

Repetition Structures

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Repetion Structures

- Often have to write code that performs the same task multiple times
 - Disadvantages of duplicating code
 - Time consuming to type in code
 - Makes program large
 - May need to be corrected in many places
- Repetition structure makes computer repeat included code as necessary
 - condition-controlled loops (while)
 - ∘ count-controlled loops (for)



while Loop

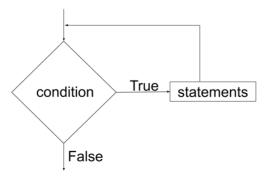


while Loop

• condition-controlled loop

while condition: statements

- While condition is true, do something
 - o condition tested for True or False value
 - statements repeated as long as condition is True
 - In flowchart, line goes back to previous part





while Loop

- In order for a loop to stop executing, something has to happen inside the loop to make the condition false
- Iteration: one execution of the body of a loop
- while loop is known as a pretest loop
 - Tests condition before performing an iteration
 - Will never execute if condition is false to start with
 - Requires performing some steps prior to the loop



while Loop

```
keep going = 'v'
# Calculate a series of commissions.
while keep going == 'y':
    # Get a salesperson's sales and commission rate.
    sales = float(input('Enter the amount of sales: '))
    comm rate = float(input('Enter the commission rate: '))
    # Calculate the commission.
    commission = sales * comm rate
    # Display the commission.
    print('The commission is $', \
    format(commission, ',.2f'), sep='')
    # See if the user wants to do another one.
    keep going = input('Do you want to calculate another ' + \
                       'commission (Enter y for yes): ')
```



Infinite Loops

- Loops must contain within themselves a way to terminate
 - Some statement inside a while loop must eventually make the condition false
- Infinite loop: loop that does not have a way of stopping
 - Repeats until program is interrupted
 - Occurs when programmer forgets to include appropriate stopping code in the loop

```
count = 1;
while count > 0:
    print("iteration count = ", count);
    count = count + 1
```



while Loop Example

• Using exhaustive enumeration to find the cube root

```
# find the cube root of a perfect cube
x = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
ans = 0
while ans**3 < abs(x):
    ans = ans + 1
if ans**3 != abs(x):
    print(x, 'is not a perfect cube.')
else:
    if x < 0:
        ans = -ans
    print('Cube root of', x, 'is', ans, '.')
                                                                                                      Run Code
                                                                                                              Visualize
```



for Loop



for Loop

- count-controlled loop iterates a specific number of times
- Use a for statement to write a count-controlled loop
 - Designed to work with a sequence of data items (e.g., a list)
 - Iterates once for each item in the sequence

```
for variable in [val1, val2, etc]:
    statements
```



for Loop

• count-controlled loop iterates a specific number of times

```
>>> for name in ['John', 'James', 'Jane']:
... print(name)
...
John
James
Jane
```

```
>>> # Measure some strings:
... words = ['cat', 'window', 'defenestrate'] # create a list object
>>> for w in words:
... print(w, len(w))
...
cat 3
window 6
defenestrate 12
```



range Class with for Loops

- The range class simplifies the process of writing a for loop
- range type object is an iterable object
 - Iterable object contains a sequence of values that can be iterated over
 - It is suitable as a target for functions and constructs that expect something from which they can obtain successive items until the supply is exhausted.

```
class range(stop)
class range(start, stop[, step])
```

- If the start argument is omitted, it defaults to 0.
- stop is not included in the sequence
- If the step argument is omitted, it defaults to 1.
- For a positive step, the contents of a range r are determined by the formula r[i] = start + step*i where i >= 0 and r[i] < stop.
- For a negative step, the contents of the range are still determined by the formula r[i] = start + step*i, but the constraints are i >= 0 and r[i] > stop.



range Class with for Loops

```
class range(stop)
class range(start, stop[, step])
```

- stop is not included in the sequence
- The followings are all equivalent!

```
for i in range(0, 5):
for i in range(5):
for i in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:
```



range Class with for Loops

```
for num in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]: # iterate over a "list"
    print(num, end=' ')
for num in range(1, 6):
    print(num, end=' ')
# prints 1 2 3 4 5
for num in range(5):
    print(num, end=' ')
# prints 0 1 2 3 4
for num in range(1, 10, 2):
    print(num, end=' ')
# prints 1 3 5 7 9
```



Iterating Over a String

```
for num in range(0, -10, -2):
    print(num, end=' ')
# prints 0 -2 -4 -6 -8

for num in range(0):
    print(num)
# prints nothing

for c in "I'm learning Python":
    print(c)

Run Code Visualize
```



```
# Print the table headings.
print('Number\tSquare')
print('-----')

# Print the numbers 1 through 10
# and their squares.

for number in range(1, 11):
    square = number**2
    print(number, '\t', square)
Run Code Visualize
```



```
print('This program displays a list of numbers')
print('(starting at 1) and their squares.')
end = int(input('How high should I go? '))
# Print the table headings.
print('Number\tSquare')
print('----')
# Print the numbers 1 through 10
# and their squares.
for number in range(1, end + 1): # range doesn't include stop
    square = number**2
    print(number, '\t', square)
                                                                                                  Run Code
                                                                                                          Visualize
```



```
n = int(input("Please enter an integer: "))
result = 1

for factor in range(n, 1, -1):
    result = result * factor

print("The factorial of", n, "is", result)

Run Code Visualize
```



• Is it possible to change the end condition inside the loop?

```
x = 4
for i in range(0, x):
    print(i)
    x=5
Run Code  Visualize
```

• The argument x is evaluated just once before the first iteration!



• A Few Words About Using Floating-point Numbers



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```
epsilon = 0.001
if abs(x - 1.0) < epsilon:
# do something</pre>
```

- Chopping errors could make devastating results
 - o Software Problem Led to System Failure at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
 - https://www.gao.gov/assets/220/215614.pdf
 - http://www-users.math.umn.edu/-arnold/disasters/patriot.html

"Because of the way the Patriot computer performs its calculations and the fact that its registers are only 24 bits long, the conversion of time from an integer to a real number cannot be any more precise than 24 bits.

This conversion results in a loss of precision causing a less accurate time calculation."



Calculating a Running Total

- Programs often need to calculate a total of a series of numbers
 - Typically include two elements:
 - A loop that reads each number in series
 - An accumulator variable
 - Known as program that keeps a running total: accumulates total and reads in series
 - At end of loop, accumulator will reference the total

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```
# Constant for the maximum number
MAX = 5
# Initialize an accumulator variable.
total = 0.0
# Explain what we are doing.
print('This program calculates the sum of')
print(MAX, 'numbers you will enter.')
# Get the numbers and accumulate them.
for counter in range(MAX):
    number = int(input('Enter a number: '))
    total = total + number
# Display the total of the numbers.
print('The total is', total)
```

```
This program calculates the sum of
5 numbers you will enter.
Enter a number: 10
Enter a number: 20
Enter a number: 30
Enter a number: 40
Enter a number: 50
The total is 150.0
>>>
```



break and continue



Using for and break statements

```
# find the cube root of a perfect cube
x = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
for ans in range(0, abs(x) + 1):
    if ans**3 \Rightarrow abs(x):
        break
if ans**3 != abs(x):
    print(x, 'is not a perfect cube.')
else:
    if x < 0:
        ans = -ans
    print('Cube root of', x, \
             'is', ans, '.')
                                           Run Code
                                                   Visualize
```

```
# find the cube root of a perfect cube
x = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
ans = 0
while ans**3 < abs(x):
    ans = ans + 1
if ans**3 != abs(x):
    print(x, 'is not a perfect cube.')
else:
    if x < 0:
        ans = -ans
    print('Cube root of', x, \
            'is'. ans. '.')
                                          Run Code
                                                  Visualize
```



Using for and continue statements

```
>>> for num in range(2, 10):
        if num % 2 == 0:
            print("Found an even number", num)
. . .
            continue
        print("Found a number", num)
Found an even number 2
Found a number 3
Found an even number 4
Found a number 5
Found an even number 6
Found a number 7
Found an even number 8
Found a number 9
```

```
for i in range(30):
    if not (i%3) :
        print("*")
        continue
    elif str(i).find('3') != -1:
        print("**")
        continue
    print(i)
```



break and else Clause on Loops

```
>>> for n in range(2, 10):
        for x in range(2, n):
            if n \% \times == 0:
. . .
                 print(n, 'equals', x, '*', n//x)
                 break
. . .
        else:
            # loop fell through without finding a factor
            print(n, 'is a prime number')
. . .
2 is a prime number
3 is a prime number
4 equals 2 * 2
5 is a prime number
6 equals 2 * 3
7 is a prime number
8 equals 2 * 4
9 equals 3 * 3
```



break and else Clause on Loops

- else clause belongs to the for loop, not the if statement
- else clause is executed when the loop terminates
 - through exhaustion of the iterable (with for) or
 - when the condition becomes false (with while)
 - but not when the loop is terminated by a break statement.



Sentinal & Nested Loop



Augmented Assignment Statement

operator	example	equivalent to
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
+=	x += 3	x = x + 3
-=	x -= 3	x = x - 3
*=	x *= 3	x = x * 3
/=	x /= 3	x = x / 3
//=	x //= 3	x = x // 3
%=	x %= 3	x = x % 3
**=	x **= 3	x = x ** 3
@=		
>>=		
<<=		
&=		
^=		
=		

- Unlike normal assignments, augmented assignments evaluate the left-hand side first before evaluating the right-hand side.
- For example, a[i] += f(x)
 - first looks-up a[i],
 - then it evaluates f(x)
 - o and performs the addition,
 - o and lastly, it writes the result back to a[i].



Sentinel

• Sentinel: special value that marks the end of a sequence of items

```
TAX FACTOR = 0.0065
# Get the first lot number.
print('Enter the property lot number')
print('or enter 0 to end.')
lot = int(input('Lot number: '))
while lot != 0:
    value = float(input('Enter the property value: '))
    tax = value * TAX FACTOR
    print('Property tax: $', format(tax, ',.2f'), sep='')
    # Get the next lot number.
    print('Enter the next lot number or')
    print('enter 0 to end.')
    lot = int(input('Lot number: '))
```



Input Validation Loop

- Computer cannot tell the difference between good data and bad data
- If user provides bad input, program will produce bad output
- GIGO: garbage in, garbage out
- It is important to design program such that bad input is never accepted
- Error Prevention is much better than Error Handling

```
# Get a test score.
score = int(input('Enter a test score: '))
# Make sure it is not less than 0 or greater than 100.
while score < 0 or score > 100:
    print('ERROR: The score cannot be negative')
    print('or greater than 100.')
    score = int(input('Enter the correct score: '))
# do something with score
```



Nested Loop

• Nested loop: a loop can be contained inside another loop

```
for hours in range(24):
    for minutes in range(60):
        for seconds in range(60):
            print(hours, ':', minutes, ':', seconds)
```

- Is it possible to change the end condition inside the loop?
- The argument x is evaluated just before the first iteration!

```
x = 4
for j in range(x):
    for i in range(x):
        print(i)
        x = 2
Run Code Visualize
```



Wrap-UP

- A while statement is used to iterate continuously until a condition is true.
- A for loop is used for iterating over a sequence.
- A break statement is used to break out of a loop.
- A continue statement is used to skip a specific part of the loop and continue executing the loop.
- A nested loop is a loop inside a loop.



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