

JavaScript Loops



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP I

Some of the following codes and examples are taken w3schools.com

Different Kinds of Loops



- **for** - loops through a block of code a number of times
- **for/in** - loops through the properties of an object
- **while** - loops through a block of code while a specified condition is true
- **do/while** - also loops through a block of code while a specified condition is true

Loops are handy, if you want to run the same code over and over again, each time with a different value.

The For Loop



- The for loop is often the tool you will use when you want to create a loop.
- The for loop has the following syntax:

```
for (statement 1; statement 2; statement 3)  
{  
    code block to be executed  
}
```

The For Loop



```
for (statement 1; statement 2; statement 3)  
{  
    code block to be executed  
}
```

- **Statement 1** is executed before the loop (the code block) starts.
- **Statement 2** defines the condition for running the loop (the code block).
- **Statement 3** is executed each time after the loop (the code block) has been executed.

The For Loop



```
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
    text += "The number is " + i + "<br>";  
}
```

- Statement 1 sets a variable before the loop starts
(var i = 0).
- Statement 2 defines the condition for the loop to run
(i must be less than 5).
- Statement 3 increases a value each time the code block in the loop has been executed.
(i++)

The For Loop



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h2>JavaScript Loops</h2>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
var text = "";
var i;
for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    text += "The number is " + i + "<br>";
}
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = text;
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Loops

The number is 0
The number is 1
The number is 2
The number is 3
The number is 4

Statement 1



- Normally you will use statement 1 to initialize the variable used in the loop ($i = 0$).
- This is not always the case, JavaScript doesn't care. Statement 1 is optional.
- You can initiate many values in statement 1 (separated by comma):

```
for (i = 0, len = cars.length, text = ""; i < len; i++) {  
    text += cars[i] + "<br>";  
}
```

Statement 2



- Often statement 2 is used to evaluate the condition of the initial variable.
- This is not always the case, JavaScript doesn't care. Statement 2 is also optional.
- If statement 2 returns true, the loop will start over again, if it returns false, the loop will end.
- If you omit statement 2, you must provide a **break** inside the loop. Otherwise the loop will never end. This will crash your browser.

Statement 3



- Often statement 3 increments the value of the initial variable.
- This is not always the case, JavaScript doesn't care, and statement 3 is optional.
- Statement 3 can do anything like negative increment (`i--`), positive increment (`i = i + 15`), or anything else.
- Statement 3 can also be omitted (you can increment your values inside the loop):

Class Exercise



- Open **forLoopExercise.html**
- In the for loop, change *num1* to **0** and *num2* to **10** and run the code.
- Make the loop start counting from 5 instead of 0:
- Make the loop start counting from 5. Count up to (including) 50, and count only every fifth number.
- Make the loop start counting downwards from 10 and stop at 1
- output the numbers **1 3 5 7 9** with line breaks between each number. .

Example



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
var cars = ["BMW", "Volvo", "Saab", "Ford"];

var i = 0;
var len = cars.length;
var text = "";

for (; i < len; ) {
    text += cars[i] + "<br>";
    i++;
}
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = text;
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

BMW
Volvo
Saab
Ford

For loops through arrays



- JavaScript arrays are used to store multiple values in a single variable. (next class topic)
- Instead of the code below, which is 3 variables

```
var car1 = "Saab";  
var car2 = "Volvo";  
var car3 = "BMW";
```

- We can use an array literal

```
var cars = ["Saab", "Volvo", "BMW"];
```

For loops through arrays



- Same thing

```
text += cars[0] + "<br>";  
text += cars[1] + "<br>";  
text += cars[2] + "<br>";  
text += cars[3] + "<br>";  
text += cars[4] + "<br>";  
text += cars[5] + "<br>";
```

```
var i;  
for (i = 0; i < cars.length; i++) {  
    text += cars[i] + "<br>";  
}
```

The For/In Loop



- The JavaScript for/in statement loops through the properties of an object:

```
<h2>JavaScript Loops</h2>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
var txt = "";
var person = {fname:"John", lname:"Doe", age:25};
var x;
for (x in person) {
    txt += person[x] + " ";
}
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = txt;
</script>
```

JavaScript Loops

John Doe 25

While Loop



- The while loop loops through a block of code as long as a specified condition is true.
- Syntax

```
while (condition) {  
    code block to be executed  
}
```

```
while (i < 10) {  
    text += "The number is " + i;  
    i++;  
}
```

If you forget to increase the variable used in the condition, the loop will never end. This will crash your browser.

While Loop



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h2>JavaScript while</h2>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
var text = "";
var i = 0;
while (i < 10) {
    text += "<br>The number is " + i;
    i++;
}
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = text;
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript while

The number is 0
The number is 1
The number is 2
The number is 3
The number is 4
The number is 5
The number is 6
The number is 7
The number is 8
The number is 9

Do/While Loop



- The do/while loop is a variant of the while loop.
- This loop will execute the code block once,
 - before checking if the condition is true,
 - then it will repeat the loop as long as the condition is true.

```
do {  
    code block to be executed  
}  
while (condition);
```

```
do {  
    text += "The number is " + i;  
    i++;  
}  
while (i < 10);
```

Do/While Loop



```
<h2>JavaScript do ... while</h2>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
var text = ""
var i = 0;

do {
    text += "<br>The number is " + i;
    i++;
}
while (i < 10);

document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = text;
</script>
```

JavaScript do ... while

The number is 0
The number is 1
The number is 2
The number is 3
The number is 4
The number is 5
The number is 6
The number is 7
The number is 8
The number is 9

The loop will always be executed at least once, even if the condition is false, because the code block is executed before the condition is tested:

Comparing For and While



```
var cars = ["BMW", "Volvo", "Saab", "Ford"];
var i = 0;
var text = "";

for (;cars[i];) {
    text += cars[i] + "<br>";
    i++;
}
```

```
var cars = ["BMW", "Volvo", "Saab", "Ford"];
var i = 0;
var text = "";

while (cars[i]) {
    text += cars[i] + "<br>";
    i++;
}
```

A while loop is much the same as a for loop, with statement 1 and statement 3 omitted.

in both examples the **loop** collects the car names from the cars array:

Class Exercise 2



Loop Exercise

Number	Number x 10	Number ^ 2
1	10	1
2	20	4
3	30	9
4	40	16
5	50	25
6	60	36
7	70	49
8	80	64
9	90	81
10	100	100

Class Exercise 2



Loop Exercise

Number	Number x 10	Number ^ 2
1	10	1
2	20	4
3	30	9
4	40	16
5	50	25

Number	Number x 10	Number ^ 2
6	60	36
7	70	49
8	80	64
9	90	81
10	100	100

Number	Number x 10	Number ^ 2
11	110	121
12	120	144
13	130	169
14	140	196
15	150	225

Number	Number x 10	Number ^ 2
16	160	256
17	170	289

There are many ways to do this, but try to do it in the most simple way (minimum amount of code)

Radio Button Array



```
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="male" checked> Male<br>
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="female"> Female<br>
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="other"> Other<br><br>
<input type="submit" onclick="radioButton()">
<script>
```

```
function radioButton(){
    var radios = document.getElementsByName('gender');

    for (var i = 0, length = radios.length; i < length; i++) {
        if (radios[i].checked) {
            // do whatever you want with the checked radio
            alert(radios[i].value);

            // only one radio can be logically checked, don't check the rest
            break;
        }
    }
}
```

Radio Button Array



```
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="male" checked> Male<br>
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="female"> Female<br>
<input type="radio" name="gender" value="other"> Other<br><br>
<input type="submit" onclick="radioButton()">
```

Radio Button Array



```
<script>
function radioButton(){
    var radios = document.getElementsByName('gender');

    for (var i = 0, length = radios.length; i < length; i++) {
        if (radios[i].checked) {
            // do whatever you want with the checked radio
            alert(radios[i].value);

            // only one radio can be logically checked, don't check the rest
            break;
        }
    }
}
</script>
```


Radio Button Array



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a tab titled 'Apps'. The address bar contains '★ Bookmarks' and a yellow icon. The page title is 'Radio Buttons'. The main content area displays the text 'The input type="radio" de' followed by three radio button options: 'Male', 'Female' (which is selected), and 'Other'. Below these options is a 'Submit' button. A modal dialog box is open in the foreground, titled 'From this page', with the text 'female' inside and a blue 'OK' button in the bottom right corner.

Apps ★ Bookmarks

Radio Buttons

The input type="radio" de

☐ Male
☒ Female
☐ Other

Submit

From this page

female

OK

Radio Button: Class Exercise



- Download your homework 2
- Add radio buttons to the code (none checked)
 - Mr
 - Ms
 - Dr
 - Prof
- Depending on the selection, place that title in front of the name once the submit button is clicked
- If no radio button is selected, then leave the title blank