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Business Programming Concepts

Week 06, Part 01

Overview

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Week 6 Overview

- Week 5 review
 - Exam 1 (no new material)

Week 6 Overview

- Outcomes
 - Sketch the solution to a problem requiring iteration.
 - Write correct iterative code to solve a given problem.
 - Identify and correct common loop errors such as off-by-one errors, infinite loops, and non-executing loops.



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Week 06, Part 02 Repetition

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Repetition

- Repetition (aka Iteration)
 - Not many problems are solvable using only straight line and conditional execution with `if/else` and `case` statements.
 - Need an additional control structure that lets us execute the same code while some condition is true.

Repetition

- Example:
 - Input a number representing the length of a line and then “draw” the line using asterisks:
 - Input: 6, output: `*****`

Repetition

- An effort without repetition:

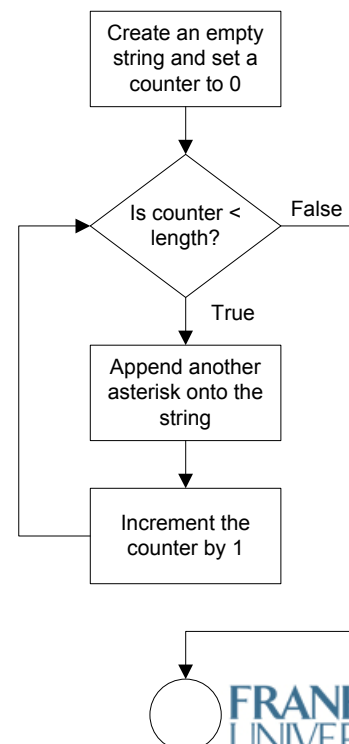
```
function makeLine(length, ch){  
  var str = "";  
  if (length >= 1)  
    str += ch;  
  if (length >= 2)  
    str += ch;  
  if (length >= 3)  
    str += ch;  
  //... and so on  
  return str;  
}
```

Since the length is variable based on the user's input, there is no way to write enough code to handle all possible inputs!

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Repetition

- A better solution:

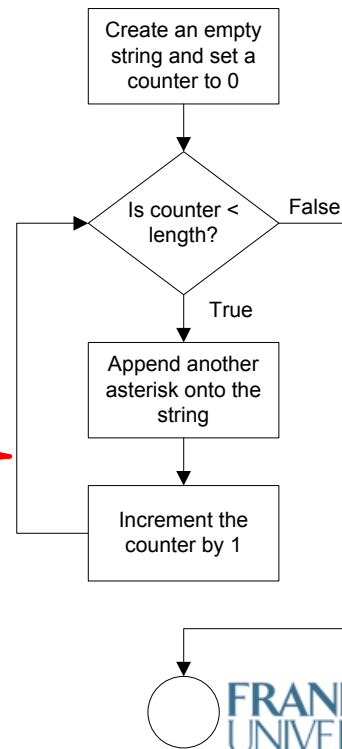


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Repetition

- A better solution:

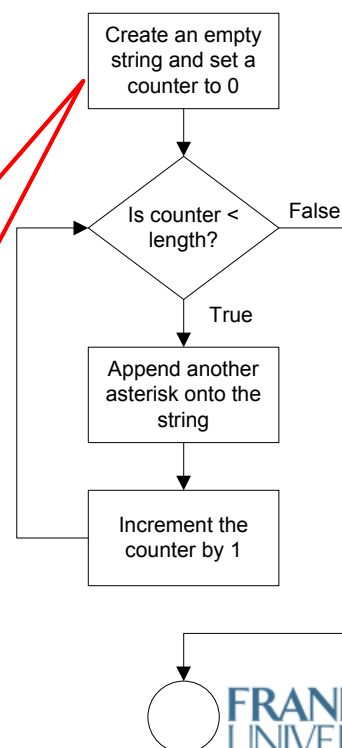
This line allows us to jump backwards and do something over again! Called a "loop."



Repetition

- A better solution:
- Four parts to loops
 - Initialization

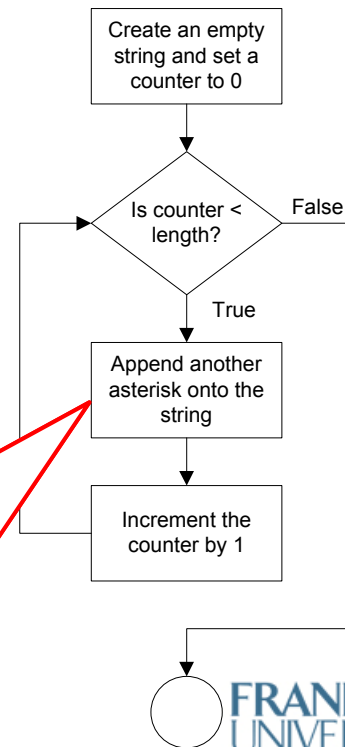
Sets up the loop so that it can be executed the first time (especially the condition variables). Ex: counter=0;



Repetition

- A better solution:
- Four parts to loops
 - Initialization
 - Condition

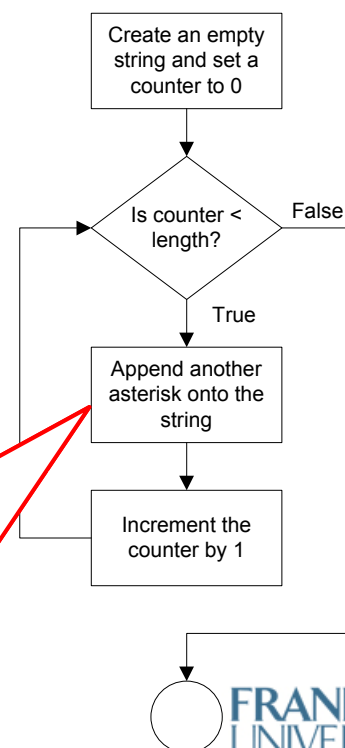
A Boolean expression that controls whether or not the loop executes again.
Ex: `counter < length`



Repetition

- A better solution:
- Four parts to loops
 - Initialization
 - Condition
 - Body

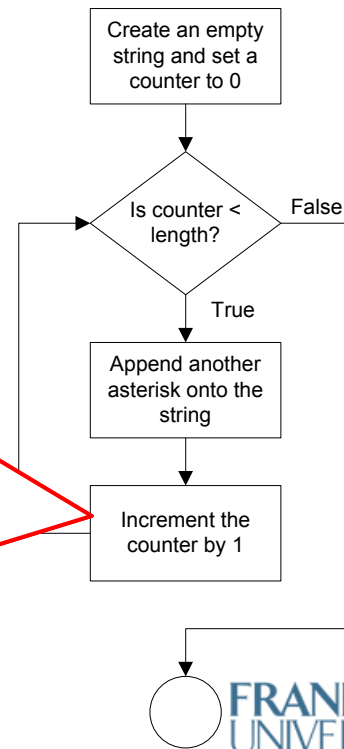
The statement(s) that need to be repeatedly executed in order to solve the given problem.
Ex: `str += "*" ;`



Repetition

- A better solution:
- Four parts to loops
 - Initialization
 - Condition
 - Body
 - Update

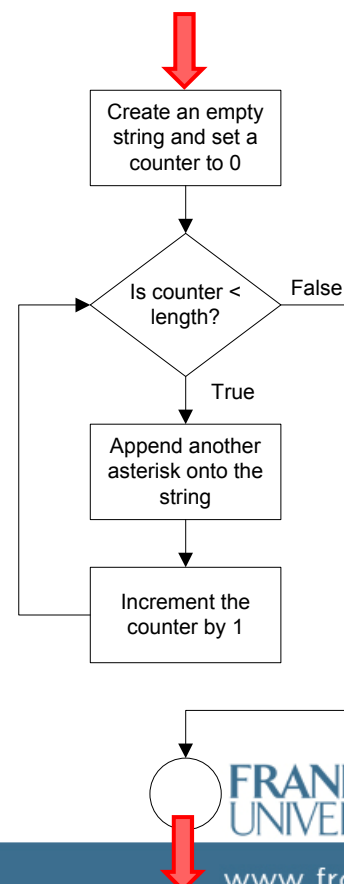
A change to one of the condition variables that makes progress toward the condition becoming false.
Ex: ++counter;



Repetition

- A better solution:
- Four parts to loops
 - Initialization
 - Condition
 - Body
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Just like with if/else and case statements, there is one path in and one path out of the control structure.



Repetition

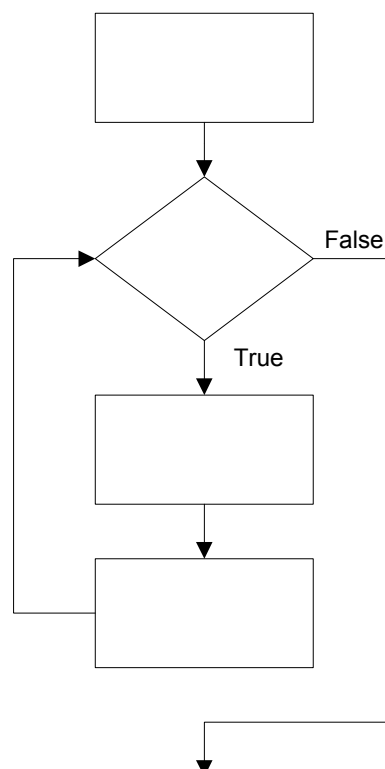
- Try it yourself

- Suppose `makeLine(length, ch)` exists, and produces a string of the given length using the given character.
- Use `makeLine` to create a loop that produces a right triangle of a given height:

```
*  
**  
***  
****  
*****
```

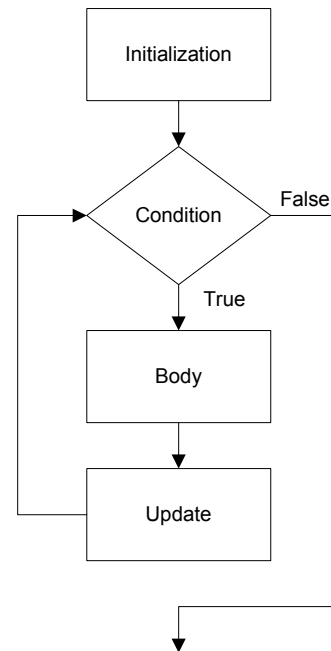
Here, the height is 5.

Repetition



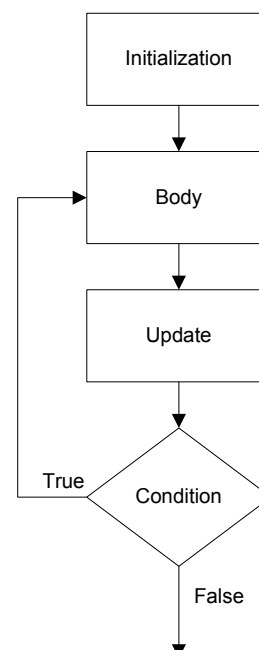
Repetition

- Pre-test loops
 - Condition is evaluated before the body of the loop is executed.
 - Key idea: body may not ever execute.



Repetition

- Post-test loops
 - Condition is evaluated after the body of the loop is executed.
 - Key idea: body always executes at least once





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Loop structure syntax

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while loops

- While loops:
 - Pre-test loop syntax

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

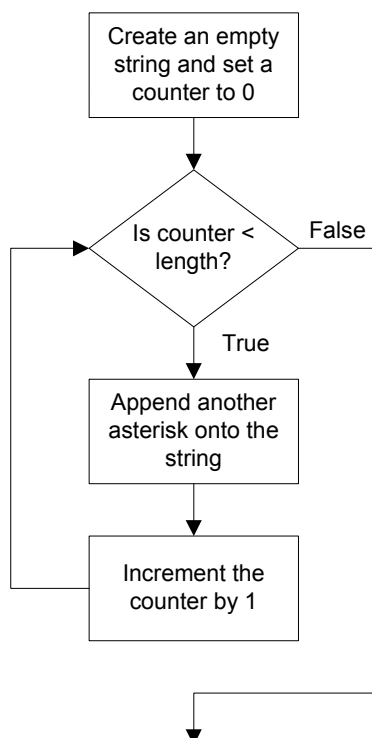
All that is really required. But, which of the four parts are missing?

while loops

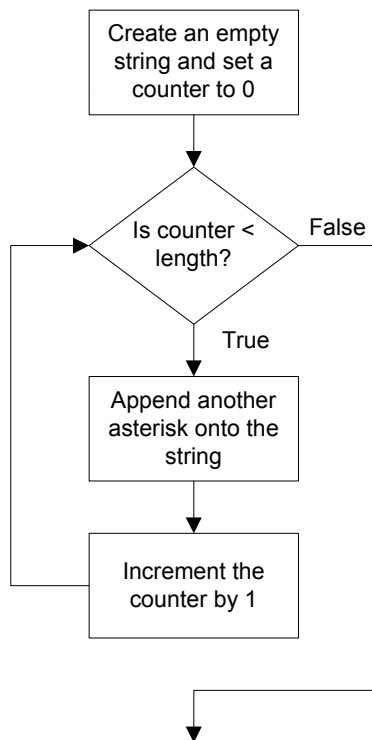
- While loops:
 - Pre-test loop syntax

```
initialization;  
while (condition) {  
    body_statements;  
    update_statement;  
}
```

while loops

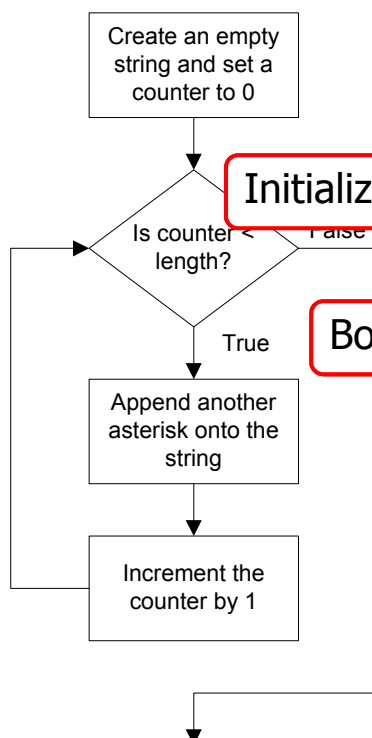


while loops



```
function makeLine(length, ch) {  
  var str = "";  
  var count = 0;  
  
  while (count < length) {  
    str += ch;  
    ++count;  
  }  
  
  return str;  
}
```

while loops



```
function makeLine(length, ch) {  
  var str = "";  
  var count = 0;  
  
  while (count < length) {  
    str += ch;  
    ++count;  
  }  
  
  return str;  
}
```

Initialization

Body

Condition

Update

while loops

- Try it yourself:
 - Write the function `makeTriangle(height, ch)` that will produce the string containing a right-triangle.

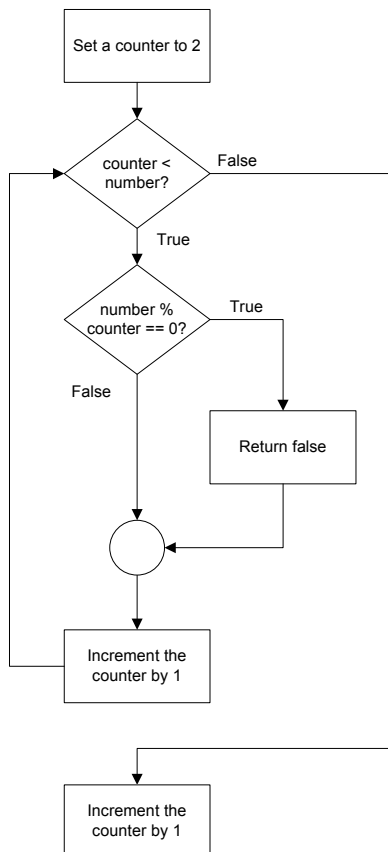
while loops

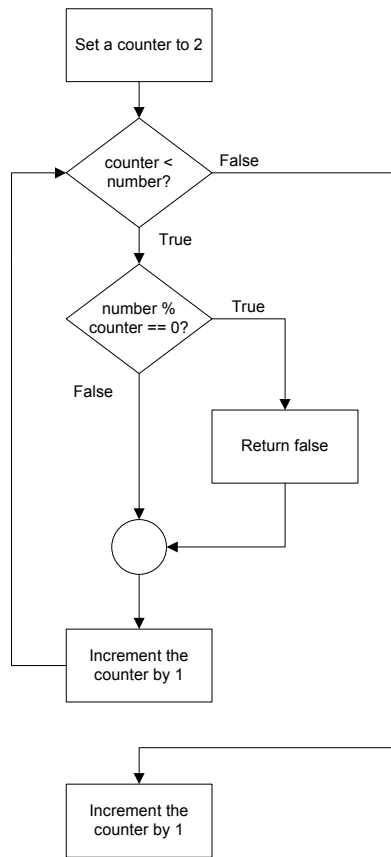
```
function makeTriangle(height, ch) {
```

```
}
```

while loops

- A little harder problem:
 - Write a function `isPrime(number)` that determines if the given number parameter is prime (i.e. is only divisible evenly by 1 and itself).
 - Hint 1: loop through all the numbers $[2...(number-1)]$
 - Hint 2: if the remainder when dividing is zero (modulus), then it is not prime.

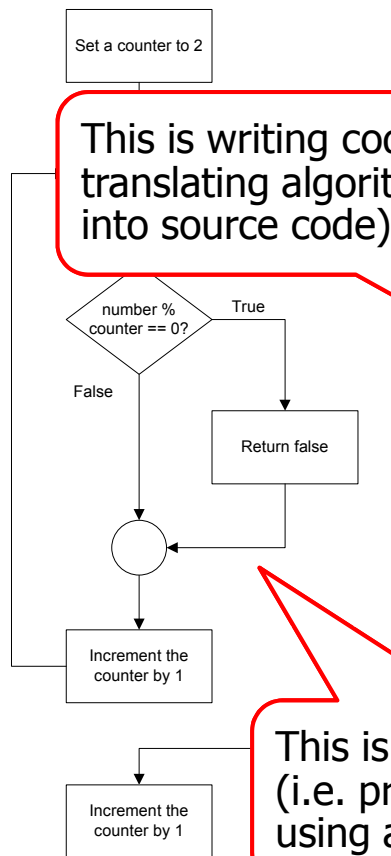




```

function isPrime(number){
  var counter = 2;
  while (counter < number) {
    if (number % counter == 0) {
      return false;
    }
    ++counter;
  }
  return true;
}

```



This is writing code (i.e. translating algorithms into source code).

```

function isPrime(number){
  var counter = 2;
  while (counter < number) {
    if (number % counter == 0) {
      return false;
    }
    ++counter;
  }
  return true;
}

```

Which is harder?

This is program design (i.e. problem solving using algorithms).

for loops

- For loops:
 - Pre-test loop syntax

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {  
    body_statements;  
}
```

for loops

- For loops:
 - Pre-test loop syntax

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {  
    body_statements;  
}
```

This is precisely equivalent to:

```
initialization;  
while (condition) {  
    body_statements;  
    update;  
}
```


for loops

- Rewriting isPrime using a for-loop

```
function isPrime(number) {  
  for (var counter = 0; counter < number; ++counter) {  
    if (number % counter == 0) {  
      return false  
    }  
  }  
  return true;  
}
```

for vs. while loops

- When to use for vs. while
 - Equivalent at runtime
 - while loops are a little more flexible (i.e. the update step can be conditional or in the middle of the body)
 - for loops are generally used for counting (i.e. the bounds are known)

do...while loops

- do...while loops:
 - Post-test loop syntax

```
do {  
    body_statements;  
} while (condition);
```

```
initialization;  
do {  
    body_statements;  
    update;  
} while (condition);
```

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do...while loops

- do...while loops:
 - Post-test loop syntax

```
do {  
    body_statements;  
} while (condition);
```

```
initialization;  
do {  
    body_statements;  
    update;  
} while (condition);
```

Required elements.

All 4 elements.

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do...while loops

- Post-test loops
 - Body always guaranteed to execute at least once.
 - But, we could still copy-and-paste the body above a pre-test loop and achieve the same results.

do...while loops

- Example: read input using prompt() ensuring that the user enters a positive number

```
var number;  
do {  
    number = parseInt(prompt(  
        "Enter a positive number"));  
} while (isNaN(number) || number < 0);  
  
alert("Read number: " + number);
```

Key idea: initialization and update use the same code, so a natural fit for do...while



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Case study: Investment Calculator

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Case study

Investment Calculator

Author: Todd A. Whittaker

This program calculates the future value of an ongoing investment (i.e. an annual contribution to a retirement account) using compounding interest.

Inputs:

Annual contribution:

Number of years:

Interest rate:

Output:

Year	Principle	Interest Paid	Total
1	\$600.00	\$27.00	\$627.00
2	\$1227.00	\$55.21	\$1282.21
3	\$1882.21	\$84.70	\$1966.91
4	\$2566.91	\$115.51	\$2682.43
5	\$3282.43	\$147.71	\$3430.13

Total contribution: \$3000.00

Total interest: \$430.13



Case Study

- Set up the HTML page

Investments.html

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Investment Calculator</title>
    <script type="text/javascript"
      src="div.js"></script>
    <script type="text/javascript"
      src="get.js"></script>
    <script type="text/javascript"
      src="Investments.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Investment Calculator</h1>
    <p><em>Author: Todd A. Whittaker</em></p>
```

Case Study

- Set up the HTML page

Investments.html

```
<fieldset><legend>Inputs:</legend>
  <table><tr>
    <td><label for="contrib">Annual contribution:</label></td>
    <td><input type="text" id="contrib" value="500" /></td>
  </tr><tr>
    <td><label for="years">Number of years:</label></td>
    <td><input type="text" id="years" value="20" /></td>
  </tr><tr>
    <td><label for="interest">Interest rate:</label></td>
    <td><input type="text" id="interest" value="4.5" /></td>
  </tr></table>
  <input type="button" value="Execute!"
    onclick="main('contrib', 'years', 'interest', 'output')" />
</fieldset>
```

Case Study

- Set up the HTML page

Investments.html

```
<fieldset>
  <legend>Output:</legend>
  <div id="output"></div>
</fieldset>
</body>
</html>
```

Case Study

- Input validation

Investments.js

```
function main(contribID, yearsID, interestID, outputID) {
  var contrib = getFloat(contribID);
  var years = getInt(yearsID);
  var interest = getFloat(interestID);

  var errors = "";
  if (isNaN(contrib) || contrib < 0) {
    errors += "Contribution has a bad value.\n"
  }
}
```

Case Study

- Input validation

Investments.js

```
if (isNaN(years) || years < 0) {
    errors += "Years has a bad value.\n"
}
if (isNaN(interest) || interest < 0) {
    errors += "Interest rate has a bad value.\n"
}
if (errors != "") {
    alert(errors);
    return;
}
var tableHtml = calculate(contrib, years, interest);
setDiv(outputID, tableHtml);
}
```

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Case Study

- Calculations

Investments.js

```
function calculate(contrib, years, interestRate) {
    var sumPrinciple = 0;
    var sumInterest = 0;
    var result = "";

    result += "<table border='1'><tr><th>Year</th>" +
        "<th>Principle</th><th>Interest Paid</th>" +
        "<th>Total</th></tr>";
}
```

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Case Study

- Calculations

Investments.js

```
for (var year = 1; year <= years; ++year) {
  sumPrinciple += contrib;
  var interest = sumPrinciple * (interestRate / 100);
  result += "<tr>";
  result += td(year);
  result += td("$" + sumPrinciple.toFixed(2));
  result += td("$" + interest.toFixed(2));
  result += td("$" + (sumPrinciple + interest).toFixed(2));
  result += "</tr>";
  sumPrinciple += interest;
}
```

Case Study

- Calculations

Investments.js

```
for (var year = 1; year <= years; ++year) {
  sumPrinciple
  var interest
  result += "<t
  result += td(
  result += td("$" + sumPrinciple.toFixed(2));
  result += td("$" + interest.toFixed(2));
  result += td("$" + (sumPrinciple + interest).toFixed(2));
  result += "</tr>";
  sumPrinciple += interest;
}
```

**function td(val) {
return "<td>" + val + "</td>";
}**

Case Study

- Calculations

Investments.js

```
result += "</table><br />";
result += "Total contribution: $" +
    (contrib * years).toFixed(2) + "<br />";
result += "Total interest: $" +
    (sumPrinciple - contrib * years).toFixed(2) + "<br />";

return result;
}
```

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Common Loop Errors

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Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Initialization or Condition
 - Could cause the loop to never execute

```
var i = 10;
while (i < 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
  ++i;
}
```

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Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Initialization or Condition
 - Could cause the loop to never execute

```
var i = 10;
while (i < 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
  ++i;
}
```

i starts at 10, and 10 is not less than 10, so the loop body never executes.

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Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Initialization or Condition
 - Could execute one too *many* times

```
var i = 0;
while (i <= 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
  ++i;
}
```

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Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Initialization or Condition
 - Could execute one too *many* times

```
var i = 0;
while (i <= 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
  ++i;
}
```

Loop body actually executes 11 times, not 10 times.

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Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Initialization or Condition
 - Could execute one too *few* times

```
var i = 1;
while (i < 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
  ++i;
}
```

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Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Initialization or Condition
 - Could execute one too *few* times

```
var i = 1;
while (i < 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
  ++i;
}
```

Loop body actually executes 9 times, not 10 times.

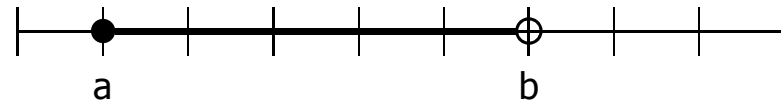
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Tip: programmers start counting with 0 and use < as their condition. To execute 10 times, initialize "i" to 0 and set the condition to "i<10". This is typical of left-bound-included and right-bound-excluded.

- Loop error with each

Remember 2nd grade number lines: [a, b)



- Initiali

- Could execute too *few* times

```
var i = 1;
while (i < 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
  ++i;
}
```

Loop body actually executes 9 times, not 10 times.

Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Condition or update
 - Could execute *forever*

```
var i = 0;
while (i < 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
}
```

Common Loop Errors

- Loop errors are due to problems with each of the four components.
 - Condition or update
 - Could execute *forever*

```
var i = 0;
while (i < 10) {
  document.writeln("i is " + i + "<br />");
}
```

Note that the update step is *missing*. No progress is made toward the condition being false. An *incorrect* update (i.e. "--i") would also do this.

Questions?



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Self Quiz

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Self Quiz

- Name and describe the four basic parts of every loop.
- Compare and contrast pre-test vs. post-test loops. What Javascript constructs correspond to each?
- Name 3 common loop errors and where to look for bugs.

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Self Quiz

- What is the output of the following code segment?

```
function whatAmI(number){
  var x = 0, y = 1;
  for (var i = 0; i < number; ++i) {
    var next = x + y;
    x = y;
    y = next;
  }
  return y;
}
document.writeln(whatAmI(5));
```

Self Quiz

- Rewrite the function `whatAmI` using a `while`-loop instead of a `for`-loop.
- Write a function that prints out all the numbers in the range `[a, b)` that are evenly divisible by 7 but not divisible by 5.

Self Quiz

- Write a function that receives a parameter X , and then reads in X numbers. It should then print out the average, minimum, and maximum of the numbers read.

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Upcoming deadlines



Upcoming Deadlines

- Homework 5 – Due February 16
- Pre-class 7 – Due February 16
- Lab 2 – Due February 23