16.216: ECE Application Programming

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Lecture 9: Key Questions February 13, 2013

1. Explain the usage and basic structure of a while loop.

2. **Example:** What does each of the following short programs print?

```
a. x = 7;
  while ( x < 10 )
  {
     printf("%d ",x);
     x = x + 1;
  }</pre>
```

```
b. x = 7;
  while ( x < 3 )
  {
    printf("%d ",x);
    x = x + 1;
}</pre>
```

3. **Example:** Finish the following program as directed

return 0;
}

- 4. Explain how while loops can be used:
- a. When number of iterations is dependent on a variable (flexible limit) (while2.c)

b. When you want to repeat an operation until a given value (sentinel) is entered (while3.c)

5. What is the difference between a while loop and a do-while loop?

6. Show the difference between the outputs of the loops below

```
x = 7;
do {
    printf("%d",x);
    x = x + 1;
} while ( x < 3 );
    x = x + 1;
} printf("%d",x);
    x = x + 1;
}</pre>
```

7. Recall the example for using a while loop with a sentinel value in the grade average program and show that loop written as a do-while loop.