

Java for loop syntax: "for (T obj : objects)"

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I came across some Java syntax that I haven't seen before. I was wondering if someone could tell me what's going on here.

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```
for (ObjectType objectName : collectionName.getObjects())
```

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java syntax for-loop foreach

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It's called a **for-each** or **enhanced for statement**. See [the JLS §14.14.2](#).

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It's [syntactic sugar](#) provided by the compiler for iterating over [Iterable](#) s and arrays. The following are equivalent ways to iterate over a list:



```
List<Foo> foos = ...;
for (Foo foo : foos)
{
    foo.bar();
}

// equivalent to:
List<Foo> foos = ...;
for (Iterator<Foo> iter = foos.iterator(); iter.hasNext();)
{
    Foo foo = iter.next();
    foo.bar();
}
```

and these are two equivalent ways to iterate over an array:

```
int[] nums = ...;
for (int num : nums)
{
    System.out.println(num);
}

// equivalent to:
int[] nums = ...;
for (int i=0; i<nums.length; i++)
{
    int num = nums[i];
    System.out.println(num);
}
```

Further reading

- [How is Java's for loop code generated by the compiler](#)
- [The For-Each Loop](#)

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The variable **objectSummary** holds the current object of type **S3ObjectSummary** returned from the **objectListing.getObjectSummaries()** and iterate over the collection.

Here is an example of this *enhanced for loop* from [Java Tutorials](#)

```
class EnhancedForDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args){
        int[] numbers = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};
        for (int item : numbers) {
            System.out.println("Count is: " + item);
        }
    }
}
```

In this example, the variable `item` holds the current value from the `numbers` array.

Output is as follows:

```
Count is: 1
Count is: 2
Count is: 3
Count is: 4
Count is: 5
Count is: 6
Count is: 7
Count is: 8
Count is: 9
Count is: 10
```

Hope this helps !

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yes... This is for each loop in java.

Generally this loop is become useful when you are retrieving data or object from the database.

Syntax :

```
for(Object obj : Collection obj)
{
    //Code enter code here
}
```

Example :

```
for(User user : userList)
{
    System.out.println("User Name : " + user.name);
    // etc etc
}
```

This is for each loop.

it will incremental by automatically. one by one from collection to User object data has been filled. and working.

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That's the for each loop syntax. It is looping through each object in the collection returned by `objectListing.getObjectSummaries()` .

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for each `S3ObjectSummary` in `objectListing.getObjectSummaries()`

it's looping through each item in the collection

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```
public class ForEachLoopExample {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        System.out.println("For Each Loop Example: ");

        int[] intArray = { 1,2,3,4,5 };

        //Here iteration starts from index 0 to last index
        for(int i : intArray)
            System.out.println(i);
    }

}
```

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Yes, It is called the for-each loop. Objects in the collectionName will be assigned one after one from the beginning of that collection, to the created object reference, 'objectName'. So in each iteration of the loop, the 'objectName' will be assigned an object from the 'collectionName' collection. The loop will terminate once when all the items(objects) of the 'collectionName' Collection have finished been assigning or simply the objects to get are over.

```
for (ObjectType objectName : collectionName.getObjects()){ //loop body> //You can use the 'objectName' here as needed and different objects will be //reepresented by it in each iteration. }
```

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