



Lecture 7: Strings & Error Handling

What are Strings?

- A **string** is a sequence of characters used to represent text in JavaScript.
- It can contain letters, numbers, symbols, and spaces.
- **Strings** are defined within single ' ', double " ", or backticks ` ` for template literals.

```
let singleQuote = 'Hello';  
let doubleQuote = "World";  
let templateLiteral = `Hello World`;
```

String Properties

Length property

```
let text = "JavaScript";  
console.log(text.length); // Output: 10
```

String Methods

Changing Case

To Upper Case

```
let text = "hello";  
console.log(text.toUpperCase()); // Output: "HELLO"
```

To Lower Case

```
let text = "WORLD";  
console.log(text.toLowerCase()); // Output: "world"
```

String Methods

String Searching

indexOf() - Returns the index of the first occurrence of a substring, or -1 if not found

```
let text = "hello world";  
console.log(text.indexOf("world")); // Output: 6  
console.log(text.indexOf("JavaScript")); // Output: -1
```

String Methods

String Searching

lastIndexOf() - Returns the index of the last occurrence of a substring

```
let text = "hello hello";  
console.log(text.lastIndexOf("hello")); // Output: 6
```

includes() - Checks if a string contains a certain substring (true / false)

```
let text = "JavaScript is fun";  
console.log(text.includes("fun")); // Output: true
```

String Methods

Extracting Substrings

slice(start, end) – Extracts a part of a string from start index to end index, not including the end

```
let text = "JavaScript";  
console.log(text.slice(0, 4)); // Output: "Java"
```

substr(start, length) – Extracts a substring from start index and continues for the given length

```
let text = "JavaScript";  
console.log(text.substr(4, 6)); // Output: "Script"
```

String Methods

Replacing Parts of String

replace(oldValue, newValue) – Replaces the first occurrence of the old value with the new value

```
let text = "Hello, World!";  
console.log(text.replace("World", "JavaScript")); // Output: "Hello, JavaScript!"
```

replaceAll(oldValue, newValue) – Replaces all occurrences of the old value with the new value

```
let text = "apple, apple";  
console.log(text.replaceAll("apple", "banana")); // Output: "banana, banana"
```


String Methods

Trimming whitespace

trim() – Removes whitespace from both ends of a string

```
let text = "  Hello World  ";  
console.log(text.trim()); // Output: "Hello World"
```

trimStart() / **trimEnd()** - Removes whitespace from start or end

```
let text = "  Hello World  ";  
console.log(text.trimStart()); // Output: "Hello World  "  
console.log(text.trimEnd());   // Output: "  Hello World"
```

String Methods

Padding Strings

padStart(targetLength, padString) – Pads the beginning of the string until it reaches target length

```
let text = "5";  
console.log(text.padStart(3, "0")); // Output: "005"
```

padEnd(targetLength, padString) – Pads the end of the string until it reaches target length

```
let text = "5";  
console.log(text.padEnd(3, "0")); // Output: "500"
```

Escaping Characters

- `\n` – for a new line
- `\'` – for a single quotes
- `\"` – for a double quotes
- `\\` - for a backslash

Template Literals

Template literals allow you to embed expressions and multi-line strings.

Use backticks (```) instead of single or double quotes.

Embed JavaScript expressions inside `${ }`

```
let name = "John";  
let greeting = `Hello, ${name}!`;   
console.log(greeting); // Output: "Hello, John!"
```

Error Handling in JavaScript

Errors in JavaScript occur when something goes wrong during code execution, causing the program to stop.

Common error types:

- **SyntaxError** – Incorrect syntax in the code
- **ReferenceError** – Using a variable that hasn't been declared
- **TypeError** – Inappropriate data type or a method

The try...catch Statement

Used to handle errors without stopping the program.

```
try {  
    // Code that might throw an error  
} catch (error) {  
    // Code to handle the error  
}
```

The finally Block

Executes code after try and catch, regardless of the result

```
try {  
    // Code that might throw an error  
} catch (error) {  
    // Code to handle the error  
} finally {  
    // Code that always runs  
}
```

Throwing Errors

Manually create (**throw**) an error in your code

```
throw new Error("Something went wrong");
```


