## Special Topics in Computer Science- CSC 4992

Iteration with the for Loop

#### **Control Operations**

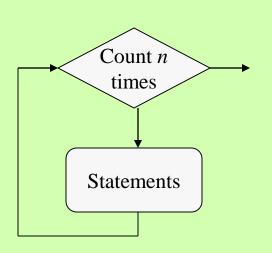
• Basic operations are input, output, arithmetic, etc.

- Control operations allow for sequencing other operations
  - Choose between several alternative sequences (selection)
  - Repeat a single sequence (iteration)

### Doing the Same Thing Many Times

• It's possible to do something repeatedly by just writing it all out

• Print 'hello' 5 times



```
>>> print('Hello!')
Hello
>>> print('Hello!')
```

#### Iteration and Loops

• A *loop* repeats a sequence of statements

• A *definite loop* repeats a sequence of statements a predictable number of times

```
Count n times

Statements
```

```
>>> for x in range(5): print('Hello!')
...
Hello
Hello
Hello
Hello
Hello
Hello
```

#### The for Loop

Python's **for** loop can be used to iterate a definite number of times

```
for <variable> in range(<number of times>): <statement>
```

Use this syntax when you have only one statement to repeat

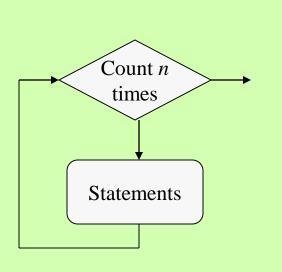
```
Count n times

Statements
```

```
>>> for x in range(5): print('Hello!')
...
Hello!
Hello!
Hello!
Hello!
Hello!
```

#### The for Loop

Use indentation to format two or more statements below the loop header

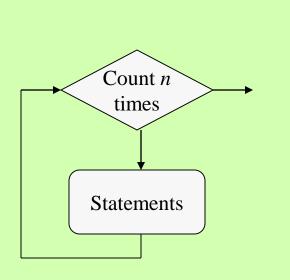


```
>>> for x in range(3):
... print('Hello!')
... print('goodbye')
...
Hello!
goodbye
Hello!
goodbye
Hello!
goodbye
```

#### Using the Loop Variable

The *loop variable* picks up the next value in a *sequence* on each pass through the loop

The expression range (n) generates a sequence of ints from 0 through n - 1



```
loop variable
>>> for x in range(5): print(x)
...
0
1
2
3
4
>>> list(range(5)) # Show as a list
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

### Counting from 1 through *n*

The expression range (low, high) generates a sequence of ints from low through high - 1

```
Count h - l
times

Statements

>>> for x in range(1, 6): print(x)

1
2
3
4
5
>>> list(range(1, 6)) # Show as a list
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

## Skipping Steps in a Sequence

The expression range (low, high, step) generates a sequence of ints starting with low and counting by step until high - 1 is reached or exceeded

```
Count (h - l + 1)/s
times

>>> for x in range(1, 6, 2): print(x)
...

1
3
5
>>> list(range(1, 6, 2)) # Show as a list
[1, 3, 5]
Statements
```

### Counting down in a Sequence

The expression range (high, low, step) generates a sequence of ints starting with high and counting by step until low + 1 is reached, when step is negative

```
>>> for x in range(4, 1, -1): print(x)
...
4
3
2
>>> list(range(4, 1, -1)) # Show as a list
[4, 3, 2]
```

#### Accumulator Loop: Summation

Compute and print the sum of the numbers between 1 and 5, inclusive

```
total = 0
for n in range(1, 6):
   total = total + n
print(total)
```

In this program, the variable **total** is called an *accumulator* variable

#### Extended Assignment

Compute and print the sum of the numbers between 1 and 5, inclusive

```
total = 0
for n in range(1, 6):
   total += n
print(total)
```

The expression

```
<variable> += <expression>
```

is shorthand for the expression

```
<variable> = <variable> + <expression>
```

#### Accumulator Loop: Product

Compute and print the product of the numbers between 1 and 5, inclusive

```
product = 1
for n in range(1, 6):
    product = product * n
print(product)
```

The loop *pattern* or *idiom* is the same as the sum loop

Vary the initial value of the accumulator variable and the means of increasing it

#### Using a Loop in a Real Problem

#### Design in Pseudocode

```
principal = 10000
rate = .06
term = 5
totalinterest = 0
for each year in term
    print principal
    interest = principal * rate
    print interest
    principal = principal + interest
    totalinterest = totalinterest + interest
print totalinterest
print principal
```

#### First Coding in Python

```
principal = 10000
rate = .06
term = 5
totalinterest = 0
for year in range(term):
    print(principal)
    interest = principal * rate
    print(interest)
    principal = principal + interest
    totalinterest = totalinterest + interest
print(totalinterest)
print(principal)
```

#### Refinement: Clean Up Output

```
principal = 10000
rate = .06
term = 5
totalinterest = 0
for year in range(term):
    interest = principal * rate
    print(principal, interest)
    principal = principal + interest
    totalinterest = totalinterest + interest
print('Total interest:', totalinterest)
print('Total principal:', principal)
```

#### Second Refinement: \$d.cc

```
principal = 10000
rate = .06
term = 5
totalinterest = 0
for year in range(term):
    interest = principal * rate
    print(round(principal, 2), round(interest, 2))
    principal = principal + interest
    totalinterest = totalinterest + interest
print('Total interest:', round(totalinterest, 2))
print('Total principal:', round(principal, 2)
```

#### Third Refinement: Print the Year

```
principal = 10000
rate = .06
term = 5
totalinterest = 0
for year in range(1, term + 1):
    interest = principal * rate
    print(year, round(principal, 2), round(interest, 2))
    principal = principal + interest
    totalinterest = totalinterest + interest
print('Total interest:', round(totalinterest, 2))
print('Total principal:', round(principal, 2))
```

# Generalize to Solve for *Any* Principal, Rate, and Term

```
principal = ?
rate = ?
term = ?
totalinterest = 0
for year in range(1, term + 1):
    interest = principal * rate
    print(year, round(principal, 2), round(interest, 2))
    principal = principal + interest
    totalinterest = totalinterest + interest
print('Total interest:', round(totalinterest, 2))
print('Total principal:', round(principal, 2))
```