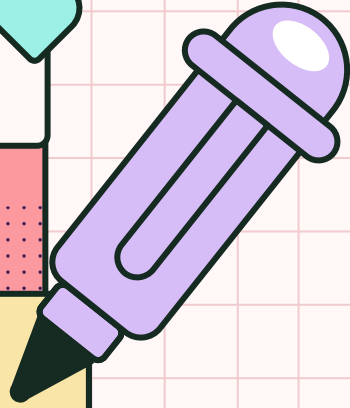




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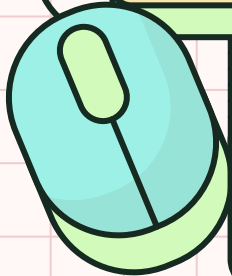
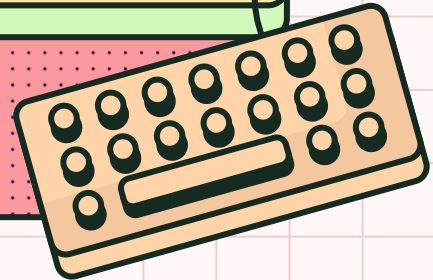
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Loops



control statements that allow blocks of code to be repeated

If I want to print:

Hi
Hi
Hi
Hi
Hi
Hi

What I have to code

```
print('Hi')  
print('Hi')  
print('Hi')  
print('Hi')  
print('Hi')  
print('Hi')  
(...)
```



<https://tenor.com/view/over-and-over-again-kyle-broflovski-south-park-problem-gif-21171264>



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Indefinite iteration: While Loop



Same as **if** condition:

Loops while the condition is true

Stops when the condition becomes false

Always **check** stopping condition **before** starting the loop

```
while count < 6:  
    print("Hi")  
    count += 1
```



<https://tenor.com/view/too-many-counting-gif-15929632>

While Loop :detailed



What: repeatedly execute block of code as long as the test expression (condition) is true.

When useful: We generally use this loop when we don't know the exact number of times to iterate.

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Until Loop :example



```
# Calculate the sum of numbers until user enters 0
number = int(input('Enter a number: '))

total = 0

# iterate until the user enters 0
until number == 0:
    total += number
    number = int(input('Enter a number: '))

print('The sum is', total)
```

Until
(NOT IN PYTHON)

Stop when condition is true



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Endless (infinite) Loop



1. No stopping condition
2. Condition that never met + causing the loop to start over

```
while true:  
    print("Iteration:", count)  
    #no stopping condition
```

```
while (count < 4):  
    count = 0 # loop start over  
    print("Iteration:", count)  
    count +=1
```

Do While (NOT IN PYTHON)



Run once before checking stopping condition

We want user to input a 4 digit passcode:

```
do {  
    passcode = input("enter 4 digit passcode")  
while(len(passcode) < 4);
```



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Structure Programming



Aim to write programs which are easy to understand and work efficiently.

Dry-Run



Used to test an algorithm or program code without the use of a computer

Trace tables: a technique used to test algorithms to make sure that no logical errors occur

- are used by programmers to track the values of variables as they change throughout the program (see what the code will do before executing it)
- useful when a program is not producing the desired result (find where errors are in code)

n	n * n	total	n <> -1
0		0	True
2	4	4	True

To make a trace table



1. VARIABLES: note each variable in the piece of code you are looking at as a heading; (this includes arrays).
2. OUTPUTS: note if there is an output and put this as a heading
3. INPUTS: if there are inputs specified, put an inputs column and be prepared to fill it in.
4. Operations/manipulations to input, i.e. any conditions, formulae or comparisons



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Make a Dry Run Table



```
x ← 4
y ← 3
Result ← 1

While y != 0
    Result ← Result * x
    y ← y - 1
```

x	y	y != 0	Result
4	3		1

Your Turn



```
i = 0
j = 10
WHILE i < j
  i = i + 2
  j = j - 2
  k = j + i
END WHILE
```

i	j	i < j	k

Definite iteration: For loop



Known as fixed loop → number of iteration is predictable

Always has stepper variable → counting for every iteration started

“count 1 to ~~10~~” →
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ~~10~~

```
for item in range(10):  
    print(item)
```



<https://giphy.com/gifs/harborneweb-design-clicker-edcadmin-edc-admin-fVi8M1YPfJgaqkJOA>

For Loop :detailed



What: execute block of code set number of times.

When useful: We use this loop when we want to iterate over the sequence (range of numbers, string, list, etc.).



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Definite iteration: For loop

```
for item in x:  
    print(item)
```



When **x** is a list

e.g. **x = ['apple', 'orange', 'banana']**

When **x** is a string

e.g. **x = 'apple'**

When **x** is **range(end)**

e.g. **x = range(4)**

When **x** is **range(start, end)**

e.g. **x = range(2, 4)**

When **x** is **range(start, end, step)**

e.g. **x = range(0, 10, 3)**



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Definite iteration: For loop



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```
for item in ['apple', 'orange', 'banana'] :  
    print(item)
```

The list length is known before running the loop
return each element in order



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Definite iteration: For loop



When `x` is a string

e.g. `x = 'apple'`

```
for item in 'apple':  
    print(item)
```

When we iterate through "apple" (an example of string)
It will loop through each character
Result in a, p, p, l, e

Definite iteration: For loop

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Definite iteration: For loop



```
for item in range(4):  
    print(item)
```

When **x** is `range(end)`

e.g. `x = range(4)`

Python count from 0, outputting 4 value
Resulting in 0,1,2,3

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Definite iteration: For loop



```
for item in range(2, 4):  
    print(item)
```

When **x** is `range(start, end)` e.g. `x = range(2, 4)`

Count from 2, not outputting the end index
Resulting in 2,3



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Definite iteration: For loop

```
for item in x:  
    print(item)
```



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Definite iteration: For loop



Count from 0.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
0, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1

~~10~~ — why?

When `x` is `range(start, end, step)` e.g. `x = range(0, 10, 3)`

```
for item in range(1, 10, 3):  
    print(item)
```



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Continue statement (while, for)



We use `continue` to skip the current iteration and immediately goes to the next iteration

```
for i in range(5):  
    if i == 3:  
        continue  
    print(i)
```

```
i = 0  
while i < 5:  
    if i == 3:  
        continue  
    print(i)
```

Break + else statement (if)

We use `break` to terminate the loop immediately

If `break` is used, it will pass to `else` statement before the rest of the code

```
for i in range(5):  
    if i == 3:  
        break  
    print(i)  
print("loop completed")
```

```
i = 0  
while i < 5:  
    if i == 3:  
        break  
    print(i)  
else:  
    print("loop terminated by break")  
    print("loop completed")
```

In class exercise



Ask the user to enter 10 numbers. At the end, tell them the mean average, **maximum and minimum of the values entered.**



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Project: Number guesser



Write a program that generates a random number between 1 and 100. Allow the user to keep guessing the number until they have guessed the random number.

Challenge: Extend/modify the above program to include the following

- a) If they enter a number lower than the number generated, tell them that their number is too low. Do the same if they enter a number higher than the number generated.
- b) tell them how many guesses they entered before each guess
- c) set the (generated number +1) as landmine, if user entered that number, they lose.

```
import random
```

```
randomNumber = random.randrange(1, 50) + 1  
# this code generate number from 1 to 50
```