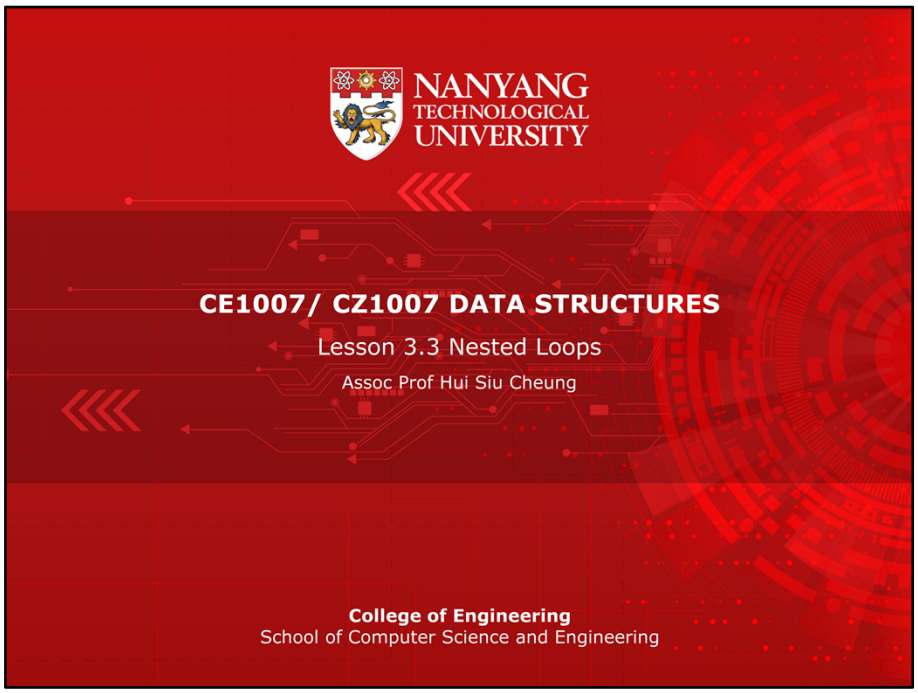
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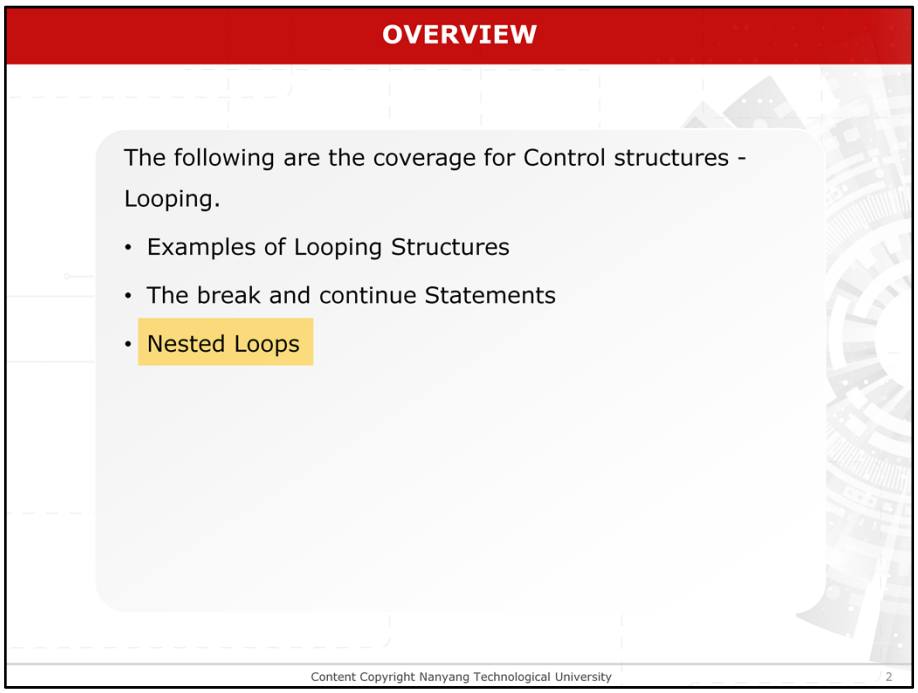
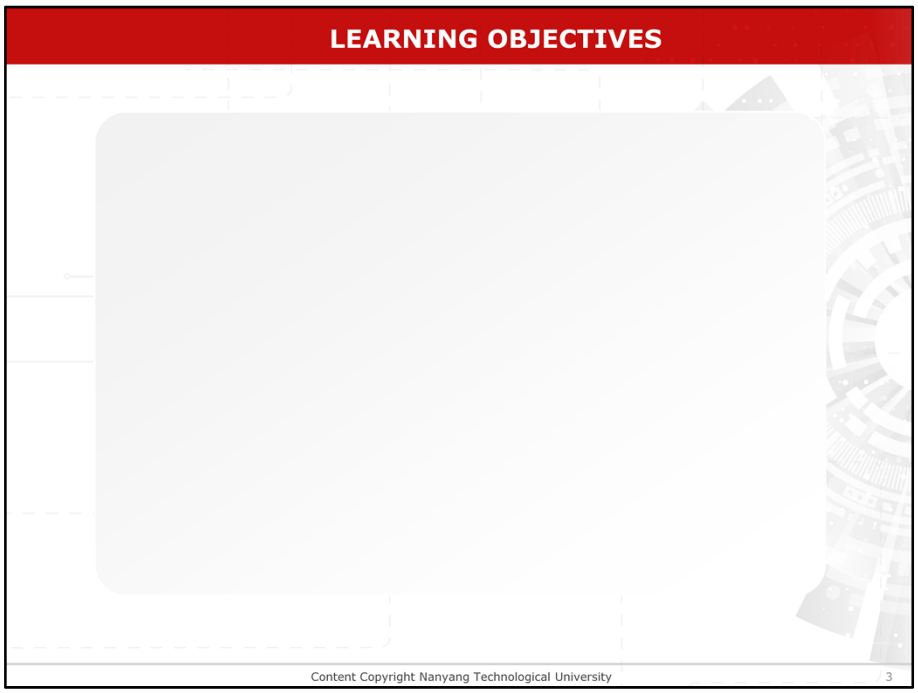


Basic C Programming

There are 3 main sections to cover for Control structures (looping).



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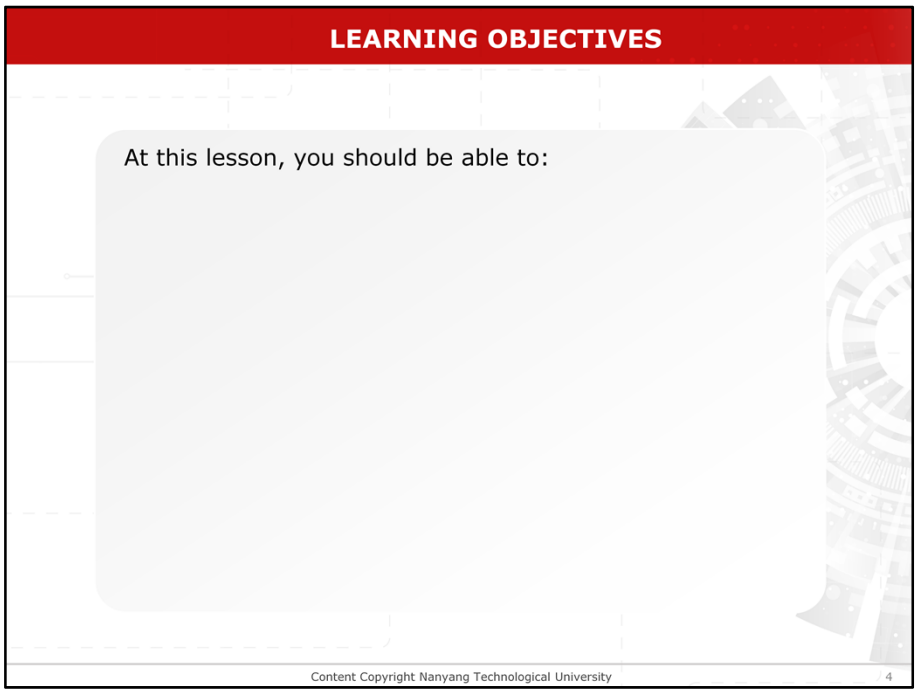

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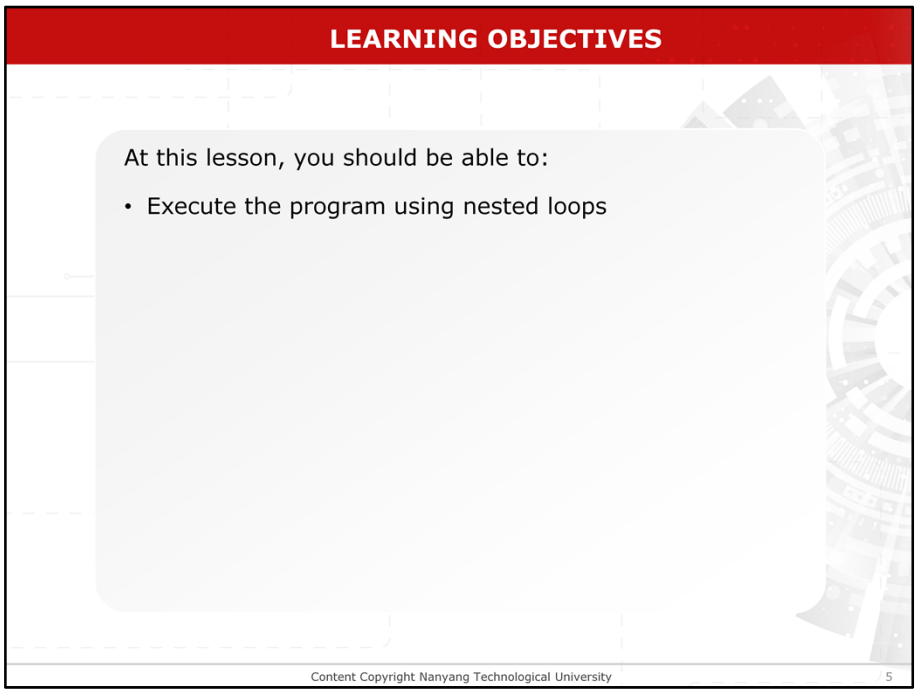

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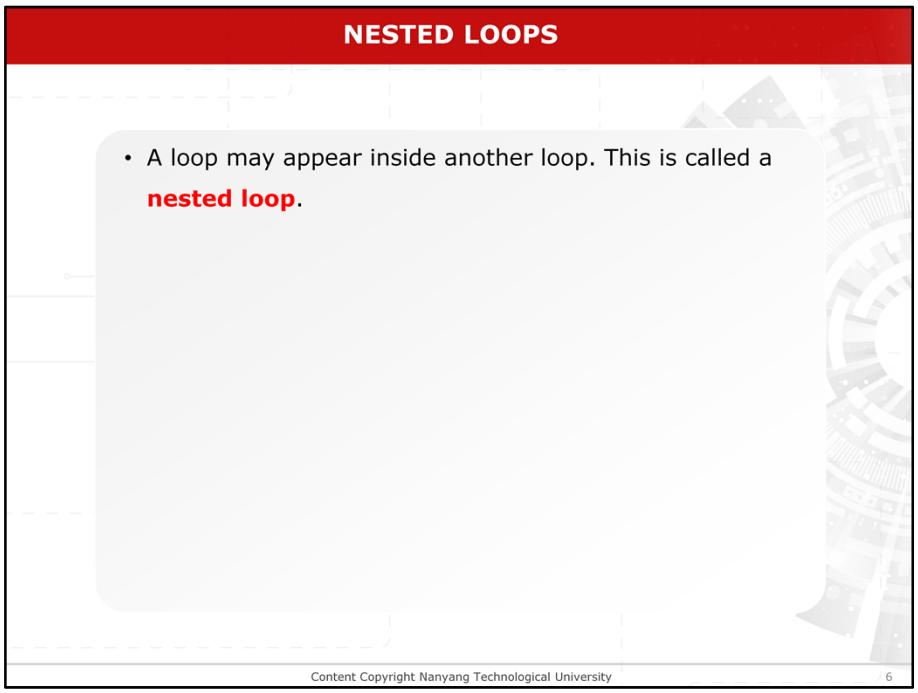
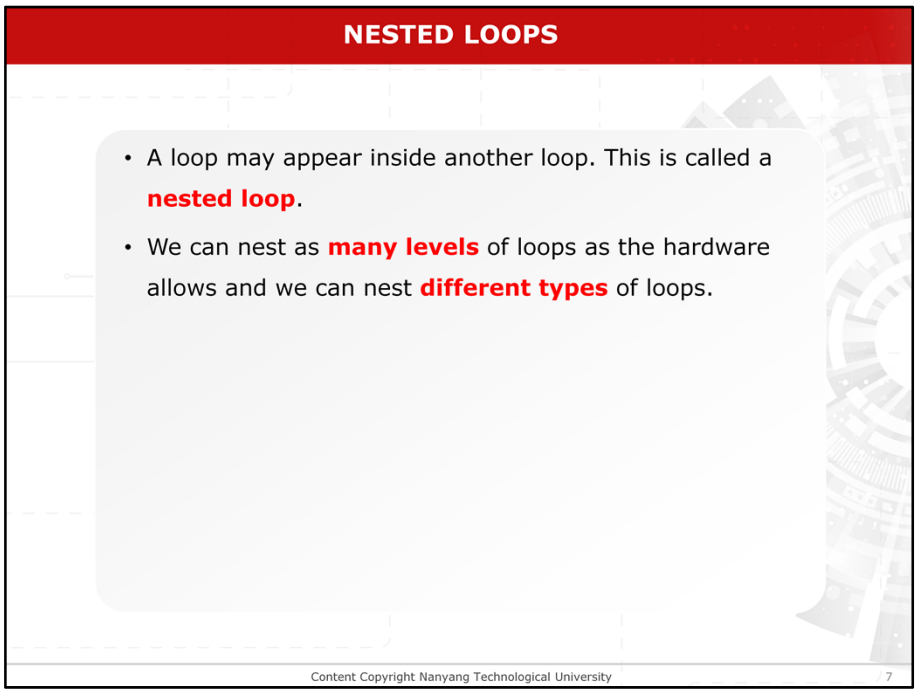
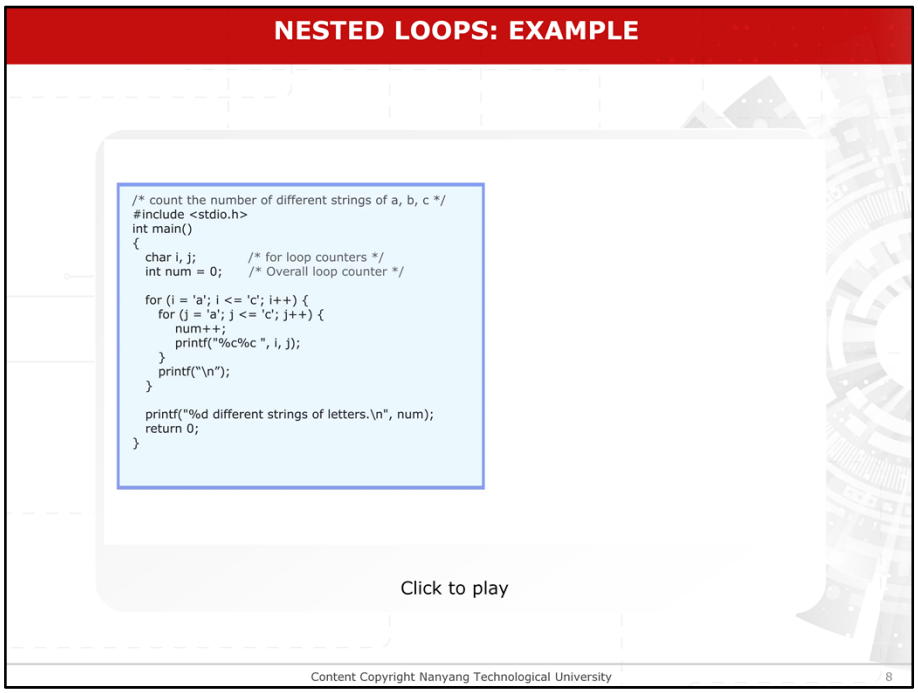


Nested Loops

A loop may appear inside another loop. This is called a *nested* loop.



We can nest as many levels of loops as the system allows. We can also nest different types of loops.



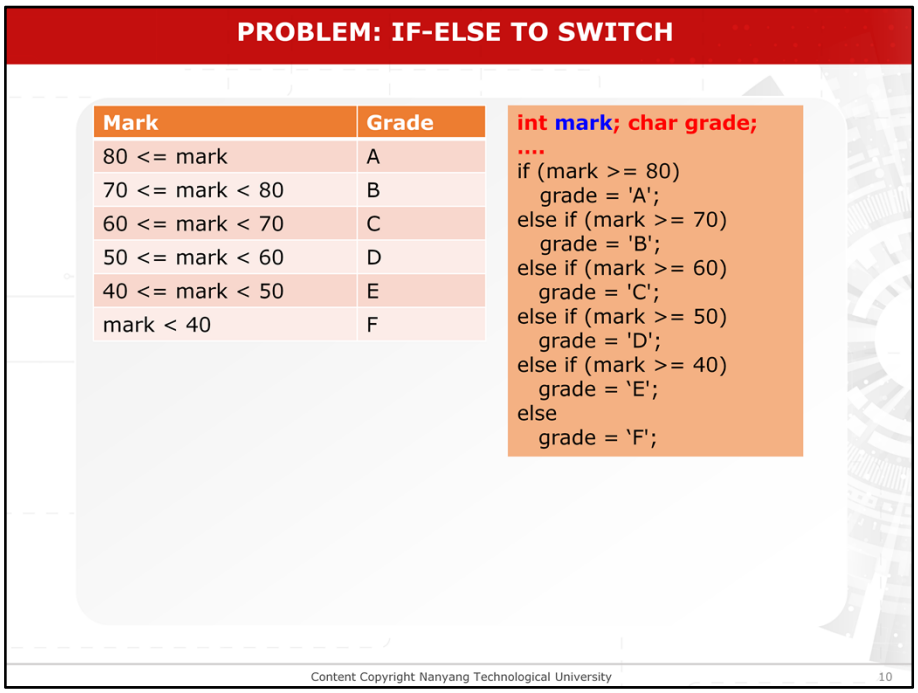
Nested Loops: Example

In the program, it generates the different strings of letters from the characters '**a**', '**b**' and '**c**'. The program contains a nested loop, in which one **for** loop is nested inside another **for** loop.

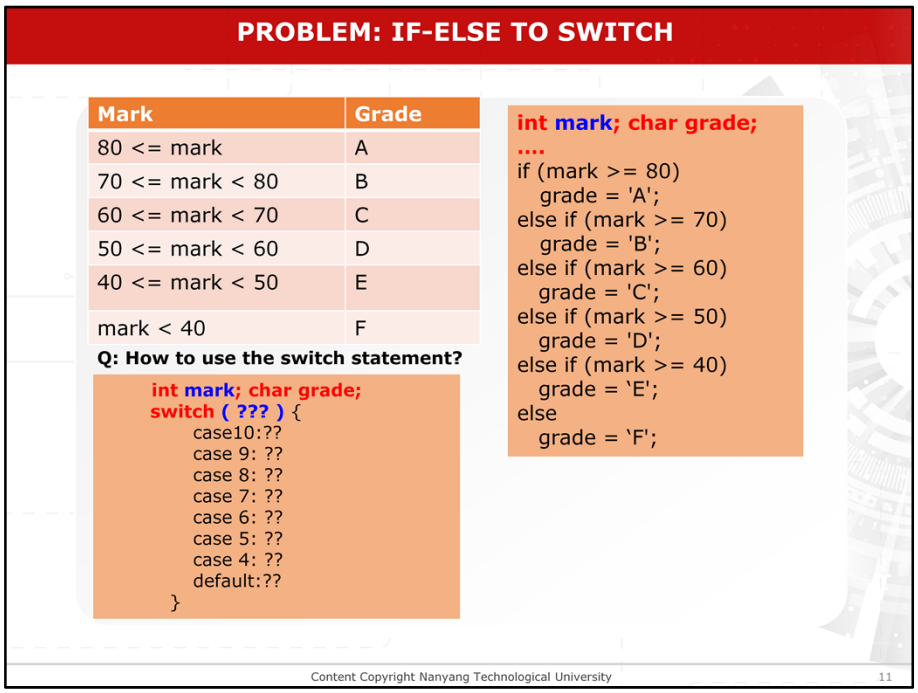
NESTED LOOPS: EXAMPLE

```
/* count the number of different strings of a, b, c */
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
   int space, asterisk, height, lines;
   printf("Please enter the height of the pattern:");
   scanf("%d", &height);
   for (lines =1; lines<=height; lines++ ) {
      for (space = 1; space<=(height-lines); space++)
         putchar(' ');
      for (asterisk=1; asterisk<=(2*lines-1); asterisk++)
         putchar('*');
      putchar('\n');
   }
   return 0;
}
```


Another example that uses nested loop is given in the following program. A sample input and output of the program is given here.
The program prints a triangular pattern according to the height entered by the user.



The purpose of this program is to convert the **if-else-if-else** statement into a **switch** statement in the mark-to-grade conversion problem. The **if-else-if-else** statement is used to control the grade to be assigned to the variable **grade** according to the input value on **mark**.



How to use the switch statement?

PROGRAMMING SOLUTION: USING SWITCH

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
   int studentNumber = 0, mark;   char grade;
   printf("Enter StudentID: ");
   scanf("%d", &studentNumber);
   while (studentNumber != -1)
   {
      printf("Enter Mark: ");
      scanf("%d", &mark);
      if (mark >= 80)
         grade = 'A';
      else if (mark >= 70)
         grade = 'B';
      else if (mark >= 60)
         grade = 'C';
      else if (mark >= 50)
         grade = 'D';
      else if (mark >= 40)
         grade = 'E';
      else grade = 'F';
      printf("Grade = %c\n",grade);
      printf("Enter StudentID: ");
      scanf("%d", &studentNumber);
   }
   printf("Program terminating ...\n");
   return 0;
}
```

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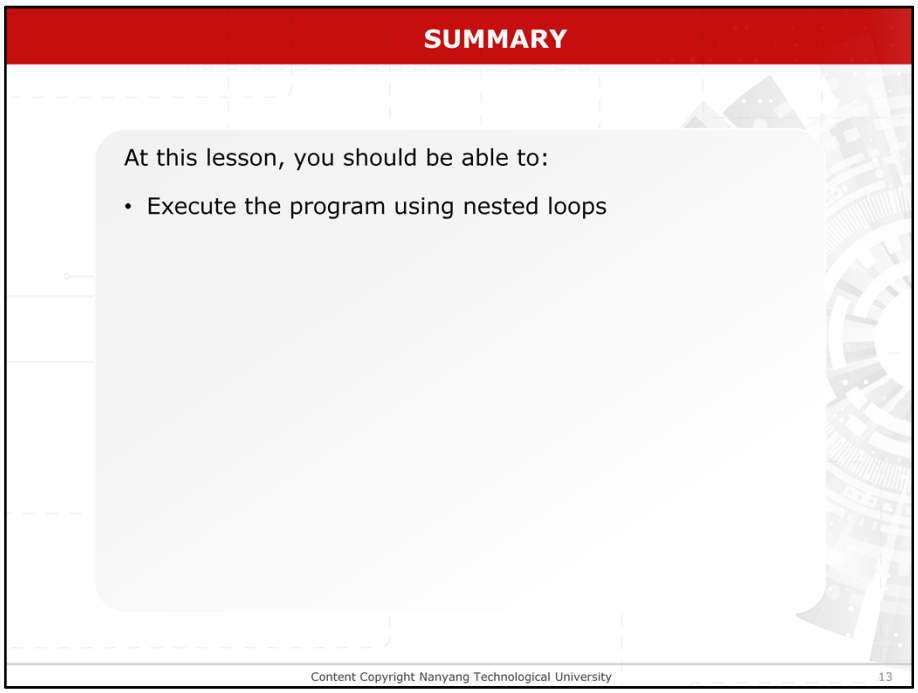

In summary, after viewing this video lesson, your should be able to execute the program using nested loops.