

## Class 20: Iteration

**Held:** Friday, February 26, 2010

**Summary:** We consider a technique for stepping through the values in a list, and doing some action (e.g., moving a turtle or drawing something with the GIMP tools) for each value in the list.

### Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Iteration.
- Reading: Iteration.

### Notes:

- Reading for Monday: Local Bindings.
- I am eliminating quizzes.
- Assignment 5 is now ready.

### Overview:

- A Problem: Drawing Spirals
- A Useful Tool: `for-each`

## The Problem: Making Spirals

- We ended the turtles lab trying to make spirals.
- Basically, you need to move forward a little and turn a little
- Three possible strategies:
  - Move the same amount each time and turn the same amount each time
  - Move a little more each time, and turn the same amount each time
  - Move the same amount each time, and turn a different amount each time
- The first strategy procedures a circle, and is possible to do with `repeat`.
- The other two strategies seem difficult to do without a *lot* of hand coding.

## The `for-each` Function

- We'd like to use `map`, but there are two problems.
  - Officially, you don't know the order in which the function is applied when you do a `map`; it could be first to last, it could be last to first; it could be all at the same time.
  - We get back a list, which we really don't need.
- Scheme provides `for-each` for situations like this.
- Like `map`, but for sequences of actions.

- `for-each` is guaranteed to work in order.
  - `for-each` doesn't return anything.
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