

Worksheet No. 4

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1. Aim/Overview of the practical:

To understand and implement iterative control structures in PostgreSQL conceptually, including FOR loops, WHILE loops, and basic LOOP constructs, for repeated execution of database logic.

2. Objectives:

- To understand why iteration is required in database programming
- To learn the purpose and behaviour of FOR, WHILE, and LOOP constructs
- To understand how repeated data processing is handled in databases
- To relate loop concepts to real-world batch processing scenarios
- To strengthen conceptual knowledge of procedural SQL used in enterprise systems

3. Input/Apparatus Used:

- PostgreSQL
- pgAdmin

4. Practical / Experiment Steps

Pre-requisite Understanding

- Students should first understand that iterative control structures are executed inside PL/pgSQL blocks, not in normal SQL queries
- Students should create a table that stores multiple records so that loop execution over rows can be demonstrated
- The table should contain:
 - A unique identifier
 - A descriptive attribute (such as name or category)
 - A numeric value to be processed repeatedly

4. Procedure/Algorithm/Code:

- i. Start the system and log in to the computer.
- ii. Open PostgreSQL software.

iii. Create a table using the DDL command.

```
CREATE TABLE Employees (
    emp_id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,
    emp_name VARCHAR(100),
    salary NUMERIC(10,2)
);
```

iv. Insert records into the table named customer_orders.

```
INSERT INTO Employees VALUES('Rahul', 40000),
INSERT INTO Employees VALUES('Ankit', 52000),
INSERT INTO Employees VALUES('Priya', 60000),
INSERT INTO Employees VALUES('Neha', 35000),
INSERT INTO Employees VALUES('Aman', 70000);
```

vi. Display all records.

```
SELECT * FROM Employees;
```

	emp_id [PK] integer	emp_name character varying (50)	salary numeric (10,2)
1	6	Rahul	40000.00
2	7	Ankit	52000.00
3	8	Priya	60000.00
4	9	Neha	35000.00
5	10	Aman	70000.00

vii. (Step 1) FOR Loop – Simple Iteration

```
DO $$  
BEGIN  
    FOR i IN 1..5 LOOP  
        RAISE NOTICE 'Iteration number: %', i;  
    END LOOP;  
END $$.
```

```
NOTICE: Iteration number: 1
NOTICE: Iteration number: 2
NOTICE: Iteration number: 3
NOTICE: Iteration number: 4
NOTICE: Iteration number: 5
DO
```

Query returned successfully in 62 msec.

viii. (Step 2) FOR Loop with Query (Row-by-Row Processing)

```
DO $$
DECLARE
    emp RECORD;
BEGIN
    FOR emp IN SELECT emp_id, emp_name FROM Employees LOOP
        RAISE NOTICE 'Employee ID: %, Name: %', emp.emp_id, emp.emp_name;
    END LOOP;
END $$;
```

```
NOTICE: Employee ID: 6, Name: Rahul
NOTICE: Employee ID: 7, Name: Ankit
NOTICE: Employee ID: 8, Name: Priya
NOTICE: Employee ID: 9, Name: Neha
NOTICE: Employee ID: 10, Name: Aman
DO
```

Query returned successfully in 52 msec.

ix.(Step 3) WHILE Loop – Conditional Iteration

DO \$\$

DECLARE

counter INT := 1;

BEGIN

WHILE counter <= 5 LOOP

RAISE NOTICE 'Counter: %', counter;

counter := counter + 1;

END LOOP;

END \$\$;

Data Output	Messages	Notifications
NOTICE: Value: 1 NOTICE: Value: 2 NOTICE: Value: 3 NOTICE: Value: 4 NOTICE: Value: 5 DO		

Query returned successfully in 52 msec.

x. (Step 4) LOOP with EXIT WHEN

DO \$\$

DECLARE

x INT := 1;

BEGIN

LOOP

RAISE NOTICE 'Value: %', x;

x := x + 1;

EXIT WHEN x > 5;

END LOOP;

END \$\$.

Data Output **Messages** Notifications

```
NOTICE: Counter: 1
NOTICE: Counter: 2
NOTICE: Counter: 3
NOTICE: Counter: 4
NOTICE: Counter: 5
DO
```

Query returned successfully in 39 msec.

xi.(Step 5) Salary Increment Using FOR Loop

```
DO $$  
DECLARE  
    emp RECORD;  
BEGIN  
    FOR emp IN SELECT emp_id, salary FROM Employees LOOP  
        UPDATE employee  
        SET salary = salary * 1.10  
        WHERE emp_id = emp.emp_id;  
    END LOOP;  
END $$;  
select*from Employees;
```



	emp_id [PK] integer	emp_name character varying (50)	salary numeric (10,2)
1	6	Rahul	44000.00
2	7	Ankit	57200.00
3	8	Priya	66000.00
4	9	Neha	38500.00
5	10	Aman	77000.00

Step 6: Combining LOOP with IF Condition

```
DO $$  
DECLARE  
    emp RECORD;  
BEGIN  
    FOR emp IN SELECT emp_name, salary FROM Employees LOOP  
        IF emp.salary > 50000 THEN  
            RAISE NOTICE '% is a High Earner', emp.emp_name;  
        ELSE  
            RAISE NOTICE '% is a Regular Employee', emp.emp_name;  
        END IF;  
    END LOOP;  
END $$;
```

Data Output **Messages** Notifications

```
NOTICE: Rahul is a Regular Employee  
NOTICE: Ankit is a High Earner  
NOTICE: Priya is a High Earner  
NOTICE: Neha is a Regular Employee  
NOTICE: Aman is a High Earner  
DO
```

Query returned successfully in 82 msec.

6. I/O Analysis (Input / Output)

Input:

- Employee or sample records inserted into a database table for iterative processing
- PL/pgSQL DO block containing procedural logic
- FOR loop constructs for fixed-range and query-based iteration
- WHILE loop with condition-based execution
- LOOP construct with explicit EXIT WHEN condition
- IF-ELSE conditions used inside loops for decision making
- UPDATE statements executed repeatedly within loop structures

Output:

- Repeated execution of SQL statements based on loop conditions
- Row-by-row processing of table records using FOR loops
- Conditional messages are displayed during each iteration
- Successful salary updates or value modifications through iterative logic
- Proper termination of loops based on defined conditions
- Correct execution of procedural SQL demonstrating iteration control

7. Learning Outcomes

- Understood the need for iterative control structures in database programming
- Learned the usage of FOR, WHILE, and LOOP constructs in PostgreSQL
- Gained knowledge of executing repeated logic using PL/pgSQL
- Understood row-by-row processing and conditional execution in the database
- Developed foundational skills for writing procedural SQL in real-world applications