



# Programming Essentials

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**Loops**

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# Recap





# Syntax of if-else Statement

if (**condition**) {

// code block if condition is true

} else {

// code block if condition is false

}

## 1. Boolean variable

Example:

```
bool x = true;
if (x)
    cout << "Here we go!";
else
    cout << "We cannot make it";
```

## 2. Comparison

Example:

```
int x = 10, y = 56;
if (x >= y)
    cout << "X is greater or equal to y";
else
    cout << "Y is greater than X";
```



# Syntax of switch Statement

```
switch (expression) {  
  case value1:  
    // code block  
    break;  
  case value2:  
    // code block  
    break;  
  ...  
  default:  
    // code if no case matches  
}
```

- Key Points:
  - **expression** must evaluate to an integer or character
  - **break** exits the **switch** (if omitted, execution falls through)
  - **default** is optional (executes if no case matches)



# Today, Agenda

- The Increment and Decrement Operators
- **for** Loop
- **while** Loop
- **do .. while** Loop





# The Increment and Decrement Operators

- ++ is the increment operator.  
It adds one to a variable.

```
int val = 2;
```

```
val++;
```

is the same as `val = val + 1;`

- ++ can be used before (prefix) or after (postfix) a variable:

```
int val = 2;
```

```
++val;
```

```
val++;
```





# The Increment and Decrement Operators

- -- is the decrement operator.  
It subtracts one to a variable.

```
int val = 2;
```

```
val--;
```

is the same as `val = val - 1;`

- -- can be used before (prefix) or after (postfix) a variable:

```
int val = 2;
```

```
--val;
```

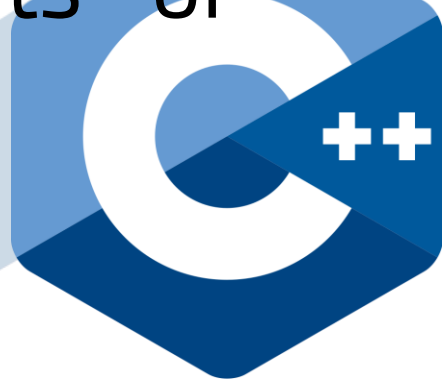
```
val--;
```





# Prefix vs. Postfix

- ++ and -- operators can be used in complex statements and expressions
- In prefix mode (++val, --val) the operator increments or decrements, then returns the value of the variable
- In postfix mode (val++, val--) the operator returns the value of the variable, then increments or decrements







# Prefix vs. Postfix - Examples

```
int num, val = 12;
```

```
cout << val++;
```

```
cout << ++val;
```

```
num = --val;
```

```
num = val--;
```

++

++



# Prefix vs. Postfix - Examples

```
int num, val = 12;  
cout << val++; // displays 12,  
               // val is now 13;  
cout << ++val; // sets val to 14,  
               // then displays it  
num = --val; // sets val to 13,  
             // stores 13 in num  
num = val--; // stores 13 in num,  
             // sets val to 12
```





# Notes on Increment and Decrement

- Can be used in expressions:

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

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

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

- Can be used in relational expressions:

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

- pre- and post-operations will cause different comparisons





# Prefix vs. Postfix - Examples

```
int a = 4;  
int b = 7;  
b = ++++a - ++++b;  
cout << "a:" << a << endl;  
cout << "b:" << b << endl;
```

- What are the values of a and b?





# Prefix vs. Postfix - Examples

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int a = 4;  
int b = 7;  
b = --++a - ++++a;  
cout << "a:" << a << endl;  
cout << "b:" << b << endl;
```

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# Introduction to Loops





# The `while` Loop

- Loop: a control structure that causes a statement or statements to repeat
- General format of the while loop:

```
while (expression)  
    statement;
```

- `statement;` can also be a block of
- statements enclosed in `{ }`





# The while Loop – How It Works

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

- **condition** is evaluated
- – if **true**, then statement is executed, and expression is evaluated again
- – if **false**, then the loop is finished and program statements following statement execute







# How the while Loop in Program Works

```
int number = 1;  
while (number <= 5)  
{  
    cout << "Hello\n";  
    number++;  
}
```

++

++



# How the while Loop in Program Works

1. Test This condition

```
int number = 1;  
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{  
    cout << "Hello\n";  
    number++;  
}
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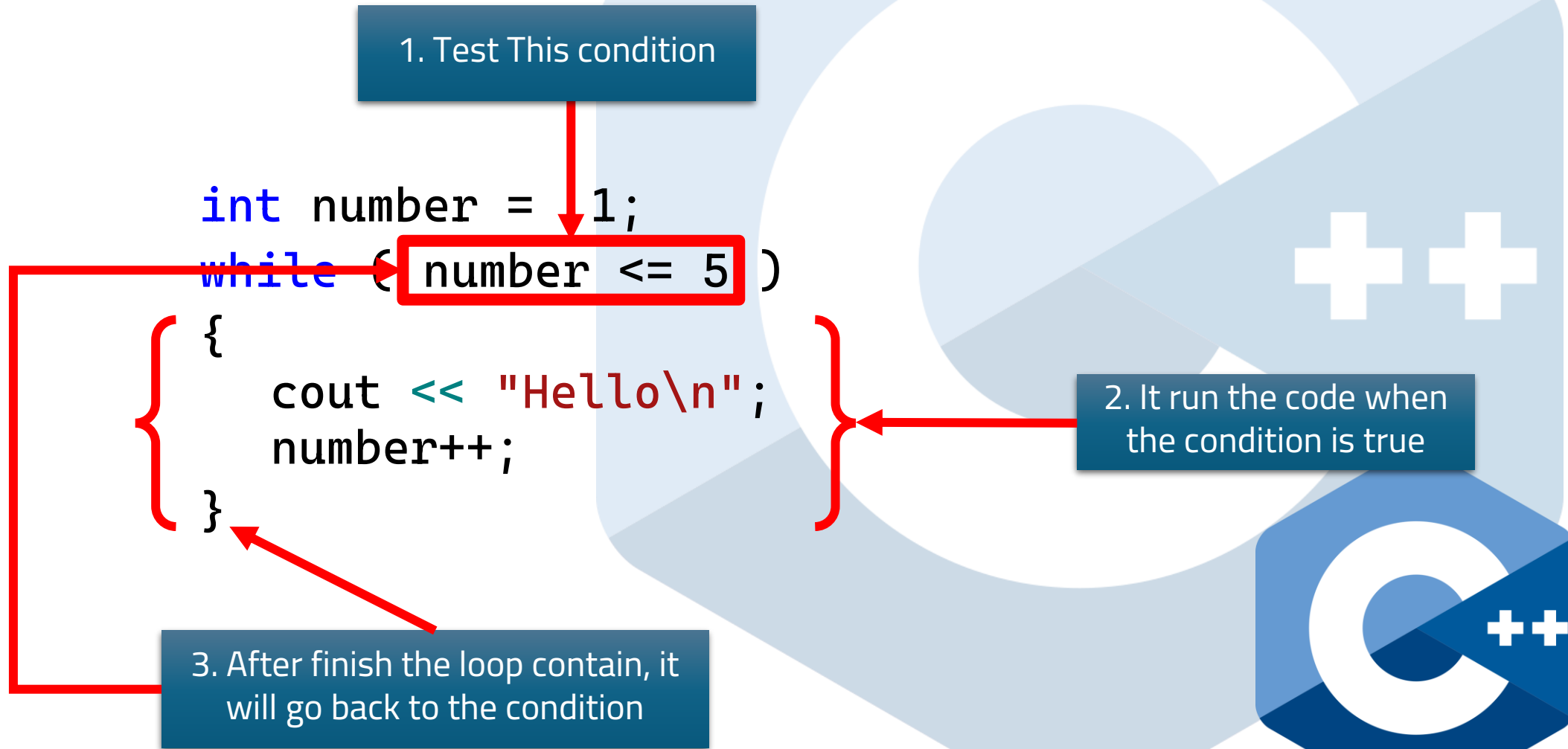
```
{  
    cout << "Hello\n";  
    number++;  
}
```

2. It run the code when the condition is true

3. After finish the loop contain, it will go back to the condition



# How the while Loop in Program Works





# The while Loop is a Pretest Loop

- The condition is evaluated before the loop executes. The following loop will never execute:

```
int number = 6;  
while (number <= 5)  
{  
    cout << "Hello\n";  
    number++;  
}
```





# Example of an Infinite Loop

```
int number = 1;  
while (number <= 5)  
{  
    cout << "Hello\n";  
}
```







# Using the while Loop for Input Validation

- Input validation is the process of inspecting data that is given to the program as input and determining whether it is valid.
- The while loop can be used to create input routines that reject invalid data, and repeat until valid data is entered.





# Using the while Loop for Input Validation

```
int number;  
cout << "Enter a number less than 10: ";  
cin >> number;  
while (number >= 10)  
{  
    cout << "Invalid Entry!"  
        << "Enter a number less than 10: ";  
    cin >> number;  
}
```





# Example: while Loop for Input Validation

```
int number;  
cout << "Enter a Positive Number";  
cin >> number;  
while (number < 0)  
{  
    cout << "Invalid Entry!"  
        << "Enter a number greater than or equal 0: ";  
    cin >> number;  
}
```





# Example: sum all numbers between 1 and 10

```
int sum = 0;
int index = 1;
while (index <= 10)
{
    sum = sum + index;
    index++;
}
cout << "Results:" << sum;
```





# Example: sum all even numbers between 1 and 100

```
int sum = 0;
int index = 1;
while (index <= 100)
{
    if(index % 2==0)
        sum = sum + index;
    index++;
}
cout << "Results:" << sum;
```





# Example: sum number of numbers based on user input

```
int x; // input number from the user
int counter = 1; // control while loop
int results = 0; // sum all the input numbers
```

```
int Number_of_time;
cout << "Enter the count of the number:";
cin >> Number_of_time;
```

```
while (counter <= Number_of_time)
{
    cout << "Enter Number " << counter << " :";
    cin >> x; // input the number
    results = results + x; // add number to the results
    counter++; // increment counter to avoid infinite loop
}
cout << "Results:" << results; // print the results of the sum
```





# The do-while Loop

- `do-while`: a posttest loop – execute the loop, then test the *condition*
- General Format:

```
do
    statement;           // or block in { }
while ( condition );
```
- Note that a semicolon is required after ( *condition* )





# An Example do-while Loop

```
int x = 1;  
do  
{  
    cout << x << endl;  
} while (x < 0);
```

Although the test expression is false, this loop will execute one time because do-while is a posttest loop.







# An Example do-while Loop

```
int sum = 0;  
int index = 1;  
do  
{  
    sum = sum + index;  
    index++;  
} while (index <= 5);  
cout << "Results:" << sum;
```

- Sum all numbers between 1 and 5





# Example: write code to read an positive number for the user

```
int x;  
do {  
    cout << "Enter positive value X:";  
    cin >> x;  
} while (x < 0);
```





# The for Loop



- Useful for counter-controlled loop
- General Format:

```
for(initialization; test; update)  
    statement; // or block in { }
```

- No semicolon after the `update` expression or after the `)`





# for Loop - Example

```
int count;  
for (count = 1; count <= 5; count++)  
    cout << "Hello" << endl;
```





# The for Loop is a Pretest Loop

- The for loop tests its test expression before each iteration, so it is a pretest loop.
- The following loop will never iterate:

```
for (int count = 11; count <= 10; count++)  
    cout << "Hello" << endl;
```





# for Loop - Modifications

- You can have multiple statements in the *initialization* expression. Separate the statements with a comma:

```
int x, y;  
for (x = 1, y = 1; x <= 5; x++)  
{  
    cout << x << " plus " << y << " equals " << (x + y) << endl;  
}
```

Initialization Expression



# for Loop - Modifications

- You can also have multiple statements in the *update* expression. Separate the statements with a comma:

```
int x, y;  
for (x = 1, y = 1; x <= 5; x++, y++)  
{  
    cout << x << " plus " << y << " equals " << (x + y) << endl;  
}
```

Update Expression

++

++

# for Loop - Modifications

- You can omit the *initialization* expression if it has already been done:

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

++

++





# for Loop - Modifications

- You can declare variables in the *initialization* expression:

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

- The scope of the variable `num` is the `for` loop.





# Deciding Which Loop to Use

- The `while` loop is a conditional pretest loop
  - Iterates as long as a certain condition exists
  - Validating input
  - Reading lists of data terminated by a sentinel
- The `do-while` loop is a conditional posttest loop
  - Always iterates at least once
  - Repeating a menu
- The `for` loop is a pretest loop
  - Built-in expressions for initializing, testing, and updating
  - Situations where the exact number of iterations is known





# Nested Loops

- A nested loop is a loop inside the body of another loop
- Inner (inside), outer (outside) loops:

```
int row, col;  
for (row = 1; row <= 3; row++) //outer  
    for (col=1; col<=3; col++)//inner  
        cout << row * col << endl;
```



# Nested for Loop in Program

```
26 // Determine each student's average score.
27 for (int student = 1; student <= numStudents; student++)
28 {
29     total = 0; // Initialize the accumulator.
30     for (int test = 1; test <= numTests; test++)
31     {
32         double score;
33         cout << "Enter score " << test << " for ";
34         cout << "student " << student << ": ";
35         cin >> score;
36         total += score;
37     }
38     average = total / numTests;
39     cout << "The average score for student " << student;
40     cout << " is " << average << ".\n\n";
41 }
```

Inner Loop

Outer Loop





# Nested Loops - Notes



- Inner loop goes through all 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.



# Breaking Out of a Loop

- Can use **break** to terminate execution of a loop
- Use sparingly if at all – makes code harder to understand and debug
- When used in an inner loop, terminates that loop only and goes back to outer loop



# The `continue` Statement

- Can use `continue` to go to end of loop and prepare for next repetition
  - `while`, `do-while` loops: go to test, repeat loop if test passes
  - `for` loop: perform update step, then test, then repeat loop if test passes
- Use sparingly – like `break`, can make program logic hard to follow





# Example : for-loop

- Print even numbers between 1 and 100

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
for (int i = 0; i <= 100; i = i + 2) {
    cout << i << "\n";
}
}
```







# Let's try C++

Install Visual Studio and familiarise yourself with its interface.

