

for-in loops

The for-in loop is specifically designed to work with objects. Learn how to loop through an object's keys in order to process each of them.

We've seen that for-loops are great for looping through arrays. There's another type of loop for objects, the for-in loop.

```
1 let jon = {
2   firstName: 'Jon',
3   lastName: 'Smith',
4   age: 34,
5   profession: 'Developer',
6   married: true
7 };
8
9 for(let key in jon) {
10   console.log(key, ': ', jon[key]);
11 }
```



We start it out as a standard for-loop.

```
for() {
  // body
}
```

In the parentheses, we declare a variable using `let key`. After we declare the variable, we write the `in` keyword followed by the name of the object we want to work with.

Inside the loop, our variable `key` will be equal to the keys of the object `jon`. It'll go through each key, running our loop repeatedly until every property has been processed.

Note that we have to use bracket notation here because `key` is a variable and not a string. If we were to write `jon.key`, the loop would print `undefined` over

and over because it would be looking for a `key` property.

By using bracket notation, we can give it a variable instead.

Quiz

for-in loops are often unintuitive for beginners. Practice will help it sink in. Feel free to test your understanding.

1

What will the following code print?

```
let jon = {
  firstName: 'Jon',
  lastName: 'Smith',
  age: 34,
  profession: 'Developer',
  married: true
};

for(let key in jon) {
  console.log(key + jon[key]);
}
```



A)

```
firstName : Jon
lastName : Smith
age : 34
profession : Developer
married : true
```



B)

```
firstName Jon
lastName Smith
age 34
profession Developer
married true
```



C)

```
firstNameJon
```

```
firstNameJon  
lastNameSmith  
age34  
professionDeveloper  
marriedtrue
```

2

What will the following code print?

```
let jon = {  
  firstName: 'Jon',  
  lastName: 'Smith',  
  age: 34,  
  profession: 'Developer',  
  married: true  
};  
  
let alex = {  
  firstName: 'Alex',  
  lastName: 'Johnson'  
};  
  
for(let key in jon) {  
  console.log(key, ': ', alex[key]);  
}
```



A)

```
firstName : Jon  
lastName : Smith  
age : 34  
profession : Developer  
married : true
```



B)

```
firstNameJon  
lastNameSmith  
age34  
professionDeveloper  
marriedtrue
```



C)

```
firstName : Alex  
lastName : Johnson  
age : undefined  
profession : undefined  
married : undefined
```



D)

```
firstNameAlex  
lastNameJohnson  
ageundefined  
professionundefined  
marriedundefined
```

CHECK ANSWERS