





User has to rerun the program for every new temperature Wouldn't it be nice if the program could process repeated requests? Program ends immediately if user types a bad input Wouldn't it be nice the program politely asked the user again (and again, etc. if necessary)?



Loops

A "loop" is a repeated ("iterated") sequence of statements

Like conditionals, loops (iteration) give us a huge increase in the power of our programs

Alert: loops are harder to master than *if* statements Even experienced programmers often make subtle errors when writing loops

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Motivating Loops

Problem: add 4 numbers entered at the keyboard.

int sum; int x1, x2, x3, x4;

printf("Enter 4 numbers: "); scanf("%d%d%d%d", &x1, &x2, &x3, &x4); sum = x1 + x2 + x3 + x4;

This works perfectly! But... what if we had 14 numbers? or 40? or 4000?

Finding Repeated Code

The key to using loops to solve a problem is to discover steps that can be repeated

Our first algorithm for adding four numbers had no repeated statements at all

But it does have some repetition buried in it.

Let's rework the algorithm to make the repetition more explicit

Add 4 Numbers, Repetitively int sum, x; sum = 0; printf("Enter 4 numbers: "); scanf("%d", &x); sum = sum + x; scanf("%d", &x); sum = sum + x; scanf("%d", &x); sum = sum + x; scanf("%d", &x); sum = sum + x;







What is 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 x = 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 printf ("%d",)	4 * 5 * 6 * 7? ("seven fa ⊦ * 5 * 6 * 7; <) ;	actorial")
Bite size pieces:	More Regular:	As a loop:
x = 1;	x = 1; i = 2;	x = 1;
x = x * 2;	x = x * i; i = i + 1;	i = 2;
x = x * 3;	x = x * i; i = i + 1;	while (i <= 7) {
x = x * 4;	x = x * i; i = i + 1;	x = x * i;
x = x * 5;	x = x * i; i = i + 1;	i = i + 1;
x = x * 6;	x = x * i; i = i + 1;	} H1-14
x = x * 7:	x = x * i; i = i + 1;	I



/* What is 1 * 2 * 3 **7 */	line	e i	x	i≤7?
c=1; /*A*/ =2; /*B*/ while(i<=7){ /*C*/ x=x*i; /*D*/ i=i+1; /*E*/	ABCDEC	?22233	1 1 2 2 2	т т
5rintf ("%d", X) ; /* G */	CDECC	6 6 7 7	120 720 720 720 720	т т
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/* Suppose your \$1,000 is earning interest at 5% per year. How many years until you double your money? */

my_money = 1000.0; n = 0; while (my_money < 2000.0) { my_money = my_money *1.05; n = n + 1; }

printf("My money will double in %d years.", n);









row: 1	2	2	3		4
col: 1	23456	123	8456	1234	56
			row =	1;	
output:	* * * * *		while	(row <= F	ROWS){
	* * * * *		/* p	orint a row	of 5 *'s */
	* * * * *		c	ol = 1;	
			v	/hile (col <=	= COLS)
				printf("*")	;
				col = col +	+ 1;
			}		114.00
			рі	rintf("\n");	H1-22
			rc	w = row +	1;
			}		







Loop Trace	
row col 1 1 print 1 2 print 2 3 print 3 3 print 3	row col 3 1 print 3 2 print 6 3 print 9 brint \n
2 1 print 2 2 print 4 3 print 6 print \n	4 1 print 4 2 print 8 3 print 12 print \n
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Notes About Loop Conditions

- They offer all the same possibilities as conditions in *if*-statements
 - Can use &&, ||, !
- Condition is reevaluated each time through the loop

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A common loop condition: checking the number of times through the loop

Counting Loops A common loop condition: checking the number of times through the loop Requires keeping a "counter" This pattern occurs so often there is a separate statement type based on it: the *for*-statement





























Use *int*s as Loop Counters

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int i;
double x;
for ( i = 0 ; i < 50 ; i = i + 1 )
{
    x = (double) i / 5.0 ;
    printf("%.18f", x) ;
}
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Counting Up or Down by 1

This pattern is so common there is special jargon and notation for it

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To "increment:" increase (often by 1) To "decrement:" decrease (often by 1)

C operators: Post-increment (x++): add 1 Post-decrement (x--): subtract 1

Handy Shorthand x++ x--Used by itself, x++ means the same as x = x+1 x-- means the same as x = x-1 Very often used with loop counters: for (i=1; i <= limit; i++){...} times_to_go = limit; while (times_to_go > 0){ times_to_go--

Surgeon General's Warning

++ and -- are unary operators. Pre-increment (++x) and pre-decrement (--x) exist, too. In this course, use ++ and -- only in isolation. Don't combine these with other operators in expressions! E.g., don't try

x = y++ / (3 * --x--)

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Iteration Summary

General pattern: Initialize, test, do stuff, repeat . . .

"while" and "for" are equally general in C Use "for" when initialize/test/update are closely related and simple, especially when counting

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Looking Ahead

We'll talk more about how to design loops

We'll discuss complex conditional expressions Can be used with loops as well as in conditional statements

We'll see "arrays", a powerful new way of organizing data Hind Very often used with loops