

# MATLAB - LOOP TYPES

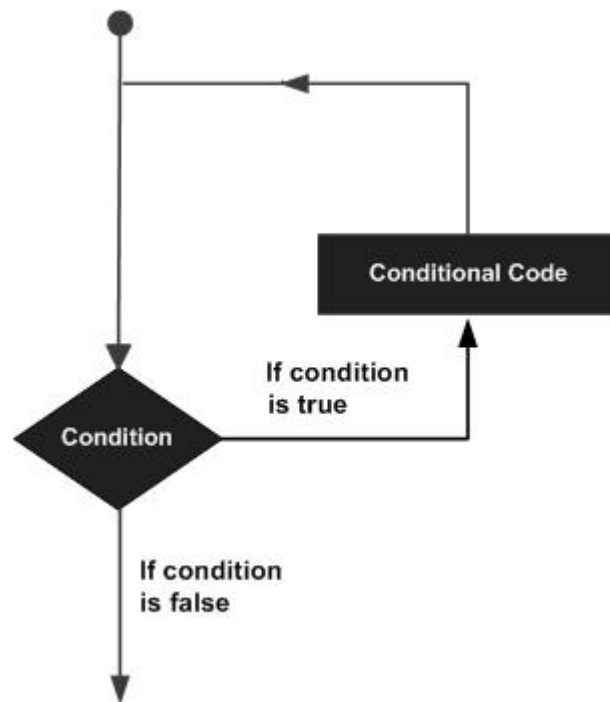
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There may be a situation when you need to execute a block of code several number of times. In general, statements are executed sequentially. The first statement in a function is executed first, followed by the second, and so on.

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 and following is the general form of a loop statement in most of the programming languages –



MATLAB provides following types of loops to handle looping requirements. Click the following links to check their detail –

Loop Type	Description
<a href="#">while loop</a>	Repeats a statement or group of statements while a given condition is true. It tests the condition before executing the loop body.
<a href="#">for loop</a>	Executes a sequence of statements multiple times and abbreviates the code that manages the loop variable.
<a href="#">nested loops</a>	You can use one or more loops inside any another loop.

## Loop Control Statements

Loop control statements change execution from its normal sequence. When execution leaves a scope, all automatic objects that were created in that scope are destroyed.

MATLAB supports the following control statements. Click the following links to check their detail.

Control Statement	Description
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[break statement](#)

Terminates the **loop** statement and transfers execution to the statement immediately following the loop.

[continue statement](#)

Causes the loop to skip the remainder of its body and immediately retest its condition prior to reiterating.