

Practical 06 Part II

Introduction to Loops in PL/SQL

Loops allow repeated execution of a block of statements. PL/SQL supports three types of loops:

BASIC LOOP (Infinite Loop)

WHILE LOOP (Condition-based)

FOR LOOP (Counter-based)

BASIC LOOP (Must use EXIT condition)

A **LOOP** executes repeatedly until an **EXIT** condition is met.

Example: Print numbers from 1 to 5 using LOOP

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
    i NUMBER := 1;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    LOOP
```

```
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Number: ' || i);
```

```
        i := i + 1;
```

```
        EXIT WHEN i > 5; -- Exit condition
```

```
    END LOOP;
```

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END;
```

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```

<pre> 1 SET SERVEROUTPUT ON; 2 DECLARE 3 i NUMBER := 1; 4 BEGIN 5 LOOP 6 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Number: ' i); 7 i := i + 1; 8 EXIT WHEN i > 5; -- Exit condition 9 END LOOP; 10 END; 11 / 12 </pre>	<div>STDIN</div> <div>Input for the pro</div> <hr/> <div>Output:</div> <div>Number: 1</div> <div>Number: 2</div> <div>Number: 3</div> <div>Number: 4</div> <div>Number: 5</div>
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Explanation: The loop runs indefinitely until `i` becomes greater than 5.

WHILE LOOP (Executes as long as condition is **TRUE**)

A **WHILE** loop checks a condition before executing the block.

Example: Print numbers from 1 to 5 using WHILE LOOP

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
```

```
DECLARE
```

```
    i NUMBER := 1;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    WHILE i <= 5 LOOP
```

```
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Number: ' || i);
```

```
        i := i + 1;
```

```
    END LOOP;
```

```
END;
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Explanation: The loop runs as long as `i <= 5`. When `i` becomes 6, it stops.

FOR LOOP (Counter-based)

A **FOR** loop runs a fixed number of times.

Example: Print numbers from 1 to 5 using FOR LOOP

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    FOR i IN 1..5 LOOP
```

```
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Number: ' || i);
```

```
    END LOOP;
```

```
END;
```

```
/
```

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
BEGIN
FOR i IN 1..5 LOOP
DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Number: ' || i);
END LOOP;
END;
/
```

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Output:

Number: 1
Number: 2
Number: 3
Number: 4
Number: 5

Explanation: The loop runs automatically from 1 to 5, eliminating the need for a manual counter.

REVERSE FOR LOOP

A **FOR** loop can count **backward** using **REVERSE**.

Example: Print numbers from 5 to 1 using FOR LOOP

```
SET SERVEROUTPUT ON;
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    FOR i IN REVERSE 1..5 LOOP
```

```
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Number: ' || i);
```

```

END LOOP;
END;
/

```

<pre> 1 SET SERVEROUTPUT ON; 2 BEGIN 3 FOR i IN REVERSE 1..5 LOOP 4 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Number: ' i); 5 END LOOP; 6 END; 7 / </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the pro</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Number: 5 Number: 4 Number: 3 Number: 2 Number: 1</p>
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Explanation: The loop counts **down** from 5 to 1.

Simple Tasks for Practice

Write a **BASIC LOOP** to print numbers from 1 to 10.

<pre> 1 DECLARE 2 num NUMBER := 1; 3 sum_result NUMBER := 0; 4 BEGIN 5 -- BASIC LOOP to print numbers from 1 to 10 6 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Numbers from 1 to 10:'); 7 LOOP 8 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(num); 9 num := num + 1; 10 EXIT WHEN num > 10; 11 END LOOP; 12 END; 13 / </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (C)</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Numbers from 1 to 10:</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p>
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Modify the **WHILE LOOP** to print **even numbers** from 2 to 10.

<pre> 1 DECLARE 2 num NUMBER := 1; 3 sum_result NUMBER := 0; 4 BEGIN 5 num := 2; 6 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Even numbers from 2 to 10:'); 7 WHILE num <= 10 LOOP 8 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(num); 9 num := num + 2; 10 END LOOP; 11 END; 12 / </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program (Opti</p> <hr/> <p>Output:</p> <p>Even numbers from 2 to 10:</p> <p>2 4 6 8 10</p>
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Write a **FOR LOOP** to print the **square of numbers** from 1 to 5.

<pre> 1 DECLARE 2 num NUMBER := 1; 3 sum_result NUMBER := 0; 4 BEGIN 5 num := 2; 6 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Squares of numbers from 1 to 5:'); 7 FOR i IN 1..5 LOOP 8 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Square of ' i ' is ' i*i); 9 END LOOP; 10 END; 11 / </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program { Optional }</p> <p>Output:</p> <p>Squares of numbers from 1 to 5: Square of 1 is 1 Square of 2 is 4 Square of 3 is 9 Square of 4 is 16 Square of 5 is 25</p>
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Create a **REVERSE FOR LOOP** that prints numbers from 10 to 1.

<pre> 1 DECLARE 2 num NUMBER := 1; 3 sum_result NUMBER := 0; 4 BEGIN 5 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Numbers from 10 to 1:'); 6 FOR i IN REVERSE 1..10 LOOP 7 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE(i); 8 END LOOP; 9 10 END; 11 / </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program { Optional }</p> <p>Output:</p> <p>Numbers from 10 to 1: 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1</p>
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Write a loop that **calculates the sum of numbers from 1 to 5**.

<pre> 1 DECLARE 2 num NUMBER := 1; 3 sum_result NUMBER := 0; 4 BEGIN 5 FOR i IN 1..5 LOOP 6 sum_result := sum_result + i; 7 END LOOP; 8 DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Sum of numbers from 1 to 5: ' sum_result); 9 10 END; 11 / </pre>	<p>STDIN</p> <p>Input for the program { Optional }</p> <p>Output:</p> <p>Sum of numbers from 1 to 5: 15</p>
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LOOPS USECASES IN DBMS

BASIC LOOP (Must use EXIT condition) The LOOP

statement runs indefinitely unless explicitly stopped with an **EXIT** condition.

Example 1: Insert 5 Records into a Table Using LOOP

BEGIN

FOR i IN 1..5 LOOP

INSERT INTO employees (id, name, salary) VALUES (i,
'Employee_' || i, 5000 + (i * 500));

END LOOP;

```
        COMMIT;  
  
END;  
  
/
```

Explanation: Inserts 5 employees with incrementing salaries.

Example 2: Fetch and Display Employee Names Using LOOP

```
DECLARE  
  
    v_name employees.name%TYPE;  
  
    CURSOR emp_cursor IS SELECT name FROM employees;  
BEGIN  
  
    OPEN emp_cursor;  
  
    LOOP  
  
        FETCH emp_cursor INTO v_name;  
  
        EXIT WHEN emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;  
  
        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Employee: ' || v_name);  
  
    END LOOP;  
  
    CLOSE emp_cursor;  
  
END;  
  
/
```

Explanation: Uses a cursor to fetch and print employee names one by one.

Example 3: Delete Employees with Salary Below 3000 Using LOOP

```
DECLARE

    CURSOR emp_cursor IS SELECT id FROM employees WHERE salary < 3000;

    v_id employees.id%TYPE;

BEGIN

    OPEN emp_cursor;

    LOOP

        FETCH emp_cursor INTO v_id;

        EXIT WHEN emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;
        DELETE FROM employees WHERE id = v_id;

    END LOOP;

    CLOSE emp_cursor;

    COMMIT;

END;
```

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Explanation: Deletes employees earning less than 3000.

Example 4: Update Salaries Using LOOP

```
DECLARE
```

```

    CURSOR emp_cursor IS SELECT id FROM employees;

    v_id employees.id%TYPE;

BEGIN

    OPEN emp_cursor;

    LOOP

        FETCH emp_cursor INTO v_id;

        EXIT WHEN emp_cursor%NOTFOUND;

        UPDATE employees SET salary = salary + 1000 WHERE id = v_id;

    END LOOP;

    CLOSE emp_cursor;

    COMMIT;
END;

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```

Explanation: Increases salaries by 1000 for all employees.

WHILE LOOP (Executes as long as the condition is TRUE)

Example 1: Print Employee Names While ID ≤ 5

```

DECLARE

    v_id NUMBER := 1;

    v_name employees.name%TYPE;

BEGIN

    WHILE v_id <= 5 LOOP

```



```

        SELECT name INTO v_name FROM employees WHERE id = v_id;

        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Employee: ' || v_name);

        v_id := v_id + 1;

    END LOOP;

END;

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```

Explanation: Fetches and prints employee names for IDs 1 to 5.

Example 2: Insert Employees Until a Certain Count

```

DECLARE

    v_count NUMBER := 0;

BEGIN
    WHILE v_count < 5 LOOP

        INSERT INTO employees (id, name, salary) VALUES (v_count + 10,
        'New_Employee', 4000);

        v_count := v_count + 1;

    END LOOP;

    COMMIT;

END;

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```

Explanation: Inserts 5 new employees.

Example 3: Fetch and Display Employees with Salary Above 6000

```
DECLARE

    CURSOR emp_cursor IS SELECT name FROM employees WHERE salary >
6000;

    v_name employees.name%TYPE;

BEGIN

    OPEN emp_cursor;

    FETCH emp_cursor INTO v_name;

    WHILE emp_cursor%FOUND LOOP

        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Employee: ' || v_name);
        FETCH emp_cursor INTO v_name;

    END LOOP;

    CLOSE emp_cursor;
END;

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```

Explanation: Fetches employees earning more than 6000.

Example 4: Deduct Salary Until Minimum Threshold

```
DECLARE

    v_salary NUMBER;

BEGIN
```

```

SELECT salary INTO v_salary FROM employees WHERE id = 1;

WHILE v_salary > 3000 LOOP

    UPDATE employees SET salary = salary - 500 WHERE id = 1;

    v_salary := v_salary - 500;

END LOOP;

COMMIT;

END;

/

```

Explanation: Deducts salary until it reaches 3000.

FOR LOOP (Counter-based loop, runs a fixed number of times)

Example 1: Insert 10 Employees Using FOR LOOP

```

BEGIN

    FOR i IN 1..10 LOOP

        INSERT INTO employees (id, name, salary) VALUES (i + 100,
        'Emp_' || i, 6000);

    END LOOP;

    COMMIT;

END;

/

```

Explanation: Inserts 10 employees with unique IDs.

Example 2: Display First 5 Employees

```
BEGIN

    FOR emp IN (SELECT name FROM employees WHERE ROWNUM <= 5) LOOP

        DBMS_OUTPUT.PUT_LINE('Employee: ' || emp.name);

    END LOOP;

END;

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```

Explanation: Prints the first 5 employee names.

Example 3: Increase Salaries in a Range

```
BEGIN
    FOR i IN 1..10 LOOP

        UPDATE employees SET salary = salary + 500 WHERE id = i;

    END LOOP;

    COMMIT;

END;

/
```

Explanation: Increases salaries of employees with IDs 1 to 10.

Example 4: Delete Employees with ID Greater Than 50

```
BEGIN

    FOR i IN (SELECT id FROM employees WHERE id > 50) LOOP

        DELETE FROM employees WHERE id = i.id;

    END LOOP;

    COMMIT;

END;
```

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Explanation: Deletes employees with IDs greater than 50.

Loops with database Simple Tasks for Practice

1. Write a **LOOP** to insert **5 new departments** into a **departments** table.
2. Modify the **WHILE LOOP** to **increase salaries** until they reach 10,000.
3. Write a **FOR LOOP** to display **employee details** for IDs 1 to 5.
4. Create a **cursor-based LOOP** that prints **employee names and salaries**.
5. Write a loop that **calculates the total salary** of all employees.