

JAVASCRIPT

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OBJECTS

# WHAT ARE OBJECTS?

- ▶ Collections of key value pairs
- ▶ Similar to arrays, the main difference being that instead of accessing our values by **index**, we access them by a **key**.
- ▶ Nearly universal across programming languages, although they may have different names in different languages

# HOW DO WE DEFINE OBJECTS?

```
var shirt = {  
  size: 'medium',  
  color: 'blue',  
  price: 60  
}
```

- ▶ Between curly braces { }
- ▶ Keys and values
- ▶ Separated with commas

# HOW DO WE DEFINE OBJECTS?

```
var shirt = {  
  'size': 'medium',  
  'color': 'blue',  
  'price': 60  
}
```

- ▶ Keys are actually strings, but we do not need the quotes when defining objects
- ▶ Values can be any datatype

# HOW DO WE ACCESS VALUES?

```
var shirt = {  
  size: 'medium',  
  color: 'blue',  
  price: 60  
}  
  
console.log(shirt.size);  
=> 'medium'  
  
console.log(shirt['size']);  
=> 'medium'
```

- ▶ Dot notation  
objectName.keyName
- ▶ Bracket notation  
objectName['keyName']

# DOT NOTATION VS. BRACKET NOTATION

```
var shirt = {  
  size: 'medium',  
  color: 'blue',  
  price: 60  
}  
  
var property = 'size';  
console.log(shirt[property]);  
=> 'medium'  
  
property = 'price';  
console.log(shirt[property]);  
=> 60
```

- ▶ Dot notation
  - ▶ You have to know what the key is
- ▶ Bracket notation
  - ▶ you can use a variable as the key

# HOW DO WE SET VALUES?

```
var shirt = {  
  size: 'medium',  
  color: 'blue',  
  price: 60  
}  
  
shirt.size = 'large';  
  
shirt['size'] = 'large';
```

- ▶ Dot notation assignment  
objectName.key = value
- ▶ Bracket notation assignment  
objectName['key'] = value

# ARRAYS IN OBJECTS

```
var me = {  
  name: 'Jackie Casper',  
  hometown: 'New York',  
  interests: [  
    'traveling',  
    'SCUBA diving',  
    'Game of Thrones'  
  ]  
}  
  
console.log(me.interests[2]);  
=> 'Game of Thrones'
```

- ▶ Indices can be used on arrays in objects
- ▶ Access the array from the object
- ▶ Use an index to access the desired value



# OBJECTS IN OBJECTS

```
var lesson = {  
  name: 'JS Objects',  
  cohort: 'Penguins',  
  instructor: {  
    name: 'Jackie Casper',  
    slackName: 'jackie'  
  }  
}  
  
console.log(lesson.instructor.name);  
=> 'Jackie Casper'  
  
console.log(lesson['instructor'].name);  
=> 'Jackie Casper'
```

- ▶ You can access objects within objects by chaining either dot notation, bracket notation, or a mix of both!

# REVIEW

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- ▶ What is an object?
- ▶ What is a Key? Value?
- ▶ What is the difference between dot and bracket notation?
- ▶ How can we access an array inside of an object? An object inside of an object?

# CODEALONG

## Assignment 1

# ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

```
var shirts = [  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'blue',  
    price: 60  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'large',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 75  
  }  
]  
  
console.log(shirt[0].color)  
=> 'blue'
```

- ▶ Access the object in the array with an index
- ▶ Access properties on the object with dot or bracket notation

# LOOPING ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

```
var shirts = [  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'blue',  
    price: 60  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'large',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 75  
  }  
];
```

```
for(var i=0; i<shirts.length; i++) {  
  console.log(shirts[i].color);  
}
```

- ▶ Loop through arrays in the same way we did yesterday
- ▶ Can then access properties on each object in the array

# LOOPING ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

```
var shirts = [  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'blue',  
    price: 60  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'large',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 75  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 55  
  }  
];
```

```
for(var i=0; i<shirts.length; i++) {  
  shirts.price = shirts.price * .75;  
}
```

- What would the code above do?

# LOOPING ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

```
var shirts = [  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'blue',  
    price: 60  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'large',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 75  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 55  
  }  
];
```

```
var blackShirts = [];  
  
for(var i=0; i<shirts.length; i++) {  
  if(shirts[i].color === 'black') {  
    blackShirts.push(shirts[i]);  
  }  
}
```

- What would be in blackShirts?

## LOOPING ARRAYS OF OBJECTS

```
var shirts = [  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'blue',  
    price: 60  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'large',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 75  
  },  
  {  
    size: 'medium',  
    color: 'black',  
    price: 55  
  }  
];
```

```
var shirtCounts = {};  
  
for(var i=0; i<shirts.length; i++) {  
  shirtColor = shirts[i].color;  
  if(shirtCounts[shirtColor] === undefined) {  
    shirtCounts[shirtColor] = 1;  
  } else {  
    shirtCounts[shirtColor] += 1;  
  }  
}
```

- What would shirtCounts look like?



# YOUR TURN

Assignment 2

# FACTORY FUNCTIONS

- ▶ A function that returns an object.
- ▶ Can be used to programmatically create objects!

```
function userFactory(name, email, phoneNumber){  
  return {  
    name: name,  
    email: email.toLowerCase(),  
    phoneNumber: phoneNumber  
  }  
}
```

```
var jackie = userFactory('Jackie', 'jaclyn.casper@generalassemb.ly', '555-938-9312')
```

# FACTORY FUNCTIONS

```
function markerFactory(color){  
  return {  
    item: 'Marker',  
    color: color  
  }  
}  
  
colors = ['blue', 'black', 'pink', 'red'];  
markers = [];  
  
for(var i=0; i<colors.length; i++){  
  var newMarker = markerFactory(colors[i]);  
  markers.push(newMarker);  
}
```

- What will be in the markers array?

# YOUR TURN

Assignment 3

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- ▶ What is the difference between dot and bracket notation?
- ▶ How can we access an array inside of an object? An object inside of an object?
- ▶ What is a factory function?