CSC 211: Computer Programming

Loops (while, do while) and nested loops

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the while loop

Administrative Announcements

- Exam#01 ~ Tuesday 06/17
 - ✓ Same time / place as lecture
 - ✓ One 11x8 notes sheet
 - ✓ Calculator allowed
- A01 Due 06/08
- MC02 Due 06/08

Figure: Flowchart of while Loop

Test // ... // statements above // ... while (test_expression) { // body of while } // body of while } // ... // statements below // ... // statements below // ...

https://www.programiz.com/cpp-programming/do-while-loop

Flowchart of while statement


```
What is the output?

int n = 2023;

while (n > 0) {
    std::cout << n % 10 << std::endl;
    n /= 10;
}</pre>
```

Question

- Write a single while loop to print the powers of two from 2^0 to 2^{16} .
- No cmath allowed!

Any for loop can be rewritten as a while loop, and vice-versa

do-while, break, continue

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Flowchart of do—while statement

// ...

// statements above
// ...

do {
    // body of do-while
} while (test_expression);

statement just below Loop
// statements below
// ...

Figure: Flowchart of do...while Loop

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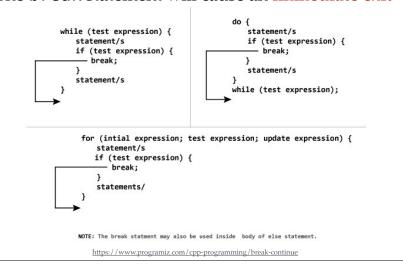
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Example
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int num;
do {
    std::cout << "Enter a number: ";
    std::cin >> num;
} while (num < 0 || num > 100);

// do something with num
// ...
```

break statement

The break statement will cause an immediate exit



continue statement

• The continue statement will interrupt an iteration

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➤ while (test expression) {
                                                statement/s
      statement/s
                                                if (test expression) {
      if (test expression) {
                                                    continue;
         - continue;
                                                statement/s
      statement/s
                                          → while (test expression);
     ▶ for (intial expression; test expression; update expression) {
           statement/s
          if (test expression) {
             - continue;
           statements/
      NOTE: The continue statment may also be used inside body of else statement.
          https://www.programiz.com/cpp-programming/break-continue
```

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What is the output?

for (int i = 1 ; i <= 10 ; i++) {
   if (i % 2 == 0) {
      continue;
      std::cout << i << " ";
   } else {
      std::cout << i << " ";
   }
}</pre>
```

A single repetition of the loop body is called **Iteration**



Fibonacci sequence

$$F_0 = 0$$

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$



0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 ...

The **Fibonacci sequence** first appears in the book **Liber Abaci** (1202) by Fibonacci, using it to calculate the growth of rabbit populations. The sequence had been described by Indian mathematicians as early as the **sixth century**.

from: wikipedia

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Question?

• Write a program to print the first 50 terms of the Fibonacci sequence (pick your favorite loop)

$$F_0 = 0$$

 $F_1 = 1$
 $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$

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Question

· Output the following pattern using a single loop

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Nested loops

Another solution ...

Nested loops: loops inside loops

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outer loop

for (int i = 0 ; i < 5 ; i ++) {
    for (int j = 0 ; j < 10 ; j ++) {
        std::cout << '+'; inner loop
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

"Simple, elegant solutions are more effective, but they are harder to find than complex ones, and they require more time, which we too often believe to be unaffordable"



Niklaus Wirth, a Swiss computer scientist. In 1984 he won the Turing Award for developing a sequence of innovative computer languages: Euler, Pascal, Modula, etc.

from: wikipedia

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What is the output?

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for (int i = 0 ; i < 5 ; i++) {
    for (int j = 0 ; j < (i + 1) ; j++) {
        std::cout << '+';
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

Question

· Output the following pattern using nested loops

1 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5

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Question?

• Write a program that outputs all prime numbers from 1 to 100

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