

# Looping



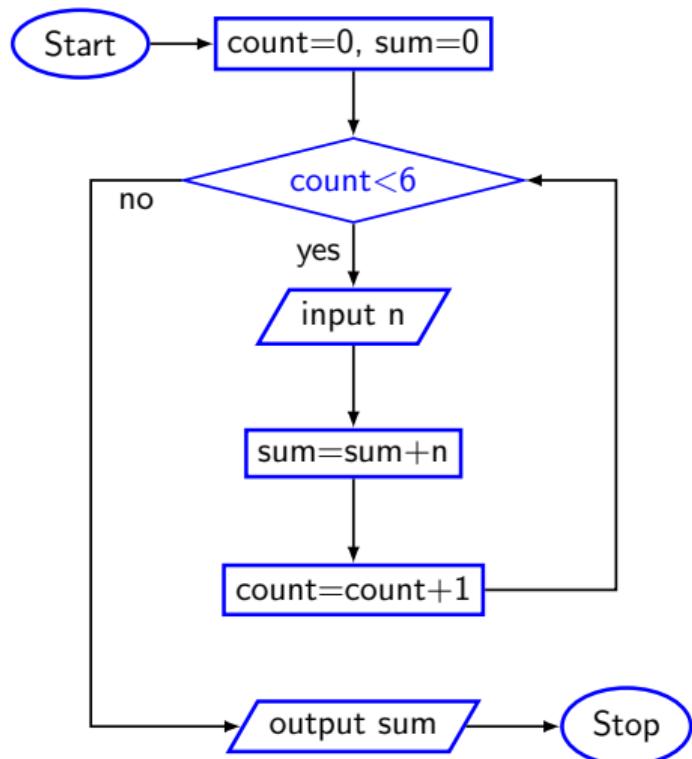
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# Loops

- Group of statements that are executed repeatedly while some condition remains true
- Each execution of the group of statements is called an **iteration** of the loop

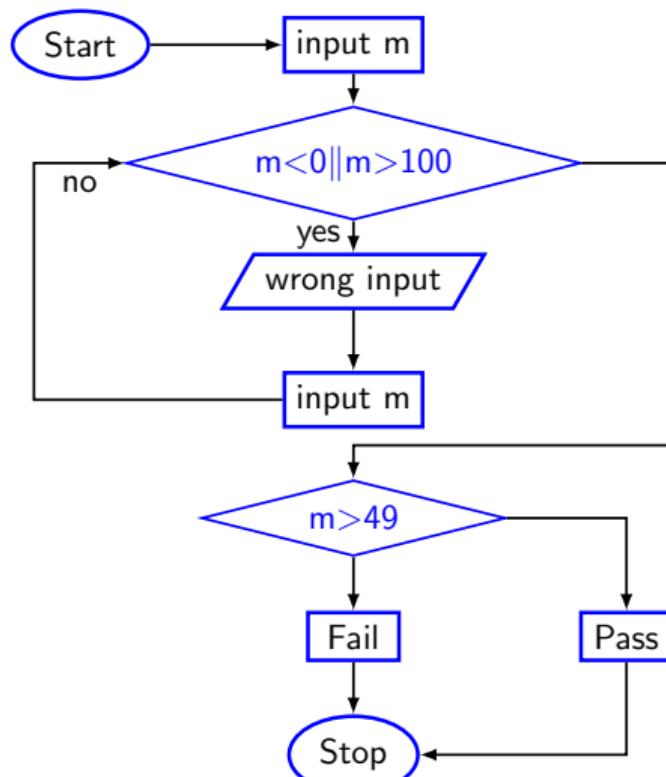
# Example: Sum



# Example: Pass/Fail

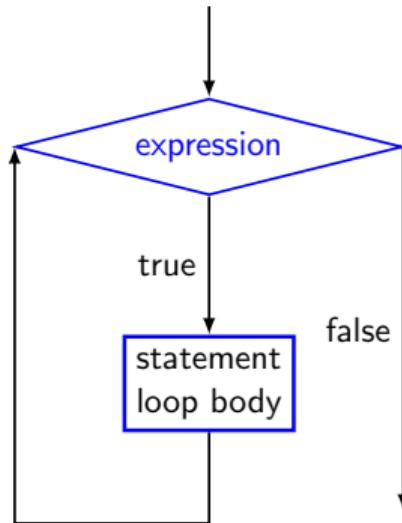
- Given an exam marks as input, display the appropriate message based on the rules below:
  - If marks is greater than 49, display "PASS", otherwise display "FAIL"
  - However, for input outside the 0-100 range, display WRONG INPUT and prompt the user to input again until a valid input is entered

# Example: Pass/Fail



# Looping: while statement

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



- The condition to be tested is any expression enclosed in parentheses. The expression is evaluated, and if its value is non-zero, the statement is executed. Then the expression is evaluated again and the same thing repeats. The loop **terminates** when the expression evaluates to 0.

# Example

```
int i = 1, n;  
scanf("%d", &n);  
while(i <= n) {  
    printf ("Line no : %d\n",i);  
    i = i + 1;  
}
```

# Example

```
int weight;  
scanf("%d", &weight);  
while(weight > 65) {  
    printf ("Go, excercise, then come back\n");  
    printf ("Enter your weight: ");  
    scanf("%d", &weight);  
}
```

# **Sum of first N natural numbers**

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```
int N, count=1, sum=0;  
scanf("%d", &N);
```

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while(count <= N) {
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```

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scanf("%d", &N);  
while(count <= N) {  
    sum = sum + count;  
    count = count + 1;  
}  
printf("Sum=%d\n", &sum);
```

**Compute**  $\sum_{i=1}^N i^2$

```
void main(){
    int N, count=1, sum=0;
    scanf("%d", &N);
```

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```
void main(){
    int N, count=1, sum=0;
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    while(count <= N) {
```

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void main(){
    int N, count=1, sum=0;
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    while(count <= N) {
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void main(){
    int N, count=1, sum=0;
    scanf("%d", &N);
    while(count <= N) {
        sum = sum + count*count;
        count = count + 1;
    }
    printf("Sum=%d\n", sum);
}
```

# Compute GCD

```
void main(){
    int A,B,temp;
    scanf("%d%d", &A,&B);
    if(A>B){
        temp=A; A=B; B=temp;
    }
}
```

# Compute GCD

```
void main(){
    int A,B,temp;
    scanf("%d%d", &A,&B);
    if(A>B){
        temp=A; A=B; B=temp;
    }
    while(B%A!=0) {
        temp = B% A;
        B = A;
        A = temp;
    }
    printf("GCD=%d\n", A);
}
```

# Double your money

- Suppose your Rs 10000 is earning interest at 1% per month. How many months until you double your money ?

```
void main(){  
    double money=10000.0;  
    int n=0;
```

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```
void main(){
    double money=10000.0;
    int n=0;
    while(money<20000) {
        money = money * 1.01;
        n++;
    }
    printf("Months=%d\n", n);
}
```

# Maximum of positive numbers

```
void main(){
    double max=0.0,n;
    printf("Enter +ve numbers, end with a negative number\n");
    scanf("%lf",&n);
```

# Maximum of positive numbers

```
void main(){
    double max=0.0,n;
    printf("Enter +ve numbers, end with a negative number\n");
    scanf("%lf",&n);
    while(n>0) {
        if(n>max) max = n;
        scanf("%lf",&n);
    }
    printf("Maximum=%d\n", max);
}
```

# Find the sum of digits of a number

```
void main(){
    int sum=0,n;
    scanf("%d",&n);
```

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```
void main(){
    int sum=0,n;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    while(n!=0) {
        sum = sum + (n%10);
        n = n / 10;
    }
    printf("Sum=%d\n", sum);
}
```

# Looping: for statement

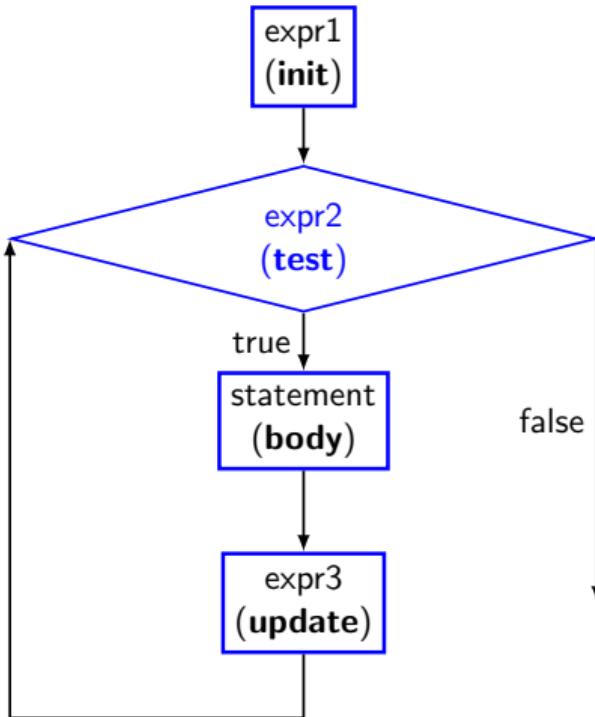
- Most commonly used looping structure in C

```
for(expr1;expr2;expr3)  
    statement;
```

```
for(expr1;expr2;expr3){  
    statement;  
}
```

- expr1 (**init**): initialize parameters
- expr2 (**test**): test condition, loop continues if expression is non-0
- expr3 (**update**): used to alter the value of the parameters after each iteration
- statement (**body**): body of loop

# Looping: for statement



# Computing factorial

```
void main(){
    int n,count,prod=1;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    for(count=1;count<=n;++count) {
        prod = prod * count;
    }
    printf("Factorial=%d\n", prod);
}
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto n terms

```
void main(){
    int n,count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    scanf("%d",&n);
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto n terms

```
void main(){
    int n,count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    scanf("%d",&n);
    for(count=1;count<=n;++count) {
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto n terms

```
void main(){
    int n, count;
    float x, term=1.0, sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f", &x);
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for(count=1; count<=n; ++count) {
        sum += term;
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto n terms

```
void main(){
    int n,count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    scanf("%d",&n);
    for(count=1;count<=n;++count) {
        sum += term;
        term *= x/count;
    }
}
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto n terms

```
void main(){
    int n,count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    scanf("%d",&n);
    for(count=1;count<=n;++count) {
        sum += term;
        term *= x/count;
    }
    printf("Exp(x,n)=%d\n",sum);
}
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto 4 decimal places

```
void main(){
    int count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto 4 decimal places

```
void main(){
    int count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    for(count=1;term>=0.0001;++count) {
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto 4 decimal places

```
void main(){
    int count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    for(count=1;term>=0.0001;++count) {
        sum += term;
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto 4 decimal places

```
void main(){
    int count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    for(count=1;term>=0.0001;++count) {
        sum += term;
        term *= x/count;
```

# Computing $e^x$ series upto 4 decimal places

```
void main(){
    int count;
    float x,term=1.0,sum=0.0;
    scanf("%f",&x);
    for(count=1;term>=0.0001;++count) {
        sum += term;
        term *= x/count;
    }
    printf("Exp(x)=%d\n",sum);
}
```

# Equivalence of for and while

```
for(expr1;expr2;expr3) {  
    statement;  
}
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```
for(expr1;expr2;expr3) {  
    statement;  
}
```

```
expr1;  
while(expr2){  
    statement;  
    expr3;  
}
```

# Sum of first N natural numbers

```
int N,count=1, sum=0;  
scanf("%d", &N);  
while(count <= N) {  
    sum = sum + count;  
    count = count + 1;  
}  
printf("Sum=%d\n", &sum);
```

```
int N,count=1, sum=0;  
scanf("%d", &N);  
for(;count<=N;count++) {  
    sum = sum + count;  
}  
printf("Sum=%d\n", &sum);
```

## Some observation on for

- Initialization, loop-continuation test, and update can contain arithmetic expressions

```
for ( k = x; k <= 4 * x * y; k += y / x )
```

- Update may be negative (decrement)

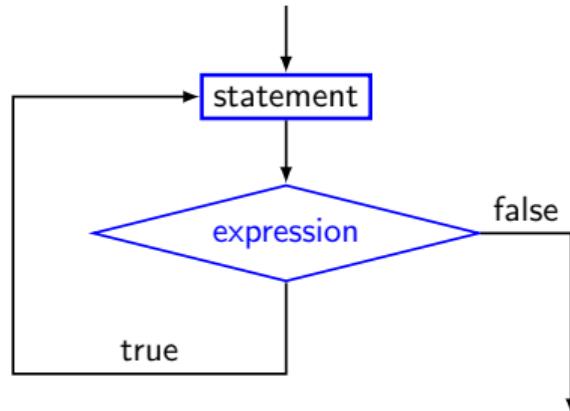
```
for (digit = 9; digit >= 0; --digit)
```

- If loop continuation test is initially 0 (false)

- Body of for structure not performed
- No statement executed
- Program proceeds with statement after for structure

# Looping: do-while statement

```
do  
    statement  
while(expression);  
  
do{  
    statement  
} while(expression);
```



# Example

- Prompt user to input "month" value, keep prompting until a correct value of month is given as input

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```
do{  
    printf("Please input month[1-12] ");  
    scanf("%d",&month);  
} while((month<1) || (month>12));
```

# Decimal to (reverse) binary conversion

```
void main(){
    int dec;
    scanf("%d",&dec);
```

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```
void main(){
    int dec;
    scanf("%d",&dec);
    do{
        printf("%2d", (dec%2));
```

# Decimal to (reverse) binary conversion

```
void main(){
    int dec;
    scanf("%d",&dec);
    do{
        printf("%2d", (dec%2));
        dec /= 2;
```

# Decimal to (reverse) binary conversion

```
void main(){
    int dec;
    scanf("%d",&dec);
    do{
        printf("%2d", (dec%2));
        dec /= 2;
    } while(dec!=0)
    printf("\n");
}
```

# Echo characters typed on screen until end of line

```
void main(){
    char echo;
    do{
```

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```
void main(){
    char echo;
    do{
        scanf("%c",&echo);
        printf("%c",echo);
```

# Echo characters typed on screen until end of line

```
void main(){
    char echo;
    do{
        scanf("%c",&echo);
        printf("%c",echo);
    }while(echo!='\n');
}
```

# Infinite loop

```
while(1){  
    statements  
}
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}
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```
for(;;){  
    statements  
}
```

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```
while(1){  
    statements  
}
```

```
for(;;){  
    statements  
}
```

```
do{  
    statements  
}while(1);
```

# The break statement

- Break out of the loop body
  - Can use with while, do while, for, switch
  - Does not work with if, else
- Causes immediate exit from a while, do/while, for or switch structure
- Program execution continues with the first statement after the structure

# Example

```
void main(){
    int fact=1, i=1;
    while(i<10){
        fact=fact*i;
        if(fact>100){
            printf("Factorial of %d above 100",i);
            break;
        }
        ++i;
    }
}
```

## Example: Prime number

```
void main(){
    int n, i=2;
    scanf("%d",&n);
```

## Example: Prime number

```
void main(){
    int n, i=2;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    while(i<n){
```

## Example: Prime number

```
void main(){
    int n, i=2;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    while(i<n){
        if(n%i==0){
```

## Example: Prime number

```
void main(){
    int n, i=2;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    while(i<n){
        if(n%i==0){
            printf("%d is not a prime",n);
```

## Example: Prime number

```
void main(){
    int n, i=2;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    while(i<n){
        if(n%i==0){
            printf("%d is not a prime",n);
            break;
    }
```

# Example: Prime number

```
void main(){
    int n, i=2;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    while(i<n){
        if(n%i==0){
            printf("%d is not a prime",n);
            break;
        }
        ++i;
    }
    if(i==n) printf("%d is a prime",n);
}
```

## Example: Prime number - efficient version

```
#include <math.h>
void main(){
    int n, i=2, flag=0;
    double limit;
    scanf("%d",&n);
    limit=sqrt(n);
    while(i<=limit){
        if(n%i==0){
            printf("%d is not a prime",n);
            flag=1; break;
        }
        ++i;
    }
    if(flag==0) printf("%d is a prime",n);
}
```

# The continue statement

- Skips the remaining statements in the body of a while, for or do/while structure
  - Proceeds with the next iteration of the loop
- while and do/while loop
  - Loop-continuation test is evaluated immediately after the continue statement is executed
- for loop
  - expr3 is evaluated, then expr2 is evaluated

## An example with break & continue

```
void main(){
    int fact, i=1;
    double limit;
    while(1){
        fact=fact*i;
        ++i;
        if(i<=10)
            continue;
        break;
    }
}
```

# Some pitfalls

```
while(sum<=NUM);  
    sum=sum+2;
```

```
for(i=0;i<=NUM;++i);  
    sum=sum+i;
```

```
for(i=1;i!=10;i=i+2)  
    sum=sum+i;
```

```
double x;  
for(x=0;x<2.0;x=x+0.2)  
    printf("%.18f\n",x);
```

# Nested loops: Printing 2D figure

- How to print the following?

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- Approach:

repeat 3 times

    print a row of 5 '\*'s

OR

repeat 5 times

    print \*

# Nested loops

```
const int ROWS=3;
const int COLS=3;
...
row=1;
while(row<=ROWS){
    /* print a of 5 '*'s */
    ...
    ++row;
}
```

```
row=1;
while(row<=ROWS){
    /* print a of 5 '*'s */
    col=1;
    while(col<=COLS){
        printf("*");
        col++;
    }
    printf("\n");
    ++row;
}
```

# 2D Figure with for loop

- Print following:

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```
const int ROWS=3;  
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...
```

# 2D Figure with for loop

- Print following:

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```
const int ROWS=3;  
const int COLS=3;  
...  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){
```

# 2D Figure with for loop

- Print following:

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const int ROWS=3;  
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...  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
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```

# 2D Figure with for loop

- Print following:

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for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){
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        printf("*");
```

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        printf("*");
    }
}
```

# 2D Figure with for loop

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```
const int ROWS=3;
const int COLS=3;
...
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){
    for(col=1;col<=COLS;++col){
        printf("*");
    }
    printf("\n");
}
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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

```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

\*  
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```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
    for(col=1;col<=row;++col){
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
    for(col=1;col<=row;++col){  
        printf("*");
```

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for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
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        printf("*");  
    }  
}
```

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const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
    for(col=1;col<=row;++col){  
        printf("*");  
    }  
    printf("\n");  
}
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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

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const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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

```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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

```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
    for(col=1;col<row;++col)
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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

```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
    for(col=1;col<row;++col)  
        printf(" ");
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

```
* * * * *\n* * * *\n* * *\n* *\n*
```

```
const int ROWS=5;\n\n...\nint row, col;\nfor(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){\n    for(col=1;col<row;++col)\n        printf(" ");\n    for(col=1;col<=ROWS-row+1;++col)
```

# 2D Figure

- Print following:

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

```
const int ROWS=5;  
...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
    for(col=1;col<row;++col)  
        printf(" ");  
    for(col=1;col<=ROWS-row+1;++col)  
        printf("*");
```

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```

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...  
int row, col;  
for(row=1;row<=ROWS;++row){  
    for(col=1;col<row;++col)  
        printf(" ");  
    for(col=1;col<=ROWS-row+1;++col)  
        printf("*");  
    printf("\n");  
}
```

# **break & continue with nested loops**

- For nested loops, break and continue are matched with the nearest loops (for, while, do-while)
- Example:

```
while(i<n){  
    for(k=1;k<m;++k){  
        if(k%i==0) break;  
    }  
    i=i+1;  
}
```

# Example

```
void main(){
    int low,high,desired,i,flag=0;
    scanf("%d%d%d",&low,&high,&desired);
    i=low;
    while(i<high){
        for(j=i+1;j<=high;++j){
            if(j%i==desired){
                flag=1;
                break;
            }
        }
        if(flag==1) break;
        i=i+1;
    }
}
```

# The comma operator

- Separates expressions
- Syntax: expr-1, expr-2, ...,expr-n
  - expr-1, expr-2,... are all expressions
- Is itself an expression, which evaluates to the value of the last expression in the sequence
- Since all but last expression values are discarded, not of much general use
- But useful in for loops, by using side effects of the expressions

# Example

- We can give several expressions separated by commas in place of expr1 and expr3 in a for loop to do multiple assignments for example

```
for(fact=1,i=1;i<=10;++i)  
    fact=fact*i;
```

```
for(sum=0,i=1;i<=N;++i)  
    sum=sum+i*i;
```