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The Increment and Decrement Operators

- ++ adds one to a variable
- `val++;` is the same as `val = val + 1;`
- -- subtracts one from a variable
- `val--;` is the same as `val = val - 1;`
- can be used in prefix mode (before) or postfix mode (after) a variable

```
--val; ++val;  
val--; val++;
```

Prefix Mode

- `++val` and `--val` increment or decrement the variable, then return the new value of the variable.
- It is this returned **new value** of the variable that is used in any other operations within the same statement

Prefix Mode Example

```
int x = 1, y = 1;

x = ++y;           // y is incremented to 2
                  // Then 2 is assigned to x

cout << x
     << " " << y; // Displays 2 2

x = --y;           // y is decremented to 1
                  // Then 1 is assigned to x

cout << x
     << " " << y; // Displays 1 1
```

Postfix Mode

- `val++` and `val--` return the old value of the variable, then increment or decrement the variable
- It is this returned **old value** of the variable that is used in any other operations within the same statement

Postfix Mode Example

```
int x = 1, y = 1;
```

```
x = y++;          // y++ returns a 1  
                  // The 1 is assigned to x  
                  // and y is incremented to 2
```

```
cout << x  
     << " " << y; // Displays 1 2
```

```
x = y--;          // y-- returns a 2  
                  // The 2 is assigned to x  
                  // and y is decremented to 1
```

```
cout << x  
     << " " << y; // Displays 2 1
```

Increment & Decrement Notes

- Can be used in arithmetic expressions

```
result = num1++ + --num2;
```

- Must be applied to something that has a location in memory. Cannot have

```
result = (num1 + num2)++; // Illegal
```

- Can be used in relational expressions

```
if (++num > limit)
```

- Pre- and post-operations will cause different comparisons

Introduction to Loops: The while Loop

- **Loop**: part of program that may execute > 1 time (*i.e.*, it repeats)

- while loop format:

```
while (condition)  
{  
    statement(s);  
}
```

No ; here



- The {} can be omitted if there is only one statement in the body of the loop

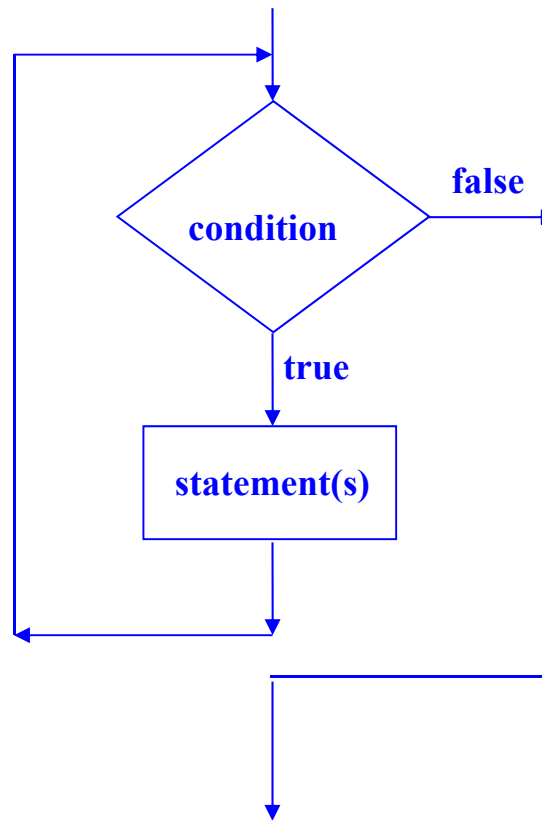
How the while Loop Works

```
while (condition)
{
    statement(s);
}
```

condition is evaluated

- if it is true, the *statement(s)* are executed, and then *condition* is evaluated again
- if it is false, the loop is exited

while Loop Flow of Control



while Loop Example

```
int val = 5;
while (val >= 0)
{
    cout << val << " ";
    val--;
}
```

- produces output:

5 4 3 2 1 0

while Loop is a Pretest Loop

- `while` is a **pretest loop** (*condition* is evaluated before the loop executes)
- If the condition is initially false, the statement(s) in the body of the loop are never executed
- If the condition is initially true, the statement(s) in the body continue to be executed until the condition becomes false

Exiting the Loop

- The loop must contain code to allow *condition* to eventually become `false` so the loop can be exited
- Otherwise, you have an **infinite loop** (i.e., a loop that does not stop)
- Example infinite loop:

```
x = 5;
while (x > 0)           // infinite loop
because
    cout << x;         // x is always > 0
```

Common Loop Errors

- Don't forget the { }:

```
int numEntries = 1;
while (numEntries <=3)
    cout << "Still working ... ";
    numEntries++; // not in the loop body
```

- Don't use = when you mean to use ==

```
while (numEntries = 3) // always true
{
    cout << "Still working ... ";
    numEntries++;
}
```

Counters

- **Counter**: variable that is incremented or decremented each time a loop repeats
- Can be used to control execution of the loop (**loop control variable**)
- Must be initialized before entering loop
- May be incremented/decremented either inside the loop or in the loop test

Letting the User Control the Loop

- Program can be written so that user input determines loop repetition
- Can be used when program processes a list of items, and user knows the number of items
- User is prompted before loop. Their input is used to control number of repetitions

User Controls the Loop Example

```
int num, limit;
cout << "Table of squares\n";
cout << "How high to go? ";
cin  >> limit;
cout << "\n\nnumber square\n";
num = 1;
while (num <= limit)
{   cout << setw(5) << num << setw(6)
    << num*num << endl;
    num++;
}
```

The do-while Loop

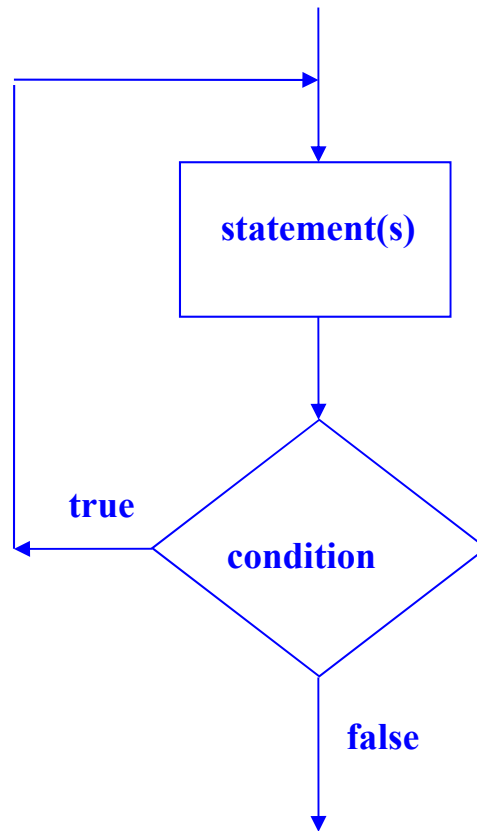
- do-while: a **post test loop** (*condition* is evaluated after the loop executes)
- Format:

```
do  
{  
    1 or more statements;  
} while (condition);
```



Notice the
required ;

do-while Flow of Control



do-while Loop Notes

- Loop always executes at least once
- Execution continues as long as *condition* is true; the loop is exited when *condition* becomes false
- Useful in menu-driven programs to bring user back to menu to make another choice

The for Loop

- Pretest loop that executes zero or more times
- Useful for counter-controlled loop

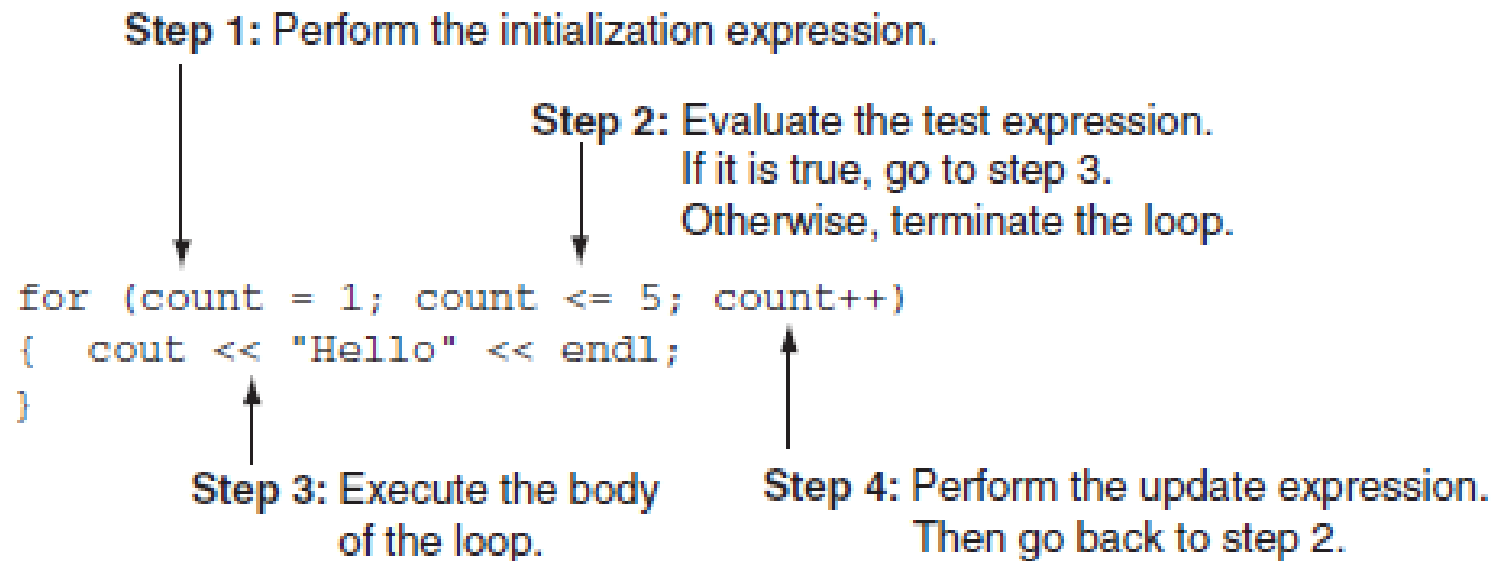
- Format:

```
for( initialization; test; update )  
{  
    1 or more statements;  
}
```

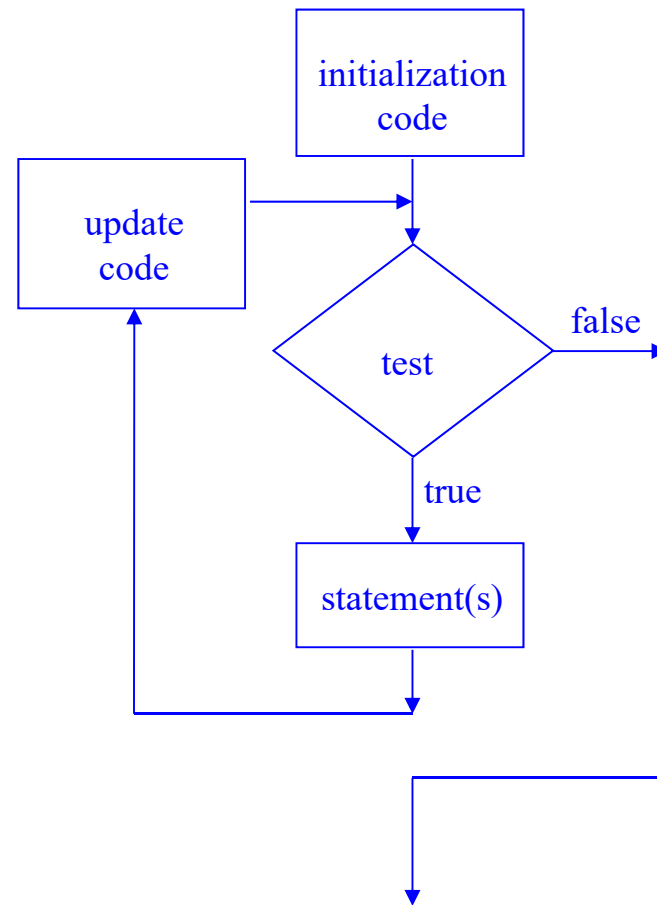
Required ;

No ; goes
here

for Loop Mechanics



for Loop Flow of Control



for Loop Example

```
int sum = 0, num;  
for (num = 1; num <= 10; num++)  
    sum += num;  
cout << "Sum of numbers 1 - 10 is "  
      << sum << endl;
```

for Loop Notes

- If *test* is false the first time it is evaluated, the body of the loop will not be executed
- The update expression can increment or decrement by any amount

for Loop Modifications

- Can define variables in initialization code
 - Their scope is the `for` loop
- Initialization and update code can contain more than one statement
 - Separate statements with commas
- Example:

```
for (int sum = 0, num = 1; num <= 10; num++)  
    sum += num;
```

More for Loop Modifications (These are NOT Recommended)

- Can omit *initialization* if already done

```
int sum = 0, num = 1;  
for (; num <= 10; num++)  
    sum += num;
```

- Can omit *update* if done in loop

```
for (sum = 0, num = 1; num <= 10;)  
    sum += num++;
```

- Can omit *test* - may cause an infinite loop

```
for (sum = 0, num = 1; ; num++)  
    sum += num;
```

- Can omit loop body if all work is done in header

Keeping a Running Total

- Sum of numbers from each repetition of loop
- **accumulator**: variable that holds running total

```
int sum = 0, num = 1; // sum is the
while (num <= 10)    // accumulator
{
    sum += num;
    num++;
}
cout << "Sum of numbers 1 - 10 is "
     << sum << endl;
```

Sentinels

- **sentinel**: value in a list of values that indicates end of data
- Special value that cannot be confused with a valid value, *e.g.*, -999 for a test score
- Used to terminate input when user may not know how many values will be entered

Sentinel Example

```
int total = 0;
cout << "Enter points earned "
      << "(or -1 to quit): ";
cin  >> points;
while (points != -1) // -1 is the sentinel
{
    total += points;
    cout << "Enter points earned: ";
    cin  >> points;
}
```

Deciding Which Loop to Use

- **while**: pretest loop (loop body may not be executed at all)
- **do-while**: post test loop (loop body will always be executed at least once)
- **for**: pretest loop (loop body may not be executed at all); has initialization and update code; is useful with counters or if precise number of repetitions is known

Nested Loops

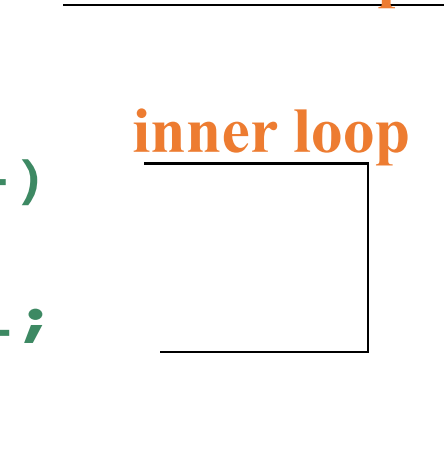
- A **nested loop** is a loop inside the body of another loop

- Example:

```
for (row = 1; row <= 3; row++)  
{  
    for (col = 1; col <= 3; col++)  
    {  
        cout << row * col << endl;  
    }  
}
```

outer loop

inner loop



Notes on Nested Loops

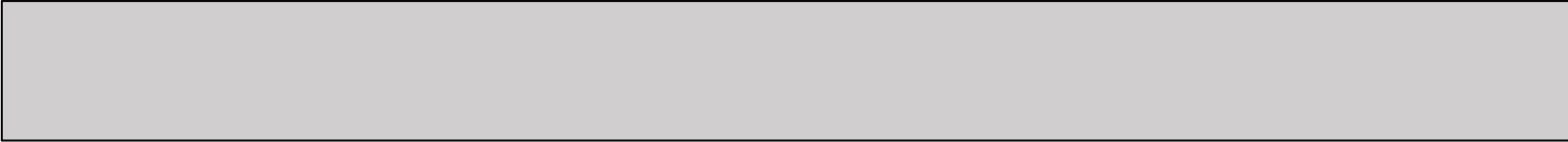
- Inner loop goes through all its repetitions for each repetition of outer loop
- Inner loop repetitions complete sooner than outer loop
- Total number of repetitions for inner loop is product of number of repetitions of the two loops. In previous example, inner loop repeats 9 times

Breaking Out of a Loop

- Can use `break` to terminate execution of a loop
- Use sparingly if at all - makes code harder to understand
- When used in an inner loop, terminates that loop only and returns to the outer loop

The continue Statement

- Can use `continue` to go to end of loop and prepare for next repetition
 - `while` and `do-while` loops go to test and repeat the loop if test condition is true
 - `for` loop goes to update step, then tests, and repeats loop if test condition is true
- Use sparingly - like `break`, can make program logic hard to follow



```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int count;

    for (count = 1; count <= 500; count++)
        printf("I will not throw paper airplanes in class.");

    return 0;
}
```

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