Loops and Debugging

Overview

```
- loops
 - while loop
- for loop
 - break, continue keywords
debugging
 - interpreting a stack trace/error message
 - debugging a failing test
 - using debugger
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/* a while loop requires three elements:
     1. the while keyword
     2. a conditional expression that evaluates to a boolean value
     3. a block of code
   while (conditional) {
     // block of code
   the block of code will run over and over as long as the conditional
   expression evaluates to true
```

```
let count = 3;
while (count >= 1) {
  console.log('count is', count);
  count--;
```



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while (false) {
  console.log('this line of code will never run');
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while (true) {
  console.log('this line will run forever');
 // (or until the machine running the code runs out o
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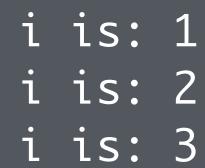
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this line will run forever
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```
let count = 3;
// have to make sure the conditional is eventually false!
while (count >= 1) {
  console.log('count is', count);
```

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count is 3
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```
/* a for loop requires three elements:
     1. the for keyword
     2. three optional expressions
     3. a block of code
   for (initialization; condition; final-expression) {
     // block of code
   the block of code will run over and over until the condition
   evaluates to false
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/* the initialization is run first, and only once. it's often used to
      define a counter variable */
   /* then, before every iteration, the condition is checked to see if it's
      true - if it is, the for loop will run another iteration */
   /* then, after each iteration, the final expression is run */
   for (let i = 1; i <= 3; i++) {
     console.log('i is:', i);
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```



```
// loop in either direction
for (let i = 5; i >= 1; i--) {
  console.log('i is:', i);
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i is: 5i is: 4i is: 3i is: 2i is: 1

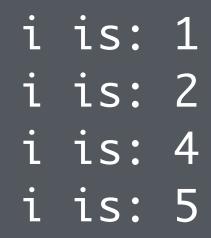




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i is: 100
i is: 200
i is: 300
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1 // can increment by any number
   for (let i = 100; i <= 300; i += 100) {
     console.log('i is:', i);
```

```
// use for loops to iterate through a string
let letters = 'abcdefg';
for (let i = 0; i < letters.length; i++) {
  let currentLetter = letters[i];
  console.log(currentLetter);
```



continue keyword

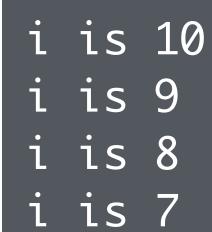
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// the continue keyword will cause the loop to skip to the next iteration
   for (let i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
     if (i === 3) {
       continue;
     console.log('i is:', i);
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```

continue keyword

```
// the continue keyword also works in while loops
let count = 5;
while (count >= 1) {
  if (count % 2 === 0) {
    count--;
    continue;
  console.log('count is', count);
  count--;
```

break keyword

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// the break keyword breaks out of the loop permanently
let myGrade = 'A';
while (true) {
  myGrade += '+';
  if (myGrade.length === 3) {
    break;
console.log(myGrade);
```



break keyword

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// the break keyword also works in for loops
for (let i = 10; i >= 1; i--) {
  console.log('i is', i);
 if (i === 7) {
   break;
```



Debugging

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/* Developers spend way more time debugging code than writing it! */
/* Let's review some good debugging techniques to help you write better
   code more quickly throughout the remaining workshops */
```

Debugging — error messages

```
/* Let's start by considering
      bugs that come from writing
      invalid JavaScript code. */
   /* The testem page in your
      browser passes helpful error
      messages to you if it
      couldn't run your code as
      written */
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   /* This ReferenceError means the
      the code tried to reference a
      variable called sum that was
14
      never defined */
```

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Jasmine 2.4.1
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4 specs, 3 failures
                                        finished in 0.013s
Spec List | Failures
onlyOdds returns a number
ReferenceError: sum is not defined
ReferenceError: sum is not defined
    at onlyOdds (http://localhost:7357/only-odds.js:11:7)
    at Object.it (http://localhost:7357/only-odds.spec.js:8:
    at attemptSync (https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/
```

Debugging — error messages

```
/* Note the stack trace below the
      error */
   /* The first at... line gives the
      location where the error
      occurred in only-odds.js: it
      looks like the error happened
      on line 11. */
   /* This line number may not
      always be accurate, but its
      often a good place to start */
14 /* Google unfamiliar errors */
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/* When your test is failing, you'll get an output that compares the value your function returned against the expected value. */

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4 specs, 1 failure

finished in 0.007s

Spec List | Failures

onlyOdds returns the sum of all odd nums between the provided argument and 0

Expected 55 to equal 25.

Error: Expected 55 to equal 25.



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/* Note the plain-english explanation of what the test is looking for;
   that can help! */
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/* If your test is failing with "undefined" outputs, makes sure you are returning values from your functions, not console.logging them! */

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4 specs, 3 failures

Spec List | Failures

onlyOdds returns a number

Expected 'undefined' to equal 'number'.

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```
/* It can also help to look directly at the code that defines how the test
       is supposed to work. Look for a test in the *.spec.js file with the
       same plain-language explanation, and with the same expect value. */
                   it('returns the sum of all odd nums between the provided argument and 0', () \Rightarrow {
                     let returnedValue = onlyOdds(10);
                     expect(returnedValue).toEqual(25);
   /* Now you can see that the test is passing in the number 10 to your
       function. This can help you debug! */
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12 /* All of the code inside of the tests, besides the line that starts with
       expect, is plain-old JavaScript */
```

Debugging — debugger

```
/* To use debugger:
        1. add the debugger keyword in your function in VSCode
        2. invoke the function yourself */
   function onlyOdds(num) {
     debugger; // debugger keyword here
     let sum = 0;
     for (let i = num; i >= 1; i--) {
     if (i % 2 === 1) {
         sum += i;
     return sum;
14 onlyOdds(3); // invoking the function ourselves here
```

debugger: Chrome Dev Tools

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/* Open Chrome Dev Tools (right-click > Inspect > Console) */
   /* Run your code in CodePen */
   /* Your code will pause when it hits the debugger keyword */
   /* Note the Scope panel on the right side of the screen. This
      continuously updates the values assigned to every relevant variable. */
   /* Select the button to move your code forward one line */
12 /* It's sometimes easier to use debugger when you call the function
      directly through the console instead of letting tests call your code */
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/* Click the debugging option in VSCode:
      followed by the green debug arrow at the
      top-left of the screen: DEBUG Noc $
      Now, press 🔭 to see your code run line by line (press 🔼 to stop) */
   /* Note the Variables panel on the left side of the screen. This
      continuously updates the values assigned to every relevant variable. */
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   /* Especially helpful to debug control-flow bugs (like loops) */
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Recap

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