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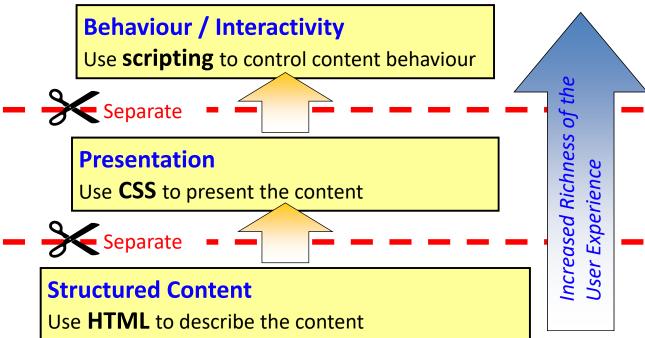
# COS10011/60004 Creating Web Applications

Lecture 5
JavaScript Part 1



# Separate behaviour from content and presentation







Work from the bottom up!

#### **Programming Objects**



• For example, imagine an object, say a ball.

With this ball we can ask a couple of generalised "what" questions

- What attributes does the ball have?
- What can the ball do?
- What events can happen to a ball?





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# Programming Objects (continued)



#### We can make the questions more specific:

- What attributes does our ball have?
  - · What colour?
  - What size?
  - What weight?
- What can the ball do?
  - What can we do with it throw

Referred to as properties. things = nouns

> Referred to as methods actions = verbs

- What events can happen to a ball?
  - Is dropped
  - Is thrown

Referred to as events

events = (intransitive) verbs



#### JavaScript Objects



#### In JavaScript, we say

What properties does a ball have?

```
ball.colour;
ball.size;
ball.weight;
Dot notation
```

What methods does a ball have?

```
ball.bounce();
ball.hit();
Note parenthesis
```

What events can happen to a ball?

```
ball.isThrown Note no parenthesis
```



# Document Object – Example

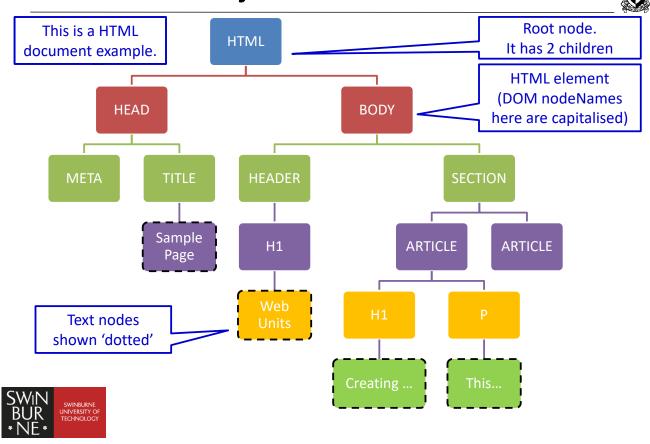
This example is a HTML document.
But this applies to any XML document.

- A document is represented as a tree of nodes
- The first node is referred to as the root node
- Each node can have children
- A node with no children is referred to as leaf node

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
                   any XML document.
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <title>Sample Page</title>
</head>
<body>
  <header>
    <h1 id="pgHead">Web Units</h1>
  </header>
  <section>
     <article>
       <h1>Creating Web Apps</h1>
       This unit covers ... 
     </article>
     <article> ...
     </article>
  <section>
</body>
</html>
```



#### Document Object – Tree Structure



# **Document Object**



#### Where are the objects?

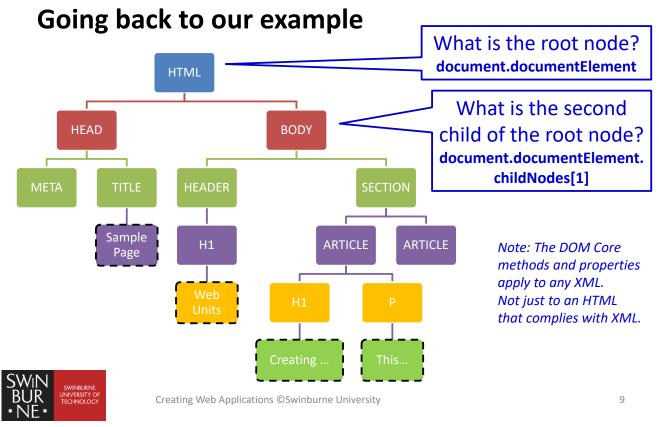
- The entire HTML page is made up of objects
- Using the tree representation, each node is an object.
- In our example, we have 16 nodes or 16 objects
- · We can using either
  - HTML objects or
  - DOM Core properties and methods

(more on this later ...)



#### Document Object – Tree Structure





# **DOM** - Document Object Model



- A cross-platform and language-independent
   API (Application Programming Interface) that
   treats an HTML, XHTML, or XML document as
   a tree structure, wherein each node is an object
   representing a part of the document.
- The objects can be manipulated programmatically and any visible changes occurring as a result may then be reflected in the display of the document



#### JavaScript and DOM



- JavaScript originally developed as an HTML manipulation scripting language by Netscape
- Java-like syntax
- Standardised as ECMAScript
- DOM is not part of core JavaScript, but JavaScript uses the DOM to interact with the Web browser. This technique is referred to as
   DOM manipulation
- DOM uses JavaScript's Core Objects such as Array, Boolean, Date, Math, Number, RegExp, String, ...



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# **DOM - Document Object Methods**



• Some useful methods of document object

```
getElementById()
getElementsByName()
getElementsByTagName()
createElement()
createTextNode()
createAttribute()
```

Pre-defined object



#### **HTML DOM Events**



Document object can be registered to respond to events that happen in the browser.

An "event handler" is created for the object

- Mouse events
  - onclick, ondblclick, onmouseup, onmousedown, onmouseover, onmousemove, ...
- **Keyboard** events
  - onkeydown, onkeypress, ...
- Form events
  - onblur, onchange, onfocus, oninvalid, onsubmit, ...
- Drag events, animation, clipboard, print, media, transition, ...

http://www.w3schools.com/jsref/dom\_obj\_event.asp



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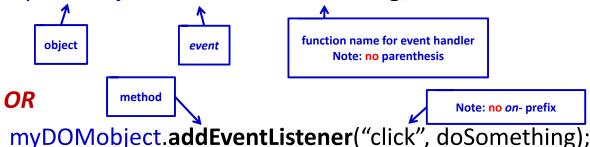
# Creating an event listener in JavaScript



Listener for when the mouse clicks on an HTML object:

myDOMobject.onclick = doSomething;

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OR

myDOMobject.addEventListener("click", function(){ some function definition; } );



function which then allows parameters to be passed.

definition

#### A very simple example - HTML



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
                                     Create reference to JavaScript
  <title>Lecture 5 Demo</title>
                                          file from your HTML
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <meta name="description" conter Reading and writing to an HTML doc" />
  <script src="lect5_html_io.js"></script>
</head>
                                  Note <script> element has a closing tag </script>
<body>
  <h1>Input and Output using JavaScript</h1>
  Click me - to run 'prompt' and display 'alert'
  <span id="mymessage"></span>
</body>
</html>
                        Identify parts of the HTML
                          that will respond to JS
```



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#### JavaScript: Adding to HTML



- Embedded in HTML element (Inline)
   <input type="button" value="Back" onclick="clickme()"/>
- Embedded within HTML header



Include reference to an external file



<script src="lect5\_html\_io.js"></script>

#### CWA best practice, mandated approach:

- Separates behaviour from content
- Can be cached by user's web browser, if needed by multiple webpages, it is only downloaded once.



#### A very simple <u>example</u> - JavaScript



```
function getInputInfo() {
                                    //declare local variables
                    var myString;
                    myString = prompt("Enter a string", "Enter something here...");
                    alert("Your output: " + myString);
Functions to
                   outputMessage = document.getElementById("mymessage");
 handle the
                    outputMessage.textContent="Your output: " + myString;
   events
                                                        DOM object in the
                                                           HTML page
                 function init() {
JS variable
                    var clickme = document.getElementById("clickme");
referencing
                   clickme.onclick = getInputInfo;
the DOM
  object
                                                 'Listeners' that link events on the
                                                  web page to function names.
                 window.onload = init;
                                                Note: no brackets after the function
                                                               name
                                     function
                  object
                           event
                                      name
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```

#### In Summary...



#### 1. HTML file

- i. Create reference to JavaScript file from your HTML <script src="myscript.js"></script>
- ii. Identify parts of the HTML that will respond to JS e.g. have id attributes on elements that will be referenced

#### 2. JavaScript file

 Define 'listeners' that link events on the Web page to function names

```
e.g. window.onload = init; or button.onclick = do_something;
```

ii. Write the functions to handle the events

```
function do_something() {
     alert("This displays an alert box");
}
```



#### A JavaScript Template



```
/* Filename: [ name of this file...].js

Target html: [ what is the html file(s) linked to this js...]

Purpose: [ a html file may have multiple js files. What does this one do?...]

Author: [ your name...]

Date written: [ ...]

Revisions: [ your name, what, when...]

*/

// [ brief comment on what the function does...]

function init() {
}

window.onload = init;
```

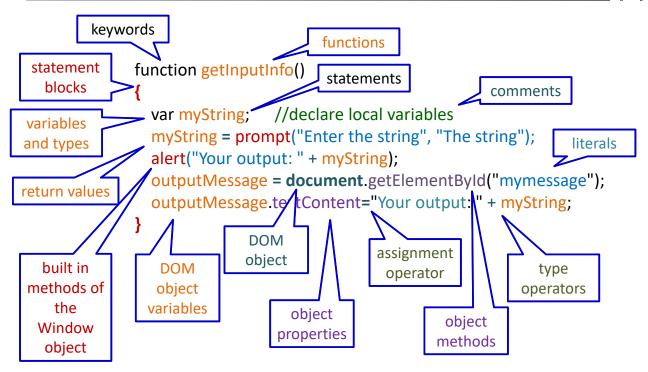


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# JavaScript - Language Syntax







#### JavaScript – This lecture



- Comments
- Statement, blocks and naming rules
- Variables
- Data types
- Operators and expressions
- Functions and scope



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# JavaScript – Language Syntax



#### **Comments**

Any text between /\* and \*/ will be ignored by JavaScript.

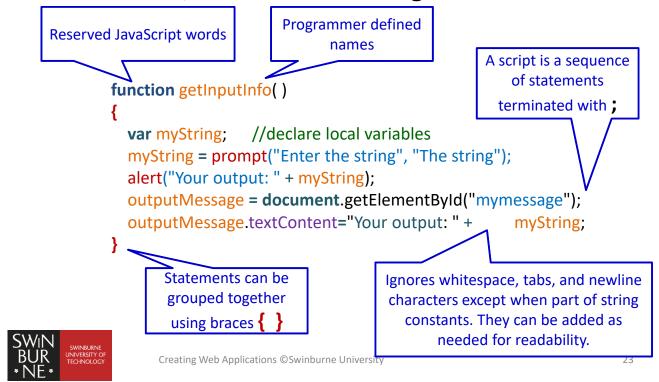
Any text between // and the end of the line will be ignored by JavaScript.



#### JavaScript - Language Syntax



#### Statements, Blocks and Naming rules



#### JavaScript - keywords



• Keywords (reserved words) that have special meanings within the language syntax, such as abstract boolean break byte case catch char class const continue debugger default delete do double else enum export extends false final finally float for function goto if implements import in instanceof int interface long native new null package private protected public return short static super switch synchronized this throw throws transient true try typeof undefined var void volatile while with



#### JavaScript - Language



#### **Variables**

var anotherGlobalVariable = ""; //global because outside a function



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## JavaScript – Naming variables



- JavaScript is case sensitive
  - use camelCase or under\_score for compound names (be consistant)
- Use meaningful names for variable identifiers
- Identifiers must start with either any letter of the alphabet or underscore
- Can include any letter of the alphabet, digits 0-9, and underscore
- Cannot include spaces, or punctuation characters such as comma, full stop
- By convention:
  - variables start with lower case letter e.g. var myString="Hello";
  - constants are upper case e.g. const MAX\_LENGTH = 7;



#### Variable Declaration



- Specifying and creating a variable name is called declaring the variable
- Assigning a first value to a variable is called initialising the variable
- The way a variable is declared defines which statements can see the variables. These are
  - Global can be seen anywhere in the file
  - Local can only be seen by within a scope
    - var scope is the function
    - let scope is the block in which it is declared {let ...

A 'scope' defines from where the variable is accessible

A **var** local variable's lifetime is the same

as its the function



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#### Local Variable Declaration - var



- Declared within a function
- Local variable can be declared using the var keyword

}

- declaring one variable
  var firstName;
- declaring multiple variables
  var firstName, lastName;
- declaring and assigning one variable

```
var firstName = 'Java';
```

- declaring and assigning multiple variables

```
var firstName = 'Java', lastName = 'Script';
```



#### **Understanding Variable Scope**



- Variable scope is 'where in your program' a declared variable can be used
- A variable's scope can be either global or local
- A global variable is one that is declared inside or outside a function and is available to all parts of your program
- A local variable is one that is declared using the var keyword inside a function and is only available within that function



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#### JavaScript - Variable Scope



```
var myGobalVariable = "";
                                           Global
                                           Scope
           function getInputInfo() {
             var myString; //declare local variables
Not so
             myString = prompt("Enter the string", "The string");
good 🕾
              alert("Your output: " + myString);
Why?
              outputMessage = document.getElementById("mymessage");
              outputMessage.textContent="Your output: " + myString;
                                                              Local scope
           function init() {
             var clickme = document.getElementById("clickme");
              clickme.onclick = getInputInfo;
           window.onload = init;
```

#### JavaScript - Language



#### **Variables**

```
var anotherGlobalVariable = ""; //global because outside a function
```

```
Functions are
 Variable
                                                    also variables in
             function getInputInfo()
local to the
                                                       JavaScript!
 function
                var myString;
                                 //declare local variables
                myString = prompt("Enter the string", "The string");
                alert("Your output: " + myString);
                outputMessage = document.getElementById("mymessage");
                outputMessage.textContent="Your output: " + myString;
 Careful!!
 This is a
  global
 variable
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```

#### Variable Declaration (Global)



You must declare and initialise a global variable in the same
 statement variable name = value;

e.g. 
$$x = 3$$
;

Best explicitly declared outside functions

You can change the global variable's value at any point from anywhere ⊗

e.g. **function** myOtherFunction() {x = 4;}

Global variables should be avoided if possible.

This can lead to unintended "side effects"

Lifetime of a global variable: until

the page closes

=> Variable e.g. x=3 w http://www.w

Recommend using Strict Mode:

Declare "use strict"; at the start of your JS file => Variables must be explicitly declared

e.g. x=3 will cause an error, so declare with var: var x=3;

http://www.w3schools.com/js/js\_strict.asp



#### Constants



- Used to contain information that does not change during the course of program execution
- Declared with the const keyword.
- must start with a letter or underscore and can contain alphabetic, numeric, or underscore characters
- By convention use letters in uppercase.

Block scope

```
const PI = '3.14';
```

Note: Style convention is that constants are in UPPER CASE



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# What's the output?



```
// all functions usually grouped together
// in one location
function testScope() {
   var y;

   x = "Changed";
   y = "Changed";
}

x = "Original";
y = "Original";
testScope();
alert (x + " " + y);
```



#### What's the output?



- A local variable only exists within the function where it is declared
- Thus only the global variable is changed







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# How many variables are declared here?



```
// all functions usually grouped together
// in one location
function testScope() {
   var x;

   x = "Changed";
   y = "Changed";
}

x = "Original";
y = "Original";
testScope();
alert (x + " " + y);
```

Answer: 3



#### Any errors here?



```
// variables must be declared before they can be
    used

function testScope() {
    var y;

    x = "Changed";
    y = "Changed";
}

x = "Original";

testScope();
alert (x + " " + y);

No Output

Error, as y does not exist
    outside the function
```

# JavaScript - Language

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```
Variables, Data types
                                                         JavaScript is a
                                                       dynamically-typed
                                                           language
                                          We don't know the type yet
                                        because nothing is assigned to it
           function getInputInfo()
             var myString; //declare local variables
             myString = prompt("Enter the string", "The string");
Now it's a
             alert("Your output: " + myString);
 String
             outputMessage = document.getElementById("mymessage");
             outputMessage.textContent="Your output: " + myString;
 This is a reference to an
 object on an HTML page
```



#### JavaScript has dynamic data types



JavaScript dynamically determines the type of a variable from what is assigned to it, unlike strongly typed languages such as C and Java, .



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#### Primitive Data Types



- String
- Number
- Boolean
- Null
- Undefined
- Symbol ECMAScript 6



#### String



- Is a sequence of characters
- created directly by placing the series of characters between double or single quotes, for example
  - "This is a string"
  - 'This is also a string'



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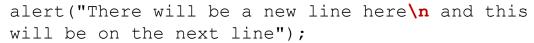
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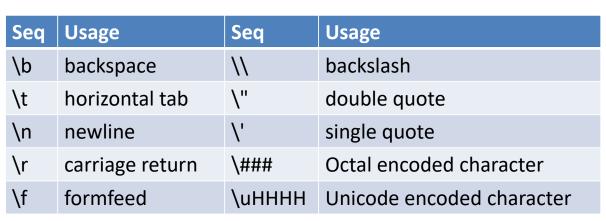
ut:...store × 🔘 HTML Sample

Most Visited Getting Started

## String

- Uses embedded control characters
- For example,







#### Number



- Integers can be positive, 0, or negative
- Integers can be expressed in
  - Decimal integer literal consists of a sequence of digits without a leading 0 (zero)

example: 255

 Octal – (digits 0-7) A leading 0 (zero) on an integer literal indicates it is in octal

example:  $0377 = 255_{10}$ 

 Hexadecimal - Hexadecimal integers can include digits (0-9) and the letters a-f and A-F.

A leading 0x (or 0X) indicates hexadecimal.

example:  $0xFF = 255_{10}$ 



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#### Number



- A floating-point number can contain either
  - a decimal point
  - an "e" (uppercase or lowercase) which is used to represent "ten to the power of" in scientific notation
  - or both
- exponent part is an "e" or "E" followed by an integer, which can be signed (preceded by "+" or "-")

$$1.025e3 = 1.025 \times 10^3 = 1025.0$$
  
 $130e-3 = 130 \times 10^{-3} = 0.130$ 



#### Boolean



- Boolean values are true and false
- These are special values, and are not usable as 1 and 0.
- In a comparison,
  - any expression that evaluates to 0 is taken to be false, and
  - any expression that evaluates to a number other than 0 is taken to be true



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#### **Null and Undefined**

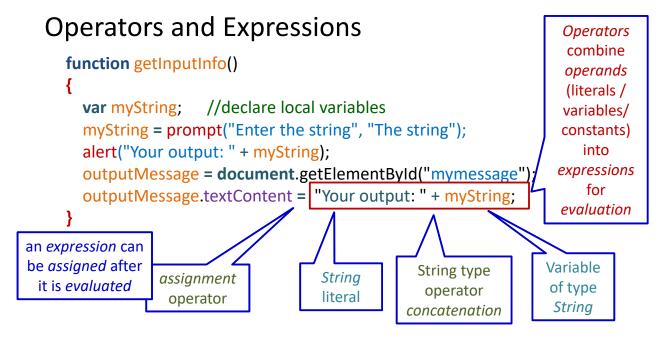


- Null Not the same as zero no value at all.
   A null value is one that has no value and means nothing
- Undefined A value that is undefined is a value held by a variable after it has been created, but before a value has been assigned to it



#### JavaScript – Language Syntax





https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators



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#### An operator is associated with a type



<b>Operator Type</b>	Description
String	Performs operations on strings
Arithmetic	Performs mathematical calculations
Assignment	Assigns values to variables
Comparisons	Compares operands and returns a Boolean value
Conditional	Assigns values to variables based on the condition
Logical	Performs Boolean operations on Boolean values

- A binary operator requires **both** an operand before and after the operator, e.g. x = 2 + 3;
- A unary operator requires a *single* operand either before or after the operator, e.g. x++;



#### **String Operator**



 String operator is used to concatenate two string

"Your output: " + myString;

Operator	Name	Description
+	Concatenation	Joins two operands

"This text" + "That Text"

No blank space will be inserted

Results to

"This TextThat Text"



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# Arithmetic Operators (Binary)



Arithmetic operators are used to perform mathematical calculations

Operator	Name	Description
+	Addition	Adds two operands
-	Subtraction	Subtracts one operand from another operand
*	Multiplication	Multiplies one operand from another operand
/	Division	Divides one operand by another
%	Modulus	Divides one operand by another and returns the remainder



#### Mixed types



 As JavaScript is weakly typed, numbers are automatically converted to string when displayed

• alert(4+"You");





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#### **Assignment Operators**



 Assignment operators are used for assigning a value to a variable:

```
myFavoriteSuperHero = "Batman";
```

 Compound assignment operators perform mathematical calculations on variables and literal values in an expression, and then assign a new value to the left operand



#### **Arithmetic Assignment Operators (Unary)**



- The increment (++) and decrement (--) unary operators can be used as prefix or postfix operators
- A prefix operator is placed before a variable
- A postfix operator is placed after a variable

Operator	Name	Description
++	Increment	Increases an operand by a value of one x++; is same as x= x+1;
	Decrement	Decreases an operand by a value of one $x$ ; is same as $x=x-1$ ;



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## **Assignment Operators**



 Some operators are created to allow the use of fewer characters of code

```
x = 100;
y = 200;
x += y; same as x = x + y;
x = 2;
y = 6;
x *= y; same as x = x * y;
```



#### **Assignment Operators**



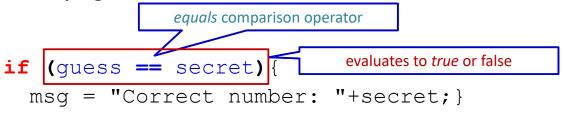
Operator	Name	description
=	Assignment	Assigns the value of the right operand to the left operand
+=	Compound addition assignment	Adds the value of the right operand to the value of the left operand and assigns the sum to the left operand $x +=y$ same as $x = x + y$ ;
-=	Compound subtraction assignment	Subtracts the value of the right operand to the value of the left operand and assigns the difference to the left operand $x -=y$ same as $x = x - y$ ;
*=	Compound multiplication assignment	Multiplies the value of the right operand to the value of the left operand and assigns the product to the left operand x *=y same as x = x * y;
/=	Compound division assignment	Divides the value of the right operand to the value of the left operand and assigns the quotient to the left operand
%=	Compound modulus assignment	Divides the value of the right operand to the value of the left operand and assigns the remainder (modulus) to the left operand x $\%$ =y same as x = x $\%$ y;



#### **Comparison Operators**



- Comparison operators are used to compare two operands and determine how one operand compares to another
- A Boolean value of true or false is returned after two operands are compared
- The comparison operator compares values, whereas the assignment operator assigns values
- Comparison operators are used with conditional statements and looping statements.





We will discuss conditional control structures next week...

# **Comparison Operators**



Operator	Name	Description
==	Equal	Returns true if the operands are equal
===	Strict equal	Returns true if the operands are equal and of the same type
!=	Not equal	Returns true if the operands are not equal
!==	Strict not equal	Returns true if the operands are not equal or not of the same type
>	Greater than	Returns true if the left operand is greater than the right operand
<	Less than	Returns true if the left operand is less than the right operand
>=	Greater than or equal	Returns true if the left operand is greater than or equal to the right operand
<=	Less than or equal	Returns true if the left operand is less than or equal to the right operand



# Conditional (ternary) Operators



- Conditional Operators are used to return one of two values, based on the results of a condition. (Note this has 3 operands)
- The syntax for the conditional operator is: condition ? expression1 : expression2
- If the condition evaluates to true, expression1 is returned, else expression2 is returned. e.g.

```
var ableToDrive =
  (age < 18) ? "Too young":"Old enough";
var theFee = isMember ? "$2.00":"$10.00";</pre>
```



#### **Logical Operators**



- Logical operators are used for comparing two Boolean operands for equality
- A Boolean value of true or false is returned after two operands are compared

Operator	Name	Description		
&&	And	Returns true if both the left operand and right operand return a value of true; otherwise, it returns a value of false		
П	Or	Returns true if either the left operand or right operand returns a value of true; if neither operand returns a value of true, it returns a value of false		
!	Not	Returns true if an expression is false and returns false if an expression is true		
			AND logical operator	



```
if ((guess == secret) && (guess < 7)) {...}</pre>
```

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#### Question ???



#### Does the expression

```
((guess == secret) && (guess < 7))
```

#### evaluate the same as

```
(guess == secret && guess < 7)
```

 Sometimes it helps to add brackets to expressions to make order of precedence clear to the reader (even if they are not strictly needed)



#### **Operator Precedence**



- Operator precedence determines the order in which operators are evaluated.
- Starting from the highest precedence with the operators presented, we have
  - Arithmetic operators (unary)
  - Arithmetic operators (binary \*, /, % then +, -)
  - Comparison operators
  - Logical operators
  - Assignment operators



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#### **Evaluation of Expression**



#### Consider the following examples:

- 25 + 100 \* 4; Is it 425 or 500?
- 4\*2+4;Is it 24 or 12?
- 4\*(2+4); Is it 24 or 12?
- 7 % 5 (Modulus: What is the remainder left over when 7 is divided by 5) How about this?



#### **Evaluation of Expression**



#### Given that x = 6 and y = 3

What is the value of x in the following statements after assignment?

- x = x + y;
- x = x % y;
- X++;

What is the result returned after evaluating the following expression?

- (x < 10 && y > 1) (true AND true) → true
- (x==5 | | y==5)
   (false OR false) → false
- !(x==y)not(false) → true
- x===5



## JavaScript - Functions





#### **Defining Functions**



- Functions are groups of statements that you can execute as a single unit
- Function definitions are the lines of code that make up a function
- The syntax for *defining* a function is:

# Defining Functions (continued)



 Function statements do the actual work of the function and must be contained within the function braces

```
function showName(name1, name2) {
   alert (name1+name2);
}
   + concatenates
   string values
```



#### **Calling Functions**



- Function must be called in order to be executed
- Use the function name with () to execute the function





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# **Calling Functions**



() is required even if the function has no parameters

```
function printWelcome() {
   alert ("Welcome!");
}
printWelcome();
   welcome!
```



#### **Returning Values**



- A return statement is a statement that returns a value to the statement that called the function
- A function does not necessarily have to return a value

```
function averageNumbers(a, b, c) {
   var sum, result;
   sum = a + b + c;
   result = sum / 3;
   return result;
}
```



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# Returning Values (continued)



Functions that return values work like an expression, usually with an assignment operator.

For example

```
x = averageNumbers(3, 4, 5);
```

assigned to x

To display the result, the alert function may be used

```
alert(x);
```

Or

```
alert(averageNumbers(3, 4, 5));
```



#### Our example – return values



Which functions calls have return values?



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#### Where are the function calls?





Event-driven: the function call is generate by the event-handler in the browser in response the user action

#### **Next Lecture**



# What's Next?

- JavaScript Part 2
- more about DOM

