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One kind of **for** loop initializes a variable, performs a test, and increments the variable together, performing commands while the test is true.

> Loops:

Loops are a vital part of any programming language, and awk is no exception. Using loops can help you control how your awk script runs, what information it's able to gather, and how it processes your data. Our next article will cover switch statements, **continue**, and **next**.



