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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2012 21:16:05 GMT

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rryan@stsci.edu writes:

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Cheers,

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Posted by [Mark Piper](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2012 22:37:41 GMT

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Another way of thinking of this is that REPEAT is guaranteed to execute at least once, whereas WHILE may execute zero times.

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