# JavaScript: Somewhere between Functional and OO

CS 1025 Computer Science Fundamentals I

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## "Java"Script?

- "Java" Script has nothing to do with Java, except a superficial syntactic similarity.
- It supports both
   functional programming with closures
   (like Scheme)
   and
   a kind of object oriented style
   (like Java, but different).

#### Where does it come from?

- Originally developed 1995 at Netscape and called Mocha.
- Name changes Mocha ⇒ LiveScript ⇒ JavaScript
- Standardized as ECMAScript in 1998.

#### Where is it Used?

Some dialects of ECMAScript

JavaScript (Netscape) used in browsers, Acrobat

JScript (Microsoft) used in browsers

ActionScript (Adobe)used in Flash and Flex

– DMDScript (Digital Mars) used in browsers

- AJAX (2005)
  - "Asynchronous JavaScript And XML"
  - XHTML, CSS, DOM, XML, XSLT, XMLHttpRequest, JavaScript
- Gadgets in iGoogle, FaceBook, MySpace, etc.

#### A First Example

## Using JavaScript in a Web Page

```
<html>
  <head>
   <title>Hello</title>
   <script type="text/javascript">
      function fact(n) { return (n<2) ? 1 : n*fact(n-1); }
     function adderFactory(n) { return function (m) { return m + n; }}
   </script>
 </head>
 <body>
   There once was a gnome who liked numbers.
   <script type="text/javascript">
      document.write("That number " + fact(6) + " is 6! ");
     var add1 = adderFactory(1);
     var add2 = adderFactory(2);
     var add3 = adderFactory(3);
     document.write("The numbers after 7 are "
         + add1(7) + " " + add2(7) + " " + add3(7) + ".");
   </script>
 </body>
</html>
```

#### **Providing Your Own Library**

```
< html>
 <head>
   <title>Hello</title>
   <script type="text/javascript" src="TestLib.js"></script>
 </head>
 <body>
    There once was a gnome who liked numbers.
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      document.write("That number " + fact(6) + " is 6! ");
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   </script>
 </body>
</html>
```

## **Modifying the Current Document**

```
<html>
  <head>
   <title>This is the title</title>
   <script src="Eg03-ModifyLib.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
   <div id="my-stuff">
     <h1>This is a heading</h1>
     <script type="text/javascript">munge()</script>
   </div>
  </body>
</html>
function munge() {
                                                             Eg03-Modify.js
    var mypara = document.createElement("p");
     mypara.innerHTML = "Now is the time.";
     mypara.style.backgroundColor = "lightgrey";
    var mystuff = document.getElementById("my-stuff");
     mystuff.style.backgroundColor = "pink";
     mystuff.appendChild(mypara);
```

#### **Dynamic Behaviour**

```
<html>
   <head>
       <title>A Clock</title>
       <script type="text/javascript">
          function timeString() {
              var now = new Date();
              var hours = now.getHours();
              var mins = now.getMinutes();
              var secs = now.getSeconds();
              var str = "" + (hours > 12) ? hours - 12 : hours;
              str += ((mins < 10) ? ":0" : ":") + mins;
              str += ((secs < 10) ? ":0" : ":") + secs;
              str += (hours < 12) ? " a.m." : " p.m.";
              return str;
         function tickClock () {
              document.getElementById("clock").innerHTML = timeString();
              setTimeout(tickClock, 1000);
       </script>
   </head>
    <body onLoad="tickClock()">
         <center>
            <h1>The time is <span id="clock">no time yet</span></h1>
        </center>
   </body>
</html>
```

#### **Buttons and Colors**

```
<html>
  <head>
     <title>Colours</title>
     <script type="text/javascript">
        function makeRed() {
           document.bgColor = "Red";
        function makeBlue() {
           document.bgColor = "Blue";
        function makeGreen() {
           document.bgColor = "Green";
     </script>
  </head>
  <body>
     <center>
        <h1>Colors!</h1>
        <form>
             <input type="button" value="Red"</pre>
                                                   onclick="makeRed()">
             <input type="button" value="Blue"</pre>
                                                   onclick="makeBlue()">
             <input type="button" value="Green"</pre>
                                                   onclick="makeGreen()">
        </form>
     </center>
  </body>
</html>
```

## Why We Like Closures....

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                                                   onclick="makeGreen()">
        </form>
     </center>
 </body>
</html>
```

#### More Ideas

- Organizing larger programs
- Dynamic tables
- Closures used in a Button factory

#### The First Library

```
var HEX_DIGITS = "0123456789ABCDEF";

function intToHex(n) {
    var loNybble = (n >> 0) % 16;
    var hiNybble = (n >> 4) % 16;
    return ""+HEX_DIGITS.charAt(hiNybble)+HEX_DIGITS.charAt(hiNybble);
}

function makeRGB(r, maxr, g, maxg) {
    var rval = Math.round((255*r)/maxr);
    var gval = Math.round((255*g)/maxg);
    var bval = Math.max(0, 255 - (rval+gval));
    return "#" + intToHex(rval) + intToHex(gval) + intToHex(bval);
}
```

#### **The Second Library**

```
function setBackground(newcolor) {
  return function() { document.bgColor = newcolor; }
}
function makeTable(nrows, ncols, holder) {
   var theTable = document.createElement("table");
   var theBody = document.createElement("tbody");
    for (r = 0; r < nrows; r++) {
       var theRow = document.createElement("tr");
        for (c = 0; c < ncols; c++) {
           var colorString = makeRGB(r, nrows-1, c, ncols-1);
           var theCell
                               = document.createElement("td");
            theCell.bgColor = colorString;
            theCell.onmouseover = setBackground(colorString);
            theRow.appendChild(theCell);
        theBody.appendChild(theRow);
    theTable.appendChild(theBody);
   holder.appendChild(theTable);
}
```

## Some CSS Styling

```
td {
    height: 6pt;
    width: 6pt
}
table {
    border-spacing: 3pt
}
```

