

JavaScript For Absolute Beginners

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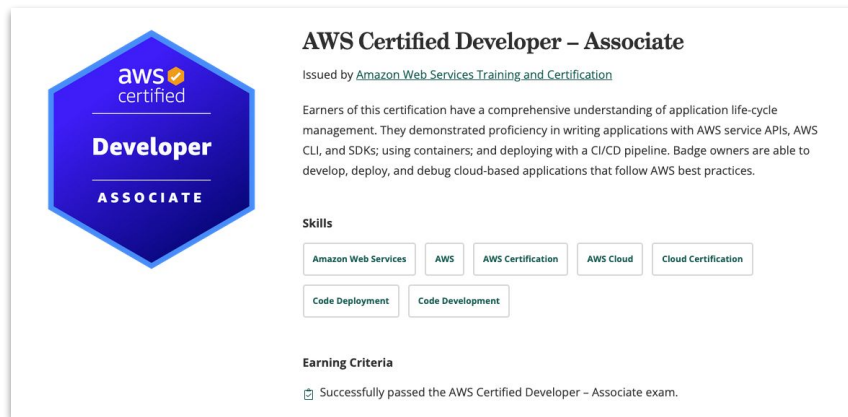


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About Instructor



Integrated Development Environment

Setting up your environment

- There are many ways in which you can set up a JavaScript coding environment. Such as:
 - Integrated Development Environment (IDE). Example: VS Code, Sublime Text, Atom, etc.
 - Web browser. Example: Chrome, Firefox, etc.
 - Online editor (optional). Example: StackBlitz, Replit, etc.



Adding Javascript to a Web Page

Adding JavaScript to a web page

- There are two ways to link JavaScript to a web page.
 - The first way is to type the JavaScript directly in the HTML between two <script> tags.

```
<html>  
  <script type="text/javascript">  
    alert("Hello World!");  
  </script>  
</html>
```

- The second way is to create a file with extension of .js and link it to our web page.


```
<html>  
  <script type="text/javascript" src="hello_world.js"></script>  
</html>
```





ALERT

ALERT

- The `alert()` method displays an alert box with a message and an OK button.
 - The `alert()` method is used when you want information to come through to the user.
 - The alert box takes the focus away from the current window, and forces the user to read the message.
 - Do not overuse this method. It prevents the user from accessing other parts of the page until the box is closed.
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CONSOLE LOG

CONSOLE LOG

- The **console.log()** method writes (**logs**) a message to the console.
- The **console.log()** method is useful for testing purposes.





Document Write

Document Write

- The **document.write()** method writes directly to an open (**HTML**) document stream.
- The **document.write()** method deletes all existing HTML when used on a loaded document.



VARIABLES

VARIABLES

- Variable means anything that can vary.
- A JavaScript variable is simply **a name of storage location**.
- A variable must have a unique name.



Variables

- Variables are values in your code that can represent different values each time the code runs.
- The first time you create a variable, you declare it. And you need a special word for that: `let` , `var` , Or `const` .

Example: `let firstname = "Ali";`

- The commonly used naming conventions used for **variables** are camel-case.

Example: `let firstName = "Ali";`



Variables Scope

- **LOCAL**

- Variables declared within a JavaScript function, become LOCAL to the function.

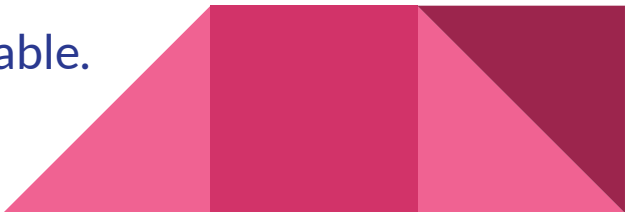
- **GLOBAL**

- A variable declared outside a function, becomes GLOBAL.



VARIABLE Names Legal & Illegal

VARIABLE Names

- A variable name can't contain any spaces
 - A variable name can contain only letters, numbers, dollar signs, and underscores.
 - The first character must be a letter, or an underscore (-), or a dollar sign (\$).
 - Subsequent characters may be letters, digits, underscores, or dollar signs.
 - Numbers are not allowed as the first character of variable.
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Comments

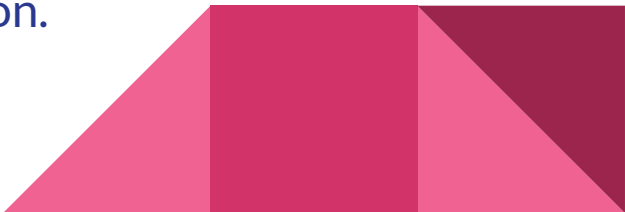
Comments

- Single line Javascript comments **start with two forward slashes (//)**.
- All text after the two forward slashes until the end of a line makes up a comment
- Even when there are forward slashes in the commented text.
- Multi-line Comments
- Multi-line comments start with `/*` and end with `*/`.
- Any text between `/*` and `*/` will be ignored by JavaScript.



Statements

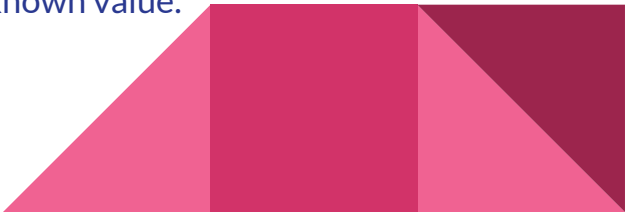
Statements

- A computer program is a list of "instructions" to be "executed" by a computer.
 - In a programming language, these programming instructions are called statements.
 - A JavaScript program is a list of programming statements.
 - JavaScript applications consist of statements with an appropriate syntax. A single statement may span multiple lines. Multiple statements may occur on a single line if each statement is separated by a semicolon.
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Data types

Primitive data types

- String
 - A string is used to store a text value.
Example: `let firstName = "Ali";`
- Number
 - A number is used to store a numeric value.
Example: `let score = 25;`
- Boolean
 - A boolean is used to store a value that is either `true` or `false`.
Example: `let isMarried = false;`
- Undefined
 - An undefined type is either when it has not been defined or it has not been assigned a value.
Example: `let unassigned;`
- Null
 - null is a special value for saying that a variable is empty or has an unknown value.
Example: `let empty = null;`



Template Literals

Template Literals

A new and fast way to deal with strings is **Template Literals** or **Template String**.

How we were dealing with strings before ?

```
var myName = "daniyal" ;
```

```
var hello = "Hello " + myName ;
```

```
console.log(hello); //Hello daniyal
```



Template Literals

What is Template literals ?

As we mentioned before , it's a way to deal with strings and specially dynamic strings ; so you don't need to think more about what's the next quote to use single or double.

How to use Template literals

It uses a `backticks` to write string within it.





typeof Operator

Analyzing and modifying data types

- You can check the type of a variable by entering **typeof**.

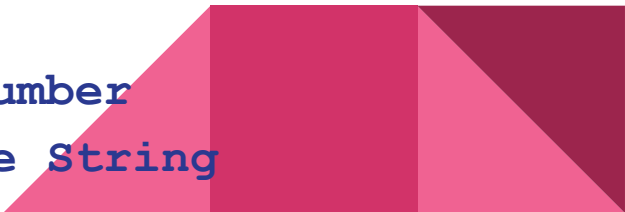
Example:

```
let testVariable = 1;  
console.log(typeof testVariable);
```

- The variables in JavaScript can change types. Sometimes JavaScript does this automatically.

Example:

```
let v1 = 2;  
let v2 = "2";  
console.log(v1 * v2); // 4 ← Type Number  
console.log(v1 + v2); // "22" ← Type String
```



Analyzing and modifying data types

- There are three conversion methods:
 - `String()` ← converts to string type
 - `Number()` ← converts to number type
 - `Boolean()` ← converts to boolean type



Operators

Operators

- Arithmetic operators:

- Addition

Example:

- ```
let n1 = 1;
let n2 = 2;
console.log(n1 + n2); // 3
```
  - ```
let str1 = "1";  
let str2 = "2";  
console.log(str1 + str2); // "12"
```



Operators

- Arithmetic operators:

- Subtraction

Example:

- ```
let n1 = 5;
let n2 = 2;
console.log(n1 - n2); // 3
```

- Multiplication

Example:

- ```
let n1 = 5;  
let n2 = 2;  
console.log(n1 * n2); // 10
```



Operators

- Arithmetic operators:

- Division

Example:

- `let n1 = 4;`
`let n2 = 2;`
`console.log(n1 / n2); // 2`

- Exponentiation

Example:

- `let n1 = 2;`
`let n2 = 2;`
`console.log(n1 ** n2); // 4`



Operators

- Arithmetic operators:

- Modulus

Example:

- `let n1 = 10;`
`let n2 = 3;`
`console.log(n1 % n2); // 1`



Operators

- Assignment operators:
 - Assignment operators are used to assign values to variables.

Example:

- ```
let n = 5;
console.log(n); // 5
n += 5;
console.log(n); // 10
n -= 5;
console.log(n); // 5
```



# Operators

- Comparison operators:

- Comparison operators are used to compare values of variables.

Example:

```
■ let n = 5;
 console.log(n == 5); // true
 console.log(n === 5); // true
 console.log(n != 5); // false
 console.log(n > 8); // false
 console.log(n < 8); // true
 console.log(n >= 8); // false
 console.log(n <= 8); // true
```





# Math Expressions

## Familiar Operators

# Expressions

- An Expression is a combination of values, variables, function call and operators, which computes to a value.
- The computation is called an evaluation.
- “Daniyal” + “Nagori”





# Math Expressions Familiar Operators

- Wherever you can use a number, you can use a math expression.
- “+”, “-”, “\*”, “/” and “%” are commonly used operators.
- “%” (**Modulus**) operator works similar to “/” but instead of the result, It gives you the remainder when the division is executed.
- Examples:
  - `let add = 2 + 3; // 5`
  - `let subtraction = 8 - 4; // 4`
  - `let multiplication = 2 * 2; // 4`
  - `let division = 4 / 2; // 2`
  - `let modulus = 9 % 3; // 0`





# Math Expressions

## UnFamiliar Operators

# Math Expressions Unfamiliar Operators

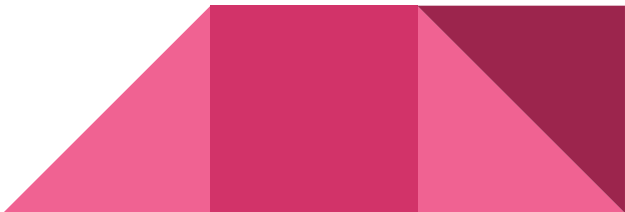
- There are several specialized math expressions such as “++”, “--” and “\*\*”.
  - “++”: It increments the variable by 1.
  - “--”: It decrements the variable by 1.
  - “\*\*”: Exponentiation is one of the newer operators in JavaScript, and it allows us to calculate the power of a number by its exponent.



# Math Expressions UnFamiliar Operators

## Post Increment vs Pre Increment

- Post Increment
  - The operator increases the variable var1 by 1 but returns the value before incrementing.
  - Example:
    - ```
let i = 1;  
let num = i++ // 1
```
- Pre Increment
 - The operator increases the variable var1 by 1 but returns the value after incrementing.
 - Example:
 - ```
let i = 1;
let num = ++i // 2
```
- Same rule for the **Decrement**





# Math Expressions Eliminating Ambiguity

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Complex arithmetic expressions can pose a problem, one that you may remember from high school algebra.

- Examples:

- `var totalVal = (5 + 2) * 3 + 6; // 27`
- `var totalVal = (2 * 4) * 4 + 2; // 34`



# Concatenating Text String


# Concatenating Text Strings

- The **concat()** method joins two or more strings.
- The **concat()** method does not change the existing strings.
- The **concat()** method returns a new string.
- You can also use “+” operator to concatenate multiple strings.
- Examples:
  - ```
let userName = Daniyal  
console.log("Thanks, " + userName + "!")
```



Prompts

Prompts

- The **prompt()** method displays a dialog box that prompts the user for input.
 - The **prompt()** method returns the input value (**String**) if the user clicks "OK", otherwise it returns **null**.
 - When a **prompt box** pops up, the user will have to click either "OK" or "Cancel" to proceed.
 - Do not overuse this method. It prevents the user from accessing other parts of the page until the box is closed.
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If, Else, Else If Statements

If, Else and Else If Statements

- Use **if** to specify a block of code to be executed, if a specified condition is true.
- Use **else** to specify a block of code to be executed, if the same condition is false.
- Use **else if** to specify a new condition to test, if the first condition is false.



If, Else and Else If Statements - Examples

- If Example:

- ```
let x = prompt("Where does the Pope live?");
let correctAnswer = "Pakistan";
if (x == correctAnswer) {
 alert("Correct!");
}
```

- else - Example

- ```
let x = prompt("Where does the Pope live?");  
let correctAnswer = "Pakistan";  
if (x == correctAnswer) {  
    alert("Correct!");  
} else {  
    alert("Wrong!");  
}
```



If, Else and Else If Statements - Examples

- Else if - Example

- ```
let x = prompt("Where does the Pope live?");
let correctAnswer = "Pakistan";
if (x == correctAnswer) {
 alert("Correct!");
} else if (x=="Pakista") {
 alert("Close!");
} else {
 alert("Wrong!");
}
```



# Comparison Operators

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- Comparison and Logical operators are used to test for **true** or **false**.
- Comparison operators are used in logical statements to determine equality or difference between variables or values.
- “==”, “===”, “!=”, “!==”, “>”, “<”, “>=” and “<=” are some of the comparison operators.





# Comparison Operators - Examples

- `let a = 2 + 2 == "4" // true`
- `let b = 2 + 2 === "4" // false`
- `let c = 2 + 2 > 4 // false`
- `let d = 2 + 2 >= 4 // true`
- `let e = 2 + 3 !== 5 // false`



# Testing Sets Of Conditions (Logical Operators)

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- Logical operators are used to determine the logic between variables or values.
- Given that **x = 6** and **y = 3**, the table below explains the logical operators:

| Operator | Description | Example                     |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| &&       | and         | (x < 10 && y > 1) is true   |
|          | or          | (x == 5    y == 5) is false |
| !        | not         | !(x == y) is true           |

# Testing Sets Of Conditions (Logical Operators) - Examples

- `let x = 6`  
`let y = 10`

`let a1 = x < y && x === 6 // true`

`let a2 = x < y && x !== 6 // false`

`let a3 = x === y || y === 10 // true`

`let a4 = (x === 6 && y === 4) || x < y // true`





# If Statement Nested

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- JavaScript allows us to nest if statements within if statements. i.e, we can place an if statement inside another if statement.



# If Statement Nested - Example

```
// Ticketing system
let country = prompt("Where do you live?")
// Number() function is used to convert the string to number
let age = Number(prompt("What's your age?"))

if (country === "pakistan") {
 if (age >= 18) {
 console.log("Here is your ticket")
 } else {
 console.error("Age restriction")
 }
} else {
 console.log("Invalid country")
}
```



# Array



# Array

- **The Problem:** Suppose you have five fruits and you want to store them in the variable, But you have to create five variables to store the fruits which is not an efficient approach, what if you have thousands of fruits?
  - ```
let fruit1 = "apple"  
let fruit2 = "banana"  
let fruit3 = "grapes"  
let fruit4 = "strawberry"  
let fruit5 = "orange"
```
- **The Solution:** Here the array comes into play which helps to store multiple data in a single variable.
 - ```
let fruits = ["apple","banana", "orange", "grapes", "strawberry"]
```


# Array - More About Array

- An array is a special variable, which can hold more than one value.
- An array can hold many values under a single name, and you can access the values by referring to an index number.
- In JavaScript, arrays always use numbered indexes.
- Array indexes start with 0.
- Examples:
  - `let fruits = ["apple","banana", "orange", "grapes", "strawberry"]`  
`fruits[0] // apple`  
`fruits[3] // grapes`
  - `let x = [1, 2, "daniyal"]` // Arrays can store multiple types of data



# Arrays: Adding and removing elements

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- When you work with arrays, it is easy to **remove elements** and **add new elements**. This is what **popping** and **pushing** is.
  - The **pop()** method removes the last element from an array:
  - The **pop()** method returns the value that was "**popped out**"
  - The **push()** method adds a new element to an array (at the end).
  - The **push()** method returns the new array length.
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# Arrays: Adding and removing elements - Examples


- ```
var pets = [];  
pets[0] = "dog"; // adds "dog" to an array at 0 index  
pets[1] = "cat"; // adds "cat" to an array at index 1
```

```
pets.pop(); // removes the last element of an array which is cat in our case  
pets.push("parrot"); // adds a new element to an array
```



Arrays: Removing, inserting, and extracting elements

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- Shifting is equivalent to popping, but working on the **first element** instead of the **last**.
 - The **shift()** method removes the first array element and "**shifts**" all other elements to a lower index.
 - The **shift()** method returns the value that was "**shifted out**".
 - The **unshift()** method adds a new element to an array (at the beginning), and "**unshifts**" older elements:
 - The **unshift()** method returns the new array length.
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Arrays: Removing, inserting, and extracting elements - Example

- ```
var pets = [];
pets[0] = "dog"; // adds "dog" to an array at 0 index
pets[1] = "cat"; // adds "cat" to an array at index 1
```

```
pets.shift(); // removes the first element of an array which is cat in our case
pets.unshift("parrot"); // adds a new element to an array (at the beginning)
```





# Arrays: Removing, inserting, and extracting elements

## Splicing and Slicing Arrays

- The **splice()** method adds new items to an array.
  - Example:

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
fruits.splice(2, 0, "Lemon", "Kiwi");
// adds elements to an array at 2nd index
// deleted 0 elements
```
- The **slice()** method slices out a piece of an array.
  - Example:

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Lemon", "Apple", "Mango"];
const citrus = fruits.slice(1); // [Orange,Lemon,Apple,Mango]
```
  - **Notes:**  
The **slice()** method creates a new array.



# JavaScript Objects

# JavaScript Objects

- In real life, a car is an object: A car has properties like weight and color, and methods like start and stop.
- All cars have the same properties, but the property values differ from car to car.
- All cars have the same methods, but the methods are performed at different times.

- Example:

```
const car = {type:"Fiat", model:"500", color:"white"};
```

| Object                                                                             | Properties         | Methods     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
|  | car.name = Fiat    | car.start() |
|                                                                                    | car.model = 500    | car.drive() |
|                                                                                    | car.weight = 850kg | car.brake() |
|                                                                                    | car.color = white  | car.stop()  |

# JavaScript Objects- Example

```
// Person Object - Key Value Pair syntax
const person = {
 firstName: "John",
 lastName: "Doe",
 age: 50,
 "eye-Color": "blue",
};

// Access Obj Properties
person.age; // 50
person["eye-Color"]; // blue
```

# The Arrays Object

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We Can store multiple Objects in an Array

```
// Persons Array - Key Value Pair syntax
const persons = [
 {
 firstName: "Hamzah",
 lastName: "Syed",
 age: 22,
 "eye-color": "brown",
 },
 {
 firstName: "John",
 lastName: "Doe",
 age: 50,
 "eye-color": "blue",
 },
];

// Access Person 1
persons[0].age // 22
persons[1].age // 50
```

# For Loops

# For Loops

- Loops are handy, if you want to run the same code over and over again, each time with a different value.

```
// Syntax:
for (expression 1; expression 2; expression 3) {
 // code block to be executed
}
```

- From the example above, you can read
- Expression 1 sets a variable before the loop starts (let i = 0).
- Expression 2 defines the condition for the loop to run (i must be less than 5).
- Expression 3 increases a value (i++) each time the code block in the loop has been executed.



# For Loops - Examples

- Example 1

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
 console.log("Hello World")
}
```

- Example 2

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
 console.log("Hello World" + i)
}
```

# For Loops - Examples

- Example 3

```
var cleanestCities = ["Karachi", "Lahore", "Islamabad", "Peshawar"];

for (var i = 0; i <= 4; i++) {
 if ("Islamabad" === cleanestCities[i]) {
 console.log("It's one of the cleanest cities");
 break;
 }
}
```

# For Loops - Examples

- Example 4

```
var cleanestCities = ["Karachi", "Lahore", "Islamabad", "Peshawar"];

var matchFound = "no";

for (var i = 0; i <= 4; i++){
 if ("Islambad" === cleanestCities[i]) {
 matchFound = "yes";
 alert("It's one of the cleanest cities");
 }
}

if (matchFound === "no") {
 alert("It's not on the list");
}
```

# For Loops - Examples

- Example 5

```
var cleanestCities = ["Karachi", "Lahore", "Islamabad", "Peshawar"];

var numElements = cleanestCities.length;
var matchFound = false;

for (var i = 0; i < numElements; i++) {
 if ("Islamabad" === cleanestCities[i]) {
 matchFound = true;
 console.log("It's one of the cleanest cities");
 break;
 }
}

if (matchFound === false) {
 console.log("It's not on the list");
}
```

# Nested For Loops

# Nested For Loops - Example

- A nested loop is a loop within a loop.

```
var firstNames = ["BlueRay ", "Upchuck ", "Lojack ", "Gizmo ", "Do-Rag "];
var lastNames = ["Zzz", "Burp", "Dogbone", "Droop"];
var fullNames = [];

for (var i = 0; i < firstNames.length; i++) {
 for (var j = 0; j < lastNames.length; j++) {
 fullNames.push(firstNames[i] + lastNames[j]);
 }
}
```



Changing case

# Changing case

- The `toLowerCase()` method converts a string to lowercase letters.
- The `toLowerCase()` method does not change the original string.
- The `toUpperCase()` method converts a string to uppercase letters.
- The `toUpperCase()` method does not change the original string.







# Strings: Measuring length and extracting parts

# Changing case

- The length property returns the length of a string.
- The length property of an empty string is 0.
- The slice() method extracts a part of a string.
- The slice() method returns the extracted part in a new string.
- The slice() method does not change the original string.
- The start and end parameters specifies the part of the string to extract.
- The first position is 0, the second is 1, ...
- A negative number selects from the end of the string.

- Example:

- ```
let cityToCheck = "pakistan"  
var firstChar = cityToCheck.slice(0, 1); // p
```

Changing case - Examples

- Example 1

```
let cityToCheck = "pakistan"

var firstChar = cityToCheck.slice(0, 1); //p
var otherChars = cityToCheck.slice(1); // akistan
firstChar = firstChar.toUpperCase(); // P
otherChars = otherChars.toLowerCase(); // akistan
var cappedCity = firstChar + otherChars; // Pakistan
```

Changing case - Examples

- Example 2

```
var month = prompt("Enter a month");
var charsInMonth = month.length;
if (charsInMonth > 3) {
    monthAbbrev = month.slice(0, 3);
}
console.log(monthAbbrev)
```



Strings: Finding segments

Strings: Finding segments

- The `indexOf()` method returns the position of the first occurrence of a value in a string.
- The `indexOf()` method returns -1 if the value is not found.
- The `indexOf()` method is case sensitive.
 - Example:
 - ```
var text = "To be or not to be."; // 3
var segIndex = text.indexOf("be");// 16
```
- The `lastIndexOf()` method returns the index (position) of the last occurrence of a specified value in a string.
- The `lastIndexOf()` method searches the string from the end to the beginning.
- The `lastIndexOf()` method returns the index from the beginning (position 0).
- The `lastIndexOf()` method returns -1 if the value is not found.
- The `lastIndexOf()` method is case sensitive.
  - Example:
    - ```
var text = "To be or not to be.";  
var segIndex = text.lastIndexOf("be"); // 16
```

Strings: Finding a character at a location

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- The `charAt()` method returns the character at a specified index (position) in a string.
- The index of the first character is 0, the second 1, ...
 - Example
 - `let firstName = "hamzah"`
`var firstChar = firstName.charAt(0) // h`

