

Menu **▼**

Log in





HTML

CSS







C While Loop

Previous

Next >

Loops

Loops can execute a block of code as long as a specified condition is reached.

Loops are handy because they save time, reduce errors, and they make code more readable.

While Loop

The while loop loops through a block of code as long as a specified condition is true:

Syntax

```
while (condition) {
    // code block to be executed
}
```

In the example below, the code in the loop will run, over and over again, as long as a variable ($\dot{\mathbf{i}}$) is less than 5:

Example

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 5) {
   printf("%d\n", i);
   i++;
}</pre>
```

Try it Yourself »

Note: Do not forget to increase the variable used in the condition (i++), otherwise the loop will never end!

The Do/While Loop

The do/while loop is a variant of the while loop. This loop will execute the code block once, before checking if the condition is true, then it will repeat the loop as long as the condition is true.

Syntax

```
do {
    // code block to be executed
}
while (condition);
```

The example below uses a do/while loop. The loop will always be executed at least once, even if the condition is false, because the code block is executed before the condition is tested:

Example

```
int i = 0;

do {
   printf("%d\n", i);
   i++;
}
while (i < 5);</pre>
```

Try it Yourself »

Do not forget to increase the variable used in the condition, otherwise the loop will never end!

C Exercises

Test Yourself With Exercises

Exercise:

Print i as long as i is less than 6:

Submit Answer »

Start the Exercise

Previous

Next >

ADVERTISEMENT

NEW

We just launched W3Schools videos



Explore now

COLOR PICKER





Get certified by completing a course today!



Get started

CODE GAME



Play Game

ADVERTISEMENT

ADVERTISEMENT ADVERTISEMENT

Report Error

Spaces

Pro

Get Certified

Top Tutorials

HTML Tutorial
CSS Tutorial
JavaScript Tutorial
How To Tutorial
SQL Tutorial
Python Tutorial
W3.CSS Tutorial
Bootstrap Tutorial
PHP Tutorial
Java Tutorial
c++ Tutorial
jQuery Tutorial

Top References

HTML Reference
CSS Reference
JavaScript Reference
SQL Reference
Python Reference
W3.CSS Reference
Bootstrap Reference
PHP Reference
HTML Colors
Java Reference
Angular Reference
jQuery Reference

Top Examples

HTML Examples
CSS Examples
JavaScript Examples
How To Examples
SQL Examples
Python Examples
W3.CSS Examples
Bootstrap Examples
PHP Examples
Java Examples

XML Examples jQuery Examples

Get Certified

HTML Certificate
CSS Certificate
JavaScript Certificate
Front End Certificate
SQL Certificate
Python Certificate
PHP Certificate
jQuery Certificate
Java Certificate
C++ Certificate
C# Certificate
XML Certificate

FORUM | ABOUT

W3Schools is optimized for learning and training. Examples might be simplified to improve reading and learning. Tutorials, references, and examples are constantly reviewed to avoid errors, but we cannot warrant full correctness of all content. While using W3Schools, you agree to have read and accepted our terms of use, cookie and privacy policy.

Copyright 1999-2022 by Refsnes Data. All Rights Reserved. W3Schools is Powered by W3.CSS.

