

# WIX1002

## Fundamentals of Programming

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### Chapter 4

### Flow of Control (Repetition)





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# Introduction

- A repetition flow specifies that an action is to be repeated while some condition remains true.
- In Java, **while**, **do-while** and **for** statement are used for the repetition flow.
- There are two types of loop namely count-controlled loop and sentinel-controlled loop.
- **Count-controlled loop** executed the statements for a fixed number of times.
- **Sentinel-controlled loop** executed the statements repeatedly until the sentinel is encountered.



# while

- A while statement executes a block of code repeatedly. A **condition** controls how often the loop is executed.

```
while (condition)
    statement;
```

```
// use brace {
while (condition) {
    statement1;
    statement2;
    statement3;
}
```

**more than 1 statements**



# while

```
int number=1, sum=0;
while (number<=10) {
    sum+=number;
    number++;
}
```

```
boolean status = true;
while(status) {
    number = k.nextInt();
    if (number < 0 )
        status = false;
}
```



# do-while

- A do-while statement executes the body of the loop **at least once** and perform condition check after the body statements have been executed.

do

    statement;

while (condition);

// use brace {

do {

    statement1;

    statement2;

} while (condition);

**more than 1 statements**



# do-while

```
int number=1, sum=0;
do {
    sum+=number;
    number++;
} while (number<=10);
```

```
boolean status = true;
do {
    number = k.nextInt();
    if (number > 0 )
        status = false;
} while(status);
```



# for

- A for statement is suitable for **count-controlled** loops. It is used to step through some integer variable in equal increments or decrements

```
for (initialization; condition; update)
    statement;
```

// use brace { **more than 1 statements**

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {
    statement1;
    statement2;
    statement3;
}
```



# for



```
for (int num = 1; num <= 5; num++)  
    System.out.println("Counter is " + num);
```

```
for (int i=10; i>0; i--) {  
    sum +=i;  
    counter++;  
}
```



# break

- A break statement **ends the nearest enclosing loop** statement

```
for (count = 1; count <= 10; count++) {  
    if ( count == 5 )  
        break; // break the loop when count is equal to 5  
    sum += count;  
}
```



# continue

- A continue statement **ends the current loop body iteration** of the nearest enclosing loop statement and proceeds with the next iteration of the loop

```
for (int count = 1; count <= 10; count++ ) {  
    if ( count == 5 )  
        continue; // skip remaining statement in the loop  
                  // when count = 5  
    sum+=count;  
}
```



# label

- A label statement is used to **label a loop statement**.  
The label statement can be used by the break statement and the continue statement

```
stop: { // label statement
for (int row = 1; row <= 10; row++) {
    for (int column = 1; column <= 5; column++) {
        if ( row == 5 )
            break stop; // break the stop label statement
        counter++;
    }
}
```



# Common Error

- **An off by one error**
  - The loop iterates once too often or once too few times. Check the condition and / or the initial value of the counter.
- **An infinite counting loop**
  - The counter is going the wrong way or doesn't change at all. Make sure the counter change correctly in loop
- **An infinite sentinel loop**
  - The new data are not input at the end of the loop body

