

TOPIC: Loops in JavaScript

(`for`, `while`, `do...while`, `for...of`, `for...in` • Internals & Edge Cases)

NOTE 1: What loops do internally

- Loops repeat execution of a block
- Each iteration:
 - Evaluates a condition
 - Executes body if condition is truthy
- Loop control relies on:
 - Boolean coercion
 - Increment/update expressions
- Poor loop design = infinite loops / performance issues

CODE 1: Basic loop idea

js

```
let i = 0;

while (i < 3) {
  console.log(i);
  i++;
}
```

NOTE 2: `for` loop — structure & control

`for` loop has **three parts**:

1. Initialization (runs once)
2. Condition (checked before each iteration)
3. Update (runs after each iteration)

CODE 2: `for` loop structure

js

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  console.log(i);
}
```

NOTE 3: Scope behavior in `for` loops

- `let` → block scoped per iteration

- `var` → function scoped (shared)

This affects closures and async code.

CODE 3: `let` vs `var` in loops (INTERVIEW)

js

```
for (var i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  setTimeout(() => console.log(i), 0);
}
// 3 3 3
```

js

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  setTimeout(() => console.log(i), 0);
}
// 0 1 2
```

NOTE 4: Infinite loops (danger)

- Occur when condition never becomes falsy
- Can freeze browser or Node process

CODE 4: Infinite loop example

js

```
// ✗ Dangerous
// for (;;) {
//   console.log("Runs forever");
// }
```

NOTE 5: `while` loop — condition-first

- Condition checked **before** execution
- Body may run **zero times**

CODE 5: `while` loop

js

```
let count = 0;

while (count < 3) {
  console.log(count);
```

```
count++;  
}
```

■ NOTE 6: do...while loop — condition-last

- Body executes **at least once**
- Condition checked **after** execution

■ CODE 6: do...while

js

```
let num = 5;  
  
do {  
    console.log(num);  
    num++;  
} while (num < 5);  
  
// runs once even though condition is false
```

■ NOTE 7: break and continue

- **break** → exits loop immediately
- **continue** → skips current iteration

■ CODE 7: break / continue

js

```
for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
    if (i === 2) continue;  
    if (i === 4) break;  
    console.log(i);  
}  
  
// Output: 0, 1, 3
```

■ NOTE 8: for...of loop — iterable values

- Iterates over **values**
- Works on:
 - Arrays
 - Strings
 - Maps
 - Sets
- Uses the **iterator protocol**

■ CODE 8: for...of examples

js

```
for (let value of [10, 20, 30]) {  
    console.log(value);  
}
```

js

```
for (let char of "JS") {  
    console.log(char);  
}
```

NOTE 9: `for...in` loop – object keys

- Iterates over **enumerable property keys**
- Used for **objects**
- NOT recommended for arrays

CODE 9: `for...in` examples

js

```
let user = { name: "Anoop", age: 22 };  
  
for (let key in user) {  
    console.log(key, user[key]);  
}
```

NOTE 10: Why `for...in` is bad for arrays

- Iterates over:
 - Indexes (as strings)
 - Custom properties
- Order is not guaranteed

CODE 10: `for...in` array problem

js

```
let arr = [10, 20, 30];  
arr.extra = 99;  
  
for (let i in arr) {  
    console.log(i, arr[i]);
```

```
}
```

// includes "extra"

■ NOTE 11: Looping arrays — best practices

- Use:
 - `for`
 - `for...of`
 - Array methods (`map`, `forEach`) — later topic
- Avoid `for...in` for arrays

■ NOTE 12: Nested loops (performance warning)

- Loop inside loop = multiplicative complexity
- Use carefully for large datasets

■ CODE 11: Nested loop example

js

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
  for (let j = 0; j < 2; j++) {  
    console.log(i, j);  
  }  
}
```

■ NOTE 13: Loop control variables & memory

- Loop variables live in:
 - Block scope (`let`)
 - Function/global scope (`var`)
- Each `let` iteration gets its own binding

■ NOTE 14: Common interview traps

- Infinite loops
- `var` in loops with async
- Using `for...in` on arrays
- Forgetting `break` in loops
- Misunderstanding loop condition coercion

■ FINAL MENTAL MODEL

- Loops rely on boolean coercion
- `for` → compact, controlled
- `while` → condition-first
- `do...while` → at least once

- `for...of` → values (iterables)
- `for...in` → keys (objects)
- `let` in loops is safer than `var`

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Next recommended continuation:

- 1 **Functions** (declaration, expression, execution context)
- 2 **Scope & Hoisting** (deep, memory-level)
- 3 **Array methods** (`map` , `filter` , `reduce`)

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