

CS 416

Web Programming

Javascript Functions

Conditionals and repetition

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Agenda

- Functions
- Conditional execution
- Conditional repetition

Dynamic images

- just as you can use user-initiated events to change the contents of

- text areas and text boxes, you can also dynamically modify images

```

```

causes the image stored in the file `happy.gif` to appear in the page

- you can change the image by reassigning its SRC attribute

- similar to the way that text boxes/areas have their VALUE attribute reassigned

```
document.getElementById('faceImg').src = "sad.gif";
```

replaces `happy.gif` with `sad.gif`

Accessing text fields

- recall that values entered via text boxes/areas are always returned as strings

```
if (document.getElementById('age').value >= 18) {  
    alert("You are old enough to vote.");  
}  
else {  
    alert("Sorry. You are too young to vote.");  
}
```

will say that a 2-year old can vote, but a 102-year old can't!

WHY?

if you wish to treat a value obtained from a text box or text area as a number, you must use the `parseFloat` function to convert it

```
age = parseFloat(document.getElementById('age').value);  
if (age >= 18) {  
    alert("You are old enough to vote.");  
}  
else {  
    alert("Sorry. You are too young to vote.");  
}
```

will behave as expected

Simplifying with functions

- Consider:

```
<input type="button" value="Click for Greeting"  
  onclick="firstName = document.getElementById('firstNameBox').value;  
    lastName = document.getElementById('lastNameBox').value;  
    message = 'Hello ' + firstName + ' ' + lastName +  
      ', or may I just call you ' + firstName +  
      '? You wouldn\'t be related to the ' + lastName +  
      's of Park Avenue, would you?';  
    document.getElementById('messageArea').value = message;" />
```

- functions provide a mechanism for simplifying complex functionality such as this
- functions minimize the amount of detail that has to be considered
 - e.g., can use `Math.sqrt` without worrying about how it works
- functions reduce the length and complexity of code
 - e.g., a single call to `Math.sqrt` replaces the underlying complex algorithm

Calling functions

- `<input type="button" value="Calculate differences" onclick="CalculateDiff();" />`
- Handled click event to call user-defined function we define in the HEAD of the page
- To define a function in the HEAD you use

```
<script type="text/javascript"> </script>
```

User defined functions

- Define new functions in the HEAD section and call them within the page

```
function FUNCTION_NAME()  
{  
    STATEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED;  
}
```

- a function definition begins with the word `function` followed by its name and `()`
 - ▣ a function name should be descriptive of the task being performed
- ▣ Same naming standards that apply to variable naming apply to function naming
- the statements to be executed when the function is called are placed between the curly braces

User defined functions cont.

```
function functionName(param1, param2, param3) {  
    //code to be executed  
  
    return x;  
}
```

- Do not specify data types for parameters
- No type checking on the passed arguments
- No check on the number of arguments received
- Do not specify in signature if there is a return

All legal/no compile error (too few, too many, different types):

```
functionName(1)    or  functionName("a",2,true,"z",4,5)
```

Can check if argument not passed by testing if parameter is undefined:

```
if (param2 == undefined) {
```


Your turn

- Write the HTML for the 2 input elements with code to call your function to do the conversion whenever a key is pressed in the Temp Celsius box
- Write a function that reads the value in the first input box and writes out a new value that is that number multiplied by $1.8 + 32$



Condition execution

- Unconditional execution is when the same code is run regardless of any other factors
- Conditional execution allows you to control whether you want some piece of code to run based some test being satisfied
- *Conditional execution* refers to a program's ability to execute a statement or sequence of statements only if some condition holds true (If statement, while statement)

Example

- The general form of an if statement in Javascript is:

```
if (BOOLEAN_TEST){  
    Statements executed if true  
}else if (BOOLEAN_TEST){  
    Statements executed if first test is false  
    and this test is true  
}else{  
    Statements executed if no other  
    conditions were true  
}
```

Boolean tests

- the test that controls an if statement can be any *boolean expression* (i.e., an expression that evaluates to either `true` or `false`)
 - boolean tests are formed using *relational operators* because they test the relationships between values

Relational Operator	Comparison Defined by the Operator
<code>==</code>	equal to
<code>!=</code>	not equal to
<code><</code>	less than
<code><=</code>	less than or equal to
<code>></code>	greater than
<code>>=</code>	greater than or equal to

NOTE:

`==` *is for comparisons*

`=` *is for assignments*

Logical connectives

- sometimes, simple comparisons between two values may not be adequate to express the conditions under which code should execute
- JavaScript provides operators for expressing multipart tests

- *logical AND* (&&): represents the conjunction of two things

- (TEST1 && TEST2) is true if both TEST1 and TEST2 are true

```
if (roll1 == 4 && roll2 == 4) {  
    // code to be executed when double fours are rolled  
}
```

- *logical OR* (||): represents the disjunction of two things

- (TEST1 || TEST2) is true if either TEST1 or TEST2 are true

```
if (roll1 == 4 || roll2 == 4) {  
    // code to be executed when at least one four is rolled  
}
```

- *logical NOT* (!): represents negation

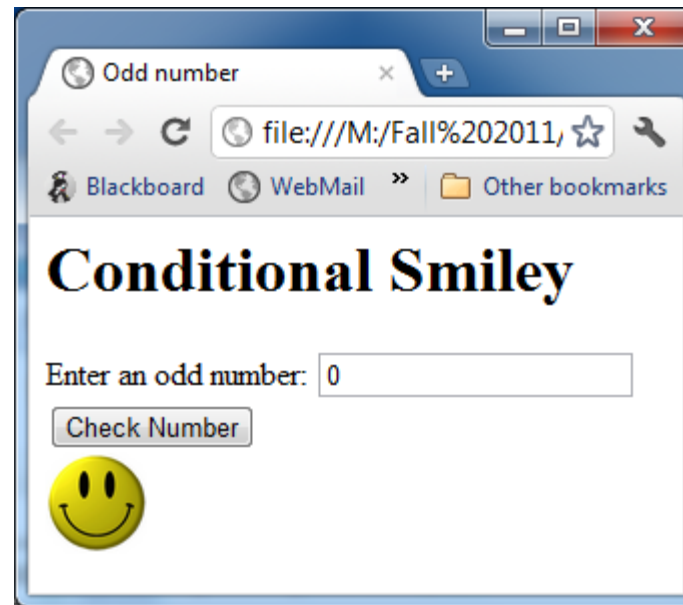
- (!TEST1) is true only if TEST1 is false

```
if (!(roll1 == 4 || roll2 == 4)) {  
    // code to be executed when neither roll is a four  
}
```

Your turn

Conditional and images

- Your page should take a number if it is odd show the smile smile.jpg if it is even it should show sad.jpg
- Remember to test if a number is even/odd you can use the modulus operator ("%") which will return the remainder of the first number divided by the second Ex.
 - $7\%2 = 1$
 - $6\%2 = 0$
 - $23\%7 = 2$



Conditional repetition

- an if statement is known as a *control statement*
 - *either do this or don't, based on some condition* (if)
 - *either do this or do that, based on some condition* (if-else)
- closely related to the concept of conditional execution is *conditional repetition*
 - many problems involve repeating some task over and over until a specific condition is met
 - e.g., rolling dice until a 7 is obtained
 - e.g., repeatedly prompting the user for a valid input
 - in JavaScript, *while loops* provide for conditional repetition

While loops

- a *while loop* resembles an if statement in that its behavior is dependent on a boolean condition.
 - however, the statements inside a while loop's curly braces (a.k.a. the *loop body*) are executed *repeatedly* as long as the condition remains true
 - general form:

```
while (BOOLEAN_TEST) {  
    STATEMENTS_EXECUTED_AS_LONG_AS_TRUE  
}
```


While loop cont.

when the browser encounters a while loop, it first evaluates the boolean test

- if the test succeeds, then the statements inside the loop are executed in order, *just like an if statement*
- once all the statements have been executed, program control returns to the beginning of the loop
- the loop test is evaluated again, and if it succeeds, the loop body statements are executed *again*
- this process repeats until the boolean test fails

While loop example

- example: roll two dice repeatedly until doubles are obtained

```
roll1 = RandomInt(1, 6);           // SIMULATE THE DICE ROLLS,  
roll2 = RandomInt(1, 6);           // STORE IN VARIABLES, AND DISPLAY  
document.write("You rolled: " + roll1 + " " + roll2 + "<br />");  
  
while (roll1 != roll2) {           // AS LONG AS YOU DON'T HAVE DOUBLES,  
    roll1 = RandomInt(1, 6);       // ROLL AGAIN AND DISPLAY THE ROLLS  
    roll2 = RandomInt(1, 6);  
    document.write("You rolled: " + roll1 + " " + roll2 + "<br />");  
}  
document.write("DOUBLES!");        // DISPLAY THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE DOUBLES
```

sample output:

```
You rolled: 6 4  
You rolled: 4 1  
You rolled: 2 4  
You rolled: 6 3  
You rolled: 5 2  
You rolled: 1 5  
You rolled: 5 2  
You rolled: 6 5  
You rolled: 1 2  
You rolled: 5 5  
DOUBLES!
```

note: even though while loops and if statements look similar, they are very different control statements

- an *if statement* may execute its code 1 time or not at all
- a *while loop* may execute its code an arbitrary number of times (including not at all)

For loops

- For loop syntax is identical to Java syntax

```
for (i=0; i<10; i++) {  
    //some statements  
}
```

- There is also the concept of looping through elements in arrays (which we'll cover next lecture)

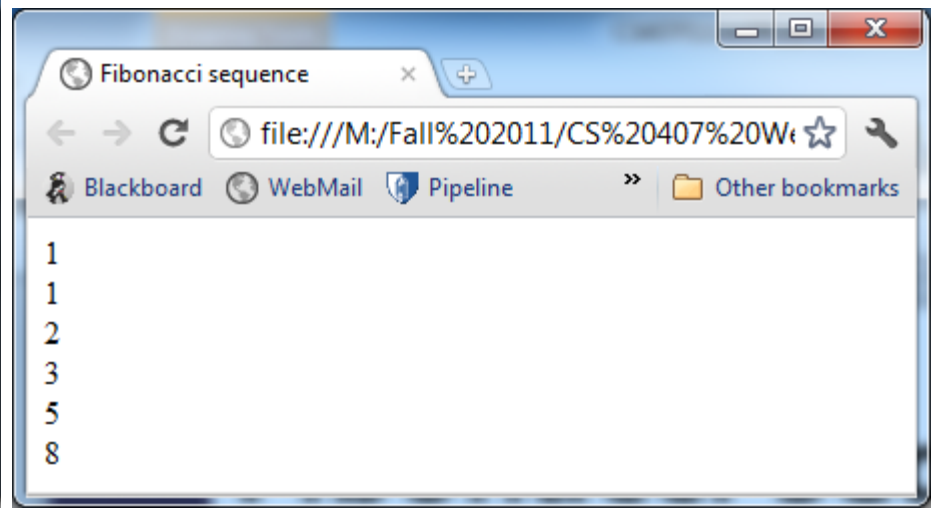
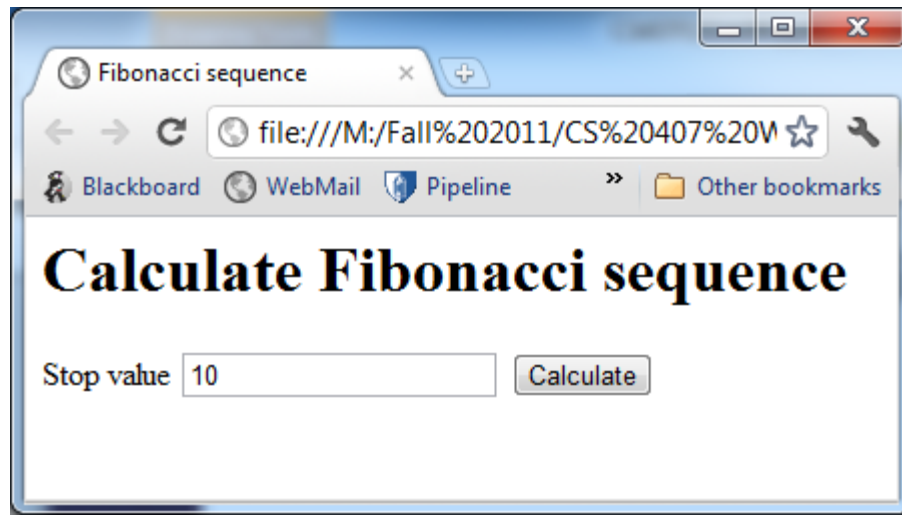
```
var person=["John", "Doe", 25];
```

```
for (x in person)  
{  
    txt=txt + person[x];  
}
```

Your turn

Fibonacci sequence

- Prompt for stop value
- Calculate the Fibonacci sequence
- (1,1,2,3,5,8,13,...)
- Stop when the sum of the sequence is greater than or equal the stop value



Your turn

Hailstone sequence

- Hailstone sequence

1. start with any positive integer
2. if the number is odd, then multiply the number by three and add one; otherwise, divide it by two
3. repeat as many times as desired
 - for example: 5, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1, 4, 2, 1, 4, 2, 1, ...
 - To test if a number is even use modulus operator “%” which returns the remainder of the first number divided by the second number so:
 - $(a \% 2 == 0)$ means a is even, $(a \% 2 != 0)$ means a is odd

Interesting fact: It hasn't been mathematically proven that all starting values converge to 4,2,1

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a web browser window. The browser has a single tab titled 'Hailstone sequenc'. The address bar shows a file path: `file:///M:/Fall%202011/CS%20407%20V`. The bookmarks bar includes 'Blackboard', 'WebMail', 'Pipeline', and 'Other bookmarks'. The main content area of the browser is titled 'Calculate Hailstone sequence'. In the left screenshot, the 'Start value' input field contains the number '10' and the 'Number of iterations' input field contains the number '20'. A 'Calculate' button is visible to the right of the 'Number of iterations' field. In the right screenshot, the 'Calculate' button has been clicked, and the resulting Hailstone sequence is displayed in a list: 10, 5, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1.