# Loops

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### Loops

- Loops are expressed as messages
- Many different ones
  - Plain loops
  - Conditional loops
- Messages sent to numbers, collections or blocks
- Iterators

#### **Loops: timesRepeat:**

To repeat a given number of times an action

4 timesRepeat: [ self doSomething ]



#### Loops: to:do:

```
1 to: 100 do:
[:i|...i...]
```

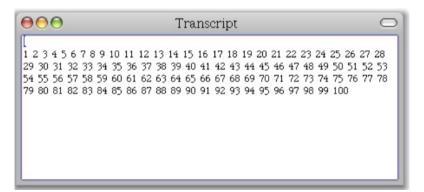
to:do: is a method defined on Number



#### **Example: to:do:**

The block is executed with the temporary i taking values from 1 to 100

```
1 to: 100 do:
[:i|Transcript show: i; space]
```



#### Loops: to:by:do:

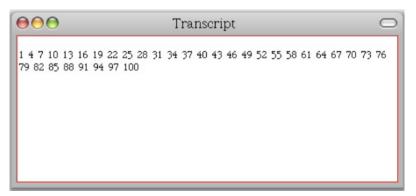
0 to: 100 by: 3 do: [:i|...i...]

to:by:do: is also a method defined on Number

#### **Example: to:by:do:**

The block is executed with i taking values from 1 to 100 by step of 3

```
1 to: 100 by: 3 do:
[:i|Transcript show: i; space]
```





#### **Basic Iterators Overview**

- do: (iterate)
- collect: (iterate and collect results)
- select: (select matching elements)
- reject: (reject matching elements)
- detect: (get first element matching)
- detect:ifNone: (get first element matching or a default value)
- includes: (test inclusion)
- and a lot more...

#### Loops: do:

aCol do: [:each | ... ]

The block is executed with each taking as value all the elements of aCol

#### **Example: The iterator do:**

```
#(15 10 19 68) do:
[:i | Transcript show: i ; cr ]
```

### **Loops: whileTrue:**

```
[ ... ] whileTrue: [ ... ]
```

Executes the argument, aBlock, as long as the value of the receiver is true

```
Color >> atLeastAsLuminentAs: aFloat
  | revisedColor |
  revisedColor := self.
  [ revisedColor luminance < aFloat ]
    whileTrue: [ revisedColor := revisedColor slightlyLighter ].
  ^ revisedColor</pre>
```

#### **Loops: whileTrue**

Executes the receiver, as long as its value is true

[...] whileTrue

**Equivalent with** whileFalse and whileFalse:



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