

Understanding while vs do...while Loops in Simple Terms

Both while and do...while loops **repeat code** multiple times, but there is one key difference:

✓ **while loop** → Checks the condition **first** before running the code.

✓ **do...while loop** → Runs the code **at least once**, then checks the condition.

1□ while Loop (Condition First)

A while loop **only runs if the condition is true** at the start.

Example:

```
var i = 0;
while (i <= 3) {
  alert(i);
  i++;
}
```

⚡ How It Works:

1. **Check condition:** $i \leq 3$ (true for 0, 1, 2, 3).
 2. If true → Run `alert(i);` and then increase `i`.
 3. When `i` becomes 4, the condition is false, so it stops.
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2□ do...while Loop (Runs at Least Once)

A do...while loop **always runs once before checking the condition**.

Example:

```
var i = 0;
do {
  alert(i);
  i++;
} while (i <= 3);
```

⚡ How It Works:

1. **First, run the code** inside `{ ... }`, even if `i` is already too big.
 2. Then, check while $(i \leq 3)$.
 3. If true → Run again. If false → Stop.
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3□ The Key Difference

Imagine we start with `i = 5` instead:

Using while (Code Never Runs):

```
var i = 5;
while (i < 0) { // ✗ Condition is false at the start
  alert(i); // This never runs!
  i++;
}
```

✓ The loop **never runs** because $i < 0$ is false.

Using do...while (Runs Once Anyway):

```
var i = 5;
do {
  alert(i); // ✓ Runs at least once!
  i++;
} while (i < 0);
```

✓ **Even though $i < 0$ is false, the alert still runs once** before checking the condition.

When to Use Each Loop

- ✓ Use while **if you want to check the condition first** (so the code might never run).
- ✓ Use do...while **if you want to ensure the code runs at least once** (e.g., asking for user input).