

Loops

- **while** loops
- **do** loops
- **break** and **continue**
- **for** loops

Introduction to Java



See Also

http://www.tutorialspoint.com/java/java_loop_control.htm

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/nutsandbolts/for.html>


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efvZmFd1prA>



The while Loop


```
int a = 0;
```

```
System.out.println("Start");
```



```
while(a<5)  
{  
    System.out.println(a);  
    a = a + 1;  
}
```

```
System.out.println("Done");
```



```
Start  
0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
Done
```

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{
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```

```
    System.out.println(a);
```

```
}
```

```
System.out.println("Done");
```

Start

1

2

3

4

5

Done

The while Loop

```
int a = 3;
```

```
System.out.println("Start");
```

```
while(a<=5)
```

```
{
```

```
    a = a + 1;
```

```
    System.out.println(a);
```

```
}
```

```
System.out.println("Done");
```

A hand is holding a black tablet. The screen of the tablet is white and displays the output of the Java code: "Start", "4", "5", "6", and "Done" on separate lines.

Start

4

5

6

Done

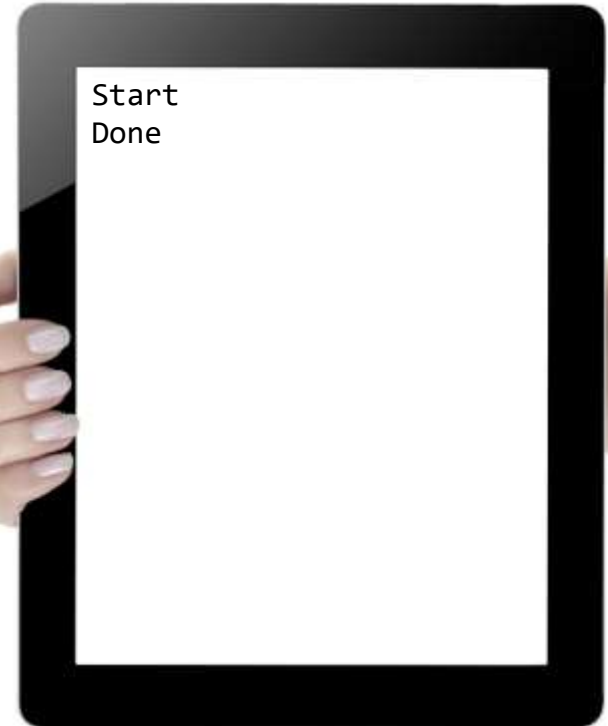
The while Loop

```
int a = 10;
```

```
System.out.println("Start");
```

```
while(a<=5)
{
    a = a + 1;
    System.out.println(a);
}
```

```
System.out.println("Done");
```



The while Loop

```
int a = 0;
```

```
System.out.println("Start");
```

```
while(a<=5)
{
    int b = a + 1;
    System.out.println(b);
}
```

```
System.out.println("Done");
```



The do Loop

```
int a = 0;
```

```
System.out.println("Start");
```

```
do
```

```
{
```

```
    System.out.println(a);
```

```
    a = a + 1;
```

```
}
```

```
while(a < 5);
```



```
System.out.println("Done");
```



```
Start
```

```
0
```

```
1
```

```
2
```


```
3
```

```
4
```


```
Done
```


While vs. Do

- The while loop may never execute
- The do loop executes at least once
- We usually mean “do” but end up using “while”
 - The “do” loop takes more typing
 - We are thinking about the expression before we start typing the body of the loop



```
10: getstatic      #16
13: iload_1
14: invokevirtual  #30
17: iinc           1, 1
20: iload_1
21: iconst_5
22: if_icmplt      10
```



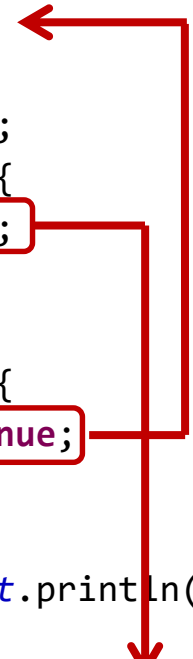
```
10: goto          23
13: getstatic      #16
16: iload_1
17: invokevirtual  #30
20: iinc           1, 1
23: iload_1
24: iconst_5
25: if_icmplt      13
```



“break” and “continue”

```
int a = 0;  
int b = 10;  
int c = 5;
```

```
while(true) {  
    a = a + 1;  
    if(a==b) {  
        break;  
    }  
    if(a==c) {  
        continue;  
    }  
    System.out.println(a);  
}
```



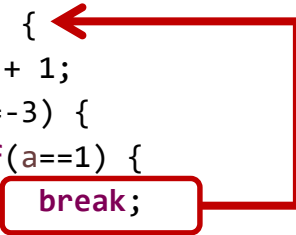
- break takes you out of the loop
- continue takes you to the expression (top or bottom)



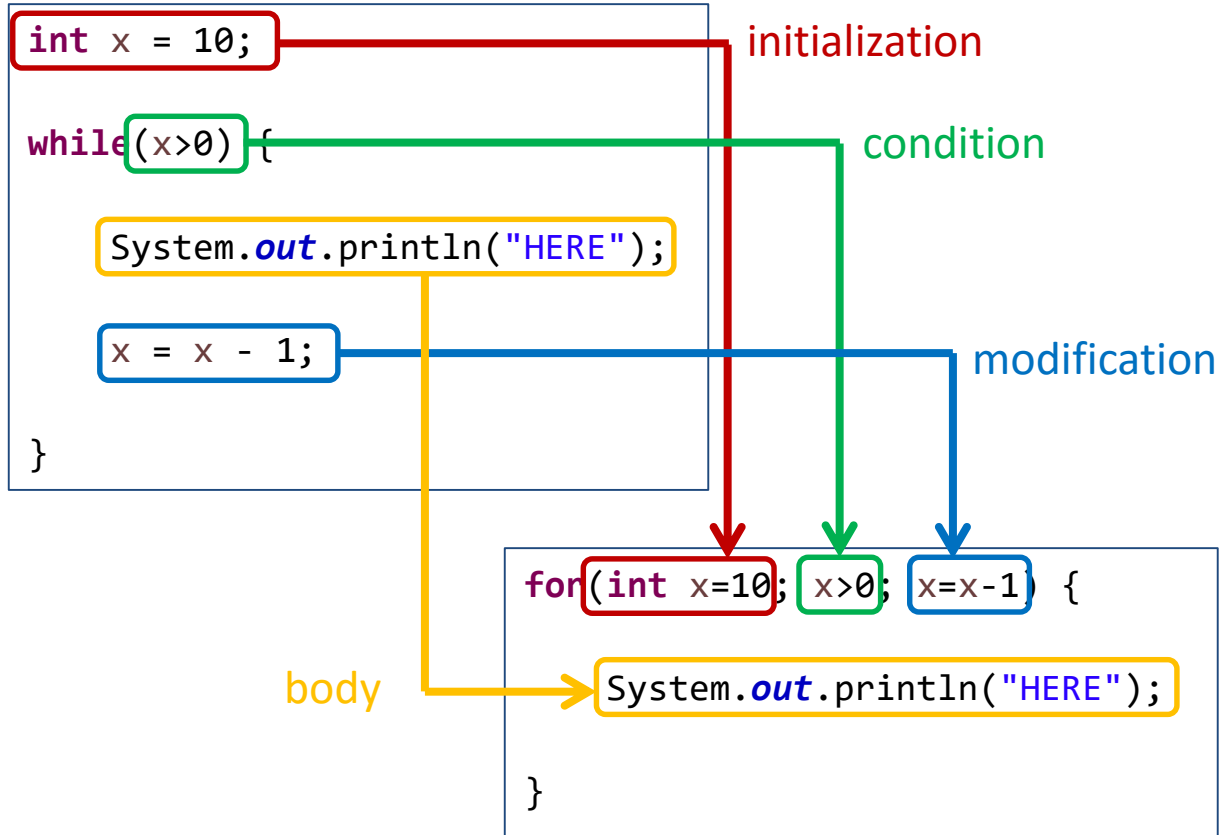
“break” and “continue”

- ONLY for loops (and switch)
- Will not break an if/else block
- Usually find them inside an “if”
- Look up the code to find the “while” or “do”

```
while(true) {  
    if(a==2) {  
        while(b<0) {  
            b = b + 1;  
            if(b== -3) {  
                if(a==1) {  
                    break;  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



“for” loops



“for” defaults

- All three pieces are optional (the semicolons are not)
- The initialization defaults to “nothing”
- The modification defaults to “nothing”
- The condition defaults to “true”

```
for(;;) {  
    System.out.println("HERE");  
}
```

```
while(true) {  
    System.out.println("HERE");  
}
```

Multiple statements

- Use commas to separate multiple statements in initialization or modification

```
for(int a=2, b=3; a<5; a++,b++) {  
    System.out.println("HERE");  
}
```

```
int a=2;  
int b=3;  
  
while(a<5) {  
    System.out.println("HERE");  
  
    a++;  
    b++;  
}
```

Tinkering

- Code up a loop to print even numbers from 2 to 20. Try out the modulo operator here: “a%2”
- What does a “do { } while(false);” loop do? What does a “break” inside the loop mean?
- Write a for loop to count x from 0 to 20. Put another for loop inside the first loop to count y from 0 to x. Print y inside the inner loop.

