

Programming Concepts



Overview

Programs consist of a series of statements; a statement is a single instruction.

Programming constructs are used to control how the statements in a program are executed. There are three constructs:

Sequence

Selection

Repetition

Sequence

This is the simplest programming construct. A sequence is a group of statements that are executed once in the order they appear.

This is an example program that takes the form of a sequence. It takes three numbers, calculates the average and outputs it.

```
Num1 ← INPUT  
Num2 ← INPUT  
Num3 ← INPUT  
Total ← Num1+Num2+Num3  
Average ← Total/3  
PRINT Average
```

Num1	12
Num2	
Num3	
Total	
Average	
Output	

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Num2	9
Num3	
Total	
Average	
Output	

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```

Num1	12
Num2	9
Num3	9
Total	30
Average	
Output	

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```

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Num3	9
Total	30
Average	10
Output	

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```

Num1	12
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Num3	9
Total	30
Average	10
Output	10

Selection

When selection is used, the path taken through the program changes depending on the answer to a question. **IF statements** are an example.

This is an example program which takes two numbers and either outputs the largest, or outputs “They are equal”.

```
Num1 ← INPUT  
Num2 ← INPUT  
IF Num1 = Num2  
    THEN  
        PRINT "They are equal"  
    ELSE  
        IF Num1 > Num2  
            THEN  
                PRINT Num1  
            ELSE  
                PRINT Num2  
            ENDIF  
        ENDIF
```

Num1	10
Num2	
Output	

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            THEN  
                PRINT Num1  
            ELSE  
                PRINT Num2  
            ENDIF  
        ENDIF  
ENDIF
```

Num1	10
Num2	5
Output	

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                PRINT Num1  
            ELSE  
                PRINT Num2  
            ENDIF  
        ENDIF
```

Num1	10
Num2	5
Output	10

Comparison Operators

A number of different comparison operators can be used when writing IF statements.

=	Equal to
<>	Not equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to

Repetition

This construct is used to repeat a group of statements, avoiding the need to manually type out statements multiple times.



There are two types of repetition:

Count controlled

Condition controlled

Count Controlled Loops

This construct is used to repeat a group of statements a set number of times.

This example program uses a **FOR loop** to output the text “Hello World” five times.

```
FOR i ← 1 TO 5
    PRINT "Hello World"
ENDFOR
```

Index	1
Output	

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Output

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This example program uses a **FOR loop** to output the text “Hello World” five times.

```
FOR i ← 1 TO 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
ENDFOR
```

Index	2
-------	---

Output

Hello World

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This example program uses a **FOR loop** to output the text “Hello World” five times.

```
FOR i ← 1 TO 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
ENDFOR
```

Index	2
-------	---

Output

Hello World
Hello World

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This example program uses a **FOR loop** to output the text “Hello World” five times.

```
FOR i ← 1 TO 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
ENDFOR
```

Index	3
-------	---

Output

Hello World
Hello World

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```
FOR i ← 1 TO 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
ENDFOR
```

Index 3

Output

Hello World
Hello World
Hello World

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This example program uses a **FOR loop** to output the text “Hello World” five times.

```
FOR i ← 1 TO 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
ENDFOR
```

Index 4

Output

Hello World
Hello World
Hello World

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```

Index 4

Output

Hello World
Hello World
Hello World
Hello World

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```
FOR i ← 1 TO 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
ENDFOR
```

Index	5
-------	---

Output

Hello World
Hello World
Hello World
Hello World

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FOR i ← 1 TO 5  
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ENDFOR
```

Index	5
-------	---

Output

Hello World

Condition Controlled Loops

Repetition can also be used to repeat a group of statements until a condition is met. A **WHILE loop** is an example of a condition controlled loop.

This example program uses a WHILE loop to repeat the text “Hello World” until the Counter variable is greater than 5.

```
Counter ← 1  
WHILE Counter <= 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Counter	1
Output	

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WHILE Counter <= 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Counter	2
Output	
	Hello World

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Counter	2
Output	
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ENDWHILE
```

Counter 3

Output

Hello World
Hello World

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```

Counter	3
Output	
	Hello World
	Hello World
	Hello World

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ENDWHILE
```

Counter	4
Output	
	Hello World
	Hello World
	Hello World

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ENDWHILE
```

Counter	4
Output	
	Hello World

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WHILE Counter <= 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Counter	5
Output	
	Hello World

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    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Counter	5
Output	
	Hello World

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```
Counter ← 1  
WHILE Counter <= 5  
    PRINT "Hello World"  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Counter 6

Output

Hello World
Hello World
Hello World
Hello World
Hello World

Counting

Repetition is useful for counting up or down to a given number. This algorithm counts up to an inputted number from 0.

INPUT Target

Counter \leftarrow 0

WHILE Counter \leq Target

 PRINT Counter

 Counter \leftarrow Counter + 1

ENDWHILE

Target	5
Counter	

Output

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	0
Output	

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WHILE Counter <= Target  
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ENDWHILE
```

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Output	0

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    PRINT Counter  
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ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	1
Output	0

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	1
Output	
0	
1	

Counting

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	2
Output	
0	
1	

Counting

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	2
Output	
0	
1	
2	

Counting

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	3
Output	
0	
1	
2	

Counting

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	3
Output	
0	
1	
2	
3	

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	4
Output	
0	
1	
2	
3	

Counting

Repetition is useful for counting up or down to a given number. This algorithm counts up to an inputted number from 0.

```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	4
Output	
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	

Counting

Repetition is useful for counting up or down to a given number. This algorithm counts up to an inputted number from 0.

```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	5
Output	
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	

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```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	5
Output	
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Counting

Repetition is useful for counting up or down to a given number. This algorithm counts up to an inputted number from 0.

```
INPUT Target  
Counter ← 0  
WHILE Counter <= Target  
    PRINT Counter  
    Counter ← Counter + 1  
ENDWHILE
```

Target	5
Counter	6
Output	
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Totalling

Repetition is also useful for calculating the sum of a set of numbers.

```
Total ← 0  
FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(list)  
    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	0
Index	
Output	

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```

List

8	2	6	3
---	---	---	---

Total	8
Index	1
Output	

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ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	8
Index	2
Output	

Totalling

Repetition is also useful for calculating the sum of a set of numbers.

```
Total ← 0  
FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(list)  
    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	10
Index	2
Output	

Totalling

Repetition is also useful for calculating the sum of a set of numbers.

```
Total ← 0  
FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(list)  
    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	10
Index	3
Output	

Totalling

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```
Total ← 0  
FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(list)  
    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	16
Index	3
Output	

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```
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FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(list)  
    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	16
Index	4
Output	

Totalling

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```
Total ← 0  
FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(list)  
    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	19
Index	4
Output	

Totalling

Repetition is also useful for calculating the sum of a set of numbers.

```
Total ← 0  
FOR i ← 1 TO LENGTH(list)  
    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List

8	2	6	3
---	---	---	---

Total	19
Index	4
Output	

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```
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    Total ← Total + list[i]  
ENDFOR  
PRINT Total
```

List [8 | 2 | 6 | 3]

Total	19
Index	4
Output	19