

Repetition and Loop Statements

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- Repetition in Programs
- Counting loops
- The **while** statement
- The **for** statement
- Conditional Loops
- Nested Loops
- The **do-while** statement
- How to debug and test programs
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Recall: Control Structures

- Three kinds of control structures
 - **Sequence** (Compound Statement)
 - **Selection** (**if** and **switch** Statements)
 - **Repetition** (discussed in this presentation)
- The repetition of steps in a program is called a **loop**
- Three loop control structures in C
 - The **while** statement
 - The **for** statement
 - The **do-while** statement

Repetition in Programs

- **Loop structure**

- A control structure that repeats a group of steps in a program

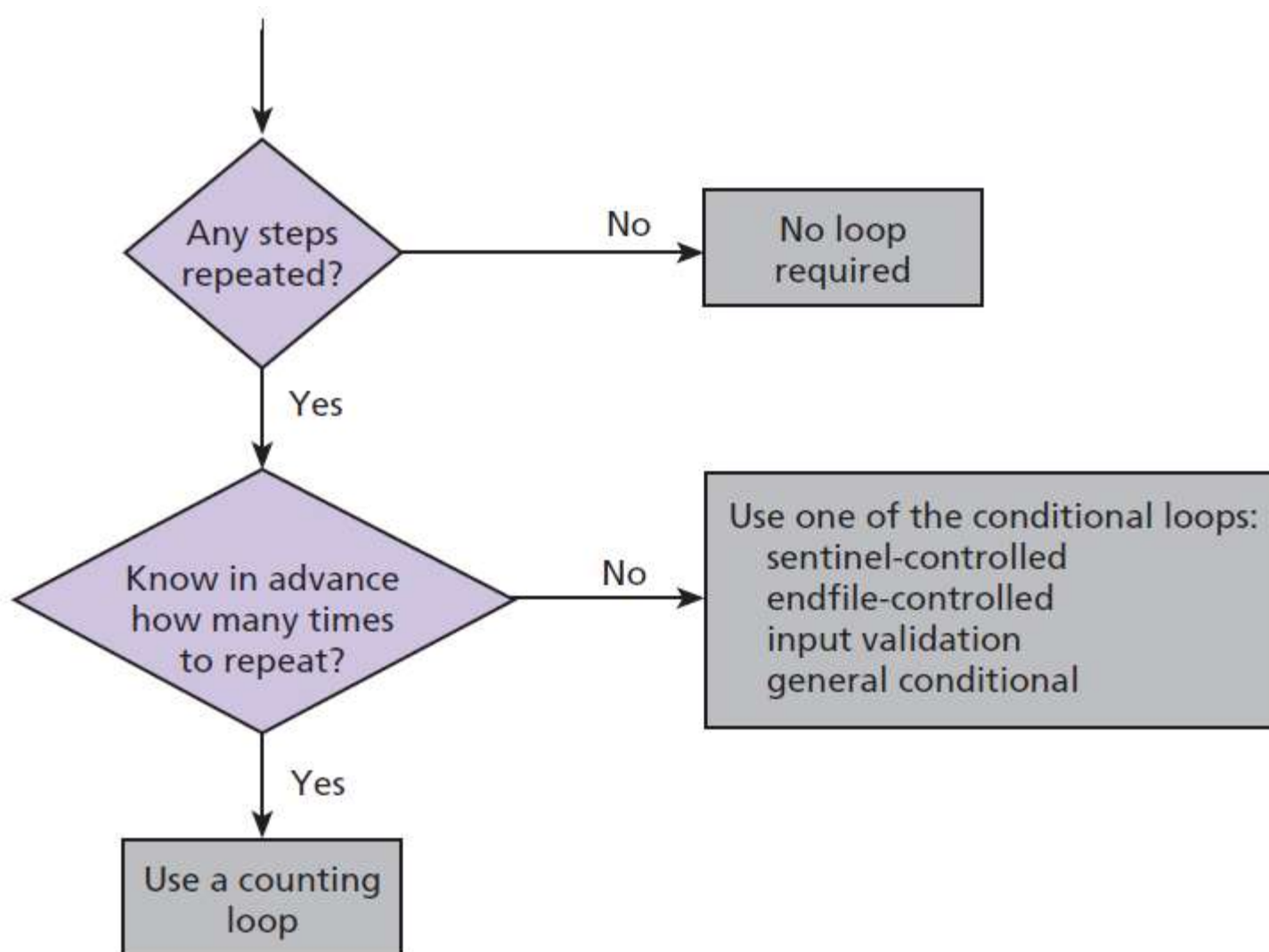
- **Loop body**

- The statements that are repeated inside the loop

- Three questions to raise:

1. Are there any steps repeated in the problem?
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, is the number of repetitions known in advance?
3. If the answer to question 2 is no, then how long to keep repeating the steps?

Flowchart of Loop Choice



Counting Loop

- Called a **Counter-controlled loop**
- A loop that can be controlled by a **counter variable**
- Number of iterations (repetitions) can be determined before loop execution begins
- General format of a counting loop:

Set loop control variable to an initial value

while (*loop control variable < final value*) {

/ Do something multiple times */*

Increase loop control variable by 1

}

The **while** Statement

- **Syntax:**

```
while (condition) {  
    statement1 ;  
    statement2 ;  
    . . .  
    statementN ;  
}
```



Loop Repetition Condition



Loop Body:
Can be one statement, or
Compound statement

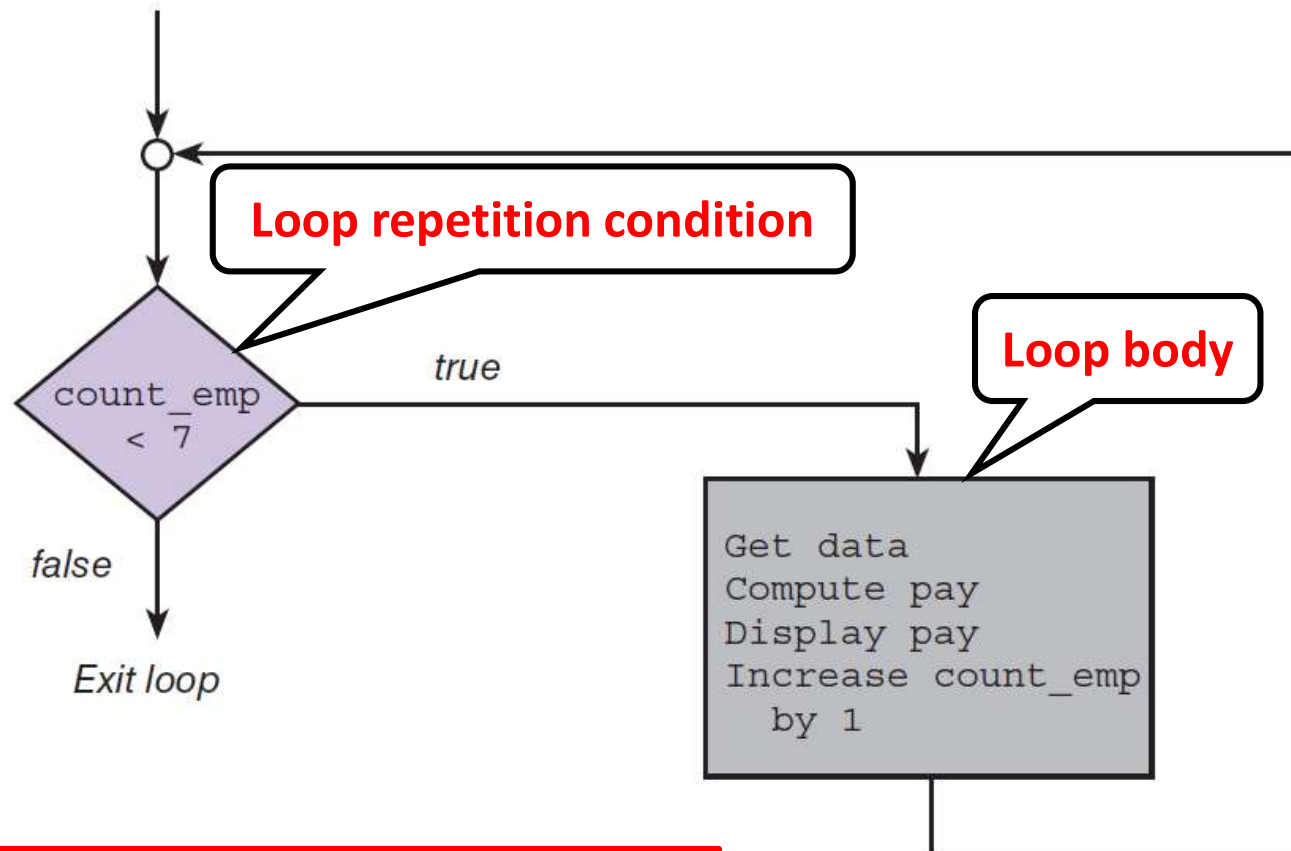
- As long as condition is true, the loop body is executed
- The condition is re-tested after each iteration
- The loop terminates when condition becomes false

Example of a **while** Loop

- Compute and display the gross pay for 7 employees
 - **Initialization:** `count_emp = 0;`
 - **Testing:** `(count_emp < 7)`
 - **Updating:** `count_emp = count_emp + 1;`

```
1. count_emp = 0;                /* no employees processed yet      */
2. while (count_emp < 7) {        /* test value of count_emp      */
3.     printf("Hours> ");
4.     scanf("%d", &hours);
5.     printf("Rate> ");
6.     scanf("%lf", &rate);
7.     pay = hours * rate;
8.     printf("Pay is $%6.2f\n", pay);
9.     count_emp = count_emp + 1; /* increment count_emp          */
10. }
11. printf("\nAll employees processed\n");
```


Flowchart of a **while** Loop



If **count_emp** is not updated,
the loop will execute forever.
Such a loop is called **infinite loop**.

Total Payroll of a Company

```

1.  /* Compute the payroll for a company */
2.
3.  #include <stdio.h>
4.
5.  int
6.  main(void)
7.  {
8.      double total_pay;      /* company payroll      */
9.      int     count_emp;     /* current employee */
10.     int     number_emp;     /* number of employees */
11.     double hours;           /* hours worked      */
12.     double rate;            /* hourly rate       */
13.     double pay;             /* pay for this period */
14.
15.     /* Get number of employees. */
16.     printf("Enter number of employees> ");
17.     scanf("%d", &number_emp);
18.
19.     /* Compute each employee's pay and add it to the payroll. */
20.     total_pay = 0.0;
21.     count_emp = 0;
22.     while (count_emp < number_emp) {
23.         printf("Hours> ");
24.         scanf("%lf", &hours);
25.         printf("Rate > $");
26.         scanf("%lf", &rate);
27.         pay = hours * rate;
28.         printf("Pay is $%6.2f\n\n", pay);
29.         total_pay = total_pay + pay;           /* Add next pay. */
30.         count_emp = count_emp + 1;
31.     }
32.     printf("All employees processed\n");
33.     printf("Total payroll is $%8.2f\n", total_pay);
34.
35.     return (0);
36. }

```

Sample Run

Enter number of employees> 3

Hours> 50

Rate> \$5.25

Pay is \$262.50

Hours> 6

Rate> \$5.0

Pay is \$ 30.00

Hours> 15

Rate> \$7.0

Pay is \$105.00

All employees processed

Total payroll is \$ 397.50

Sum of numbers using **while** Loop

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)                                /* Compute Sum of numbers */
{
    int i = 0;                                /* count number */
    int a;                                     /* current input number */
    int sum = 0;                               /* Sum of inputs */

    while(i < 10)
    {
        printf("Enter a number: ");
        scanf("%d", &a);
        sum = sum + a;
        i++;
    }
    printf("Total is %d\n", sum);

    return 0;
}
```

The **for** Statement

- Better way to write a counting loop

```
for (initialization expression;  
    loop repetition condition;  
    update expression)  
    Statement ; /* Can be Compound */
```

- First, the initialization expression is executed
- Then, the loop repetition condition is tested
 - If true, the Statement is executed , the update expression is computed, and the repetition condition is re-tested
- Repeat as long as the repetition condition is true

Accumulating a Sum: total_pay

```
1.  /* Process payroll for all employees */
2.  total_pay = 0.0;
3.  for (count_emp = 0;                               /* initialization */
4.      count_emp < number_emp;                       /* loop repetition condition */
5.      count_emp += 1) {                             /* update */
6.      printf("Hours> ");
7.      scanf("%lf", &hours);
8.      printf("Rate > $");
9.      scanf("%lf", &rate);
10.     pay = hours * rate;
11.     printf("Pay is $%6.2f\n\n", pay);
12.     total_pay = total_pay + pay;
13. }
14. printf("All employees processed\n");
15. printf("Total payroll is $%8.2f\n", total_pay);
```

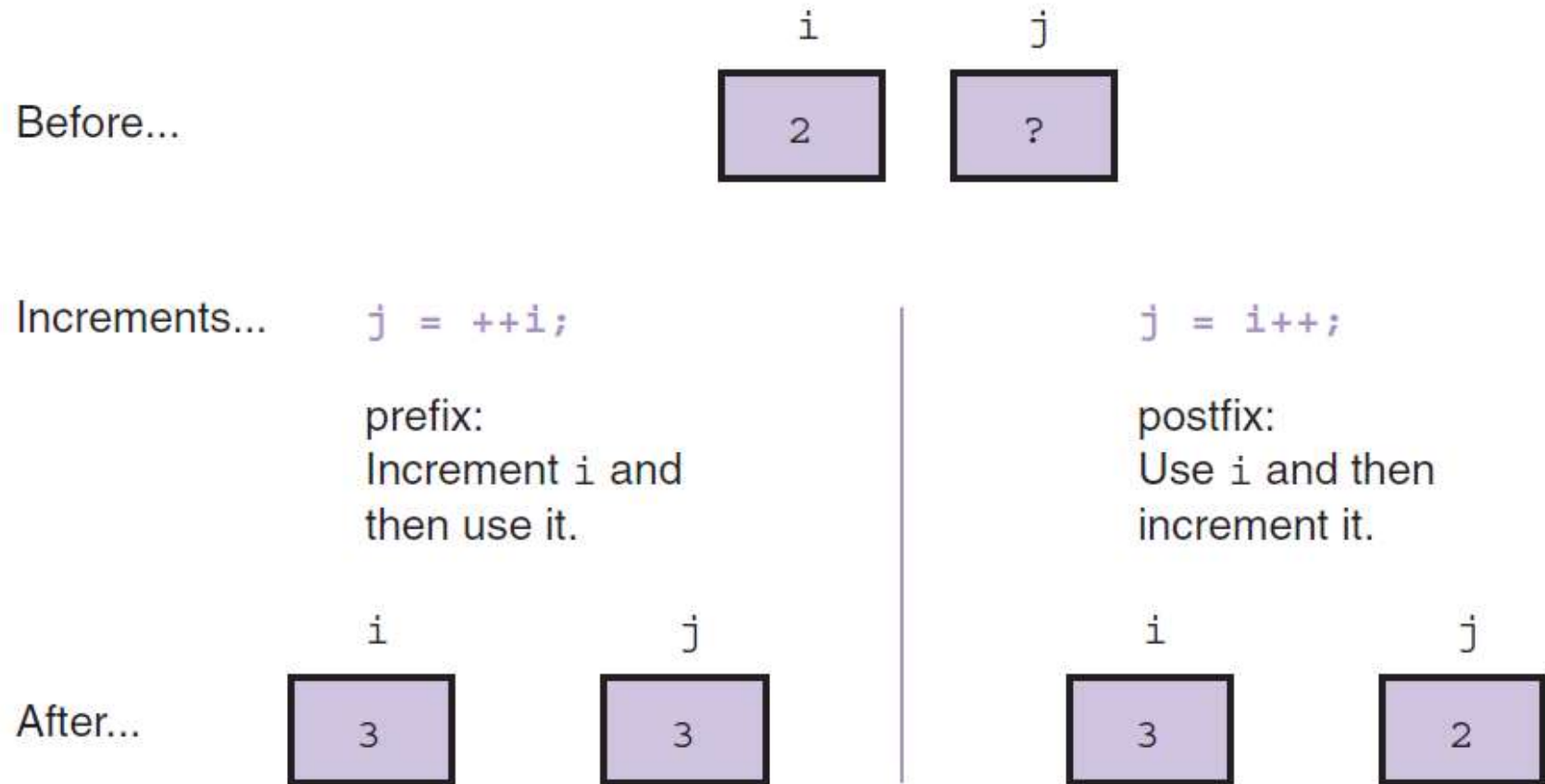
Compound Assignment Operator

variable **op=** **expression** ; *is equivalent to*

variable **=** **variable** **op** (**expression**) ;

Statement with Simple Assignment Operator	Equivalent with Compound Assignment Operator
<code>count_emp = count_emp + 1;</code>	<code>count_emp += 1;</code>
<code>time = time - 1;</code>	<code>time -= 1;</code>
<code>product = product * item;</code>	<code>product *= item;</code>
<code>total = total / number;</code>	<code>total /= number;</code>
<code>n = n % (x+1);</code>	<code>n %= x+1;</code>

Prefix and Postfix Increments



C also provides the **decrement** operator `--` that can be used in either the prefix or postfix position

Computing Factorial

```
1.  /*
2.   * Computes n!
3.   * Pre: n is greater than or equal to zero
4.   */
5.  int
6.  factorial(int n)
7.  {
8.      int i,          /* local variables */
9.          product;    /* accumulator for product computation */
10.
11.     product = 1;
12.     /* Computes the product n x (n-1) x (n-2) x . . . x 2 x 1 */
13.     for (i = n; i > 1; --i) {
14.         product = product * i;
15.     }
16.
17.     /* Returns function result */
18.     return (product);
19. }
```

Conversion of Celsius to Fahrenheit

Display a Table of Values

Celsius	Fahrenheit
10	50.00
5	41.00
0	32.00
-5	23.00

Decrement by 5

```

1.  /* Conversion of Celsius to Fahrenheit temperatures */
2.
3.  #include <stdio.h>
4.
5.  /* Constant macros */
6.  #define CBEGIN 10
7.  #define CLIMIT -5
8.  #define CSTEP 5
9.
10. int
11. main(void)
12. {
13.     /* Variable declarations */
14.     int    celsius;
15.     double fahrenheit;
16.
17.     /* Display the table heading */
18.     printf(" Celsius Fahrenheit\n");
19.
20.     /* Display the table */
21.     ① for (celsius = CBEGIN;
22.         ②     celsius >= CLIMIT;
23.         ③     celsius -= CSTEP) {
24.         ④     fahrenheit = 1.8 * celsius + 32.0;
25.         ⑤     printf("%6c%3d%8c%7.2f\n", ' ', celsius, ' ', fahrenheit);
26.     }
27.
28.     return (0);
29. }
```

Conditional Loop

- Not able to determine the exact number of loop repetitions before loop execution begins

- Example of a conditional loop: **input validation**

```
printf("Enter number of students> ");  
scanf("%d", &num_students);  
while (num_students < 0) {  
    printf("Invalid negative number; try again> ");  
    scanf("%d", &num_students);  
}
```

- **while** loop rejects invalid (negative) input

Sentinel-Controlled Loop

- In many programs, we input a list of data values
- Often, we don't know the length of the list
- We ask the user to enter a unique data value, called a **sentinel value**, after the last data item
- **Sentinel Value**
 - An end marker that follows the last value in a list of data
 - For readability, we used **#define** to name the **SENTINEL**
- The loop repetition condition terminates a loop when the sentinel value is read

Sentinel-Controlled **while** Loop

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SENTINEL -1  /* Marking end of input */

int main(void) {      /* Compute the sum of test scores */
    int sum = 0;       /* Sum of test scores */
    int score;         /* Current input score */

    printf("Enter first score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);
    scanf("%d", &score);
    while (score != SENTINEL) {
        sum += score;
        printf("Enter next score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);
        scanf("%d", &score);
    }
    printf("\nSum of exam scores is %d\n", sum);
    return (0);
}
```

Sentinel-Controlled for Loop

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SENTINEL -1  /* Marking end of input */

int main(void) {      /* Compute the sum of test scores */
    int sum = 0;      /* Sum of test scores */
    int score;        /* Current input score */

    printf("Enter first score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);
    for (scanf("%d", &score);
         score != SENTINEL;
         scanf("%d", &score)) {
        sum += score;
        printf("Enter next score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);
    }
    printf("\nSum of exam scores is %d\n", sum);
    return (0);
}
```

Infinite Loop on Faulty Input Data

- Reading faulty data can result in an infinite loop

```
scanf("%d", &score); /* read integer */
```

- Suppose the user enters the letter **X**

Enter next score (-1 to quit)> X

scanf fails to read variable **score** as letter **X**

- Variable **score** is **not modified** in the program

score != SENTINEL is always **true**

- Therefore, **Infinite Loop**

Detecting Faulty Input Data

- **scanf** can detect faulty input as follows:

```
status = scanf("%d", &score);
```

- If **scanf** successfully reads **score** then **status** is **1**
- If **scanf** fails to read **score** then **status** is **0**
- We can test **status** to detect faulty input
- This can be used to terminate the execution of a loop
- In general, **scanf** can read multiple variables
- It returns the number of successfully read inputs

Terminating Loop on Faulty Input

```
int main(void) {      /* Compute the sum of test scores */
    int sum = 0;      /* Sum of test scores */
    int score;        /* Current input score */
    int status;       /* Input status of scanf */

    printf("Enter first score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);
    status = scanf("%d", &score);
    while (status != 0 && score != SENTINEL) {
        sum += score;
        printf("Enter next score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);
        status = scanf("%d", &score);
    }
    printf("\nSum of exam scores is %d\n", sum);
    return (0);
}
```

Print number in reverse order

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int number, digit;

    printf("Enter a number: ");
    scanf("%d", &number);

    while(number > 0)
    {
        digit = number % 10;
        printf("%d", digit);
        number = number / 10;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Nested Loops

- Consist of an outer loop with one or more inner loops
- Each time the outer loop is repeated, the inner loops are reentered and executed
- **Example:**

```
int n = 5;
int i, j;
outer loop [ for (i = 1; i <= n; i++)
              {
inner loop [  for (j = 1; j <= i; j++)
              {
                printf("*");
              }
              printf("\n");
            }
          }
```

```
*
**
***
****
*****
```

What is the Output

/ Illustrates nested for loops */*

#include <stdio.h>

```
int main(void) {
    int i, j; /* loop variables */
    printf("          I    J\n");
    for (i = 1; i < 4; i++) {
        printf("Outer %6d\n", i);
        for (j = 0; j < i; j++) {
            printf("  Inner%9d\n", j);
        } /* end of inner loop */
    } /* end of outer loop */

    return (0);
}
```

	i	j
Outer	1	
Inner		0
Outer	2	
Inner		0
Inner		1
Outer	3	
Inner		0
Inner		1
Inner		2

The **do-while** Statement

- The **for** and **while** statements evaluate the loop condition **before** the execution of the loop body
- The **do-while** statement evaluates the loop condition **after** the execution of the loop body

- **Syntax:**

do

statement; */* Can be compound */*

while (**loop repetition condition**) ;

- The **do-while** must execute **at least one time**

Using **do-while** to repeat Program

```
int main(void) {  
    . . .           /* Variable Declarations */  
    char ch;         /* User response [y/n] */  
  
    do {  
        . . .           /* Execute program */  
        printf("Repeat again [y/n]? ");  
        ch = getch();    /* read from keyboard */  
        printf("%c\n", ch); /* display character */  
    } while (ch=='y' || ch=='Y');  
    return 0;  
}
```

Example: Selection Inside Loop

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int number, i, flag = 1;
    scanf("%d", &number);

    for(i = 2; i < number; i++)
    {
        if(number % i == 0)
            flag = 0;
    }

    if(flag == 1)
        printf("%d is a prime number.\n", number);
    else
        printf("%d is not a prime number.\n", number);

    return 0;
}
```

Using break Inside Loop

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void){  
    int number, i, flag = 1;  
    scanf("%d", &number);  
  
    for(i = 2; i < number; i++){  
        if(number % i == 0){  
            flag = 0;  
            break;  
        }  
    }  
  
    if(flag == 1)  
        printf("%d is a prime number",number);  
    else  
        printf("%d is not a prime number",number);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

The **break** statement makes the loop terminate prematurely.

Using continue Inside Loop

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void){  
    int number, i, sum = 0;  
  
    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++){  
        printf("Enter a number: ");  
        scanf("%d", &number);  
  
        if(number < 0)  
            continue;  
  
        sum += number;  
        printf("%d is added\n", number);  
    }  
  
    printf("Total = %d\n",sum);  
    return 0;  
}
```

The **continue** statement forces next iteration of the loop, skipping any remaining statements in the loop

Using continue Inside Loop

```
#include<stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void){  
    int number, i, sum = 0;  
  
    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++){  
        printf("Enter a number: ");  
        scanf("%d", &number);  
  
        if(number < 0)  
            continue;  
  
        sum += number;  
        printf("%d is added\n", number);  
    }  
  
    printf("Total = %d\n",sum);  
    return 0;  
}
```

The **continue** statement forces next iteration of the loop, skipping any remaining statements in the loop

Using continue Inside Loop

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main(void){
    int number, i, sum = 0;

    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++){
        printf("Enter a number: ");
        scanf("%d", &number);

        if(number < 0)
            continue;

        sum += number;
        printf("%d is added\n", number);
    }

    printf("Total = %d\n",sum);
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
Enter a number: 1
1 is added
Enter a number: 2
2 is added
Enter a number: 3
3 is added
Enter a number: -4
Enter a number: -5
Enter a number: 6
6 is added
Enter a number: 7
7 is added
Enter a number: 8
8 is added
Enter a number: -9
Enter a number: 10
10 is added
Total = 37
```

How to Debug and Test a Program

- Using a debugger program
 - **Debug option** should be selected
 - Execute program one statement at a time (**Next line**)
 - Watch the value of variables at runtime (**Add watch**)
 - Set **breakpoints** at selected statements
- Debugging without a debugger
 - Insert ***extra printf statements*** that display intermediate results at critical points in your program
if (DEBUG) printf(. . .);
 - Turn ON diagnostic calls to **printf**
#define DEBUG 1

Example: Debugging using printf

```
#define DEBUG 1  /* turn on diagnostics */  
#define DEBUG 0  /* turn off diagnostics */
```

```
int main(void) {  
    int score, sum=0;  
    printf("Enter first score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);  
    scanf("%d", &score);    /* get first score */  
    while (score != SENTINEL) {  
        sum += score;  
        if (DEBUG) printf("score=%d, sum=%d\n", score, sum);  
        printf("Enter next score (%d to quit)> ", SENTINEL);  
        scanf("%d", &score);    /* get next score */  
    }  
    printf("Total score is %d\n", sum);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Off-By-One Loop Errors

- A common logic error
- A loop executes one more time or one less time
- **Example:**

```
for (count = 0; count <= n; ++count)  
    sum += count;
```

Executes $n + 1$ times

```
for (count = 1; count < n; ++count)  
    sum += count;
```

Executes $n - 1$ times

- Checking loop boundaries
 - Initial and final values of the loop control variable

Common Programming Errors

- Do not confuse **if** and **while** statements
 - **if** statement implements a decision step
 - **while** statement implements a loop
- **for** loop: remember to end the initialization step and the loop repetition condition with **semicolon (;)**
- Remember to use **braces { and }** around a loop body consisting of multiple statements
- Remember to provide a **prompt** for the user, when using a sentinel-controlled loop
- Make sure the sentinel value cannot be confused with a normal data input

Common Programming Errors

- Use **do-while** only when there is no possibility of zero loop iterations
- Do not use increment, decrement, or compound assignment as sub-expressions in complex expressions

`a *= b + c;` `/* a = a*(b+c); */`

There is no shorter way to write: `a = a*b + c;`

- Be sure that the operand of an increment/decrement operator is a variable:

`z = ++j * k--;` `/* ++j; z=j*k; k--; */`

Chapter Review

- Two kinds of loops occur frequently in programming
- **Counting loop:** controlled by a counter
- **Conditional loop:** controlled by a condition
 - Sentinel-controlled loop
 - Input validation loop
 - General conditional loop
- C provides three statements for implementing loops
 - **while** statement (can have zero repetitions)
 - **for** statement (can have zero repetitions)
 - **do-while** statement (must execute at least once)