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Python Primer 103

Loops

Dua of the day

The righteous dua that Abu Bakr (r) made at the end of his lifetime.

"O Allah, let the best of my lifetime be its ending, and my best deed be that which I seal [my life with], and the best of my days the day I meet You."

Reference: The Dua is taken from Sheikh Omer Sulaiman Dua Compilation.

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Using Loops

To print Salam five times in Python, you could do the following:

```
print("Salam")
print("Salam")
print("Salam")
print("Salam")
print("Salam")
```

Python Loops

for and While for

creating loops

The Range function can be used to create a list of numbers

ranging from a starting number up to the number just before the ending number.

That may sound a little confusing. Let's combine the range function with the list function to see exactly how this works.

But this is rather tedious. Instead, you can use a for loop to reduce the amount of typing and repetition, like this:

```
for x in range(0, 5):
print('salam')
```

Using range and list together

print(list(range(10, 20)))

In the case of the for loop, the code at is actually telling Python to do the following:

Start counting from 0 and stop before reaching 5.

For each number we count, store the value in the variable x.

for x in range(0, 5): print('salam %s' %x)

If we remove the for then what happens!

```
x = 0
print('salam %s' % x)
x = 1
print('salam %s' % x)
x = 2
print('salam %s' % x)
x = 3
print('salam %s' % x)
x = 4
print('salam %s' % x)
```

Not using range and list

Without the loop we have a long code

```
wizard list = ['spider legs', 'toe of frog', 'snail tongue',
         'bat wing', 'slug butter', 'bear burp']
print(wizard list[0])
print(wizard list[1])
print(wizard list[2])
print(wizard list[3])
print(wizard list[4])
print(wizard_list[5])
```

Printing it twice

```
hugehairypants = ['huge', 'hairy', 'pants']
for i in hugehairypants:
    print(i)
    print(i)
```

Mind the gap



```
hugehairypants = ['huge', 'hairy', 'pants']
for i in hugehairypants:
    print(i)
    print(i)
```

Gaps or spaces needs to be consistent

```
hugehairypants = ['huge', 'hairy', 'pants']
for i in hugehairypants:
    print(i)
    for j in hugehairypants:
        print(j)
```

Another kind of loop While

A **for** loop isn't the only kind of loop you can make in Python. There's also the **while** loop.

A **for** loop is a loop of a specific length, whereas a **while** loop is a loop that is used when you don't know ahead of time when it needs to stop looping.

```
x = 45

y = 80

while x < 50 and y < 100:

x = x + 1

y = y + 1

print(x, y)
```



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