JS Practical 3 (Part 2)

JavaScript Looping Constructs Lab Manual

In JavaScript, loops allow you to execute a block of code multiple times based on certain conditions. Loops are very useful in situations where repetitive tasks need to be performed.

This lab will cover the following looping constructs:

- 1. for loop
- 2. while loop
- 3. do-while loop

We will break down each loop type with its definition, syntax, and provide examples of increasing complexity.

1. for Loop

Definition:

A for loop repeats a block of code for a set number of times. It is typically used when you know beforehand how many times you want to execute the loop.

Syntax:

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {
   // Code to be executed
}
```

- **Initialization**: Usually used to initialize a counter variable (e.g., let i = 0).
- **Condition**: The loop will continue as long as this condition evaluates to true (e.g., i < 5).
- **Update**: This part executes after each iteration (e.g., i++ to increment i).

Examples:

Example 1: Basic for Loop

Print numbers 1 through 5.

```
for (let i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    console.log(i);
```

```
}
```

Example 2: for Loop with Array

Print each element of an array.

```
let fruits = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry"];
for (let i = 0; i < fruits.length; i++) {
    console.log(fruits[i]);
}</pre>
```

Example 3: for Loop with a Step Value

Print numbers from 0 to 10, stepping by 2 each time.

```
for (let i = 0; i <= 10; i += 2) {
   console.log(i);
}</pre>
```

2. while Loop

Definition:

A while loop repeats a block of code as long as the specified condition evaluates to true. It is commonly used when you don't know in advance how many times the loop should run.

Syntax:

```
while (condition) {
  // Code to be executed
}
```

• Condition: This condition is checked before each iteration. The loop will continue as long as it evaluates to true.

Examples:

Example 1: Basic while Loop

Print numbers from 1 to 5.

```
let i = 1;
while (i <= 5) {
  console.log(i);
  i++; // Increment to avoid infinite loop
}</pre>
```

Example 2: while Loop with Array

Print each element of an array.

```
let fruits = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry"];
let i = 0;
while (i < fruits.length) {
   console.log(fruits[i]);
   i++;
}</pre>
```

Example 3: while Loop with a Condition

Print numbers from 10 down to 1.

```
let i = 10;
while (i >= 1) {
   console.log(i);
   i--;
}
```

3. do-while Loop

Definition:

A do-while loop is similar to the while loop, but it guarantees that the loop's block of code is executed at least once, because the condition is checked **after** the code execution.

Syntax:

```
do {
  // Code to be executed
} while (condition);
```

- The code inside the do block is executed **once** before the condition is checked.
- The loop continues running as long as the condition evaluates to true.

Examples:

Example 1: Basic do-while Loop

Print numbers from 1 to 5.

```
let i = 1;
do {
   console.log(i);
   i++;
} while (i <= 5);</pre>
```

Example 2: do-while Loop with Array

Print each element of an array.

```
let fruits = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry"];
let i = 0;
do {
   console.log(fruits[i]);
   i++;
} while (i < fruits.length);</pre>
```

Example 3: do-while Loop with a Condition

```
Print numbers from 1 to 10.
let i = 1;
do {
    console.log(i);
    i++;
} while (i <= 10);</pre>
```

Differences Between for, while, and do-while Loops

Feature	for Loop	while Loop	do-while Loop
Execution Condition	Condition is checked before each iteration.	Condition is checked before each iteration.	Condition is checked after each iteration.
When to Use	When you know the number of iterations beforehand.	1	When you need to execute the loop at least once.
Syntax	for (initialization; condition; update) {}	while (condition) {}	do { } while (condition);
Example Use Case	Looping through an array with a known size.	Looping while a dynamic condition is met.	Asking for user input at least once before checking if the condition is met.