

# Guarded & Unguarded Loops

C++ has four loops:

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1 while (condition) { statements; }
2 do { statements; } while (condition);
3 for (initializer; condition; update) { statements; }
4 for (element : collection) { statements; }
```

Each loop is **designed for a particular purpose**, and each has a place where it is most effective. One difference is **where** the test takes place.



The **do-while** loop, illustrated on the right loop, tests its condition **after** it has performed the actions in the loop body **at least once**. This "test at the bottom" loop is also called an **unguarded** loop, because it "leaps before it looks".



The others three loop types check the test condition **before** performing the actions in the loop body. These are called **guarded** loops, because when the test condition is **false**, then the actions inside the loop body are **never performed at all**.



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