A290 Tools for Computing

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What do we need to learn in order to write computer programs?

- Fundamental programming constructs:
  - Variables,
  - Arithmetic operators,
  - Input and output
  - Conditionals,
  - Loops,
  - Procedures and functions,
  - Arrays,
  - Structures, classes and objects,
  - Files
Loops

- A loop is a portion of a program that repeats the execution of one or more statements.

- For example, assume we know how to calculate and display the grade for a single student. What if we want to repeat this process for all the student in a course?
Do Loop

☐ The semantics of the DO loop is:

‘Do this work while a condition is true’

Or

‘Do this work until a condition becomes true’
Do Loop

- **Syntax:**

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Condition in a Loop..

- The **Condition** is expressed as follows:

  - `< expression >  < operator >  < expression >`
  - `X = Y`

- The **Operators** are:

  - `=, <>`, `<`, `>`, `<=`, `>=`

  - **And some other ones:** `AND, OR, NOT`
Examples of WHILE Loop

' DO WHILE

Dim counter As Integer = 0

Console.WriteLine("Let's try counting up")

Do While (counter < 10)
    Console.WriteLine("Counter = {0}", counter)
    counter = counter + 1
Loop
Examples of Until Loop

' DO UNTIL

Dim counter As Integer

Console.WriteLine("Now lets try counting down.")

counter = 10
Do Until counter = 0
    Console.WriteLine("Counter = {0}", counter)
    counter = counter - 1
Loop
Don’t Forget these **Necessary Components of a loop:**

- 1) A loop condition must be **true** at one point! Otherwise we will never enter the loop.

- 2) There must be a way to exit a loop. In other words, the loop condition must become **false** at some point. Otherwise we will never stop the loop!
What is the result of the following loops:

Dim X As Integer

X = 0
Do While (X > 0)  'a loop that never executes
    Console.WriteLine("hello")
Loop
What is the result of the following loops:

Dim X As Integer

X = 0
Do While (X < 10)  'an infinite loop (never stops)
    Console.WriteLine("hello")
Loop
Placing the loop condition at the end:

- **Syntax:**

  ```
  do
    one or more statements
  Loop while (condition-is-true)
  do
    one or more statements
  Loop until (condition-becomes-true)
  ```
Placing the loop condition at the end:

- **Examples:**
  - counter = 0
  - Do
    - Console.WriteLine("This line will execute at least once. ")
  - Loop While counter > 0

- **Note:**
  - In a do-while or do-until loop, if the condition is checked at the **end**, the body of the loop is executed **one or more times**.
For loops:

- **For Loop** is used when the programmer know exactly how many times a loop should execute.

- **Syntax:**

  ```plaintext
  For   Loop_variable = starting_point to ending_point [ step ]
  statement
  Next   [Loop_variable]
  ```
For loops:

Example 1:

Module Module1

Sub Main()

    Dim LoopCounter As Integer

    For LoopCounter = 0 To 10 Step 1
        Console.WriteLine("hello: {0}", LoopCounter)
    Next LoopCounter

    Console.ReadLine() ' pause

End Sub

End Module
For loops:

Example 2:

Module Module1

Sub Main()

    Dim LoopCounter As Integer

    For LoopCounter = 10 To 0 Step -1
        Console.WriteLine("Goodbye: {0}", LoopCounter)
    Next LoopCounter

    Console.ReadLine() ' pause

End Sub

End Module
Guess what the following two nested For Loops do:

- Module Module1
- Sub Main()
  - Dim Row, Col As Integer
  
- For Row = 1 To 10
-  For Col = 1 To 10
-   - Console.Write("{0,4}", Row * Col)
-   - Next Col
-   - Console.WriteLine()
-   - Next Row
- 
- Console.ReadLine()
- End Sub
- End Module
Guess what the following nested For loops do:

- For Row = 1 To 10
- For Col = 1 To 10
  - Console.Write("{0,4}", Row * Col)
- Next Col
- Console.WriteLine()
- Next Row

Here is the output

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