

# LOOPS IN C

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**Abstract-** You may encounter situations, when a block of code needs to be executed several number of times. In general, statements are executed sequentially: The first statement in a function is executed first, followed by the second, and so on. Programming languages provide various control structures that allow for more complicated execution paths. A loop statement allows us to execute a statement or group of statements multiple times. A loop statement allows us to execute a statement or group of statements multiple times. Given below is the general form of a loop statement in most of the programming languages – C programming language provides the following types of loops to handle looping requirements.

**Index Terms**— loops ,statements, programming languages, function.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Loops are used to repeat a block of code

Types of loops:-

### 1. for loop

The most commonly used loop is for loop.

SYNTAX :-

```
for ( variable initialization; condition; variable
update )
{
Code to execute while the condition is true
}
```

### 2. while loop

A while loop in C programming repeatedly executes a target statement as long as a given condition is true.

SYNTAX:-

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

### 3. do-while loop

A do...while loop is similar to a while loop, except the fact that it is guaranteed to execute at least one time.

SYNTAX:-

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

II. LOOP TYPE AND DESCRIPTION

S.N.	Loop Type & Description
1	<b>while loop</b> Repeats a statement or group of statements while a given condition is true. It tests the condition before executing the loop body.
2	<b>for loop</b> Executes a sequence of statements multiple times and abbreviates the code that manages the loop variable.
3	<b>do...while loop</b> It is more like a while statement, except that it tests the condition at the end of the loop body.
4	<b>nested loops</b> You can use one or more loops inside any other while, for, or do..while loop.

III. LOOP CONTROL STATEMENTS

S.N.	Control Statement & Description
1	<b>break statement</b> Terminates the <b>loop</b> or <b>switch</b> statement and transfers execution to the statement immediately following the loop or switch.
2	<b>continue statement</b> Causes the loop to skip the remainder of its body and immediately retest its condition prior to reiterating.
3	<b>goto statement</b> Transfers control to the labeled statement.