

Fundamentals of Java

Iteration

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The "while" loop

```
while (condition)  
{  
    statement1;  
    statement2;  
    statement3;  
}
```

As long as the **condition** is true,
repeatedly execute the statements.

While loop example

```
while (person.isHungry())  
{  
    person.eat();  
}
```

While loop example

```
while (true)
{
    System.out.println("gobble gobble");
}
```

Will print "gobble gobble" repeatedly, forever.

Count-controlled loops

How can we print "gobble gobble" 10 times, and then stop?

We need some way of counting...

Shorthand statements

| Shorthand | Equivalent to... |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <code>x++;</code> | <code>x = x + 1;</code> |
| <code>++x;</code> | <code>x = x + 1;</code> |
| <code>x--;</code> | <code>x = x - 1;</code> |
| <code>--x;</code> | <code>x = x - 1;</code> |
| <code>x += n;</code> | <code>x = x + n;</code> |
| <code>x -= n;</code> | <code>x = x - n;</code> |
| <code>x *= n;</code> | <code>x = x * n;</code> |
| <code>x /= n;</code> | <code>x = x / n;</code> |
| <code>x %= n;</code> | <code>x = x % n;</code> |

`x++;` increases the value of x by 1
`x += 9;` increases the value of x by 9

Printing 10 times

```
int i = 1;

while (i != 11)
{
    System.out.println("gobble gobble");
    i++;
}
```

Printing 1 to 10

```
int i = 1;

while (i != 11)
{
    System.out.println(i);
    i++;
}
```


What does this loop do?

```
int i = 1;

while (i != 11)
{
    System.out.println(i);
    i += 2;
}
```

What does this loop do?

```
int i = 1;

while (i != 11)
{
    System.out.println(i);
    i += 3;
}
```

Safer approach

```
int i = 1;

while (i < 11)
{
    System.out.println(i);
    i += 3;
}
```

This loop will definitely ***not*** continue beyond 11.

The "for" loop

Shortcut for writing "count-controlled" loops.

```
int i = 1;
while (i <= 5)
{
    System.out.println(i);
    i++;
}
```

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
{
    System.out.println(i);
}
```

Examples of "for" loops

```
for (int i = 4; i <= 10; i++)  
    System.out.println(i);
```

```
for (int i = 4; i <= 10; i += 2)  
    System.out.println(i);
```

```
for (int i = 10; i >= 0; i--)  
    System.out.println(i);
```

```
int x = 0;  
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)  
    x += i;  
System.out.println(x);
```

The "do-while" loop

```
do
{
    statement1;
    statement2;
    statement3;
}
while (condition);
```

Same as the while loop, except that **condition** is not checked until ***after*** executing the statements.

The "do-while" loop

```
while (person.isHungry())  
{  
    person.eat();  
}  
  
do  
{  
    person.eat();  
}  
while (person.isHungry());
```

What is the difference?

Breaking out of a loop

```
while (true)
{
    statement3;
    statement4;
    statement5;

    if (condition)
        break;
}
```

As soon as the **condition** becomes true, the loop will stop.

Summary of loop syntax

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 5)
{
    System.out.println
("hello");
    i++;
}
```

```
int i = 0;
do
{
    System.out.println
("hello");
    i++;
}
while (i < 5);
```

```
int i = 0;
while (true)
{
    System.out.println
("hello");
    i++;
    if (i >= 5)
        break;
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
    System.out.println
("hello");
```