

# Looping in Fortran

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# 1. Indexed Do loops

```
integer :: i
```

```
do i=1,10  
    ! code with i  
end do
```

You can include a step size (which can be negative) as a third parameter:

By steps of 3:

```
do i=1,10,3  
    ! code with i  
end do
```

Counting down:

```
do i=10,1,-1  
    ! code with i  
end do
```

## 2. While loop

The while loop has a pre-test:

```
do while (i<1000)
  print *,i
  i = i*2
end do
```

### 3. Exit and cycle

Loop without counter or while test:

```
do
  call random_number(x)
  if (x>.9) exit
  print *, "Nine out of ten exes agree"
end do
```

Compare to break in C++.

Skip rest of current iteration:

```
do i=1,100
  if (isprime(i)) cycle
  ! do something with non-prime
end do
```

Compare to continue in C++.

## 4. Labeled loops

You can label loops  
useful with `exit` statement:

```
outer: do i=1,10
  inner: do j=1,10
    test: if (i*j>42) then
      print *,i,j
      exit outer
    end if test
  end do inner
end do outer
```

## 5. Semantic fine points

- Fortran loops determine the iteration count before execution; a loop will run that many iterations, unless you [Exit](#).
- You are not allowed to alter the iteration variable.

## 6. Non-integer loop variables

Used to be allowed-but-dangerous

Now deleted language feature:

Code:

```
real(4) :: r

do r=.1,1.,.1
  print *,r
end do
```

Output

[loopf] loopr:

*loopr.F90:16:5:*

```
16 | do
    | r=.1,1.,.1
    | 1
```

*Warning: Deleted  
feature: Loop  
variable at (1)  
must be integer*

*loopr.F90:16:7:*

```
16 | do
    | r=.1,1.,.1
    | 1
```

*Warning: Deleted  
feature: Start*

# Exercise 1

Read an integer and set a boolean variable to determine whether it is prime by testing for the smaller numbers if they divide that number.

Print a final message

Your number is prime

or

Your number is not prime: it is divisible by ....

where you report just one found factor.



## 7. Implied do loops

If you loop over a print statement, each print statement is on a new line;  
use an implied loop to print on one line.

```
Print *,(2*i,i=1,20)
```

You can iterate multiple expressions:

```
Print *,(2*i,2*i+1,i=1,20)
```

These loops can be nested:

```
Print *,( (i*j,i=1,20), j=1,20 )
```

Also useful for [Read](#).

## Exercise 2

Use the implied do-loop mechanism to print a triangle:

```
1
2 2
3 3 3
4 4 4 4
```

up to a number that is input.