Loops (1)

Loops

- is used to repeat a statement or a block of code several times
- C supports the iteration by different ways to determine the terminating time of the loop.
- Types of loop in C:
 - for
 - while
 - do...while

while statement

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while ( expression ) statement
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- while implements the repetition in an algorithm
- Repeatedly executes a block of statements
- Tests a condition (boolean expression) at the start of each iteration
- Terminates when condition becomes false (zero)

Example

 read in integer numbers and print out their sum

```
sum = 0
count = 0
input totalNumbers
while (count < totalNumbers) do
  input next number
  add next number to sum
  add 1 to count
output sum
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(){
 int aNum, sum = 0;
 int count = 0, totalNumbers;
 scanf("%d", &totalNumbers);
 while (count < totalNumbers)</pre>
  scanf("%d", &aNum);
                             There is
                              no do
  sum += aNum;
                               here
  count++;
 printf("Sum is %d\n",sum); return 0;
```

Example (con't)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
  int sum=0, count=0, totalNumbers,
  nextnum;
  printf("Enter the total number of
  the array:");
  scanf("%d", &totalNumbers);
  while (count < totalNumbers)</pre>
    scanf("%d", &nextnum);
    sum += nextnum;
    count++;
 printf("The sum is %d\n", sum);
  return 0;
```

total number	nextnum	sum	count
?	?	0	0
3			
	4	4	1
	-	3	2
	2	5	3

Common mistakes

```
while (count < totalNumbers)</pre>
                                           only scanf is
    scanf("%d", &nextnum);
                                       repeated many times
    sum+= nextnum;
    count++;
 while (count < totalNumbers);</pre>
                                        the loop is emply
                                       (statements are only
    scanf("%d", &nextnum);
    sum+= nextnum;
    count++;
while (count < totalNumbers);</pre>
                                          print command is
    scanf("%d", &nextnum);
                                        repeated many times
    sum+= nextnum;
    count++;
    printf("The sum is %d\n", sum);
```

End-of-Input: EOF

Checking for End-of-Input:

- In the example of calculating the sum of a given array, in order to determine the end of the array, we have to enter the total numbers of the array before enter the array.
- Instead of entering the total of numbers for inputting we can mark the end of the integer number sequence by pressing Ctrl+D in Unix or Ctrl+Z in DOS.
- The return value of scanf is the number inputted values.
 scanf returns EOF if the end of input is detected.

Example

 read in integer numbers and print out their sum (ver 2)

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Algorithm: (version 2)
```

```
sum = 0
while (not end of input)
{
  input aNum
  add aNum to sum
}
output sum
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
 int aNum, sum = 0;
 while
  (scanf("%d",&aNum)!=EOF)
  sum += aNum;
 printf("Sum is %d\n", sum);
 return 0;
```

for statement

for (initialization; condition; update) statement

- Form of loop which allows for initialization and iteration control
- parts of for statement is optional. When the loop condition is not mentioned explicitly, it takes the default value (true)
- Update is always done after statement of the loop.

Example

 read in integer numbers and print out their sum

```
sum = 0
count = 0
input totalNumbers
while (count < totalNumbers) do
  input next number
  add next number to sum
  add 1 to count
output sum
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
 int aNum, sum = 0;
 int count, totalNumbers;
 scanf("%d", &totalNumbers);
 for (count=0; count<totalNumbers;</pre>
  count++)
  scanf("%d", &aNum);
  sum += aNum;
 printf("Sum is %d\n",sum);
 return 0;
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```

Compare while and for

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
  int sum=0 / count=0,
   totalNumbers, nextnum;
  printf("Enter the total number
  of the array:");
  scanf("%d", &totalNumbers);
  while (count < totalNumbers)</pre>
    scanf("%d", &nextnum);
    sum += nextnum:
    count++;
  printf("The sum is %d\n", sum);
  return 0;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
  int aNum, sum = 0;
  int count, totalNumbers;
  scanf("%d", &totalNumbers);
  for (count=0);
  count<totalNumbers;
  count++)
    scanf("%d", &aNum);
    sum += aNum;
  printf("Sum is %d\n", sum);
  return 0;
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```

Common mistakes

```
for (count=0; count<totalNumbers;)</pre>
                                   count variable is not updated
    scanf("%d", &aNum);
                                       after each iteration
    sum += aNum;
  for (count=0;
   count<totalNumbers;count++);</pre>
                                             : must not be here
  { scanf("%d", &aNum);
    sum += aNum;
for (count=0,
   count<totalNumbers,count
                                      ; not , here
  { scanf("%d", &aNum);
    sum += aNum;
```

Comma

- In the for statement initialization; condition; update are optional. If no condition is given, we have an infinitive loop.
 - for (;;) and while(1) are infinitive loops
- Some statements can be given in *initialization* and *update*. These statements must be separated by a comma.

Example:

```
for (i=0, j=100; i<=j; i++, j--)
printf("(%d, %d\n)", i, j);

Output:
(0, 100)
(1, 99)
...
(49, 51)
(50, 50)
```

Exercises

- (i) Write a program that prints all 2-digits numbers where their sum = 10, for instance 19, 28,...
- (ii) Write a program that prints 100 first numbers in the following sequence: 1 2 3 5 8 13 21...
- (iii) Write a program that receives as input a positive integer n ($n \le 9$), and prints out a triangular as following if n = 5

1

12

123

1234

12345

Solution (Exercise 1)

```
for (x=1; x<=9; x++)
{
    printf("%d%d\n", x, 10-x);
}</pre>
```

Solution (Exercise 2)

```
first = 1; second = 2:
for (count=1; count<=100; count++)
  printf("%5d", first);
  tmp = first + second;
  first = second;
  second = tmp;
```

Solution (Exercise 3)

```
for (i=1; i<=n; i++)
{
    for (j=1; j<=i; j++)
        printf("%d", j);
    printf("\n");
}</pre>
```