

CS 215: Introduction to Program Design, Abstraction and Problem Solving

Chapter 4 Loops

What is the Purpose of a Loop?

A loop is a statement that is used to: execute one or more statements repeatedly until a goal is reached. Sometimes these one-or-more statements will not be executed at all, if that is the way to reach the goal.

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Three Looping statements

C++ has these three looping statements:

- while
- for
- do-while

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While loop in detail

```
while (condition) {
    body
}
```

- Checks the condition at the beginning of the loop.
 - ▶ If the condition is false, stops the loop.
 - ▶ Otherwise, executes the body then repeats.
 - ► Condition, body, condition, body, · · · , condition, stop.
 - ▶ If it starts out false, the body won't run at all! Condition, stop.

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do-while loop

- The body of a while loop executes zero or more times.
- Maybe we want it to always run at least once.
- We can do this with a do-while loop:

```
do {
    body
} while (condition);
```

- ▶ Like a while loop, but executes the body first.
- ▶ Body, condition, body, condition, · · · , body, condition, stop.
- ► Semicolon is mandatory!

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while statement vs. do/while statement

```
int i = 10;
while (i < 10)
{
    i = i + 1;
}
cout << "i = " << i << endl;

i = i + 1;
}
do
{
    i = i + 1;
} while (i < 10);
cout << "i = " << i << endl;

i = 11</pre>
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
   int number = 1;
   do {
      cout << "Please enter a number between 1 and 10: ";
      cin >> number;
      if (number < 1) {
         cout << "Sorry, your number is too small." << endl;
      } else if (number > 10) {
         cout << "Sorry, your number is too large." << endl;
      }
   } while (number < 1 || number > 10);
   cout << "Thank you for your compliance in pressing "
      << number << "." << endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

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Block scope

- The scope of a variable runs to the end of the enclosing block.
- What happens if you declare a variable inside a loop?
 - ▶ It won't be accessible outside of the loop.
 - ▶ It is a different variable every time the loop runs!
 - ► The scope of the variable is *one execution* of the body.
 - ▶ If you need to pass information from one iteration to the next, or if you need some information after the loop finishes, you must declare your variable *before* the loop.
- It is good C++ style to place the variable so the scope is as small as possible, but no smaller.

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```
For loops
                                            int i = 1;
                                            while (i <= 10) {
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
                                                 cout << i << endl;</pre>
     cout << i << endl;</pre>
                                                 i++;
   • for (initializer; condition; update) {
          body }
       ▶ Initializer is an expression (usually assignment) or declaration.
              for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
            ★ If it is a declaration, the scope is the whole loop.
            ★ Not just one iteration.
            ★ Still not accessible outside the loop.
          initializer;
          while (condition) {
               body
               update;
```

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Loop: Examples

```
Find the number of iterations for each loop below.
```

```
for(i = 10; i <= 10; i++)
for(i = 10; i <= 9; i++)
for(i = 10; i >= 9; i--)
for(i = -10; i <= 100; i++)

j = 100;
k = 90;
for(i = j; i >= k; i--)
```

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Loop: Examples

Find the number of iterations for each loop below.

break and continue

- In a loop statement, a condition test is used to determine whether another iteration should occur.
 - ► The while and for loop statements carry out the test before beginning an iteration.
 - ▶ The do-while loop statement performs the test after each iteration.
- However, in some applications, the test should occur at a point in the middle of the iteration, and the program should be able to alter loop control. To handle these situations, C++ provides two special loop handling methods:
 - ▶ break statement
 - ▶ continue statement

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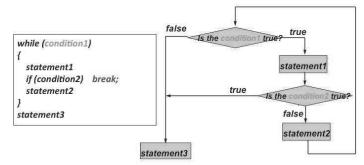
break statement

- At any place in a loop body, a break statement immediately transfers the control to the first statement following the loop.
 - ▶ break; exit the enclosing loop immediately.
 - ► Doesn't finish executing the body.
 - ▶ In a **nested** loop (one inside another), only exits the inner loop.
- The break statement is NOT allowed outside a loop!

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break Statement

• The break statement is used to break out of the enclosing loop, independent of the loop condition



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```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
   int sum = 0;
   while (sum < 100) {
      int i = 0;
      cout << "Enter a number, or zero to quit: ";
      cin >> i;
      if (i == 0)
            break;
      sum += i;
   }
   cout << "The sum is " << sum << "." << endl;
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

continue statement

- The continue statement is used to skip all remaining statements in the current iteration and begins the next iteration.
- It makes possible to skip the rest of this iteration without exiting the loop.
 - ▶ continue; end the current loop iteration.
 - ▶ In a for loop, skips to the update.
 - ▶ In a while or do-while loop, skips to the condition.
- The continue statement is NOT allowed outside a loop!

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Please download the source file from the following link:

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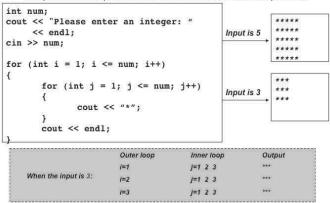
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Nested Loops: An Example

A loop structure can be placed inside the block of statements of another loop structure



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Nested Loops: An Example

• Sometimes the iteration count of the inner loop depends on the outer loop.

When the input is 3:	Outer loop	Inner loop	Output
	i=1	j=1	ata
	<i>i</i> =2	j=1 2	**
	<i>i</i> =3	j=1 2 3	***

Nested Loop: Some Examples

 Find the number of iterations for each nested loop below.

```
for(i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
for(j = 1; j <= 10; j++)

for(i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
for(j = 1; j <= i; j++)</pre>
```

Example

• What does the following program segment do?

```
for (int i=1; i<=5; i++)
{
    for (int j=1; j<=3; j++)
    {
        int k=5;
        while (k <= 200)
        {
            cout << "*";
            k = k * 3;
        }
        cout << endl;
}
    cout << endl;
}</pre>
```

Examples: Nested Loops

• Use nested loops to print the following patterns

1	123456	1	123456
12	12345	21	12345
123	1234	321	1234
1234	123	4321	123
12345	12	54321	12
123456	1	654321	1