

06-for-loop

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1 For cycle

The for loop is used when looping over a sequence, like a list, tuple, or a collection of objects.

An iterable is an object capable of returning its members one at a time. Examples of iterables include all sequence types (such as list, str, and tuple) and some non-sequence types like dict, or file objects.

Objects of any classes you define with an `__iter__()` or `__getitem__()` method.

1.1 Basic syntax

```
[1]: for number in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:  
      print(number)  
      print(number ** 2)
```

```
0  
0  
1  
1  
2  
4  
3  
9  
4  
16
```

Iterating over a range

```
[2]: for number in range(5):  
      print(number)
```

```
0  
1  
2  
3  
4
```

Iterating over another range [3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

```
[3]: for number in range(3, 8):  
      print(number)
```

3
4
5
6
7

Iterating even over another range [-10, -6, -2, 2, 6]

```
[4]: for number in range(-10, 10, 4):  
      print(number)
```

-10
-6
-2
2
6

Iterating over a sequence

```
[5]: surnames = ['Rivest', 'Shamir', 'Adleman']  
      for surname in surnames:  
          print(surname)
```

Rivest
Shamir
Adleman

Iterating over a sequence with index - old way

```
[6]: for position in range(len(surnames)):  
      print(position, surnames[position])
```

0 Rivest
1 Shamir
2 Adleman

Iterating over a sequence with index - Python way

```
[7]: for position, surname in enumerate(surnames):  
      print(position, surname)
```

0 Rivest
1 Shamir
2 Adleman

Iterating over a sequence with index, position starting at 1

```
[8]: for position, surname in enumerate(surnames, 1):  
      print(position, surname)
```

```
1 Rivest
2 Shamir
3 Adleman
```

In short,

- An iterable is an object capable of returning its members one at a time.
- Examples of iterables include all sequence types (such as list, str, and tuple) and some non-

1.2 Iterating over multiple sequences

How to iterate over multiple sequences

```
[9]: people = ['Darwin', 'Bernardo', 'Odysseas', 'Ramos']
    ages = [25, 20, 26, 20]

    # old way!
    for position in range(len(people)):
        person = people[position]
        age = ages[position]
        print(person, age)
```

```
Darwin 25
Bernardo 20
Odysseas 26
Ramos 20
```

more pythonic

```
[10]: for position, person in enumerate(people):
        age = ages[position]
        print(person, age)
```

```
Darwin 25
Bernardo 20
Odysseas 26
Ramos 20
```

and, the pythonic way

```
[11]: for person, age in zip(people, ages):
        print(person, age)
```

```
Darwin 25
Bernardo 20
Odysseas 26
Ramos 20
```

```
[12]: for person_age in zip(people, ages):
        print(person_age)
```

```
('Darwin', 25)
('Bernardo', 20)
('Odysseas', 26)
('Ramos', 20)
```

```
[13]: nationalities = ['Uruguay', 'Portugal', 'Greek', 'Portugal']

for person, age, nationality in zip(people, ages, nationalities):
    print(person, age, nationality)
```

```
Darwin 25 Uruguay
Bernardo 20 Portugal
Odysseas 26 Greek
Ramos 20 Portugal
```

1.3 continue

The **continue** statement, tells the looping construct (**for** or **while**) to immediately stop execution of the body and go to the next iteration, if any.

```
[14]: from datetime import date, timedelta
today = date.today()
tomorrow = today + timedelta(days=1) # today + 1 day is tomorrow

products = [
    {'sku': '1', 'expiration_date': today, 'price': 100.0},
    {'sku': '2', 'expiration_date': tomorrow, 'price': 50},
    {'sku': '3', 'expiration_date': today, 'price': 20},
]

for product in products:
    if product['expiration_date'] != today:
        continue # go to the next product
    product['price'] *= 0.8 # apply 20% discount
    print('Price for sku', product['sku'], 'is now', product['price'])
```

```
Price for sku 1 is now 80.0
Price for sku 3 is now 16.0
```

1.4 break

The **break** statement terminates the current loop and resumes execution at the next statement

```
[15]: items = [0, None, 0.0, True, 0, 7] # True and 7 evaluate to True
found = False # this is called "flag"

for item in items:
    print('scanning item', item)
    if item:
```

```

        found = True                # we update the flag
        break

if found:                            # we inspect the flag
    print('At least one item evaluates to True')
else:
    print('All items evaluate to False')

```

```

scanning item 0
scanning item None
scanning item 0.0
scanning item True
At least one item evaluates to True

```

1.5 else

If the loop ends normally, because of exhaustion of the iterator (**for** loop) or because the condition is finally not met (**while** loop), then the **else** suite (if present) is executed.

In case execution is interrupted by a **break** statement, the **else** clause is not executed.

```

[16]: people = [('James', 17), ('Kirk', 9), ('Lars', 13), ('Robert', 8)]
      driver = None

      # old way!
      for person, age in people:
          if age >= 18:
              driver = (person, age)
              break

      if driver is None:
          print('Driver not found.')

```

```

Driver not found.

```

```

[17]: # the same loop in a pythonic way
      for person, age in people:
          if age >= 18:
              driver = (person, age)
              break
      else:
          print('Driver not found.') # <-----

```

```

Driver not found.

```

Returning to the previous example

```

[18]: items = [0, None, 0.0, True, 0, 7] # True and 7 evaluate to True

      for item in items:

```

```

print('scanning item', item)
if item:
    found = True           # we update the flag
    break
else:
    found = False          # the "flag" will become false if the cycle
    ↪ never runs the 'break' clause

if found:                  # we inspect the flag
    print('At least one item evaluates to True')
else:
    print('All items evaluate to False')

```

```

scanning item 0
scanning item None
scanning item 0.0
scanning item True
At least one item evaluates to True

```

1.6 Iterables (optional)

- An iterable is an object capable of returning its members one at a time.
- Examples of iterables include all sequence types (such as `list`, `str`, and `tuple`) and some non-sequence types like `dict`, or file objects.
- Objects of any classes you define with an `__iter__()` or `__getitem__()` method.

```

[19]: for key in {"title": "And Now for Something Completely Different", "year":
    ↪ 1971}:
    print(key)

```

```

title
year

```

```

[20]: for key, value in {"title": "And Now for Something Completely Different",
    ↪ "year": 1971}.items():
    print(key, value)

```

```

title And Now for Something Completely Different
year 1971

```

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