICE:  Sum is : 3
NOTICE:  Sum is : 4
NOTICE:  Sum is : 5
DO
Query returned successfully in 94 msec.
```

Step 4: LOOP with EXIT WHEN

- The loop does not stop automatically
- An explicit exit condition controls termination
- Gives flexibility in complex logic

Query:

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

Output:-

```
NOTICE:  Number: 1  
NOTICE:  Number: 2  
NOTICE:  Number: 3  
NOTICE:  Number: 4  
NOTICE:  Number: 5  
DO  
  
Query returned successfully in 94 msec.
```

Step 5: Salary Increment Using FOR Loop

- Employee records are processed one by one
- Salary values are updated iteratively
- Represents real-world payroll processing

Query:

```
DO $$  
DECLARE  
    rec RECORD;  
BEGIN  
    FOR rec IN SELECT * FROM employee LOOP  
        UPDATE employee  
        SET salary = salary + 2000  
        WHERE emp_id = rec.emp_id;  
    END LOOP;  
END $$;
```

SELECT * FROM employee;

Output:

Data Output

Messages

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SQL

	emp_id integer 🔒	emp_name character varying (50) 🔒	salary integer 🔒
1	1	Amit	32000
2	2	Neha	42000
3	3	Rahul	37000

Step 6: Combining LOOP with IF Condition

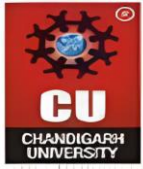
- Loop processes each record
- Conditional logic classifies data during iteration
- Demonstrates decision-making inside loops

Query:

```
DO $$
DECLARE
    rec RECORD;
BEGIN
    FOR rec IN SELECT * FROM employee LOOP
        IF rec.salary >= 40000 THEN
            RAISE NOTICE '% is High Salary Employee', rec.emp_name;
        ELSE
            RAISE NOTICE '% is Normal Salary Employee', rec.emp_name;
        END IF;
    END LOOP;
END $$;
```

Output:

Data Output	Messages	Notifications
		<pre>NOTICE: Amit is Normal Salary Employee NOTICE: Neha is High Salary Employee NOTICE: Rahul is Normal Salary Employee DO Query returned successfully in 140 msec.</pre>



Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the **need for iterative control structures** in database programming.
- Explain the **syntax and working** of FOR, WHILE, and LOOP constructs in PostgreSQL.
- Implement **range-based and query-based FOR loops** using PL/pgSQL.
- Use **WHILE loops** for condition-controlled execution of SQL statements.
- Apply **LOOP with EXIT conditions** for flexible and custom termination logic.
- Perform **row-by-row data processing** inside PostgreSQL using procedural SQL.
- Integrate **conditional statements (IF–ELSE)** within loops for decision making.
- Understand how iterative logic is used in **real-world database applications** such as payroll processing, reporting, and batch operations.
- Gain foundational knowledge of **PL/pgSQL** used in enterprise-level database systems.