

# How can a repeat loop be written in R? Can you provide three examples?

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A repeat loop in R is a control structure that allows for the repetition of a block of code a specified number of times. It is written using the "repeat" keyword, followed by curly braces containing the code to be repeated. The number of repetitions can be controlled using a counter variable within the loop, which can be incremented or decremented.

Example 1: Repeat loop with a counter variable

```
...
```

```
counter 5) {
```

```
break
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
...
```

Output:

```
...
```

```
"Iteration: 1"
```

```
"Iteration: 2"
```

```
"Iteration: 3"
```

```
"Iteration: 4"
```

```
"Iteration: 5"
```

```
...
```

Example 2: Repeat loop with a conditional statement

```
...
```

```
repeat {
```

```
x
```

## Write a Repeat Loop in R (3 Examples)

**A repeat-loop in R can be used to repeatedly perform some action until a stop condition is reached.**

**You can use the following basic syntax to write a repeat-loop in R:**

```
repeat{
```

```
#do something  
if(some condition){  
break  
}  
}
```

The following examples show how to use a repeat-loop in different scenarios.

Example 1: Print Values Until Specific Number is Reached

The following code shows how to use a repeat-loop to print values starting at 1 until 10 is reached:

```
#define starting value  
x <- 0  
  
#perform repeat-loop  
repeat{  
x <- x+1  
print(x)  
  
if(x >= 10){  
break  
}
```

```
}
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
4
```

```
5
```

```
6
```

```
7
```

```
8
```

```
9
```

```
10
```

**Here's how this code worked:**

**We defined the starting value as  $x = 0$ . We told R to increment  $x$  by 1, then print  $x$ . We told R to break the repeat-loop once  $x$  had reached a value of 10 or greater.**

**Example 2: Add Values to Vector Until Specific Number is Reached**

**The following code shows how to use a repeat-loop to add values to a vector until a specific number is reached:**

**#define empty vector and starting value**

```
data <- c()
```

```
x <- 0
```

```
#perform repeat-loop
```

```
repeat{
```

```
x <- x+1
```

```
data <- x
```

```
print(data)
```

```
if(x >= 5){
```

```
break
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
1
```

```
1 2
```

```
1 2 3
```

```
1 2 3 4
```

```
1 2 3 4 5
```

**Here's how this code worked:**

**We created an empty vector and defined the starting value as  $x = 0$ . We told R to increment  $x$  by 1, then insert the value of  $x$  into the  $x$ th position of the vector. We told**

**R to break the repeat-loop once x had reached a value of 5 or greater.**

**Example 3: Modify Values in Data Frame Until Specific Number is Reached**

**The following code shows how to use a repeat-loop to modify the values in an existing data frame until a specific number is reached:**

```
#define data frame and starting value
```

```
df <- data.frame(A=c(6, 7, 2, 8),
```

```
B=c(2, 4, 5, 5))
```

```
x <- 0
```

```
#perform repeat-loop
```

```
repeat{
```

```
x <- x+1
```

```
df$A <- x
```

```
df$B <- x * 2
```

```
if(x >= nrow(df)){
```

```
break
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
#view resulting data frame
```

**df**

**A B**

**1 1 2**

**2 2 4**

**3 3 6**

**4 4 8**

We created an empty data frame and defined the starting value as  $x = 0$ . We told R to increment  $x$  by 1, then insert the value of  $x$  into the  $x$ th position of column A and insert the value of  $x*2$  into the  $x$ th position of column B. We told R to break the repeat-loop once  $x$  had reached a value equal to or greater than the number of rows in the data frame.

Additional Resources

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in R: