

Conditional Statements and Loops

Scala Fundamentals (Beginner Friendly)

Learning Objectives

After this module, you will be able to:

- Understand conditional control flow in Scala
- Use `if`, `if-else`, and nested conditions
- Work with `for`, `while`, and `do-while` loops
- Apply conditions and loops in practical programs

Part 1: Conditional Statements

What are Conditional Statements?

Conditional statements allow a program to:

- Make **decisions**
- Execute code **based on conditions**

They control the **flow of execution**.

if Statement – Theory

- Executes a block of code **only if condition is true**
- Condition must return a Boolean value (`true` or `false`)

Syntax:

```
if (condition) {  
    // code  
}
```

if Statement – Example

```
val x = 10

if (x > 5) {
    println("x is greater than 5")
}
```

if-else Statement – Theory

- Executes one block if condition is true
- Executes another block if condition is false

Syntax:

```
if (condition) {  
    // true block  
} else {  
    // false block  
}
```

if-else Statement – Example

```
val marks = 45

if (marks >= 50) {
    println("Pass")
} else {
    println("Fail")
}
```


if-else-if Ladder – Theory

- Used to test **multiple conditions**
- Conditions are checked **top to bottom**

if-else-if Ladder – Example

```
val score = 85

if (score >= 90) {
    println("Grade A")
} else if (score >= 75) {
    println("Grade B")
} else if (score >= 50) {
    println("Grade C")
} else {
    println("Fail")
}
```

Nested if – Theory

- One `if` inside another `if`
- Used for **complex decision-making**

Nested if – Example

```
val age = 20
val hasID = true

if (age >= 18) {
    if (hasID) {
        println("Allowed")
    } else {
        println("ID Required")
    }
} else {
    println("Not Allowed")
}
```

if as an Expression (Important)

In Scala:

- `if` returns a value
- Can be assigned to a variable

if Expression – Example

```
val num = 7  
val result = if (num % 2 == 0) "Even" else "Odd"  
println(result)
```

Part 2: Looping Statements

What are Loops?

Loops are used to:

- Execute a block of code **multiple times**
- Reduce code repetition

for Loop – Theory

- Used to iterate over a **range or collection**
- Most commonly used loop in Scala

Syntax:

```
for (i <- range) {  
  // code  
}
```

for Loop – Example (Range)

```
for (i <- 1 to 5) {  
  println(i)  
}
```

for Loop – Example (Collection)

```
val fruits = List("Apple", "Banana", "Mango")  
  
for (fruit <- fruits) {  
    println(fruit)  
}
```

for Loop with Condition (Guard)

```
for (i <- 1 to 10 if i % 2 == 0) {  
  println(i)  
}
```

for Yield – Theory

- Used to create a **new collection**
- Returns values instead of printing

for Yield – Example

```
val squares = for (i <- 1 to 5) yield i * i  
println(squares)
```

while Loop – Theory

- Executes code **while condition is true**
- Condition checked before execution

while Loop – Example

```
var i = 1
while (i <= 5) {
  println(i)
  i += 1
}
```


do-while Loop – Theory

- Executes code **at least once**
- Condition checked after execution

do-while Loop - Example

```
var i = 1
do {
  println(i)
  i += 1
} while (i <= 5)
```

Loop Control: break (Using Breaks)

Scala does not support `break` directly.
It uses `Breaks` object.

break Example

```
import scala.util.control.Breaks._

breakable {
  for (i <- 1 to 10) {
    if (i == 5) break
    println(i)
  }
}
```

Comparison of Loops

Loop	Use Case
for	Fixed iterations, collections
while	Condition-based repetition
do-while	Executes at least once

Practical Example (Combined)

```
for (i <- 1 to 10) {  
  if (i % 2 == 0) {  
    println(s"Even: $i")  
  } else {  
    println(s"Odd: $i")  
  }  
}
```

Summary

- Conditional statements control decision-making
- Loops control repetition
- Scala treats `if` as an expression
- `for` loop is preferred over `while`

End of Module