Jump Statement

C# provides special statements that allow you to jump immediately to another line in the program. The *break*, *continue* and *goto* statements are known as jump statements.

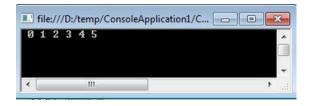
1. The break statement

The break statements are mainly used to exit the current iteration containing *for, foreach, while and do..while* loops. The following example shows the break statements to exit a nested for loop as in the following.

Example-

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
    Console.Write(" " + i);
    if (i == 5) break;
}
```

Here the for loops stops its execution when the value of i reaches 5 using the break statement. The output of this program is as in the following:



Break statements Output

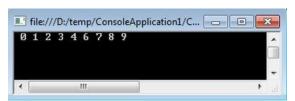
2. The continue statement

The continue statement is a break statement and must also be used in *for, foreach, while and do..while* loops. It stops the current execution and begins or restarts a new iteration, it does not exit from the current iteration as does the break statement.

Example-

```
for (int j = 0; j < 10; j++)
    {
      if (j == 5) continue;
      Console.Write(" "+j);
    }</pre>
```

The preceding program does not stop the execution when the j value reaches 5, instead it restarts the loop and continues printing the rest of the output as in the following:



Continue Statement output

3. The goto statement

The goto statements allow you to jump directly to another specific line in the program indicated by a label identifier. This statement is quite handy for jumping among cases in a switch statement. The following program declares a label identifier lableX to display the incremented value of x for each jump from the condition as in the following:

Example-

```
int i = 0;
lableX: Console.WriteLine("lable construct"+ i++);
if (i < 5)
goto lableX;</pre>
```