JavaScript Statements Reference

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JavaScript Statements

In HTML, JavaScript statements are "instructions" to be "executed" by the web browser.

This statement tells the browser to write "Hello Dolly." inside an HTML element with id="demo":

Example

document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Hello Dolly.";

Try it Yourself » (tryit.asp?filename=tryjsref_statement)

For a tutorial about Statements, read our JavaScript Statements Tutorial (/js/js_statements.asp).

JavaScript Statement Identifiers

JavaScript statements often start with a **statement identifier** to identify the JavaScript action to be performed.

Statement identifiers are reserved words and cannot be used as variable names (or any other things).

The following table lists all JavaScript statements:

Statement	Description
break (jsref_break.asp)	Exits a switch or a loop
continue (jsref_continue.asp)	Breaks one iteration (in the loop) if a specified condition occurs, and continues with the next iteration in the loop
debugger (jsref_debugger.asp)	Stops the execution of JavaScript, and calls (if available) the debugging function
do while (jsref_dowhile.asp)	Executes a block of statements and repeats the block while a condition is true

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