Iteration in Programming

while loops

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Topics list

1. Repetition in Programming – Intro to looping

2. Use of loops (while loops).

Recap: Boolean conditions

 A boolean condition is an expression that evaluates to either true or false e.g.

mouseX < 50

- Boolean conditions can be used to control:
 - Selection i.e. if statements and
 - Iteration i.e. loops (we will look at these now).

Repetition in Programming

Computers are very good at repetition.

Example:

- calculate pay for 1000 employees.
- You should use the same calculate pay algorithm 1000 times.
- You don't write the calculate pay algorithm 1000 times;
 instead you include it in a loop.

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– Without loop:

```
rect(50, 60, 500, 10);
rect(50, 80, 500, 10);
rect(50, 100, 500, 10);
rect(50, 120, 500, 10);
```



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• We will learn a little more about loops and then we will write the code to solve this problem.



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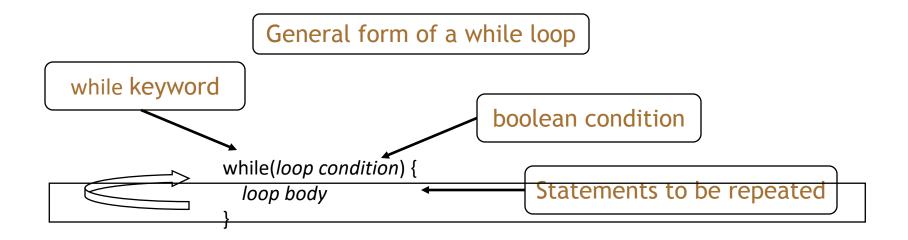
2. Use of loops (while loops).

Loops in Programming

There are three types of loop in (Java) programming:

- While loops
- For loops
- Do While loops

While loop pseudo code



Pseudo-code expression of the actions of a while loop

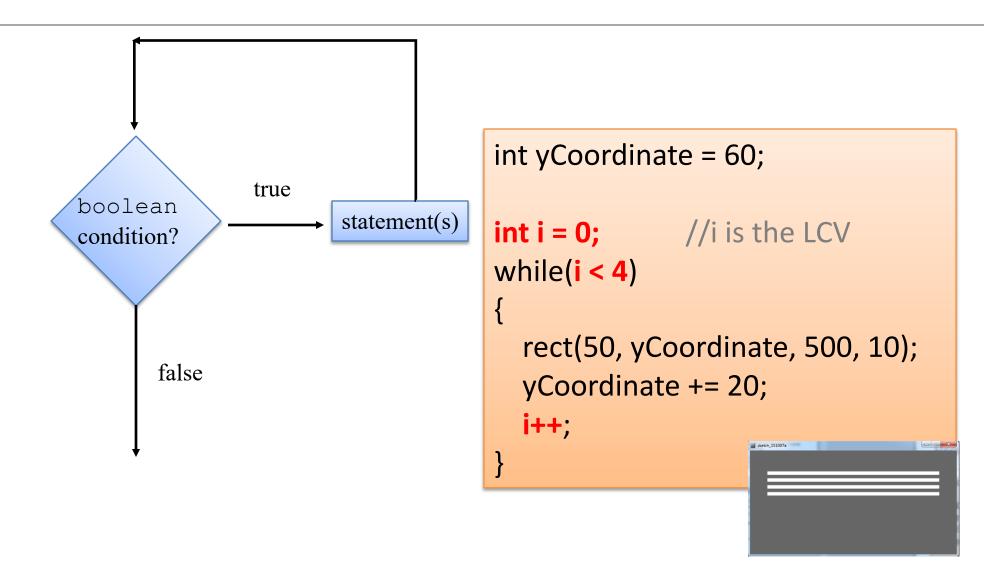
while we wish to continue, do the things in the loop body

Construction of while loop

```
Declare and initialise loop control variable (LCV)
while (boolean condition based on LCV is true)
    "do the job to be repeated"
    "update the LCV"
```

This structure should always be used

while loop Flowchart



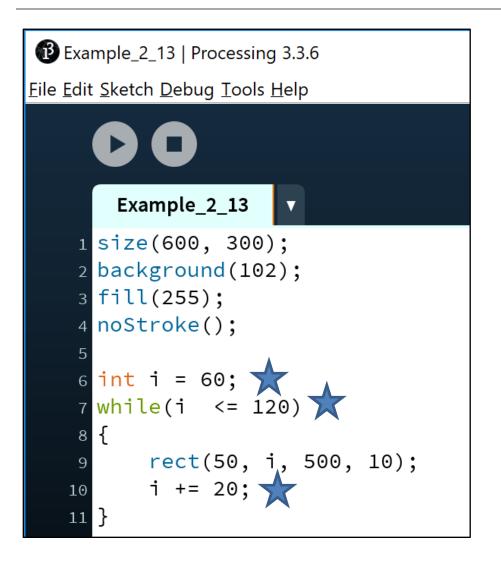
Processing Example 2.13

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      int yCoordinate = 60;
      size(600, 300);
      background(102);
    5 fill(255);
    6 noStroke();
    8 int i = 0;
    9 while(i < 4)</pre>
   10 {
           rect(50, yCoordinate,
                                    500, 10);
          yCoordinate += 20;
```

Q: Could we remove the yCoordinate variable and rework the code to still produce the four lines using the while loop?



Processing Example 2.14



A: Yes.

Here is the solution with no yCoordinate variable.



Some Study Exercises

This basic while loop, produces this output.

```
int i = 1;
while (i <=5)
                                               Hello World
                                               Hello World
                                               Hello World
  println("Hello World");
                                               Hello World
                                               Hello World
  i++;
```

Some Study Exercises

- 1. Change the code so that "Hello World" is printed out 10 times.
- 2. Change the code so that the numbers from 1 to 10 (inclusive) are printed out, one line at a time.
- 3. Change the code so that the numbers from 10 to 1 are printed out.

Questions?

