Understanding for and while Loops in Simple Terms

Both for and while loops **repeat code** multiple times. The main difference is **how they are structured**.

1□ for **Loop** - **All** in **One Place**

A for loop packs everything into one line:

- **♦** Start counting
- **V** Check if we should continue
- **⊘** Increase the counter

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Example:
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```
for (var i = 0; i <= 3; i++) {
    alert(i);
}
```

♦ How It Works:

- 1. var i = 0; \rightarrow Start at 0.
- 2. $i \le 3$; \rightarrow Keep looping while i is **less than or equal to 3**.
- 3. $i++ \rightarrow$ Increase i by 1 each time.
- **♦ What It Does:** It alerts:

```
0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3
```

(Then it stops because i is no longer <= 3.)

2□ while Loop - Step by Step

A while loop **splits the logic** into different parts.

Example (Same as Above, But Using while):

```
var i = 0; // Start at 0
while (i <= 3) { // Keep looping while i is <= 3
  alert(i);
  i++; // Increase i by 1
}</pre>
```

How It Works:

- 1. var i = 0; \rightarrow Declare i before the loop.
- 2. while (i \leq 3) \rightarrow Keep looping until i is greater than 3.
- 3. Inside the loop, alert(i); shows the number.
- 4. i++ increases the counter.

What It Does:

Alerts the **same numbers** as the for loop:

```
0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3
```

When to Use Each Loop

✓ Use for when you know exactly how many times you want to loop.

✓ Use while when you don't know how many times the loop should run (e.g., waiting for user input).