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Lecture 3: Iteration





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Lecture Objectives

- Getting acquainted with Iteration in Python.
- Understanding what programming "loops" are and how we can use them to save us time coding.

What are Loops?

- ★ Loops are used when we need to repeat a certain block of code multiple times.
- **★** There are two types of loops that will be introduced:
 - while loops
 - for loops

While Loops

- ★ While loops are used in situations when we are not sure how many times we need to repeat the code block.
- ★ Therefore, we can use a while loop to execute a certain condition. While our condition is True, the code within the loop will terminate the moment our condition becomes False.

While Loop Example

```
kittens = 0
question = input("Has a kitten attempted world domination? (y/n) : ")
while question == "y":
    kittens = kittens + 1
    print(str(kittens) + " attempted world domination")
    question = input("Add another kitten? (y/n) : ")
```

Infinite Loops

- ★ There may be some cases where we would need the loop to keep looping for as long as the program is running.
- **★** This would be referred to as an infinite loop.
- **★** Example:

```
while True:

print("I am an infinite loop")
print("And no one can stop me!")
```

Breaking the Loop

- ★ At some point, we would need to break out of our infinite loop. In order to achieve that, we can use the break statement to exit the loop.
- **★** Example:

```
while True:
    question = input("Do you wish to stop me? (y/n) : ")
    if question == "y":
        print("As you wish")
        break
```

Continuing the Loop

- **★** The continue statement is used to skip any and all lines of code within a loop for the current iteration only.
- **★** The loop will not terminate, but will continue with the next iteration.
- **★** The loop will not break.

Continue Example

```
while True:
    print("I am a loop!")
    question = input("Would you like me to continue? (y/n) : ")
    if question == "y":
        print("Back to the beginning!")
        continue
   else:
        print("I shall cease")
        break
```



What data type do "while loops" need in order to run?

A. String

B. Bool

C. Int

D. Float



- A. The loop will end after 10 loops
- B. We will get a syntax error
- C. The loop will only run 1 time
- D. The loop will continue infinitely



- A. break
- B. continue
- C. exit
- D. quit



For Loops

- **★** For loops are used when we need code to run a specified number of times.
- **★** Think of it making the task of creating ten print statements much easier.

```
# No need to do this

print("")
print("")
print("")
print("")
print("")
print("")
print("")
```

For Loop Syntax

- **★** Iterable_object : a list of numbers, a string of characters, a range etc.
- ★ Item: temporary variable used inside the for loop to reference the current position of our iterator.

```
for item in iterable_object:
# Logic goes here
```

For Loop Example

- **★** The below loop will iterate over the string "coffee".
- ★ This entails the temporary variable letter being continuously updated with each character found in "coffee".

```
string = "coffee"

for letter in string:

print(letter)
```

For Loop Example

As letter will iterate over every instance of our string, we get the output of "coffee" spelled out on separate lines.

```
string = "coffee"
for letter in string:
    print(letter)

c
o
f
e
e
```

For Loops & Range

- **★** With for loops, we can also get a range of integers from a starting value to an ending value
- ★ Note that the output here will be values from 1 to 9

```
for num in range(1,10):

# Take note that the ending value 10

# is exclusive.

# Similar to string slicing.

print(num)
```



What are "for loops" used for?



- A. Only counting to numbers
- B. The same as while loops
- C. To repeat code block a preset number of times
- D. To create infinite loops



Which value below will not work with a "for loop"?

A. "Hello"

B. range(5)

C. 5

D. ["This", "is, "a", "list"]



Which data type is not well suited for "for loops"?

- A. Bool
- B. String
- C. Int
- D. Float

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