

# Code execution breakdown

Excellent question, Vipul 🙌 — you've spotted a **very deep and important concept** in JavaScript evaluation order.

Let's carefully unpack what's happening here step-by-step — because the key point is **when** `console.log(i)` runs.

## Your code:

```
js
const ids = [];
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  ids.push(console.log(i));
}
```

## Step-by-step: What JavaScript actually does

When JavaScript executes a line like:

```
js
ids.push(console.log(i));
```

it doesn't call `push()` first.

It must **evaluate the argument inside the parentheses** *before* calling the function.

So the order is:

1. **Evaluate** `console.log(i)`
  - That means: call `console.log()` immediately.
  - This prints `i` to the console right away.
  - Then it returns `undefined`.
2. **Take the return value** (`undefined`)
  - and pass that to `ids.push(...)`.
3. **Call** `ids.push(undefined)`
  - That adds `undefined` to the array.

## Visual timeline

Step	Expression	Action	Result
1	<code>console.log(i)</code>	Prints <code>i</code> immediately	returns <b>undefined</b>
2	<code>ids.push(undefined)</code>	Adds <b>undefined</b> to array	—

## Key Concept: Function argument evaluation order

In JavaScript (and most programming languages):

Before a function is called, all its arguments are **evaluated first**.

So in:

```
js
ids.push(console.log(i));
```

JS first runs `console.log(i)` (which prints something)  
**then** runs `.push()` with whatever that returned (which is `undefined`).

### Hence the output:

```
javascript
0
1
2
[undefined, undefined, undefined]
```

You're not "calling from ids" — you're calling `console.log()` *before* the push happens because JS must know what value to pass into `push()`.

Would you like me to show a **visual analogy** (like a timeline diagram) of how the JS engine executes that line internally? It'll make this even clearer.