

09 - Going Loopy - Part 2

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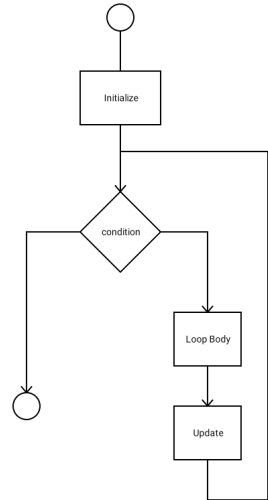
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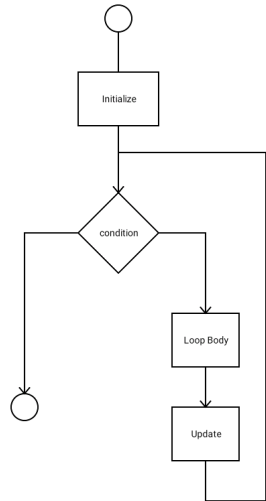
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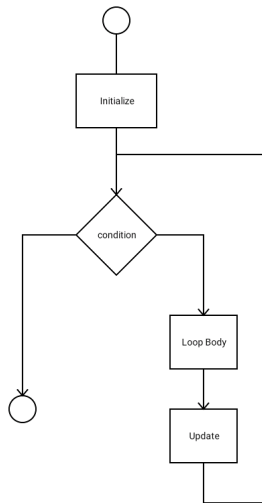
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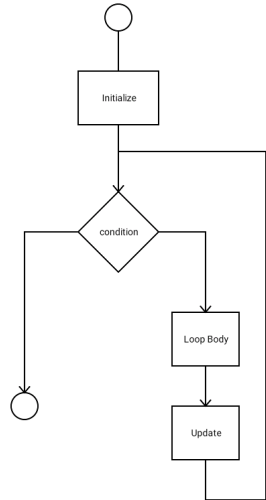
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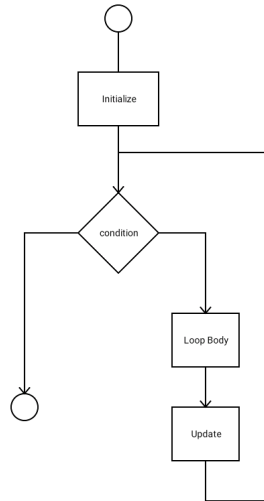
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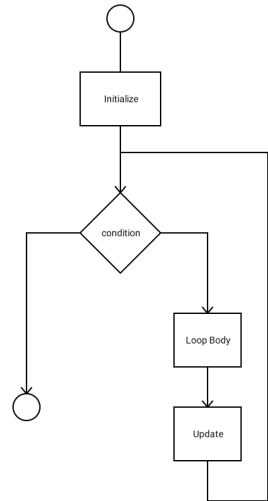
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 - You need to go through a loop at least one time.

Converting a `while` Loop to a `For` Loop

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while(num <= 10) {
    //display the number
    cout << num << endl;

    //increment
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}

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Lab Activity: Convert to For Loops

- 1 Create the directory `labs/week6`
- 2 Copy the following files from `labs/week4` to `labs/week6`.
 - `count2.cpp`
 - `fahrenheit.cpp`
- 3 Convert the loops in these programs to `for` loops.
- 4 Compile and test your programs.

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- This is often done using the comma operator to do two calculations in the update:

```
line++, start += increment
```


Lab Activity: Repair double-count.cpp

❶ Copy examples/09-Loopy/double-count.cpp to labs/week6.

❷ Repair the loop by changing it to this:

```
//Go through each row
double start=0.0;
for(int line=0; line < lines; line++, start += increment) {
    //find max for this row
    double row_max = start + 3.0 * lines * increment;

    if(row_max <= max) {
        //print all the columns
        double num=start;
        for(int col=0; col<4; col++, num+=lines * increment){
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- Be careful about `<` vs `<=`, and be sure to select the correct one!