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C# .Net Interview Puzzle: Understanding Closures

What's the Output and Why?

```
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)  
{  
    delegates[i] = delegate { Console.WriteLine(i); };  
}
```

```
foreach (var printDelegate in delegates)  
{  
    printDelegate();  
}
```

Diving Deep into Closures in C#:

Closures in C# might behave differently than you first expect! When looping and capturing a variable like `i` in a delegate, C# doesn't capture the variable's value at each iteration. Instead, it captures a reference to `i`.

The Loop Mystery:

After looping, all delegates reference the same `i` — which ends up being 3 when the loop is done. So, when each delegate is finally invoked, they all print `i`'s value at that time: 3.

Key Takeaway:

This illustrates a crucial aspect of how closures capture variables in C#, leading to outputs that might surprise you!

```
using System;

public class Program
{
    public delegate void PrintDelegate();

    public static void Main()
    {
        PrintDelegate[] delegates = new PrintDelegate[3];

        for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
        {
            delegates[i] = delegate { Console.WriteLine(i); };
        }

        foreach (var printDelegate in delegates)
        {
            printDelegate();
        }
    }
}
```

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