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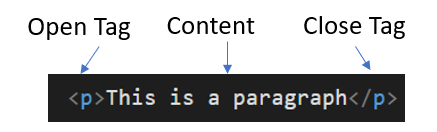
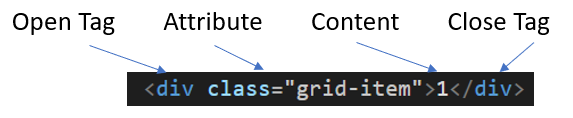
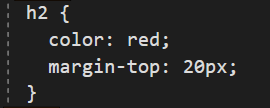
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# Marking Justification

# Week 1

## Reflections

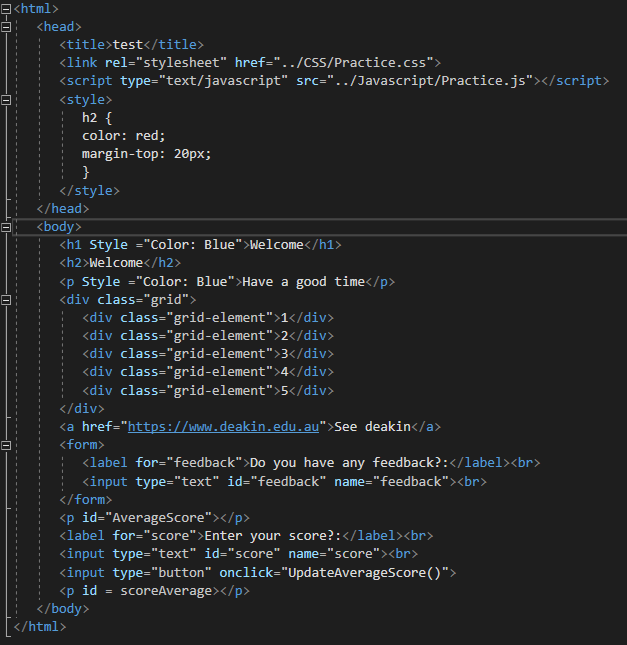
This week was the first week of the unit. As this week was the first week of the unit, we covered the unit structure, assessments and an outline of the content that will be covered. In addition to this we also were introduced to the fundamental building blocks of a web applications.

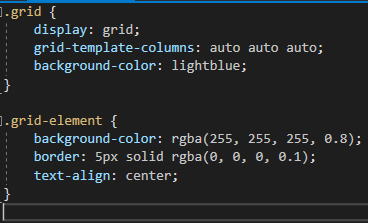
* HTML: Hyper Text Markup Language. HTML gives us the ability to outline the structure and content of our website. HTML is the main building block of any website as all websites require HTML to exist. A HTML document is made up entirely of elements
  + Elements: A HTML element makes up the content of a HTML page. Every element has a tag
    - Tag: A tag defines what type of element a HTML element is. Html tags can be structured in different ways depending on the tag. The below tags are both valid. Tags all begin with an opening tag such as <TAG>, some are then followed by content and then closed by a closing tag </TAG>
      * A paired tag  
         
      * An unpaired tag  
        
      * Tags can also contain further instructions within the opening tag known as attributes.  
        
* CSS: Cascading Style Sheets. CSS is used to modify appearance of websites and web applications. The structure of CSS is based on selectors and declarations.
  + Declarations are key values pairs which have a property and a value formatted as property: value. The property describes the describes the aspect to change such as colour, size, and many other things. The value assigns a value to this property.
  + Selectors contain declarations within them. The selector provides an instruction as to which elements the declarations should apply to A selector with inline CSS is not required as inline CSS is written as CSS declaration appearing within a HTML tag as an attribute as only applies to that single HTML element.
    - This is an example of inline CSS  
      
    - This is an example of a CSS selector The below selector would apply to any element that has the <h2> tag.  
      
* JavaScript: JavaScript is used to make web applications respond to user input. As JavaScript is a programming language, it is not as easy to succinctly define its syntax. JavaScript like most programming languages consists of objects, variables and functions. JavaScript is capable of adding, removing and modifying html elements in response to user input.

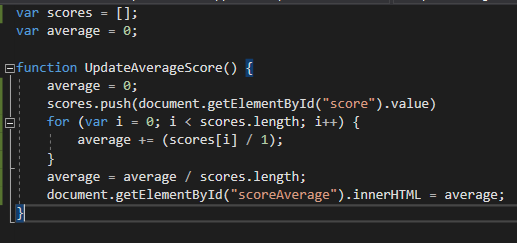
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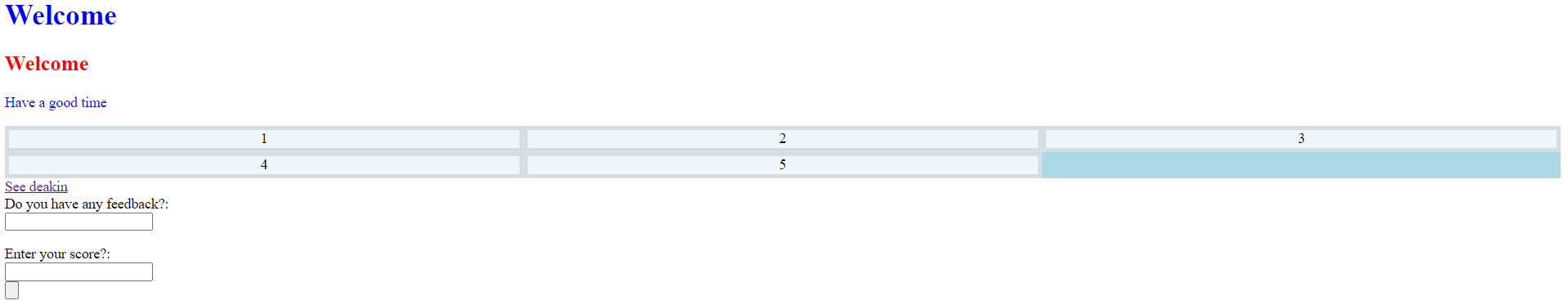
### Task 1-3

When undertaking this task, I was getting strange values when trying to calculate the student score average. I noticed I could fix this by changing scores[i] to scores [i]/1. I did not understand why this worked, only that it did.





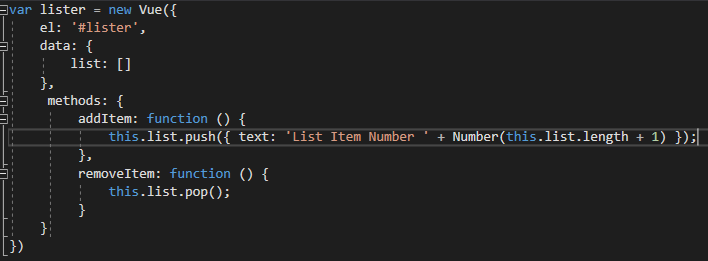




### Task 4

I was getting strange values when pushing new items to the list. Later I realised that the reason for this was because the values were acting as text addition rather than numerical addition. I resolved this by wrapping the values being added in Number() to convert them to a number after reading this documentation [Number - JavaScript | MDN (mozilla.org)](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Number) This helped me to realise what was happening with my previous issue that I resolved by changing score[i] to score[i]/1.

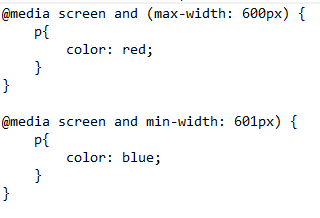




# Week 2

## Reflection

This week we learnt about what responsive websites are and how to create them. Responsive websites are websites which can respond to the size and capabilities of the device being used. A responsive website will respond/ change, so they display optimally on different screen sizes and shapes. Below is a list of ways to make a website more responsive:

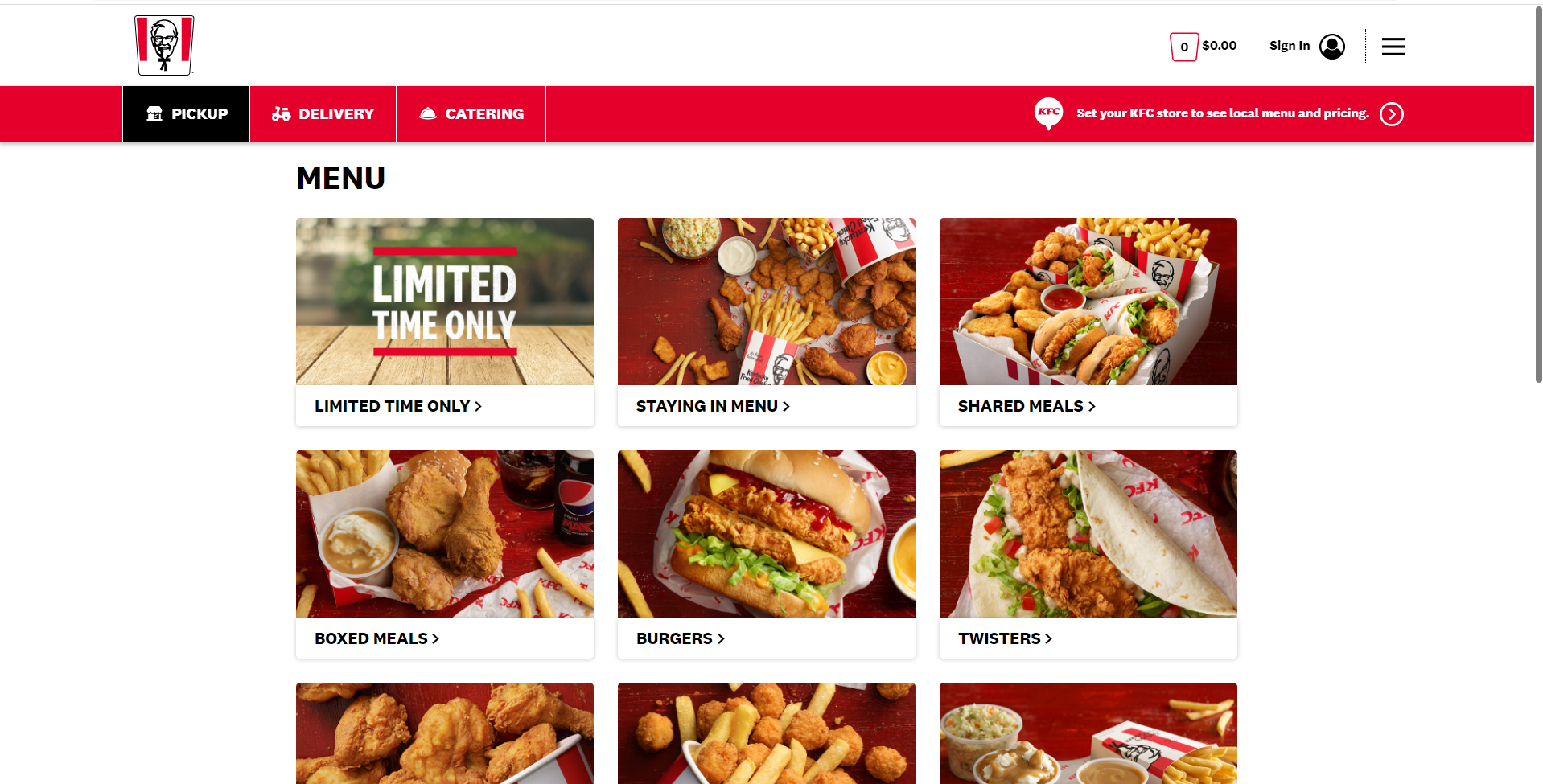
* Use the viewport tag in the html document. Using the viewport tag till allow the content of the website to be displayed in a way that fits the specific devices screen. The viewport tag is written as <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1"> and should be included in the HTML head.
* Do not set content sizes as absolute values such as pixels, instead use percentage so that the data will scale with changes in screen size. This is handled within CSS
* Use breakpoints to determine how the display of the page should change at certain size ranges. Media queries are written in CSS, they are similar to if else statements. A particular screen size in pixels (normally width) is set as the point that if the screen size is above this amount, certain CSS declarations will be user, whereas if the screen size is below this point, other CSS declarations will be used. The following is an example of a media tag that will display paragraphs as blue if the screen is wider than 600 pixels, otherwise paragraphs will be red.   
  

In addition to what responsive website design is and how to achieve it, we also learnt about user stories UX and UI.

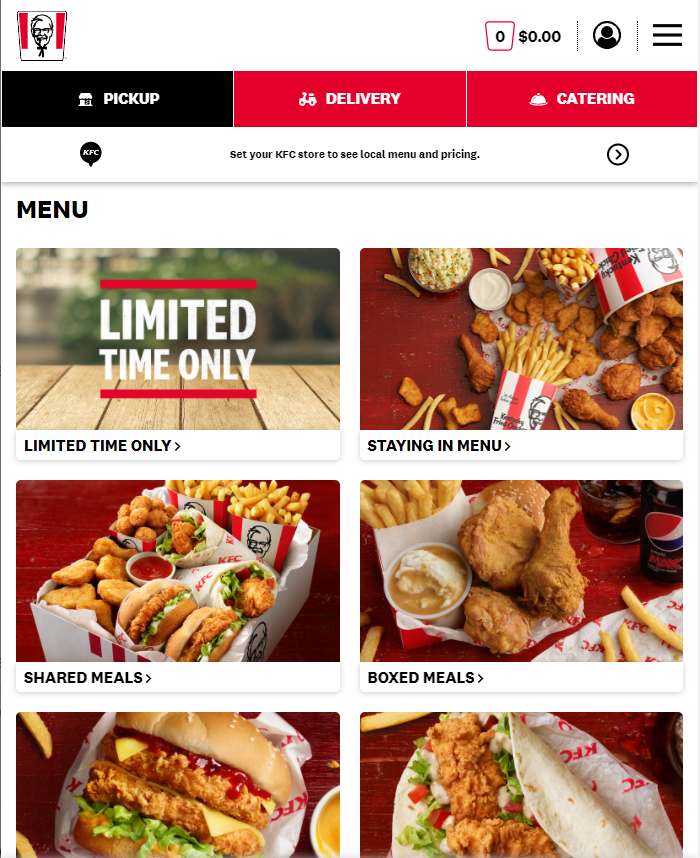
* User stories: User stories (also known as personas) are a description of an imaginary person who uses will use the website. User stories describe how the user likes to interact with websites and who their expectations, needs and desires of the website are. Stories of different types of users can be combined to get an understanding of user requirements and how to make the websites easier to use for these types of users.
* UX: User experience design is about the feelings of humans when interacting within an organisation/ system. In theory user experience design is not only applicable to applications.
* UI: User interface design is about the look and feel of a product that a user interacts with. User interface design is applicable to software applications.

## Practical Tasks

### Task 1

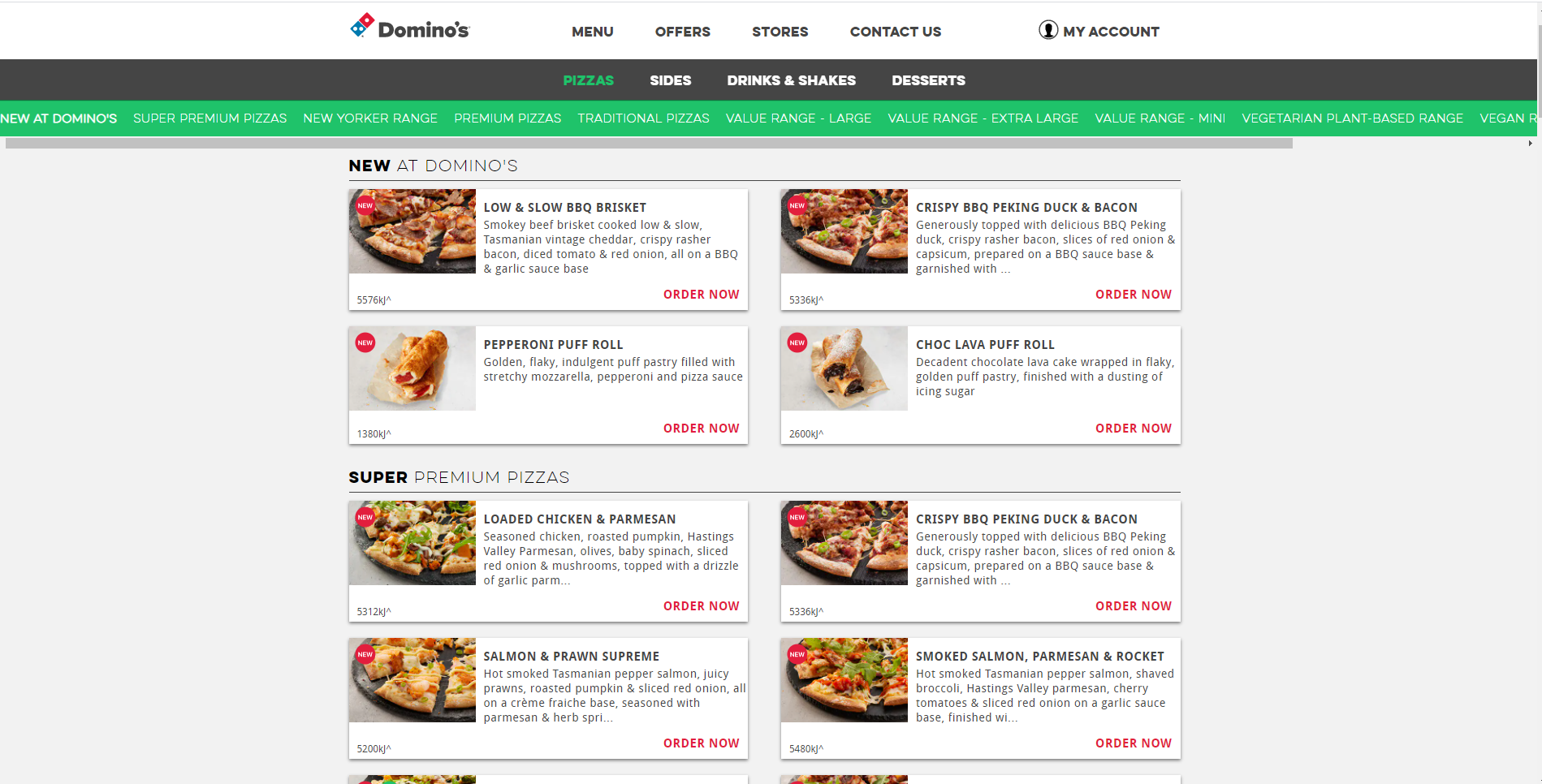
KFC’s website is responsive, particularly its menu. Different menu items are represented by an image. Images respond to image size by reducing image size and the number of images displayed per column as screen size is reduced. Below is the KFC screen at full width:  


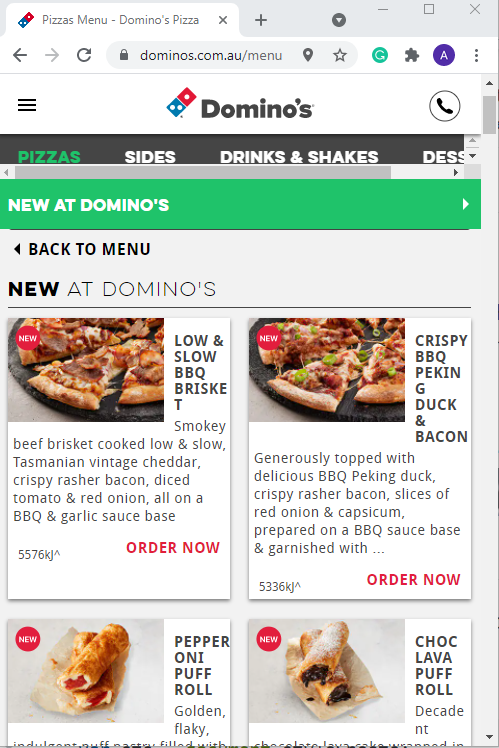
And now here it is at about half width.



As you adjust the screen size you can see where the media controller break points are occurring in the CSS code. KFC achieved this by most likely using flex grids with different break points.

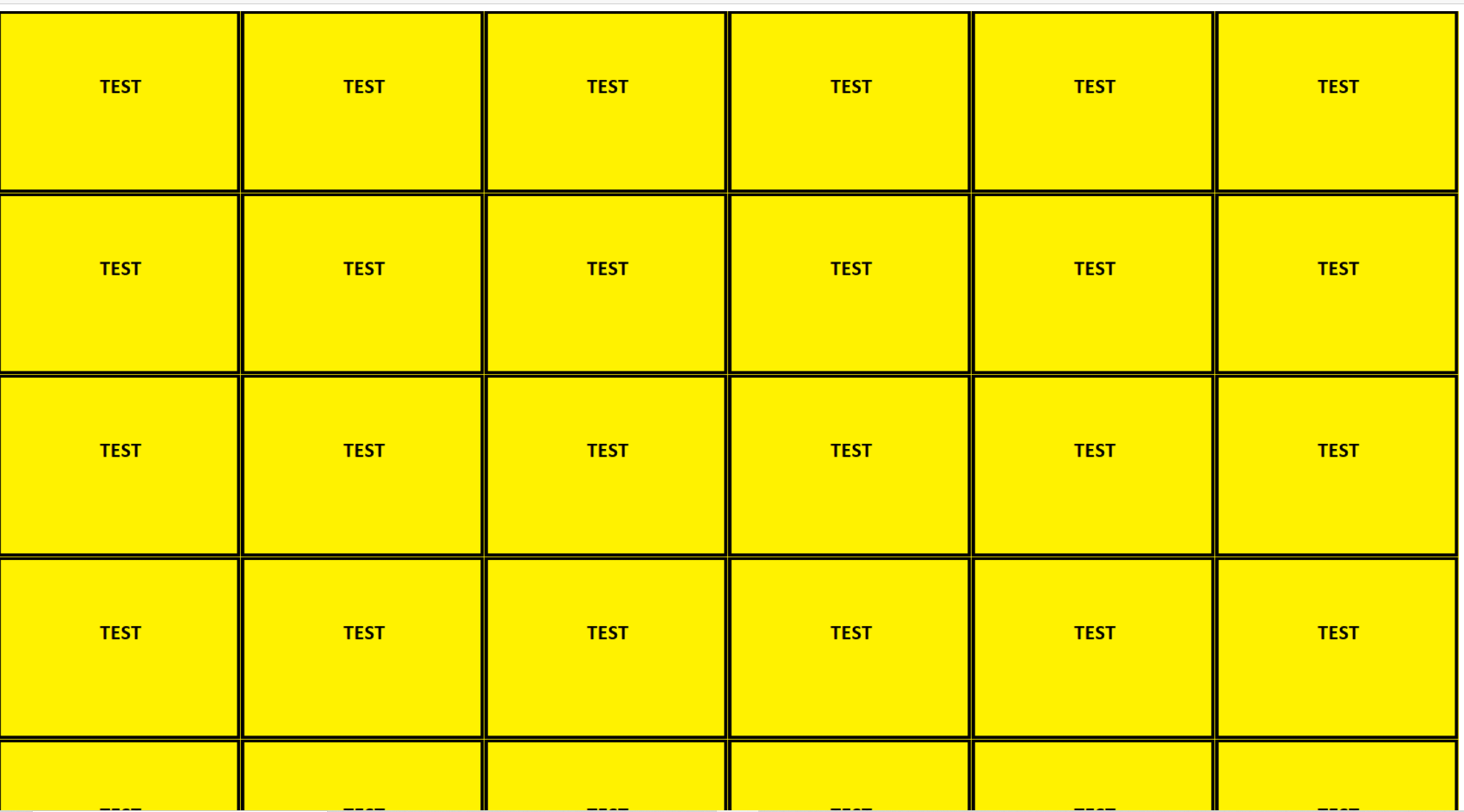
As for the dominos website, the number of columns is not adjusted as the image resolution shrinks. instead, items are stretched vertically. The dominos website can achieve this without stretching the images, as the images take up a small portion of each items content. This means the images themselves to not need to be resized. Most of each item is text, which can be easily spread down vertically.



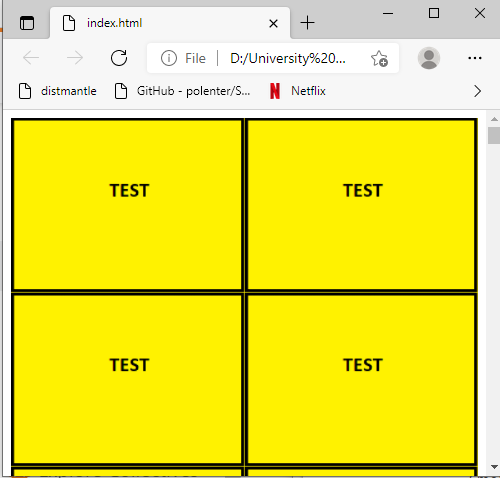


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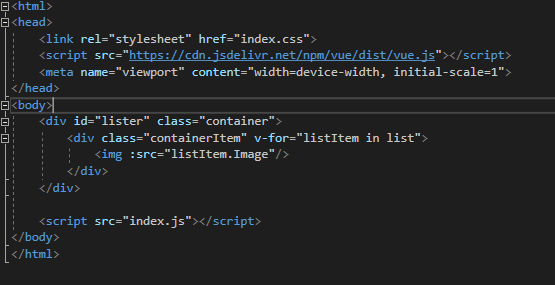
For task 2. I wanted to try and replicate the approach the KFC had taken with their website. I did this by using flex grids and breakpoints with the media controller.

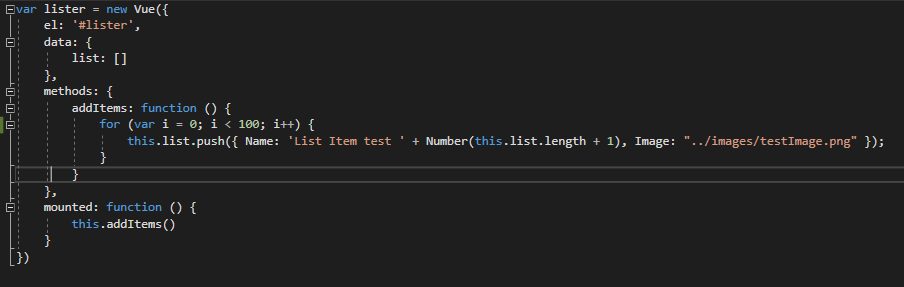
My page looks like this at full screen size:

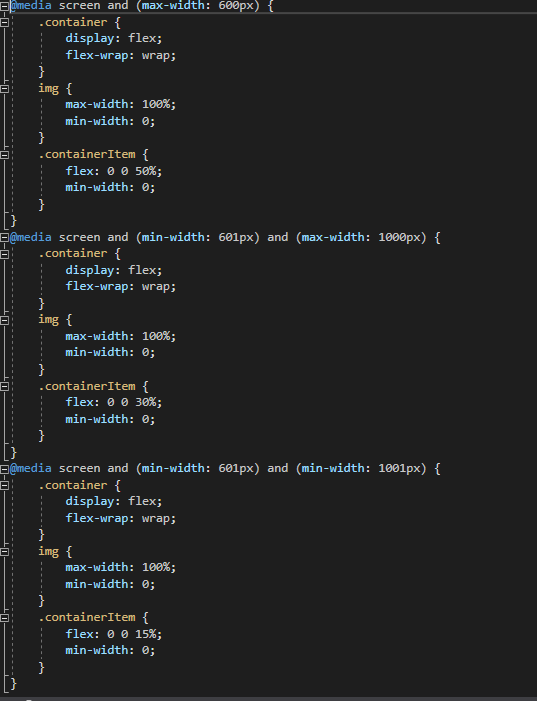
And this at minimum screen size:



I achieved this will the following code:



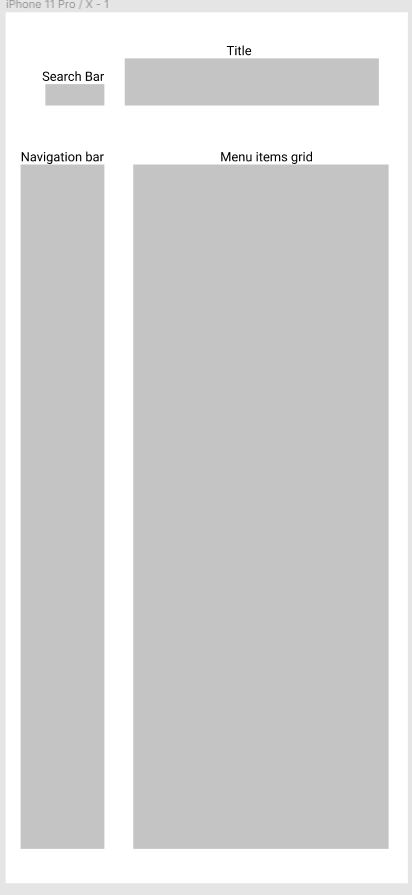




### Task 3

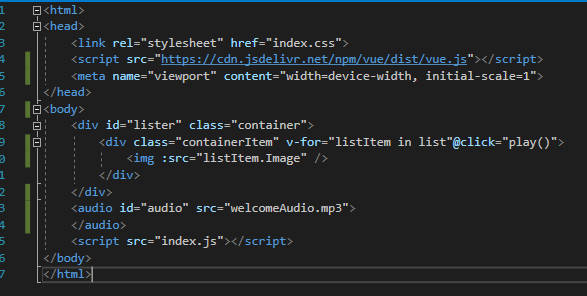
As John is a manual labourer, he gets quite hungry after he finishes work. John often does overtime. As a result of this when he finishes work it is quite late, and he wants food on the go. Unfortunately, the lines at many of the takeaways are quite long around the time that John finishes work. Because of this, it would be better for John to be able to order ahead so his food is ready to pick up as soon as he gets to the takeaway. Also, as John is coming from work, he won’t have access to a computer, only his mobile phone. John doesn’t have the best eyesight and he has little patience for hard to use applications, so the any application he uses needs to be easy to see despite being on the smaller screen of a mobile device.

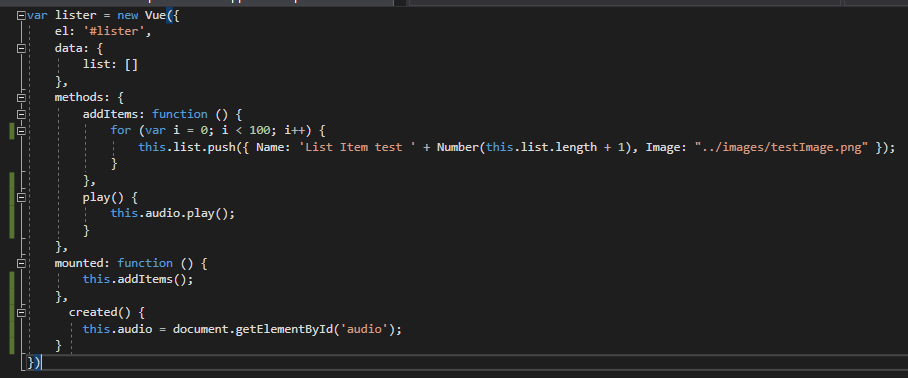
I used Figma to design the below prototype for a food ordering app. This app displays things horizontally for the most part so that users are not required to scrolls horizontally through the navigation bar or menu. I tried to make the app’s layout similar to what you would see in any other typical mobile app as a user like John would not want to spend time having to adjust to a application that breaks standard conventions.



### Task 4

I added some audio functionality to the website. When the user selects any of the menu items, an audio clips now will play. I achieved this by using the following code.





# Week 3

## Reflection

This week we learnt about JavaScript.

We learnt about syntax, variables, control statements, how to use JavaScript to change html elements by using the DOM. Based on JavaScript there are many libraries and frameworks, such as view, jQuery and ajax. Only Vue will be covered in this unit, however knowledge of jQuery and ajax is important. JavaScript is an object orientated based programming language, it is prototype based. designed to make websites content dynamic. JavaScript contains many of the common data structures that most programming languages have, such as arrays. JavaScript also has the typical control statements such as loops, if else logic and switches. JavaScript also has its own common default libraries.

The power of JavaScript is the link between JavaScript and dom.

Ways to declare a variable in JavaScript: var, let, const.

Variables declared with var exist within the scope of the function that declares it. Variables declared with let exist within the scope of the opening and closing brackets {} which contain it. The other difference is that let enables superior debugging to var, as if you try to make use of a variable declared with let after the statement trying to use it, you will receive a reference error alerting you to the problem at its source. If you did the same with a variable declared with var, the program would allow this, however the variable would be set as the type undefined, which may not throw an error at the exact point of the program where it is first used, making debugging harder.

One thing that is slightly different about JavaScript to other languages is the use of === when evaluating equality between two variables. The use of === in JavaScript means that the type of the two variables must be the same as well as the value, whilst the use of == means that the value of two variables is considered only. An example of this is as follows.

var value = true;  
If(value == 1)

would evaluate as true as both variables have a value of 1.

var value == true;

if(value === 1)

would evaluate as false, as although both of these variables have a value of 1, their types are not equal, one being a bool and one being an int.

When using a switch statements, you can make two case values use the same code chunk by simply writing the case statements as

Switch(test) {

case ‘value1’:  
alert(“value1”);  
break;  
case ‘value2’:  
case ‘value3’:  
alert(“value2 and value3”);  
break;  
default:  
alert(“default”);

}

Some of the things I have learnt are the difference between let and var and what the use of === means. I also was not aware of the ability to make two case statements run the same code.

DOM: Document Object Model is a tree structure that looks like this.

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Every element is represented as an object which can be accessed by JavaScript using inner html. Just like any other JavaScript object, DOM elements have member variables and methods/functions.

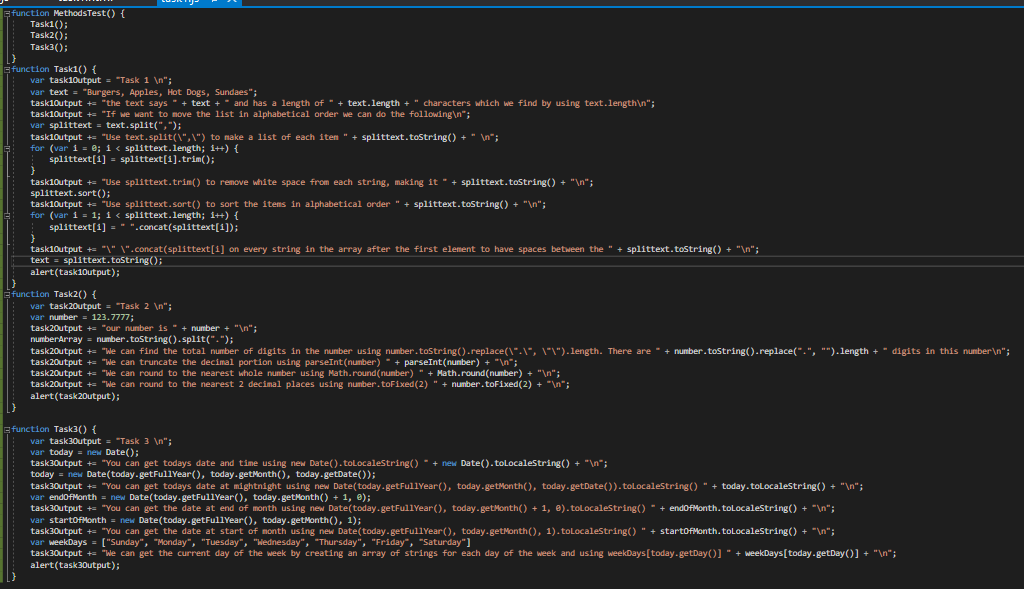
Ajax and jQuery allow us to exchange information between the server and the client. JSON is used as a way to send and receive information from client to server. JSON objects are key value pairs separated by a comma. JSON objects can be converted a string value using JSON.strinfigy(mystring). Strings can also be converted to JSON objects using JSON.parse. JSON object data can be accessed like we would access any property from an object using object.propery.

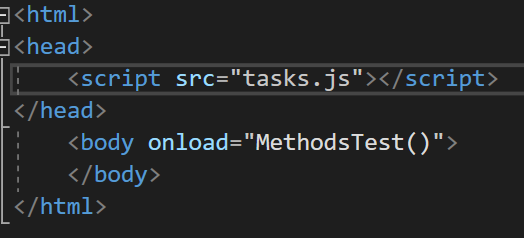
JQUERY is a JavaScript library which allows html/DOM manipulations, CSS manipulation, html event methods, effects and animations, ajax, utilities.

AJAX: Asynchronous JavaScript and xml. AJAX allows communication between the client and the server. Ajax allows data to be retrieved from the server and displayed on the page without reloading the page. JavaScript allows the client to sent information to the server using post. JavaScript allows the client to request information using post.

## Practical Tasks

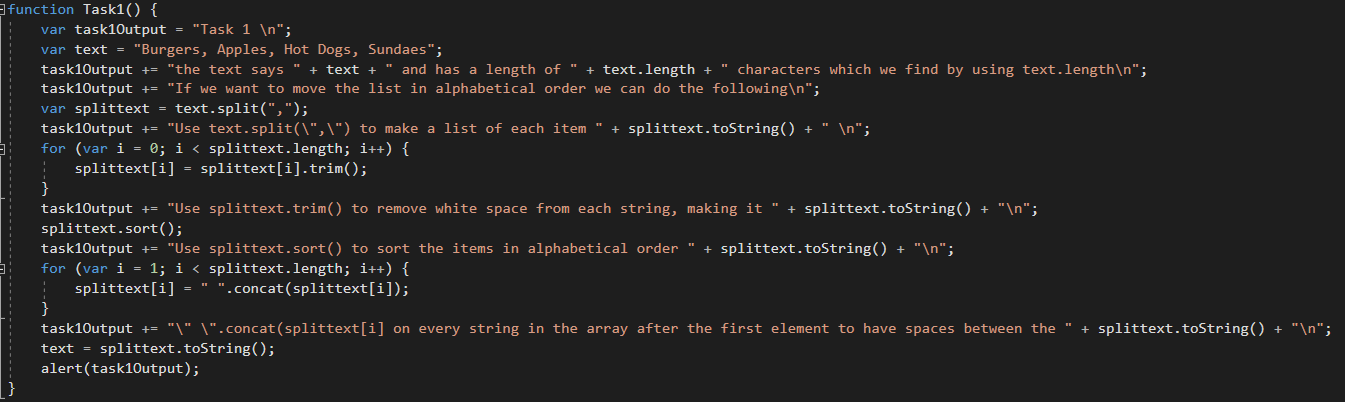
Tasks 1 to 3 were completed in a single JavaScript file which displays an alert when the html file loads. The two files are as below:

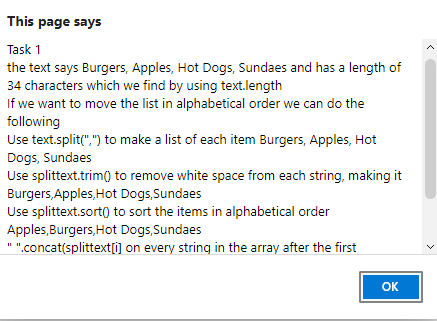


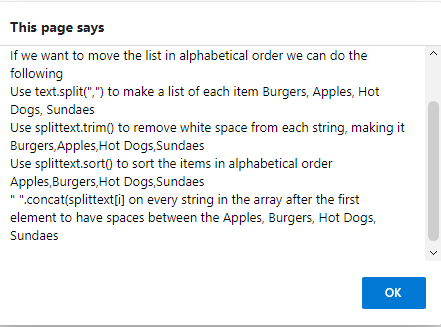


### Tasks 1

For this task I demonstrated how to take a list of items in a string and rearrange them I alphabetical order. I made use of split, trim, sort, toString and contact to achieve this.

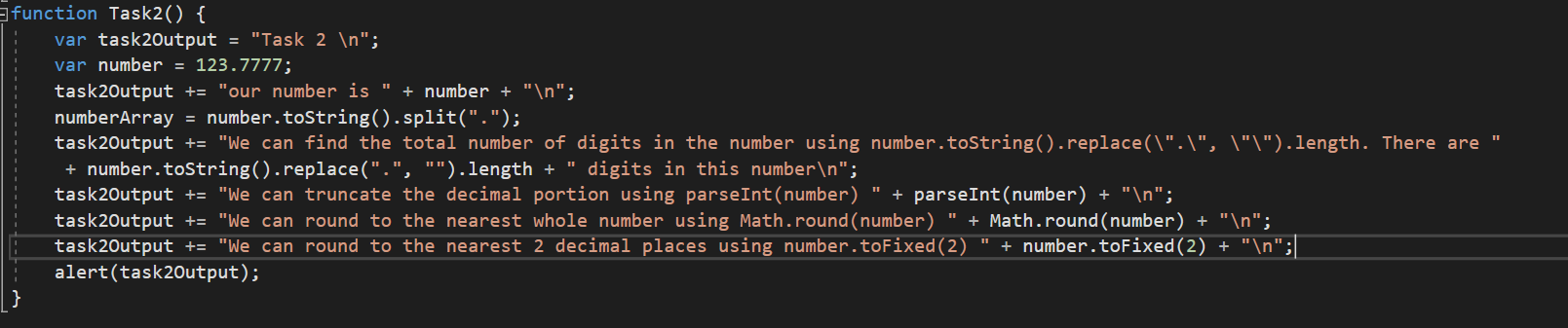


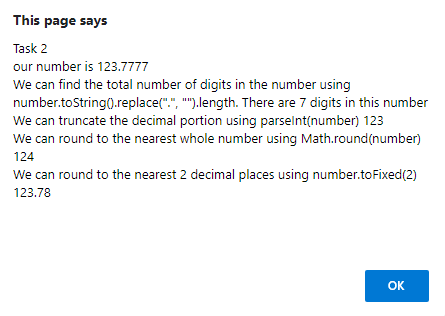




In this task I demonstrated the use of various number functions. I used parseInt to demonstrate truncation, I user Math.Round to show how to avoid truncation and I used toFixed to show how to round a number to the nearest two decimal places. I also used string manipulation to count the total number of digits in the number.

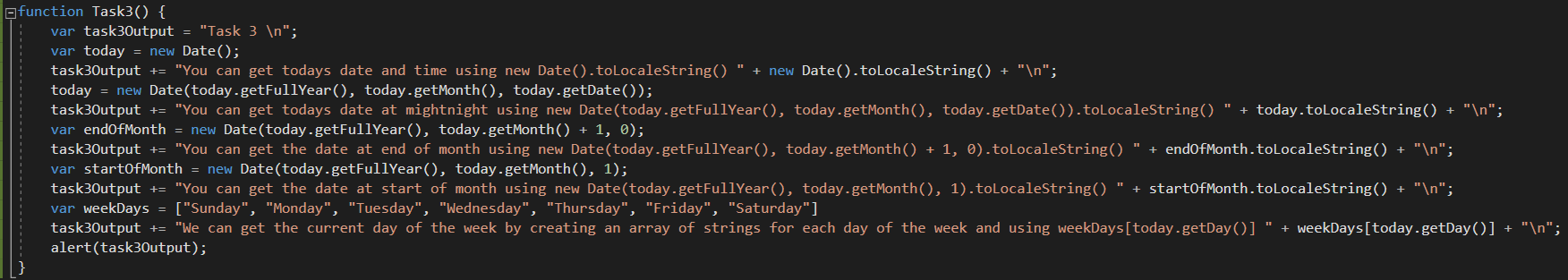
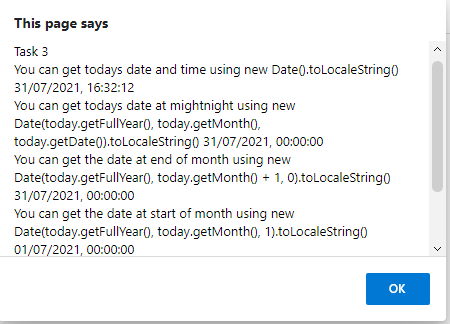
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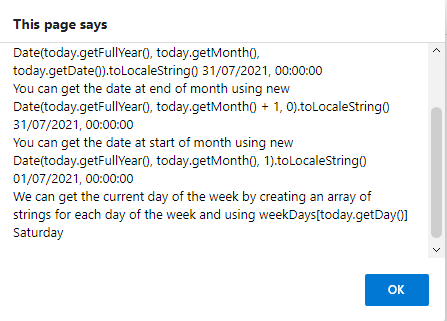




In this take I demonstrated how to find the current date, the date for the end of the month and the date for the start of the month. I did this using the built in JavaScript date functions, such as getDate, getMonth, getFullYear, getDate. I also demonstrated how we can return the current date of the week by creating an array of string for each day of the week and using the result of getDay as the index.

### Tasks 3



### Task 4

* Computer property: A computed property is a value which is calculated based on other values.
* Object and style binding: Object binding allows Vue to manipulate html based on the properties of a Vue component. It is “one way” meaning that html will not change the JavaScript (component) properties, but these properties will change the html. This allows Vue to easily display the value of a JavaScript object.
* Conditional rendering: Conditional rendering allows html elements to be displayed based on an if statement with the condition being the value of a JavaScript (component) property.
* List rendering: List rendering allows us to use foreach loops within our html. This means that elements for each item in a JavaScript array can be displayed.
* Event handling: Even handling allows JavaScript code to be ran based on a html event such as onclick. This is somewhat like the reverse of Object binding. Whilst object binding allows JavaScript to effect html, event handling allows html to effect JavaScript. Like object binding it is also “one way”.
* Form input binding: Form input binding allows input into html to effect JavaScript variables. It also allows JavaScript variables to effect html. It is a “two-way binding” allowing variables to be kept in sync on both the JavaScript side and the html side.
* Component: A component in Vue is a Vue instance which can be used inside of the root Vue instance.
* Component Registration: Component registration allows components to be accessible in other view components templates. Globally registering a component makes that component available to any view components template. Locally registering a component allows us to choose whether that component should be accessible in another components template from that other component.
* Props are properties within a Vue component. These are key value pairs that act as variables.
* Custom events: Custom events in Vue allow us the ability to emit our own custom events, changing their behaviour.
* Slots allow the content of a component to render differently based on how the component is used.
* Dynamic and async components. Dynamic components cache their state after events, such as switching tabs. Asynchronous components are loaded only as they are required.
* Edge cases: Edge cases are situations where it is appropriate to break the normal Vue rules and conventions to solve them.