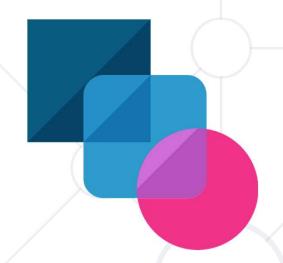
JavaScript Classes

Constructor, Properties, Methods, Getters, Setters



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Defining Classes Constructor, Properties, Accessors

Class Definition



- Structure for objects
- Classes define:
 - Data (properties, attributes)
 - Actions (behavior)
- One class may have many instances (objects)
- Unlike functions, class declarations are not hoisted!



Class Body



The class body contains method definitions

```
class Circle {
    constructor(r) {
        this.r = r;
    }
};
```

- The constructor is a special method for creating and initializing an object created with a class
- Instance properties are defined inside the constructor



Class Methods



 A class may have methods, which will be available to its instances

```
class Rectangle {
  constructor(height, width) {
    this.height = height;
    this.width = width;
  }
  // Method
  calcArea() { return this.height * this.width;
  }
  const square = new Rectangle(10, 10);
  console.log(square.calcArea()); // 100
```



Instance Context



this refers to the instance of the class

```
class Person {
  constructor(firstName, lastName) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
    this.lastName = lastName;
  displayName() {
    console.log(`Name: ${this.firstName} ${this.lastName}`);
};
const person = new Person("John", "Doe");
person.displayName(); // Name: John Doe
```

Problem: Person



- Write a class that represent a personal record
- It needs to have the following properties:
 - firstName, lastName, age and email
- And a toString() method

```
let person = new Person('Anna', 'Simpson', 22, 'anna@yahoo.com');
console.log(person.toString());
// Anna Simpson (age: 22, email: anna@yahoo.com)
```

Solution: Person



Instance of Operator



 The instance of operator returns true if the given object is an instance of the specified class

```
const circle = new Circle(5);

console.log(circle instanceof Circle); // true
console.log(circle instanceof Object); // true
console.log(circle instanceof String); // false
console.log(circle instanceof Number); // false
```

Static Methods



The static keyword defines a static method for a class

```
class MyClass {
  static staticMethod() { return 'Static call'; }
}
```

Static methods are part of the class and not of its instances

```
console.log(MyClass.staticMethod())
```

They can only access other static methods via this context

```
static anotherStaticMethod() {
   return this.staticMethod() + ' from another method';
}
```

Problem: Point Distance



- Write a class representing a Point in the plane
 - Properties x and y, set through the constructor
 - Static method distance()
 - Takes two parameters of type Point
 - Returns Euclidian distance between them





```
class Point {
    constructor(x, y) {
        this.x = x;
        this.y = y;
    static distance(p1, p2) {
        const dx = p1.x - p2.x;
        const dy = p1.y - p2.y;
        return Math.sqrt(dx ** 2 + dy ** 2);
```

Accessor Properties



- Accessor properties are methods that mimic values
 - Keywords get and set with matching identifiers
 - They can be accessed and assigned to like properties

```
class Circle {
  constructor(r) { this.radius = r; }
  get area() {
    return Math.PI * (this.radius ** 2);
  }
}
const circle = new Circle(5);
console.log(circle.area); // 78.5398...
Accessing value
without brackets
```



Accessor Properties Example



Property getter

Property setter

Read-only property area

```
class Circle {
  constructor(radius) { this.radius = radius; }
 - get diameter() { return 2 * this.radius; }
 set diameter(value) {
    this.radius = value / 2:
  get area() {
    return Math.PI * (this.radius ** 2);
let c = new Circle(2);
c.diameter = 1.6;
console.log(`Radius: ${c.radius}`); // 0.8
console.log(`Diameter: ${c.diameter}`); // 1.6
console.log(`Area: ${c.area}`); // 2.0106...
```

Accessor Properties Application



- Accessors are often used for validation
 - The setter can verify that a given value meets requirements

```
set diameter(value) {
  if (value <= 0) {
    throw new Error('Diameter must be positive');
  }
  this.radius = value / 2;
}</pre>
```

- Properties without a setter are read-only (cannot be assigned)
- Getters can be used for a validated or calculated property



Review: DOM Elements as Class Instances



- All DOM objects are instances of standard DOM classes
 - Always created via factory functions, instead of with new

```
const divElement = document.createElement('div');
console.log(divElement instanceof HTMLDivElement); // true
```

- They provide many useful methods and properties
 - Already seen: addEventListener, appendChild, remove, children, parentNode, textContent, value, etc.

Additional DOM Methods



- cloneNode (deep) create a duplicate of the selected element
 - If deep is true, a deep-copy is created

```
const duplicate = divElement.cloneNode(true);
```

replaceWith() replaces selected element with another

```
const span = document.createElement('span');
divElement.replaceWith(span);
```

- before() insert element before selected node
- after() insert element after selected node

Manipulate Element CSS Class



 classList - is a read-only property that returns a collection of the class attributes of specified element

```
<div id="myDiv" class="container div root"></div>
```

```
const element = document.getElementById('myDiv').classList;
// DOMTokenList(3)
["container", "div", "root", value: "container div root"]
```

Manipulate Element CSS Class (2)



classList Methods

```
<div id="myDiv" class="container div root"></div>
```

add() - Adds the specified class values

```
document.getElementById('myDiv').classList.add('testClass');
```

remove() - Removes the specified class values

```
document.getElementById('myDiv').classList.remove('container');
```

```
<div id="myDiv" class="div root testClass"></div>
```

HTML Attributes and Methods



getAttribute() - returns the value of attributes of specified HTML element

```
<input type="text" name="username"/>
<input type="password" name="password"/>
```

```
const inputEle = document.getElementsByTagName('input')[0];
inputEle.getAttribute('type'); // text
inputEle.getAttribute('name'); // username
```

HTML Attributes and Methods (2)



setAttribute() - sets the value of an attribute on the specified HTML element

```
<input type="text" name="username"/>
<input type="password"/>
```

```
const inputPassEle = document.getElementsByTagName('input')[1];
inputPassEle.setAttribute('name', 'password');
```

```
<input type="text" name="username"/>
<input type="password" name="password"/>
```

HTML Attributes and Methods (3)



removeAttribute() - removes the attribute with the specified name from an HTML element

```
<input type="text" name="username" placeholder="Username..."/>
<input type="password" name="password" placeholder="Password..."/>
```

```
const inputPassEle = document.getElementsByTagName('input')[1];
inputPassEle.removeAttribute('placeholder');
```

```
<input type="text" name="username" placeholder="Username..."/>
<input type="password" name="password"/>
```

HTML Attributes and Methods (4)



hasAttribute() - method returns true if the specified attribute exists, otherwise it returns false

```
<input type="text" name="username" placeholder="Username..."/>
<input type="password" name="password" id="password"/>
```

```
const passwordElement = document.getElementById('password');
passwordElement.hasAttribute('name'); // true
passwordElement.hasAttribute('placeholder'); // false
```

dataset obtain DOMStringMap of custom data attributes

Combining Elements and Behavior



- Classes can be used to encapsulate elements and behavior
 - Store references to DOM elements
 - Provide event handlers
 - Methods that manipulate the elements
- This is called the Component Pattern
 - Used in many JS frameworks, such as React, Vue, Angular
 - Used in the Custom Web Component API



Live Demonstration

Classes Interacting with DOM



Build-in Collections Set, Map, WeakSet, WeakMap

What is a Map?



- A Map collection stores its elements in insertion order
- A for-of loop returns an array of [key, value] for each iteration
- Pure JavaScript objects are like Maps in that both let you:
 - Assign values to keys
 - Detect whether something is stored in a key
 - Delete keys



Adding/Accessing Elements



set(key, value) – adds a new key-value pair

```
let map = new Map();
map.set(1, "one"); // key - 1, value - one
map.set(2, "two"); // key - 2, value - two
```

get(key) – returns the value of the given key

```
map.get(2); // two
map.get(1); // one
```

size – property, holding the number of stored entries

Contains / Delete



has (key) - checks if the map has the given key

```
map.has(2); // true
map.has(4); // false
```

• .delete(key) - removes a key-value pair

```
map.delete(1); // Removes 1 from the map
```

• clear() - removes all key-value pairs

Iterators



- .entries() returns Iterator array of [key, value]
- keys() returns Iterator with all the keys
- values() returns Iterator with all the values

```
let entries = Array.from(map.entries());
// [ [1, 'one'], [2, 'two'] ]
let keys = Array.from(map.keys()); // [1, 2]
let values = Array.from(map.values()); // ['one', 'two']
```

These methods return an Iterator, transform it into an Array

Iterating a Map



To print a map simply use one of the iterators inside a for-of

```
let iterable = phonebookMap.keys();
for(let key of iterable) {
  console.log(`${key} => ${phonebookMap.get(key)}`);
}
```

```
for(let [key, value] of phonebookMap) {
  console.log(`${key} => ${value}`);
}
```

Map Sorting



- To sort a Map, first transform it into an array
- Then use the sort() method

What is a Set?



- Store unique values of any type, whether primitive values or object references
- Set objects are collections of values

```
let set = new Set([1, 2, 2, 4, 5]);
// Set(4) { 1, 2, 4, 5 }
set.add(7)); // Add value
console.log(set.has(1));
// Expected output: true
```

Can iterate through the elements of a set in insertion order



WeakMap and WeakSet



- Special variants of Map and Set
- Their elements do not count as active references
 - Reference types visible (in scope) in the program stack are active
 - Active references remain in memory
 - Out-of-scope references are removed by the garbage collector
- These collections are used in memory-intensive applications

Summary



- Classes structure for objects, that may define
 - Constructors & Parameters
 - Methods & Properties
 - Getters & Setters
- DOM Classes: review and more
- Build-in Collections
 - Map & Set





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