Looping in JavaScript

Understanding for, while, and do while Loops

Introduction to Loops

What are Loops?

 Loops allow the execution of a block of code multiple times based on a condition.

Types of Loops in JavaScript:

- for Loop
- while Loop
- do while Loop

The for Loop

Definition: Executes a block of code a specified number of times.

Syntax:

```
for (initialization; condition; increment/decrement) {
   // Code to execute in the loop
}
```

Reasoning with the for Loop

Problem: Print numbers divisible by 3 between 1 and 30.

Code Example:

```
for (let i = 1; i <= 30; i++) {
  if (i % 3 === 0) {
    console.log(i);
  }
}</pre>
```

Explanation:

- The loop runs from 1 to 30.
- Inside the loop, the if statement checks if the number is divisible by 3.
- If true, the number is printed.

The while Loop

Definition: Executes a block of code as long as a specified condition is true.

Syntax:

```
while (condition) {
   // Code to execute in the loop
}
```

The do while Loop

Definition: Executes a block of code once, then repeats the loop as long as the condition is true.

Syntax:

```
do {
   // Code to execute in the loop
} while (condition);
```

Comparison of Looping Structures

for Loop:

 Best for loops with a known number of iterations.

while Loop:

 Best when the number of iterations is not known beforehand.

do while Loop:

Guarantees the loop runs at least once.

Example Scenario:

- for Loop: Iterating over a fixed array.
- while Loop: Waiting for user input until valid input is given.
- **do while Loop**: Running a menu-driven program at least once.

Summary of Loops

- for Loop: Best for known iterations.
- while Loop: Best for unknown iterations.
- do while Loop: Ensures at least one iteration.
- Use Cases: Iterating over data structures, user input validation, and more.