

Loops & Nested Loops

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Outline

- ❖ **Loops**
 - while-loop
 - for-loop
- ❖ Nested Loops

Looping

- ❖ Sometimes we want to do the same (or similar) things over and over again
 - Looping saves us time from writing out all of the instructions
- ❖ Loops control a sequence of *repetitions*

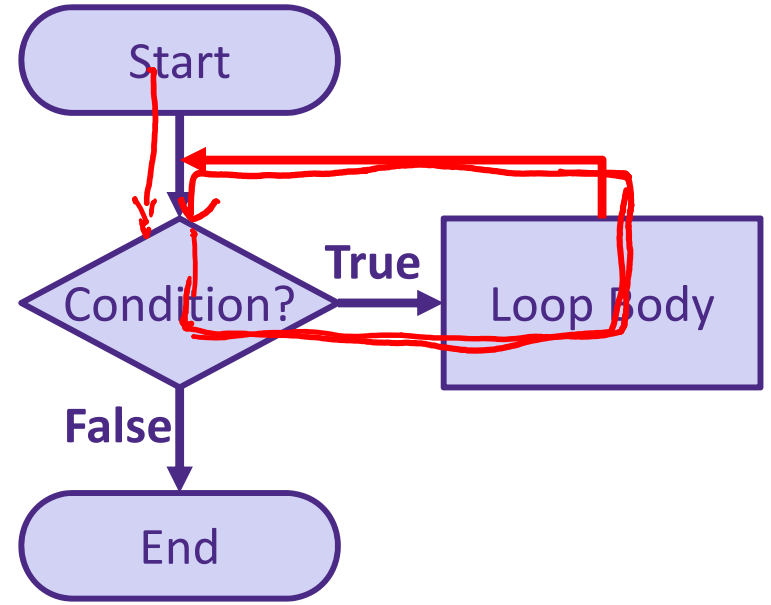
While-Loop

❖ Basic form:

```

while (condition) {
    // loop
    // body
    x = x + 1;
}
    
```

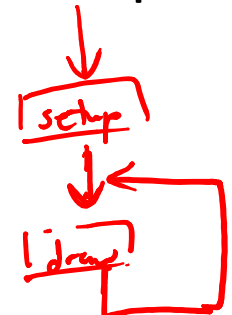
Handwritten annotations:
 - $x < 10$ written above the condition.
 - "false" written below the condition.
 - "true" written below the condition.
 - A green arrow points from the condition to the loop body.
 - A blue arrow points from the loop body back to the condition, forming a loop.
 - A yellow arrow points from the closing brace back to the start of the while statement.



❖ Repeat loop body until condition is *false*

- Must make sure to update conditional variable(s) in loop body, otherwise you cause an infinite loop ∞

❖ **draw** () is basically a `while (true)` loop



While-Loop Example [Demo]

❖ Row of six animals:

```
void drawRow() {  
    ??? // draw six mice  
}  
  
void drawMouse(float x, float y, color c) {  
    ... // drawing commands  
}
```

❖ Using a while-loop:

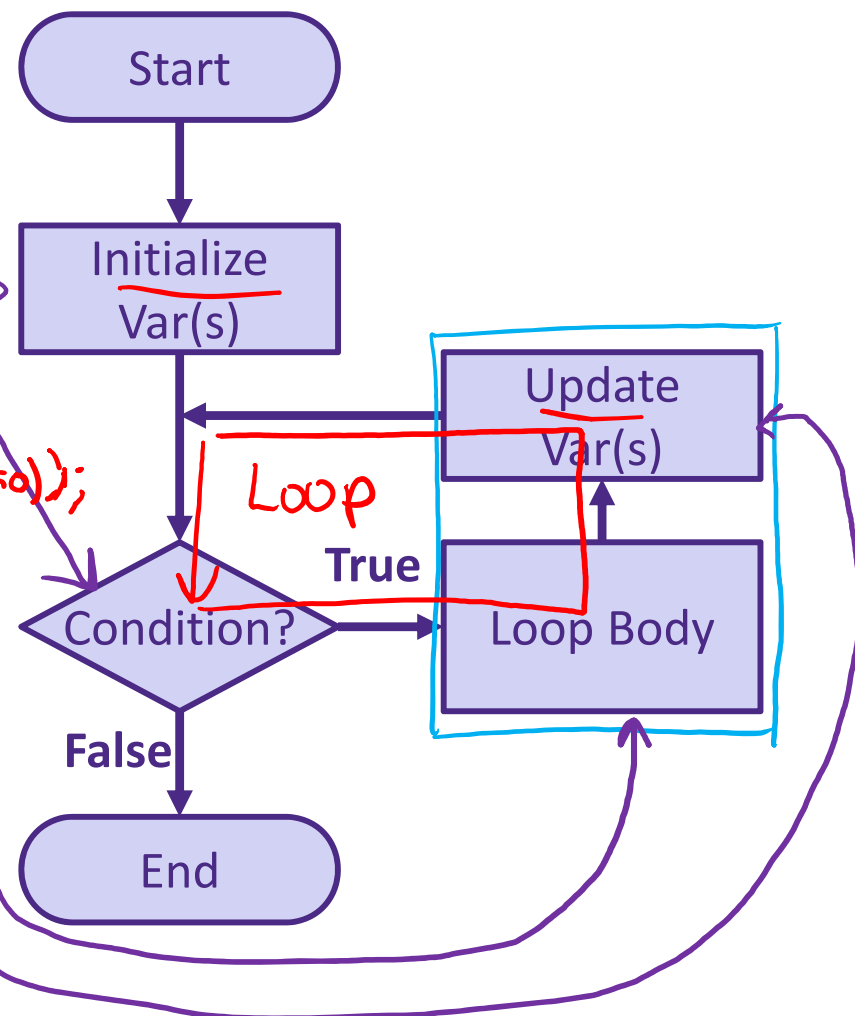
```
void drawRow() {  
    int count = 0;  
    while (count < 6) {  
        drawMouse(80*count, 20, color(150));  
        count = count + 1;  
    }  
}
```

While-Loop

- ❖ More general form:

```

int count = 0;
// init cond var(s)
while (condition) {
    drawMouse(80+count, 20, color(150));
    // loop body
    count = count + 1;
    // update var(s)
}
    
```

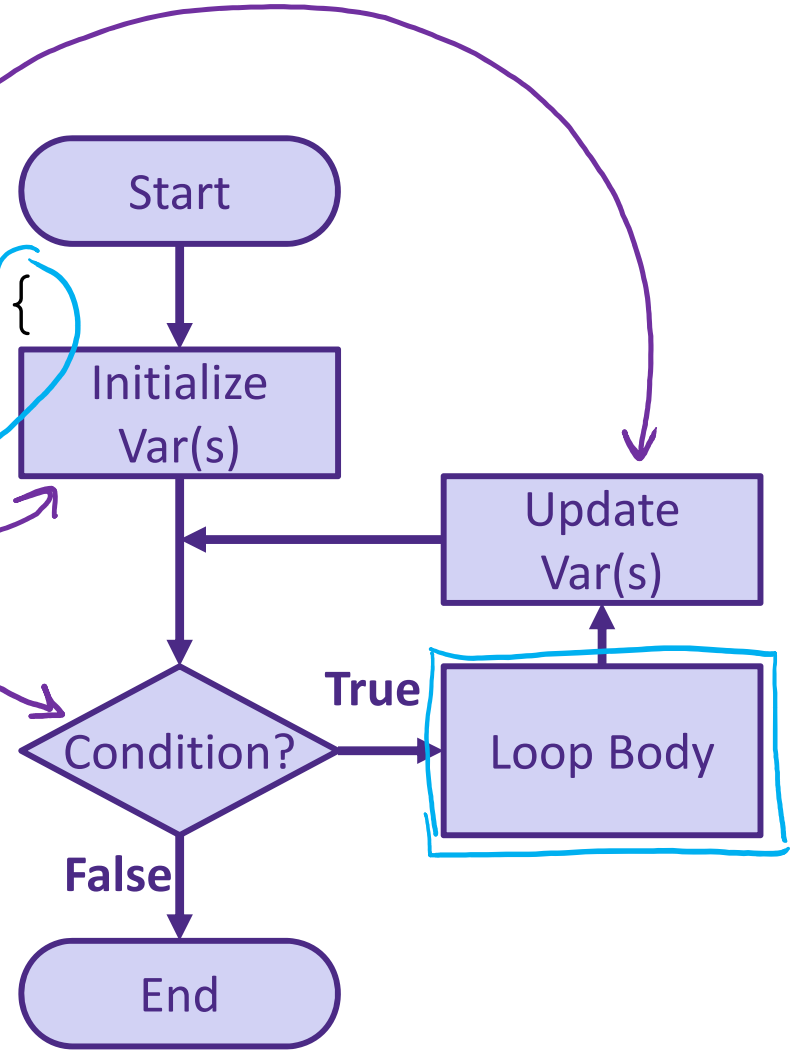


- ❖ This occurs so commonly that we create a separate syntax for it!

For-Loop

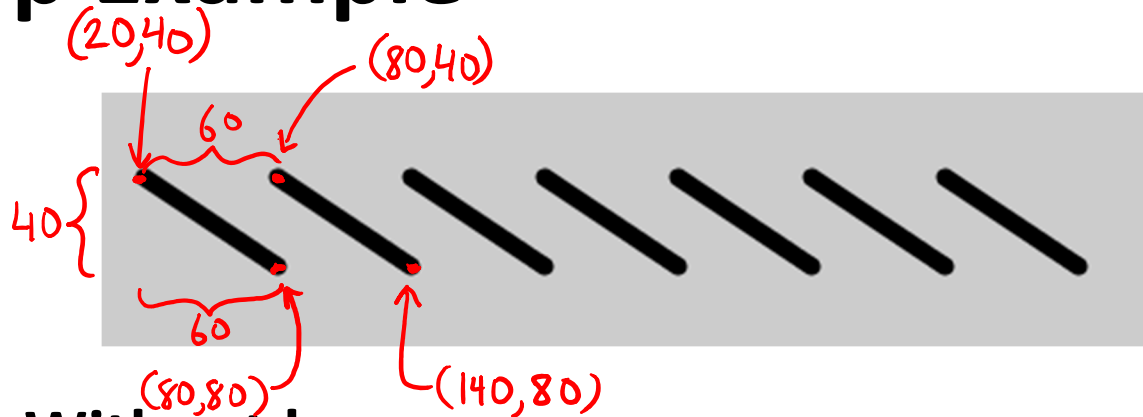
```
for (init; cond; update) {
    // loop body
}
```

separated by semicolons



- ❖ First runs *init* expression(s)
- ❖ Then checks *cond*
- ❖ If *true*, runs loop body followed by update statement(s)

For-Loop Example



Without loop:

```

line( 20, 40, 80, 80);
line( 80, 40, 140, 80);
line(140, 40, 200, 80);
line(200, 40, 260, 80);
line(260, 40, 320, 80);
line(320, 40, 380, 80);
line(380, 40, 440, 80);
    
```

With loop:

```

for (int i = 20; i < 400; i = i + 60) {
    line(i, 40, i + 60, 80);
}
    
```

↑ always 40 ↑ always 80 ↖ stops once i=440
init cond update

Understanding the For-Loop

initialization

```
for (int i = 20; i < 400; i = i + 60) {  
    line(i, 40, i + 60, 80);  
}
```

- ❖ Choice of variable name(s) is not critical
 - Represent the value(s) that vary between different executions of the loop body
 - Think of as temporary variable(s)
- ❖ If variable `i` is *declared* in the initialization statement, then it only exists *within this loop*

Understanding the For-Loop

condition

```
for (int i = 20; i < 400; i = i + 60) {  
    line(i, 40, i + 60, 80);  
}
```

- ❖ Condition evaluated *before* the loop body and must evaluate to `true` or `false`
 - Reminder:
 - > greater than
 - < less than
 - >= greater than or equal to
 - <= less than or equal to
 - == equal to
 - != not equal to

Understanding the For-Loop

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    line(i, 40, i + 60, 80);  
}
```

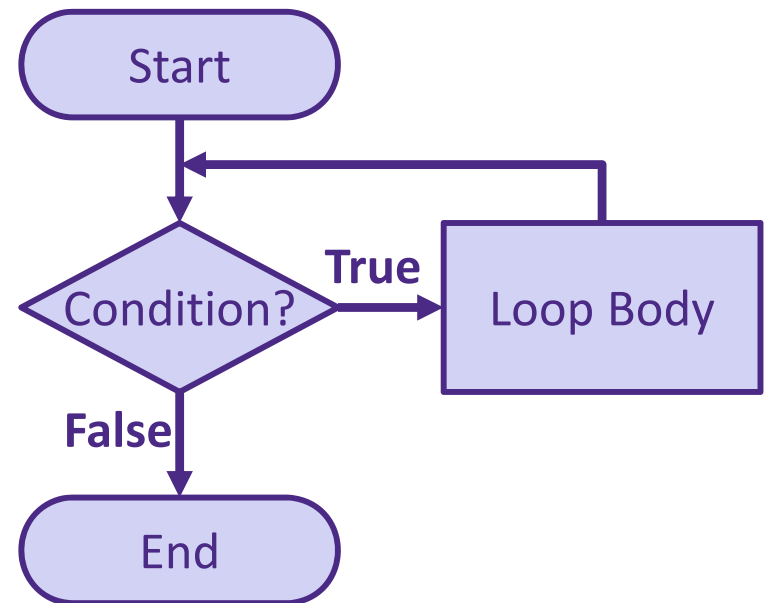
The diagram highlights the components of a for-loop: the update expression `i = i + 60` is circled in red and labeled "update"; the loop body `line(i, 40, i + 60, 80);` is enclosed in a blue box and labeled "loop body"; and the curly braces `{ }` are also circled in red.

- ❖ Update is an assignment that is executed *after* the loop body
- ❖ Loop body is enclosed by curly braces `{ }` and should be *indented* for readability

Loops Worksheet

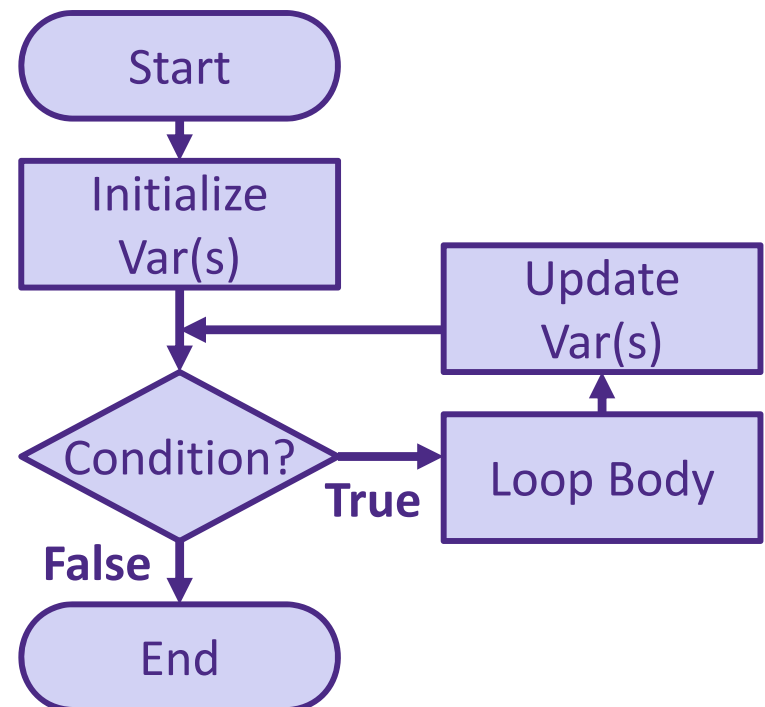
❖ While-loop:

```
while (condition) {  
    // loop body  
}
```

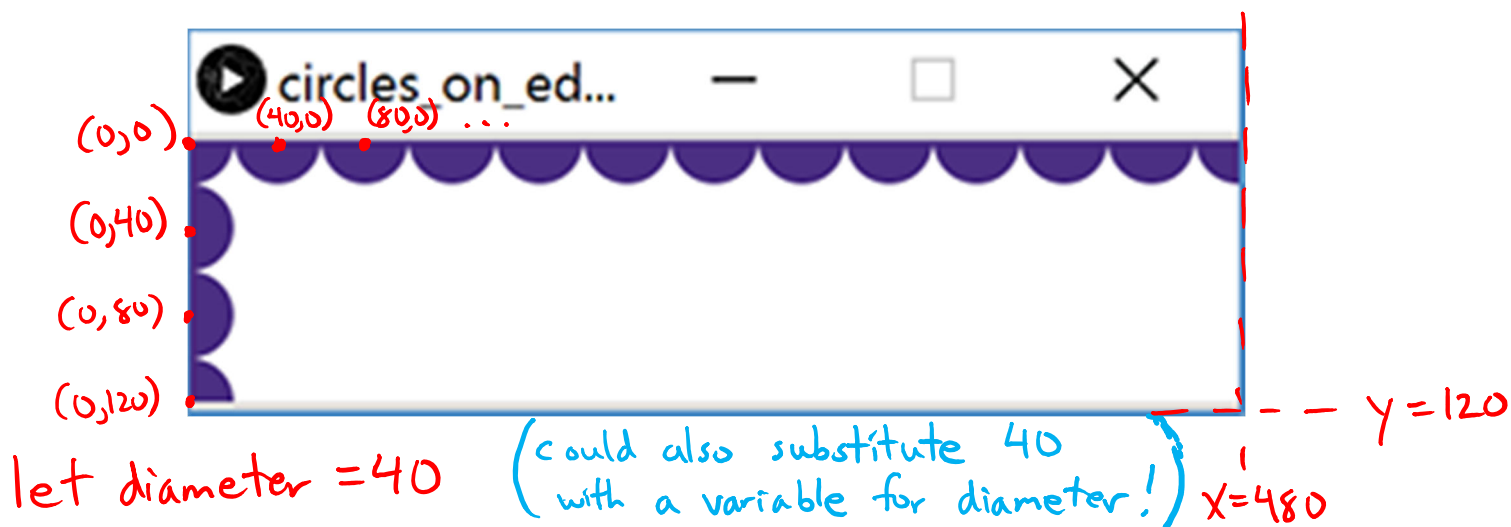


❖ For-loop:

```
for (init; cond; update) {  
    // loop body  
}
```



Processing Demo: Circles on Canvas Edge



left edge: +40 each time in this argument

```
want ellipse (0,0,40,40);
ellipse (0,40,40,40);
ellipse (0,80,40,40);
ellipse (0,120,40,40);
```

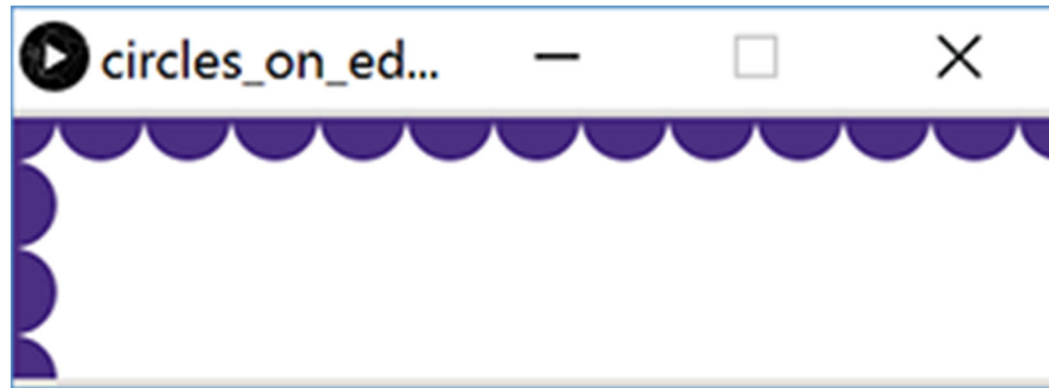
```

    ↓
ellipse(0,i,40,40); Body
i = i+40; Update
int i = 0; Init
i <= height; Cond

```

```
for(int i=0; i <= height; i=i+40) {
    ellipse(0, i, 40, 40);
}
```

Processing Demo: Circles on Canvas Edge



```
size(720, 120);    // canvas size
background(255);   // white background
noStroke();        // no outline on circles
fill(75, 47, 131); // UW purple

int diam = 40;

// loop for circles along the top edge
for (int x = 0; x <= width; x = x+diam) {
  ellipse(x, 0, diam, diam);
}

// loop for circles along the left edge
for (int y = 0; y <= height; y = y+diam) {
  ellipse(0, y, diam, diam);
}
```

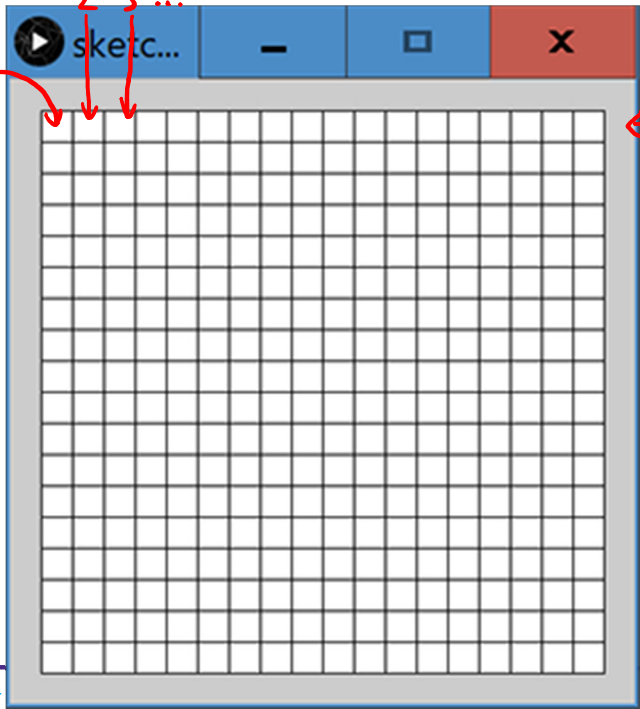
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Nested Loops

- ❖ Generally a for-loop has a single loop variable that changes with each iteration
- ❖ What if you need/want more things to change?
 - Can **nest** loops – *i.e.* put a loop inside of another loop

Example: Rectangle Grid



```
size(400, 400);  
  
for(int y = 20; y < height-20; y = y + 20) {  
  for(int x = 20; x < width-20; x = x + 20) {  
    rect(x, y, 20, 20);  
  }  
}
```

body of OUTER loop

body of INNER loop