

Lecture 13

Dynamic UI Implementation

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Learning Objectives

- Understand the role of JavaScript in dynamic UI implementation.
- Being able to perform simple dynamic adaptations in JavaScript and access the HTML page content.
- Understand how one can write JavaScript code that is bounded in execution time in a way that reduces performance issues.

JavaScript

- A client-side interpreted scripting language since 1995.
- Has a high degree of standardization as ECMAScript, which is a proper ISO standard (ISO/IEC 22275:2018)
- Great efficiency gains through better just-in-time compilation approaches.
- Remains a language that is fully integrated in web technology.
- C-style syntax
- Strong foothold.

JavaScript in the HTML page

- JavaScript can be written directly in HTML within the `<script>` element.
- Everything within this element is code and is interpreted as a sequence of commands which are executed immediately.
- Programs are commands that store code for later.

```
<body>
  <div>
    <div>1</div>
    <div>2</div>
    <div>3</div>
  </div>
  <div>
    <div>5</div>
    <div>6</div>
  </div>
  <script>
    console.log('hithere');
  </script>
</body>
```

JavaScript Object model

- In JavaScript, values of variables are objects, some immutable, but usually changeable.
- A JavaScript object has an opaque identity (expected to be realized as pointer, can be compared but opaque means the address cannot be obtained as number).
- A powerful feature of JavaScript objects is that fields can be added at any time.

```
<body>  
  <script  
    var myobj = {};  
    myobj.name = 'Pat';  
    myobj.code = 123;  
  </script>  
</body>
```

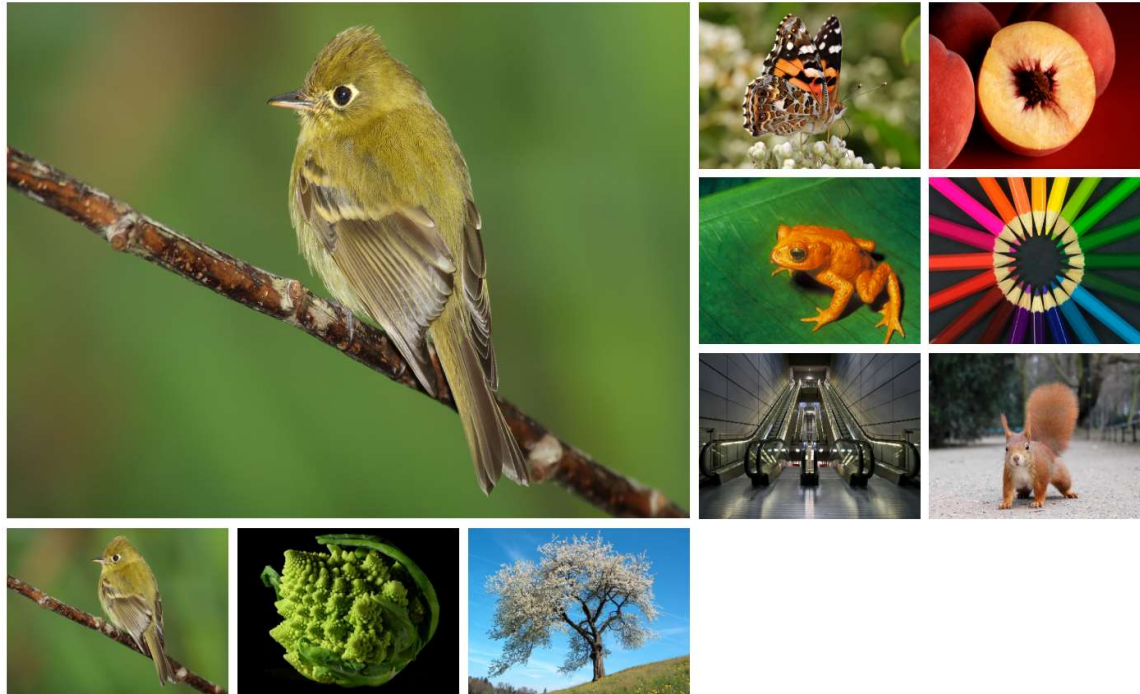
Developing JavaScript

- JavaScript can be executed directly in the browser
- Modern browsers offers rich features comparable to a development environment as developer tools
 - Move to compiled approaches such as TypeScript in a project should be carefully considered.
- Many online development environments that also allow to showcase work: JSFiddle
- Some more oriented to online sharing of small solutions
- Some full development environments.

Resizable Gallery



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- Changing the main image in a gallery view.

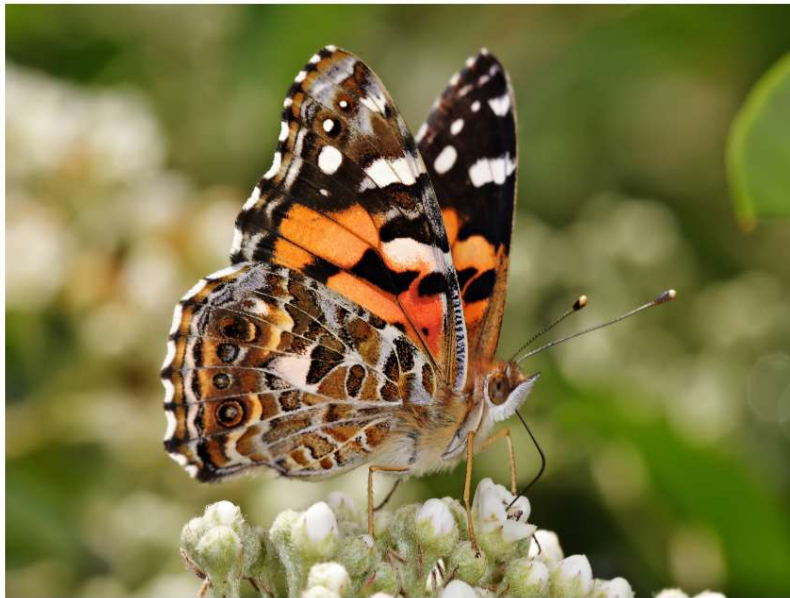
Changing the gallery main image

```
img {  
    height:465px;  
    width:616px;  
    border: solid  
        4px  
        transparent;  
    float: left;  
}
```

```
img.thumb {  
    height:150px;  
    width:200px;  
}
```

```
<link rel=stylesheet type="text/css"  
href="main01.css">  
  
<body>  
  
  
  
  
.  
.  
.  
  
  
  
  
<script >  
    function changeMainImg(that) {  
        document.getElementById("fullview").src=  
            that.src;  
    }  
</script>
```

Flexbox



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Flexbox

main.css

```
.flex-container {  
    display:  
        flex;  
}
```

```
<link rel=stylesheet type="text/css"  
href="main.css">  
  
<body>  
  
  
<div class="flex-container">  
      
  
    . . .  
      
</div>  
  
<script >  
    function changeMainImg(that) {  
        document.getElementById("fullview").src=  
        that.src;  
    }  
</script>
```

Flexbox

main.css

```
.flex-container {  
  display:  
    flex;  
  flex-wrap:  
    wrap;  
}
```

```
<link rel=stylesheet type="text/css"  
href="main.css">  
  
<body>  
  
  
<div class="flex-container">  
    
  . . .  
    
</div>  
  
<script >  
  function changeMainImg(that) {  
    document.getElementById("fullview").src=  
      that.src;  
  }  
</script>
```


Wrapped Flexbox



Customizing the order



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Customizing the order



Customizing the order

```

<div class="flex-container">
. . .

</div>
<script >
    var current;
    function changeMainImg(that) {
        document.getElementById("fullview").src = that.src;
        current = that;  }
    var maxorder = -100;
    function makeMax() {
        maxorder--;
        if (current) { current.style.order =
                        maxorder; }      }
</script>
```

State variables

```

<div class="flex-container">
. . .

</div>
<script >
    var current;
    function changeMainImg(that) {
        document.getElementById("fullview").src = that.src;
        current = that;  }
    var maxorder = -100;
    function makeMax() {
        maxorder--;
        if (current) { current.style.order =
                        maxorder; }      }
</script>
```

Resetting the order



Resetting the order



Resetting the order

```

<div class="flex-container">

. . .
</div>
<script >
const thumbs = document.querySelectorAll('.thumb');
  var current;
  function changeMainImg(that) {
    document.getElementById("fullview").src = that.src;
    current = that;    }
  var maxorder = -100;
  function makeMax() {
    maxorder--;
    if (current) { current.style.order = maxorder; }    }
  function myReset() {
    thumbs.forEach(thumb => {
      thumb.style.order = thumb.dataset.ord;});    }
</script>
```

Lecture notes

- JavaScript is a scripting language closely integrated with HTML and CSS.
- JavaScript is needed to provide functionality to a Web-technology based interface.
- The access of JavaScript to HTML gives us a powerful view of the overall HTML document.
- It is good to stick to bounded loops in the program because they cannot run into endless loops.
- Interface implementation with HTML/CSS/JavaScript can benefit from the robustness properties of the technology.
- JavaScript is readily executable in the Web browser, and web browsers even offer developer tools.