WIX1002 Fundamentals of Programming

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.





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;
```







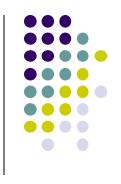
 A do-while statement executes the body of the loop at least once and perform condition check after the body statements have been executed.

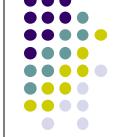
```
do
  statement;
while (condition);
// use brace {
do {
   statement1;
   statement2;
} while (condition);
```

more than 1 statements

do-while

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





 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;
}</pre>
```





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





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++;
    }
}</pre>
```

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



