



# MATLAB - Loop Types

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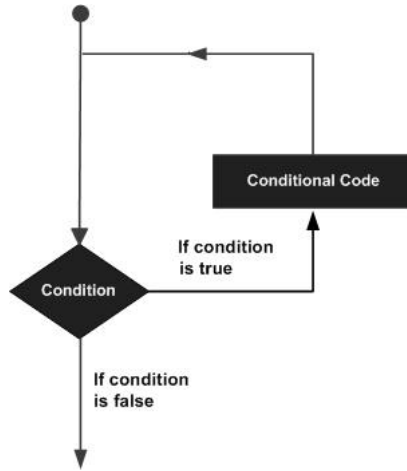
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There may be a situation when you need to execute a block of code several number of times. In general, statements are executed sequentially. The first statement in a function is executed first, followed by the second, and so on.

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 –

Sr.No.	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>nested loops</b> 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.

Sr.No.	Control Statement & Description
1	<b>break statement</b> Terminates the <b>loop</b> statement and transfers execution to the statement immediately following the loop. <span style="float: right;">≡</span>
2	<b>continue statement</b> Causes the loop to skip the remainder of its body and immediately retest its condition prior to reiterating.

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