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C219 Front-end Web Development

Lesson 9

Data Interaction and Visualisation using JavaScript

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Recap

Last lesson, we learned about the Anime.js and fullPage.js libraries to create an interactive single page website. Visit the websites below to recap on the topics covered.

[Anime.js](#)

- Anime.js is a JavaScript animation library with a simple, yet powerful API. It works with CSS properties, SVG, DOM attributes and JavaScript Objects.

[fullPage.js](#)

- fullPage.js is a JavaScript library that creates fullscreen scrolling websites, also known as single page websites.

Data Interaction and Visualisation

Today, we will learn how to leverage on JavaScript libraries to create a web page that presents data with interaction and visualisation.

Data interaction provides mechanisms for people to interact explicitly with systems and data.

Data visualization is the graphical representation of information using charts, graphs and maps.



JavaScript Libraries

The three JavaScript libraries you will learn today are:



[Chart.js](#)



[Tippy.js](#)



[DataTables](#)

DataTables



[DataTables](#)

DataTables

DataTables is a plug-in for the jQuery Javascript library. It is a highly flexible tool, built upon the foundations of progressive enhancement, that adds advanced features to any HTML table.

It offers features like pagination, instant search, multi-column ordering, responsiveness, and more.

Activity 1

Visit <https://datatables.net> to try out the interactive features in this table.

Show entries Search:

Name	Position	Office	Age	Start date
Airi Satou	Accountant	Tokyo	33	2008/11/28
Angelica Ramos	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	London	47	2009/10/09
Ashton Cox	Junior Technical Author	San Francisco	66	2009/01/12
Bradley Greer	Software Engineer	London	41	2012/10/13
Brenden Wagner	Software Engineer	San Francisco	28	2011/06/07
Brielle Williamson	Integration Specialist	New York	61	2012/12/02
Bruno Nash	Software Engineer	London	38	2011/05/03
Caesar Vance	Pre-Sales Support	New York	21	2011/12/12
Cara Stevens	Sales Assistant	New York	46	2011/12/06
Cedric Kelly	Senior Javascript Developer	Edinburgh	22	2012/03/29

NamePositionOfficeAgeStart date

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Getting Started

First of all, include the files for DataTables. DataTables has one library dependency – jQuery. Hence, you need to include the CDN links for both jQuery and DataTables.

jQuery:

```
<script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.6.0/jquery.min.js"></script>
```

DataTables:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="https://cdn.datatables.net/1.11.3/css/jquery.dataTables.min.css">
```

CSS

```
<script src="https://cdn.datatables.net/1.11.3/js/jquery.dataTables.js"></script>
```

JS

Usage – HTML Table

Activity 2

Use exercise1.html in your Resources folder and try this yourself. Add more data to view the pagination in action.

For DataTables to be able to enhance an HTML table, the table must include valid, well formatted HTML, with a table header `<thead>` and a table body `<tbody>`.

HTML:

```
<table id="example" class="display">
  <thead>
    <tr><th>Column 1</th><th>Column 2</th></tr>
  </thead>
  <tbody>
    <tr><td>Row 1 Data 1</td><td>Row 1 Data 2</td></tr>
    <tr><td>Row 2 Data 1</td><td>Row 2 Data 2</td></tr>
  </tbody>
</table>
```

JavaScript:

```
$(document).ready(function() {
  $('#example').DataTable();
});
```

To initialize DataTables to a HTML table, target it's **ID** or class and run the **DataTable()** function on it.

Usage – JavaScript Arrays

Activity 3

Use exercise2.html in your Resources folder and try this yourself. Copy the data source from L09 Notes.docx.

You can also use JavaScript arrays as the data source for a DataTable. Each item in that array will define a row to be displayed. Note that you need to specify the column names in the options. Each **item** in the array will be mapped to the corresponding **column** in order.

Data source:

```
var dataSet = [
  ["Tiger Nixon", "System Architect", "Edinburgh", "5421", "2011/04/25", "$320,800"],
  ["Garrett Winters", "Accountant", "Tokyo", "8422", "2011/07/25", "$170,750"],
  ["Ashton Cox", "Junior Technical Author", "San Francisco", "1562", "2009/01/12", "$86,000"],
  ["Cedric Kelly", "Senior Javascript Developer", "Edinburgh", "6224", "2012/03/29",
"$433,060"],
  ["Airi Satou", "Accountant", "Tokyo", "5407", "2008/11/28", "$162,700"],
  ["Brielle Williamson", "Integration Specialist", "New York", "4804", "2012/12/02",
"$372,000"],
  ["Herrod Chandler", "Sales Assistant", "San Francisco", "9608", "2012/08/06", "$137,500"],
  ["Rhona Davidson", "Integration Specialist", "Tokyo", "6200", "2010/10/14", "$327,900"],
  ["Colleen Hurst", "Javascript Developer", "San Francisco", "2360", "2009/09/15",
"$205,500"],
  ["Sonya Frost", "Software Engineer", "Edinburgh", "1667", "2008/12/13", "$103,600"],
  ["Jena Gaines", "Office Manager", "London", "3814", "2008/12/19", "$90,560"],
  ["Quinn Flynn", "Support Lead", "Edinburgh", "9497", "2013/03/03", "$342,000"]
];
```

Initialisation:

```
$(document).ready(function () {
  $('#example').DataTable({
    data: dataSet,
    columns: [
      { title: "Name" },
      { title: "Position" },
      { title: "Office" },
      { title: "Extn." },
      { title: "Start date" },
      { title: "Salary" }
    ]
  });
});
```

Documentation

View the [documentation](#) for DataTables to learn more about it.

CloudTables No-code DataTables, with full editing.
New: Introducing colored records to spice up your data.

CloudTables **DataTables** **Editor**

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Manual

The stated goal of DataTables is "To enhance the accessibility of data in HTML tables". In order to achieve this we recognise that DataTables has two categories of users that interact with the interfaces the software has:

- End users - those who use the interface in the browser that you create with DataTables
- Developers - yourself and the other developers working with DataTables to create your apps, sites, services, etc.

End users need to be able to obtain useful information from the table as quickly as possible and for this DataTables has built in features such as ordering, searching and paging. This documentation doesn't detail how that interface can be used by end users, under the assumption that these controls are self-evident (type into search input box and you search the table, for example).

What this documentation does focus on is giving you, the developers using DataTables, the information you need to be able to use DataTables in your applications, customising it to match your exact requirements, to allow your end users to benefit from the features DataTables can present them. As such, this documentation covers details from how to install DataTables on your site in the first instance, explaining how it can source data for the tables it creates and detailing how its end user interface can be customised, right the way through to more advanced topics such as creating your own plug-ins for DataTables to further enhance its abilities and interface seamlessly with your application.

Although the end user and developer interfaces that DataTables presents are of course completely disparate, each is of equal importance to DataTables meeting its goal of ensuring data in HTML tables can be accessed and consumed as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

Version information:
The documentation here is for DataTables 1.10 and newer. Documentation for earlier versions of DataTables is available on the [legacy site](#), although it is recommended you upgrade where possible.

Compatibility information:
DataTables 1.10+ and its extensions require with jQuery 1.7 or newer.

DataTables 1.10 is compatible with IE6 and newer. The extensions require IE8 or newer. All other evergreen browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Opera) are fully supported.

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Chart.js



[Chart.js](https://www.chartjs.org/)

Activity 4

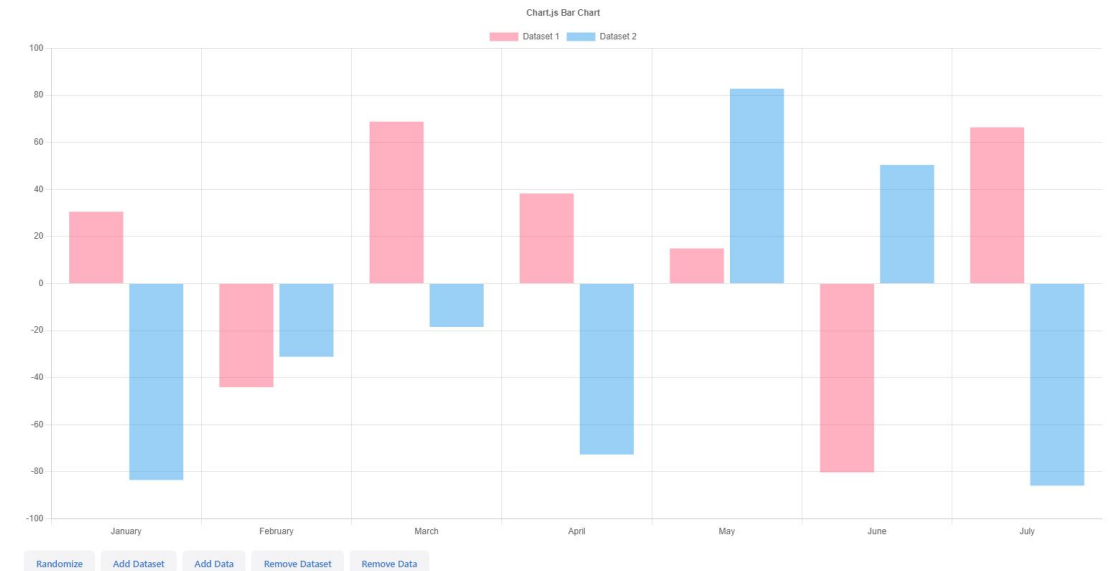
Visit the [Samples](#) page to try out all the amazing features of Chart.js.

Chart.js is a simple yet flexible JavaScript charting library for data visualization.

Its advanced features include:

- 8 chart types: bar, line, area, pie, bubble, radar, polar, and scatter
- Responsiveness
- Interactions
- Animations

Vertical Bar Chart



Getting Started

First, include Chart.js in your page using a CDN. Then add an HTML canvas to your page. It is recommended to give the chart its own container for responsiveness.

Chart.js CDN:

```
<script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/chart.js"></script>
```

HTML:

```
<div>  
  <canvas id="myChart"></canvas> //your chart will display inside this canvas  
</div>
```

Chart Settings

Now we can create the chart. Insert the scripts below (in order) to configure the chart.

Define chart labels:

```
const labels = [  
  'January',  
  'February',  
  'March',  
  'April',  
  'May',  
  'June'  
];
```

Set labels, colours and data:

```
const data = {  
  labels: labels,  
  datasets: [{  
    label: 'My First Dataset',  
    backgroundColor: 'rgb(255, 99, 132)',  
    borderColor: 'rgb(255, 99, 132)',  
    data: [5, 10, 5, 2, 20, 30],  
  }]  
};
```

Configure chart:

```
const config = {  
  type: 'bar',  
  data: data  
};
```

Display Chart

Activity 5

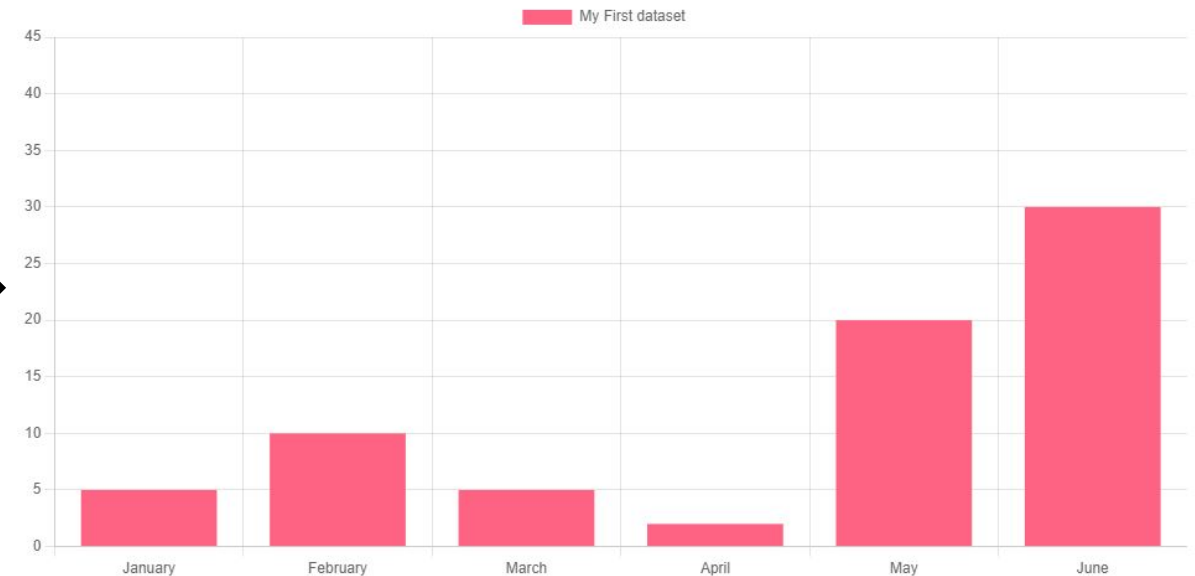
Use exercise3.html in your Resources folder and try this yourself.

Finally, render the chart based on your configuration.

Render chart in `<canvas>`:

```
const myChart = new Chart(  
  document.getElementById('myChart'),  
  config  
);
```

Your chart should look like the image on the right.



Pie Chart

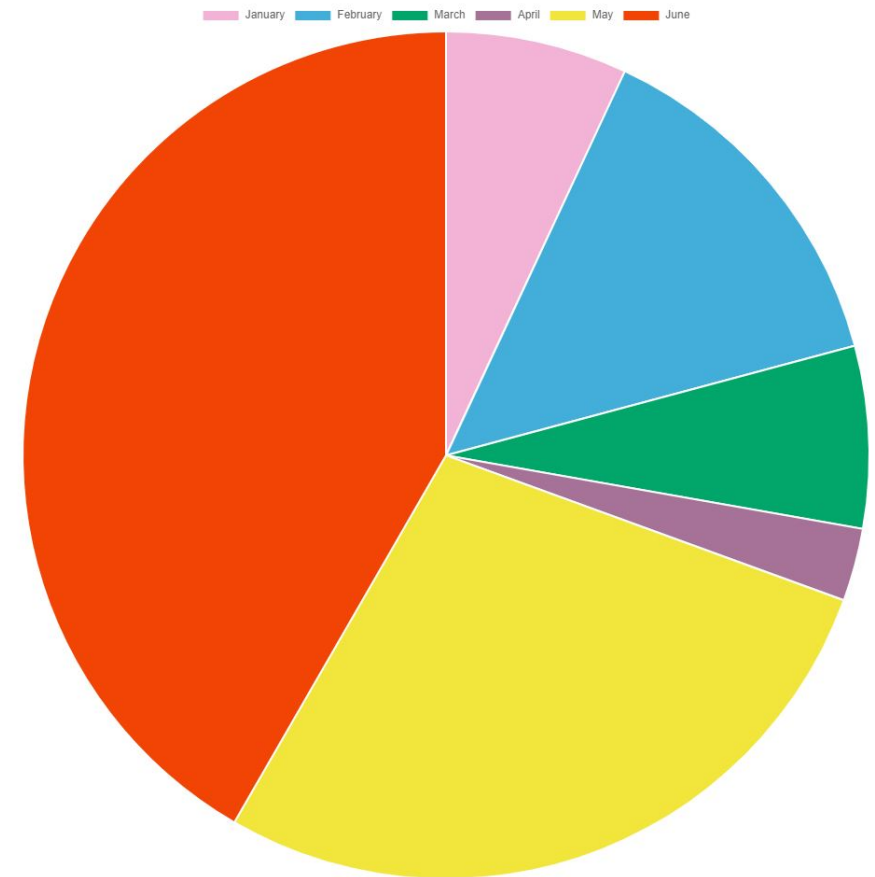
Now convert the bar chart that you have created into a pie chart.

Refer to this [documentation](#).

Your final result should look something like the image on the right.

Activity 6

Create a new HTML file named exercise4.html and configure and display a pie chart.



Documentation

View the [documentation](#) for Chart.js to learn more about it.

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Chart.js

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Installation

You can get the latest version of Chart.js from [npm](#), the [GitHub releases](#), or use a [Chart.js CDN](#). Detailed installation instructions can be found on the [installation](#) page.

If you're using a front-end framework (e.g., React, Angular, or Vue), please check [available integrations](#).

Creating a Chart

It's easy to get started with Chart.js. All that's required is the script included in your page along with a single `<canvas>` node to render the chart.

In this example, we create a bar chart for a single dataset and render that in our page. You can see all the ways to use Chart.js in the [usage documentation](#).

```
<canvas id="myChart" width="400" height="400"></canvas>
<script>
const ctx = document.getElementById('myChart').getContext('2d');
const myChart = new Chart(ctx, {
  type: 'bar',
  data: {
    labels: ['Red', 'Blue', 'Yellow', 'Green', 'Purple', 'Orange'],
    datasets: [{
      label: '# of Votes',
      data: [12, 19, 3, 5, 2, 3],
      backgroundColor: [
        'rgba(255, 99, 132, 0.2)',
        'rgba(54, 162, 235, 0.2)',
        'rgba(255, 206, 86, 0.2)',
        'rgba(75, 192, 192, 0.2)',
        'rgba(153, 180, 255, 0.2)',
        'rgba(255, 159, 64, 0.2)'
      ]
    }]
  }
});
```

Tippy.js



[Tippy.js](#)

Tippy.js

Activity 7

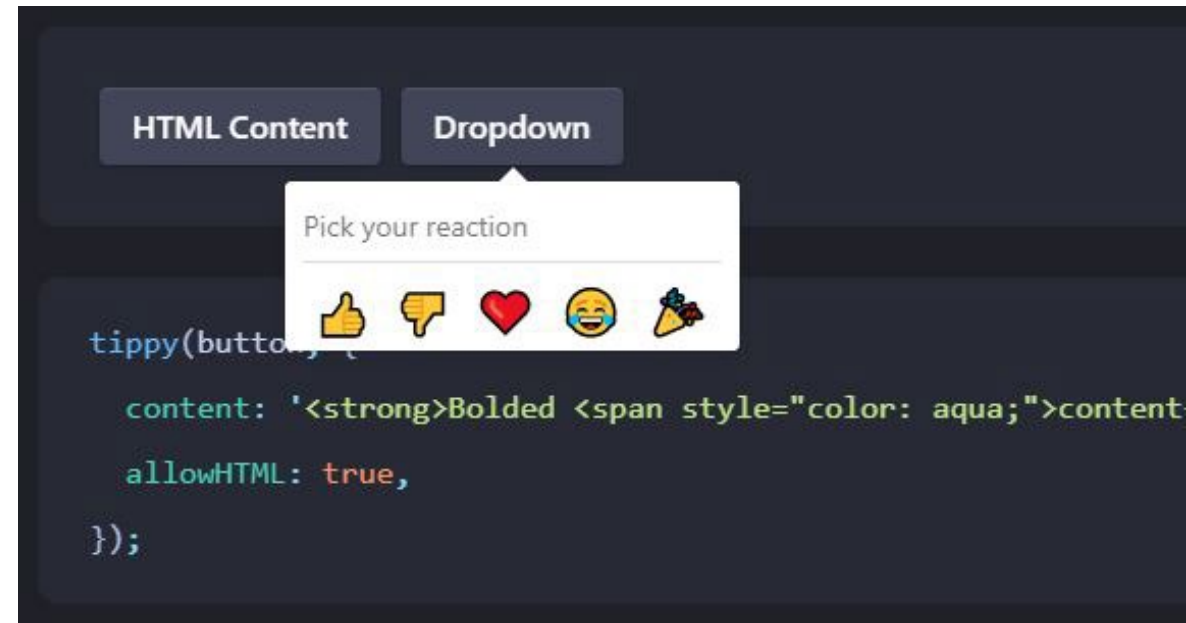
Visit the [Demo](#) page to try out all the amazing features of Tippy.js.

Tippy.js is the complete tooltip, popover, dropdown, and menu solution for the web.

It provides the logic and optional styling of elements that pop out from the flow of the document and float next to a target element.

Features:

- Smart: will always float optimally in view
- Universal: compatible with mouse, keyboard, and touch inputs
- Customisable: fine-tunable functionality and fully stylable with CSS



Getting Started

Tippy.js requires Popper to work. Hence, you need to include the CDN links for both Popper and Tippy.js.

CDN:

```
<script src="https://unpkg.com/@popperjs/core@2"></script>  
<script src="https://unpkg.com/tippy.js@6"></script>
```

As usual, place them at the very bottom of the `<body>`, ensuring they are placed before your own scripts. The version numbers after `@` are important - make sure they don't get removed.

Usage

Activity 8

Create a new HTML file named exercise5.html and create a button with a tooltip.

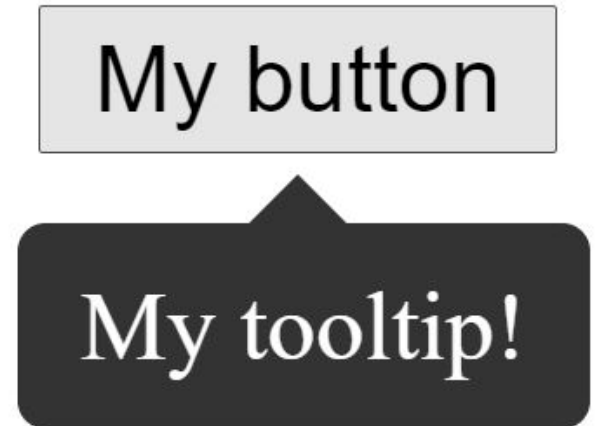
Firstly, create an HTML element. In this example, we will be using a button. Then, simply call `tippy()` with the element's CSS **selector** and a **content** property.

HTML:

```
<button id="myButton">My button</button>
```

JS:

```
tippy('#myButton', {  
  content: 'My tooltip!',  
});
```



Props

Activity 9

Modify exercise5.html to include all these properties.

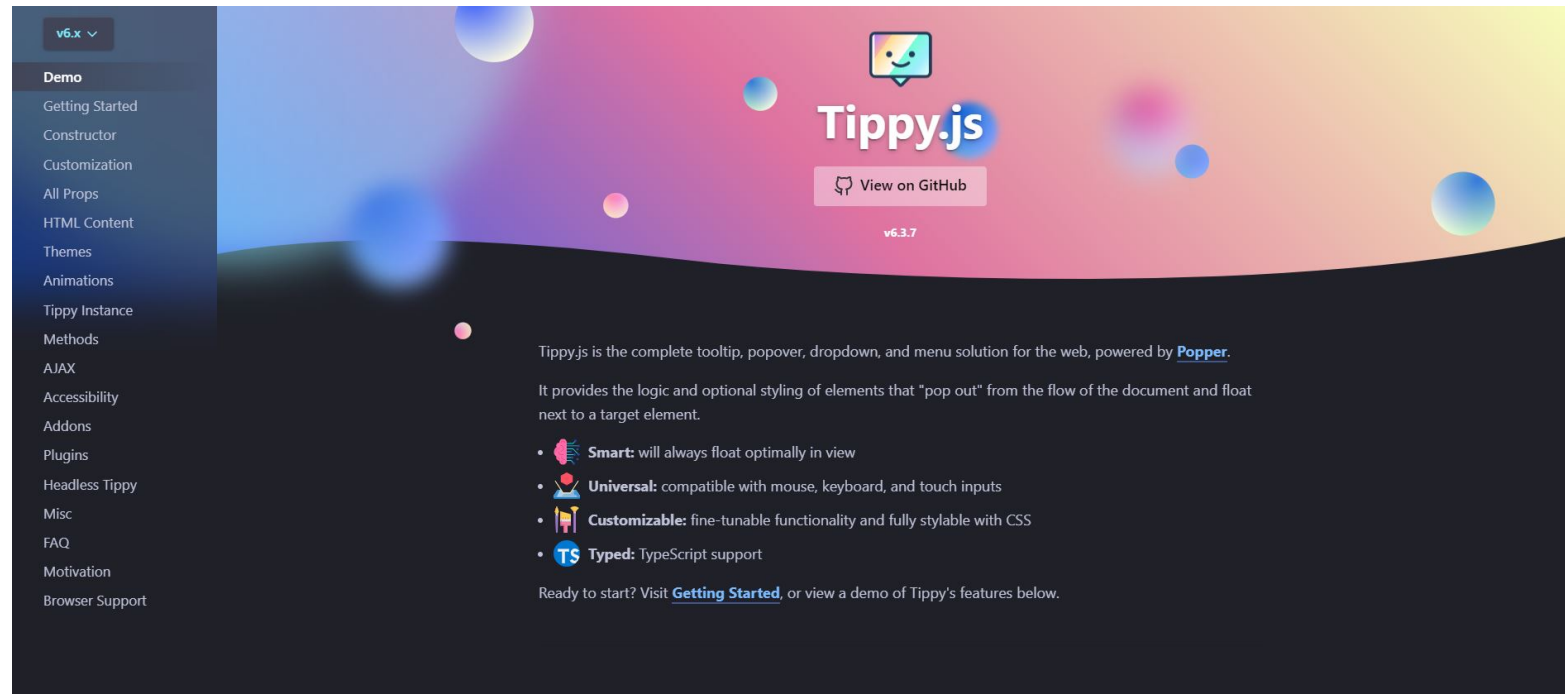
Props are configurable properties you can pass optionally to the tippy() constructor. Here are some common ones:

```
tippy('#myButton', {  
  placement: 'right', //place tippy to the right  
  trigger: 'click', //trigger tippy on click  
  interactive: true, //allow interaction in tippy (e.g. click and select text)  
  content: '<strong>Bolded <span style="color: aqua;">content</span></strong>',  
  allowHTML: true, //allow HTML in tippy content  
  delay: 500, //delay tippy showing and hiding (in milliseconds)  
  followCursor: true //get tippy to follow mouse cursor  
});
```

View the full list of tippy.js properties [here](#).

Documentation

View the [documentation](#) for Tippy.js to learn more about it.



Quiz

Test your knowledge on DataTables, Chart.js and Tippy.js

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You have unlimited attempts.
You are encouraged to score full marks before proceeding.

Quiz

Click the **Quiz** button to edit this object

Match the following JS libraries with their descriptions:

DataTables

A simple yet flexible JavaScript charting library for data visualization.

Chart.js

Adds advanced features like pagination, instant search, multi column ordering, and responsiveness to any HTML table.

Tippy.js

Provides the logic and optional styling of elements that pop out from the flow of the document and float next to a target element.

L09 Assignment

Using the three JavaScript libraries learned today, design a web page that displays information about polytechnics in Singapore.

Requirements:

- a. Create hotspots on the Singapore map¹ for the locations of the five polytechnics that shows a tooltip of the polytechnic name on hover
- b. Display an interactive table containing diploma courses² from RP
- c. Insert a chart containing data on the number of students³ in each polytechnic

All resources are provided in the L09 Assignment folder.



¹ Use singapore.svg or singapore.png provided

² Refer to courses.html for the data source

³ Refer to students.txt for the data

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