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JavaScript

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Module 1 - JavaScript Basics

Who created JavaScript?

- Brendan Eich when working at NetScape
- It was created in 10 days

What is JavaScript

- JavaScript is an interpreted language
 - It means it doesn't need a compiler
 - It executes instructions directly without compiling
 - It is platform independence, dynamic typing
 - The source code is evaluated JUST before executing it
- It is open-source and cross-platform compatible
- It is created by NetScape
- It has object-oriented capabilities

Why do you love JavaScript?

- It is easy to start using
- JavaScript can be used on any platform
- It performs well on every platform
- You can build web, IOT, mobile apps using JavaScript

- It can be used on the Frontend, Backend, and also in the databases like MongoDB
- It is dynamic in nature ex: objects and arrays can be of mixed types

Your first "hello world" program

• Write the below HTML code in index.html file and open it in browser

- JavaScript code is written in between the script tag in the above code.
- When the page loads the browser will run the code between the script tag.
- alert() function will be called which will create a model with hello world text on it.

Congratulation! You just wrote your first JavaScript program

Run just JavaScript

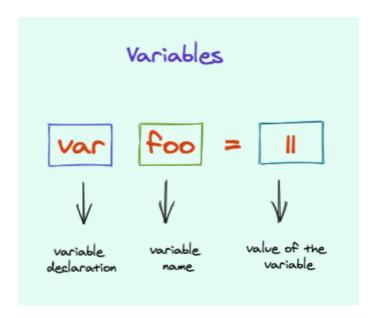
- Instead of creating your own HTML file you can use online IDE as a JavaScript playground
- My favorite ones are:

- Code Sandbox
- PlayCode
- Or you can also run JavaScript programs in VSCode
 - You need too install Node on your machine
 - Run hit cmd + shift + p on Mac, ctrl + shift + p on Windows / Linux
 - Type "Tasks: Configure Task"
 - Type "echo"
 - And replace your task. json file with below code
 - Then everytime you want to JavaScript program hit hit cmd + shift + p on Mac, ctrl
 + shift + p on Windows / Linux
 - Type "Tasks: Run Task"
 - Type "Show in console"

```
// task.json
  // See https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=733558
  // for the documentation about the tasks.json format
  "version": "2.0.0",
  "tasks": [
      "label": "echo",
      "type": "shell",
      "command": "echo Hello"
    },
      "label": "Show in console",
      "type": "shell",
      "osx": {
        "command": "/usr/local/opt/node@10/bin/node ${file}"
      },
      "group": {
        "kind": "build",
        "isDefault": true
   }
 ]
}
```

Variables

- Variables are containers
- They store data values
 - \circ For ex: var x = 5
 - 5 is the value stored in variable X
- In programming, just like in mathematics, we use variables to hold values

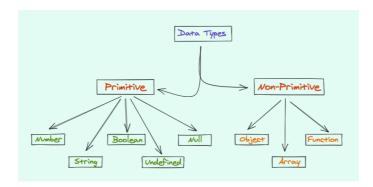


- Look at the illustration above
- var is the keyword used to declare a variable
 - In JavaScript you can also use const or let
 - If you don't use any keyword the variable will be declared in a global scope
- foo is the name of the variable
 - Basically you give a name to some value
- 11 is the value you are storing in variable foo
 - This value can be anything you'd like
 - o number, string, object, function anything

```
// More examples
var x = 10 // number variable
var x = "hi" // string variable
```

<u>Data Types in JavaScript</u>

- Values used in your code can be of certain type number or string for example
- This type is called data type of the language
- Data Types supported in JavaScript are: Number, String, Boolean, Function, Object, Null, and Undefined
- They are categorized as primitive or non-primitive data types
- Check the illustration below



- Unlike Java or C#, JavaScript is a loosely-typed language
- No type declarations are required when variables are created
- Data Types are important in a programming language to perform operations on the variables

```
// Data Types examples

var x = 10 // number variable
var x = "hi" // string variable
var x = true // boolean variable
function x { // your function code here } // function variable
var x = { } // object variable
var x = null // null variable
var x // undefined variable
```

Basic Operators

- = operator is used to assign value to a variable
 - ex: var x = 10 variable x is assigned value 10
- + operator is used to add numbers
 - ex: var x = 10 + 5 variable x is now 15
- + operator is also used to concatenate two strings
 - ex: var x = "hi" + "there" variable x is now hithere
- - operator is used to subtract numbers
 - \circ ex: var $\times = 10 5$ variable x value is now 5
- * operator is used to multiple numbers
 - ex: var x = 10 * 5 variable x value is now 50
- / operator is used to divide numbers
 - \circ ex: var x = 10 / 5 variable x value is now 2
- ++ operator is used to increment value of the variable
 - ex: var x = 10; x++; variable x value is now 11
- -- operator is used to decrement value of the variable
 - ex: var x = 10; x--; variable x value is now 9

Special Operators

- typeof operator can be used to return the type of a variable
 - Use typeof for simple built in types
- instance of operator can be used to check if the object is an instance of a certain object type
 - Use instanceof for custom types

```
'my string' instanceof String; // false
typeof 'my string' == 'string'; // true

function() {} instanceof Function; // true
typeof function() {} == 'function'; // true
```

Fun with Operators

```
1.

var x = 15 + 5 // 20

var y = "hi"

var z = x + y // 20hi
```

```
2.
var y = "hi" + 15 + 5 // hi155
```

- In the first example
 - 15 + 5 is treated as number operation
 - When the compiler sees **hi** it performs string concatenation
 - So the answer is 20hi
- In the second example
 - \circ JavaScript compiler sees hi string first so it considers the operands as strings
 - So the answer is string concatenation hi155

JavaScript as Object-Oriented Programming language

- JavaScript has OOP capabilities like Encapsulation, Aggregation, Composition, Inheritance, and Polymorphism
- Aggregation
 - A "uses" B = Aggregation: B exists independently (conceptually) from A
 - example:
 - Let say we have objects: address, student, teacher
 - We want to specify student address and teacher address
 - Then we can reuse address between student and teacher
- Composition
 - A "owns" B = Composition: B has no meaning or purpose in the system without A
- Inheritance
 - Inheritance can be implemented in JavaScript like below
 - o class Car { }
 - class Honda extends Car { }
- Douglas Crockford says "In its present form, it is now a complete object-oriented programming language."
 - http://JavaScript.crockford.com/JavaScript.html

Polymorphism Example in JavaScript

- We have two classes Car and Bike
- Both are Vehicles. Both vehicles move.
- But depending on the type of the vehicles they move differently
 - o ex: Car drives
 - o ex: Bike rides
- But from the user's point of view they just have to call move () method
- And depending on the type the respective objects will take care of calling the appropriate methods underneath.

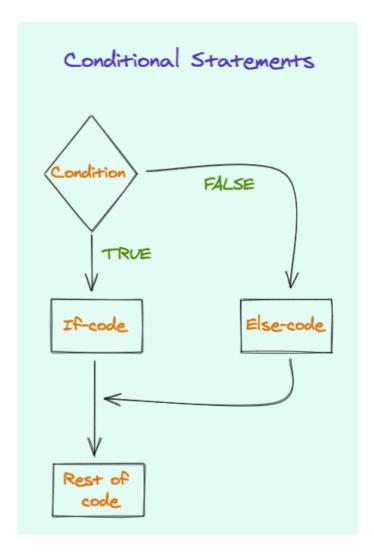
```
constructor(vehicle) {
    this._vehicle = vehicle;
  }
  move() {
    console.log("drive", this._vehicle);
}
class Bike {
  constructor(vehicle) {
    this._vehicle = vehicle;
  move() {
    console.log("ride", this._vehicle);
  }
}
function getVehicle(vehicle) {
  switch (vehicle.type) {
    case "bike":
      return new Bike(vehicle);
    case "car":
      return new Car(vehicle);
    default:
      break;
  }
}
// this would create the appropriate vehicle using the above classes
let vehicle = getVehicle({
 type: "bike",
});
vehicle.move(); // ride { type: 'bike' }
vehicle = getVehicle({
  type: "car",
});
vehicle.move(); // drive { type: 'car' }
```



Module 2 - Conditionals and Collections

Conditionals

- You can make decisions in your code using conditional statements
- Essentially, they let you write -> if this is true, do this else do that



• The above flow chart can be represented as below in the JavaScript code

```
// ...your code
if(some-condition == true) {
    // execute some code
}
else {
    // execute some other code
}
// ... your rest of the code
```

If Else Condition

```
var x = 10;

if(x == 10) {
   console.log("x is 10")
}
else if(x < 10) {
   console.log("x is less than 10)
}
else {
   console.log("x is greater than 10)
}</pre>
```

- if block is executed if the condition is true
- else if block is used to specify additional conditions if the if condition is not satisfied
- else block is executed if neither of the prior conditions is satisfied

Ternary Operator

• if-else block can be simplified and written in lesser verbose code

```
// using if else

if(x == 10) {
    console.log("x is 10")
}
else {
    console.log("x is NOT 10")
}

// using ternary
x == 10 ? console.log("x is 10") : console.log("x is NOT 10")
```

• condition ? if-code : else-code is the syntax used for the ternary operator

Advanced Ternary

• You can also nest the ternary operators if there are complex conditions

```
// using if else

if(x <= 10) {
    if(x == 10) {
        console.log("x is 10")
    }
    else {
        console.log("x is less than 10")
    }
}
else {
    console.log("x is greater than 10")
}</pre>
```

```
// using nested ternary
x == 10 ? (x == 10 ? console.log("x is 10") : console.log("x is less than
10") ) : console.log("x is greater than 10")
```

- condition ? nested—ternary : else—code this is the syntax we used for the above-nested ternary operation
- You can go multiple levels deep into writing nested ternary operator
- But it is recommended to keep the ternary operators as simple as possible to keep the code more readable

Switch Statements

- It is another way to write conditional statements
- Based on conditions it can perform different actions

```
switch(x) {
  case 10:
    console.log("x is 10")
    break
  case 20:
    console.log("x is 20")
    break
  default
    console.log("x is NOT 10 nor 20")
}
```

- switch(x) this is where you specify the condition to be evaluated
- case 10: this is where you specify if the result of the condition equals this value the block of code will be executed
- break statement is required to break out of switch block.
 - If not provided it will execute all the following cases until it hits a break keyword or until the switch block is executed completely.
- default case is executed if none of the prior case conditions are met
 - default case does not have to be the last case in a switch block
 - default case is not required

truthy and falsy values in JavaScript

- Boolean data types are either true or false
- But in JS in addition to this, everything else has inherent boolean values
 - They are falsy or truthy
- Following values are always falsy:

```
// falsy values

false
0 (zero)
"" (empty string)
null
undefined
NaN (a special Number value meaning Not-a-Number)
```

• All other values are truthy

```
// truthy values
"0" // zero in quotes
"false" // false in quotes
function () {} // empty functions
[] // empty arrays
{} //empty objects
```

- This concept is important because the inherent values can then be used in conditional logic
- You don't have to do if(x == false) you can just do if(!x)

```
if (x) {
   // x is truthy
}
else {
   // x is falsy
   // it could be false, 0, "", null, undefined or NaN
}
```

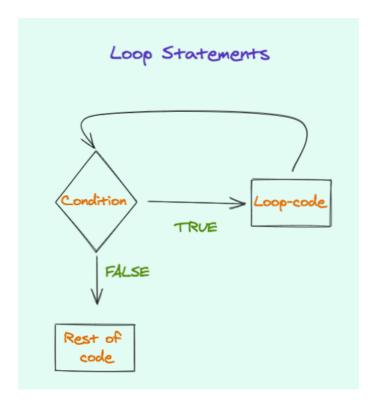
For Loop

• Loops are used to run the same code block again and again "for" given number of times

```
// ... your code

// This loop will be executed 10 times
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   console.log(i)
}

// ... your rest of the code</pre>
```



- Check out the illustration above
- It checks a condition first
- If the condition is true it will run the code inside the loop

- It will continue running the code inside the loop until the condition does not meet anymore
- After that the execution will come outside the loop and continue executing the rest of the code
- Loops come in handy when working with collections and arrays
- Below code will iterate over an array and log all its items

```
var items = [1,2,3,4]
for (i = 0; i < items.length; i++) {
   console.log(items[i]) // 1,2,3,4
}</pre>
```

<u>For-In loop</u>

• It is similar to for loop but is used to iterate over an object instead of an array

```
var myObject = {foo: "Dan", bar: 2};
for (var x in myObject) {
   // displays the object keys
   console.log(x) // foo, bar
   // displays the values of the keys
   console.log(myObject[x]) // Dan, 2
}
```

For-Of loop

- This kind of looping loops through the values of an iterable objects
- For ex: array or string
- You can directly use the values instead of using index on that array or the string

```
var items = [1,2,3]

// using simple for loop

for(var i = 0; i < items.length; i++) {
   console.log(items[i]) // 1, 2, 3
}

// using for-of loop

for(var x of items) {
   console.log(x) // 1, 2, 3
}</pre>
```

While loop

• This loop executed a block of code "while" the given condition is true

```
// This loop will be executed 10 times

var i = 0
while (i < 10) {
   console.log(i)</pre>
```

```
i++
}
```

NOTE: Remember to terminate the while condition properly. Or else the loop will go into infinity and it might crash your browser.

Do-While loop

- It is similar to the while loop except it executes the block of code first and then checks for the condition
- This process will repeat until the condition is true

```
// This loop will be executed 10 times

var i = 0
do {
  console.log(i)
  i++
} while (i < 10)</pre>
```

Tip: In my experience, I have rarely used this do-while. Most of the time you can get away with using the for or the while loop.

Map Reduce Filter

Map

- It is used for creating a new array from an existing one
- It applies the given function to each item in that array

```
function getSquare(item) {
  return item * item
}

const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4];
  const squareOfNumbers = numbers.map(getSquare);
  console.log(squareOfNumbers); // [1, 4, 9, 16]
```

- In the above example getSquare method is called for each item in the numbers array
- The method returns the square of each number
- The result of the <a> map is a new array with square of each number

Reduce

- Similarly to .map .reduce calls the given method for each element in the array
- The result of each method call is passed over to the next method call in the array
- This result is called as accumulator
 - It can anything like a string, number or any object
- You can also pass in an initial value of the accumulator as an optional argument

```
function getSum(result, item) {
  return result + item
}

const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4];
  const sumOfNumbers = numbers.reduce(getSum, 0);
  console.log(sumOfNumbers); // 10
```

- In the above example getSum method is called for each item in the numbers array
- 0 is passed as the initial value of the accumulator
- result is the variable name of the accumulator
- The above reduce method adds each item in the array and stores that sum in the result variable
- Finally the result is returned to sum0fNumbers

Filter

- This method returns a subset of the given array
- It executes the given function for each item in the array and depending on whether the function returns true or false it keeps that element in or filters it out
- If true the element is kept in the result array
- If false the element is excluded from the result array

```
function isGreaterThanTwo(item) {
  return item > 2
}

const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4];
var greaterThanTwoArray = numbers.filter(isGreaterThanTwo);
console.log(greaterThanTwoArray); // [3,4]
```

- In the above example isGreaterThanTwo method checks if the value of the given item is greater than two
- The result is a new array with only [3,4] items in it



Module 3 - JavaScript Objects and Functions

<u>JavaScript Object Basics</u>

- JS objects are used to represents real-life objects in most cases
 - o Ex: Person, Vehicle, Monitor
- But, you can make an object for practically anything

```
const foo = {} // foo is an object
```

- Objects are variables
- They represent various attributes of a certain entity
- person object below represents a Person whose name is "foo" and age is 21
 - o name is the property key
 - foo is the property value

```
const person = {
  name: "foo",
  age: 21
}
```

Access Object Value

• You can access object property value in two ways

```
1.
console.log(person.name) // foo
2.
console.log(person['age']) // 21
```

JavaScript Functions

- It is a piece of code ideally with a single purpose
- It is a wrapper around a piece of code
- It provides an abstraction to a block of code
- It provides a way to reuse functionality

Example Function

- Below is an example of JavaScript function
- addMe is the name of the function
- a and b are two arguments
 - JavaScript arguments are dynamic so you can pass it any value
- The function addMe returns the sum of two arguments a and b

```
function addMe(a, b) {
  return a + b // The function returns the sum of a and b
}
```

Invoke Function

- Below is how you can invoke the addMe function
- 1 and 2 are arguments passed to the function which corresponds to a and b respectively
- The return value of the function is then stored in the variable sum
 - return statement is optional

```
let sum = addMe(1,2)
console.log(sum) // 3
```

Local variables

- You can define variables inside the function
- In the below example we have just passed in a variable
- The function addMe defines variable b inside the function
- Such variables like variable b are called local variables

```
function addMe(a) {
  let b = 2
  return a + b
}

let sum = addMe(4)
  console.log(sum) // 6
```

• Local variables are not accessible outside the function

```
function addMe(a) {
  let b = 2
  return a + b
}
```

```
console.log(b) // ERROR - b is not defined
```

Function Expressions

- You can also create functions using another syntax
- You can assign an anonymous function to a variable, like below -

```
var addMe = function(a, b) {
   return a + b
}

var sum = addMe(1,2)
console.log(sum) // 3
```

- Please note that the name of the function is assigned to the variable instead of the function
- Result of the function remains the same

Scoping in JavaScript

- Every variable defined in JavaScript has a scope
- Scope determines whether the variable is accessible at a certain point or not

Two Types

- Local scope
 - Available locally to a "block" of code
- Global scope
 - Available globally everywhere

JavaScript traditionally always had function scope. JavaScript recently added block scope as a part of the new standard. You will learn about this in the Advanced JavaScript module.

Examples

- Function parameters are locally scoped variables
- Variables declared inside the functions are local to those functions

```
// global scope
var a = 1;
```

```
function one() {
   console.log(a); // 1
}

// local scope - parameter
function two(a) {
   console.log(a); // parameter value
}

// local scope variable
function three() {
   var a = 3;
   console.log(a); // 3
}

one(); // 1
two(2); // 2
three(); // 3
```

Example: JavaScript does not have block scope

- In the below example value of a is logged as 4
- This is because JavaScript function variables are scoped to the entire function
- Even if that variable is declared in a block in this case, the if-block
- This phenomenon is called as **Hoisting** in JavaScript

```
var a = 1
function four(){
  if(true){
    var a = 4
  }
  console.log(a) // logs '4', not the global value of '1'
```

1

Constructor Functions

- Functions used to create new objects are known as constructor functions
- Below function Person is a standard function
- But the function is used to create a new object called john
- Therefore, the Person function by convention is called a constructor function

It is considered good practice to name constructor functions with an upper-case first letter. It is not required though.

```
function Person() {
  this.name = "John"
  this.age = 21
}
var john = new Person()
```

The this keyword

- The this represents the object (or function) that "owns" the currently executing code.
- this keyword references current execution context.
- When a JavaScript function is invoked, a new execution context is created.
- this in js is different than other languages because of how functions are handled
 - Functions are objects in JavaScript
 - So we can change the value of this keyword for every function call

this with example

- The value of this depends on the object that the function is attached to
- In the below example;
 - getMyAge function belongs to person object
 - So, this.age represents the person object's age property

```
const person = {
  name: "foo",
  age: 21,
  getMyAge: function() {
    return this.age // 21
  }
}
```

More this examples

- Reference to the top-level execution context
- In the browser below this represents the window object

```
function go() { console.debug(this); }
go();
```

- In below example -
- var foo = 10; statement declares foo variable on the window object
- print(); belongs to window object of browser

- So, this. foo returns the value of foo variable on the window object which is 10
- var myObject = { foo: 20}; declares foo property which belongs to myObject object
- print.apply(myObject); statement simply makes myObject the owner of the print method
- So, this. foo now returns the value of foo variable on the window object which is 20

NOTE: We will learn more about apply method in Module 5

```
var myObject = { foo : 20 };
var foo = 10;

function print(){
   console.log(this.foo);
}

// This will log window.foo - 10
print(); //

// This will alert myObject.foo which is 20
print.apply(myObject);
```

The new Operator

- It will create a new instance of an object
- It can be user-defined or a builtin type

```
// built-in type object

var cars = new Array('Honda', 'Audi', 'BMW');

// user-defined object

class Car {
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name;
  }
}

var car = new Car('Honda')
```

NOTE: You will learn about JavaScript Classes in Module 6

- It links the newly created object to another object
 - It does it by setting its constructor to another object
 - The object type is set to its constructor function
- It makes the this variable point to the newly created object.
- It invokes the constructor function

• object.prototype property is set to the object's prototype

Understand with example

- Car is a constructor function because it is invoked using new keyword
- Car function has a field called name
- myCar object is created from the Car function using new keyword
- When that is done:
 - It makes Car the prototype/constructor of myCar
 - It sets the name field to Honda
 - The value of myCar becomes {name: 'Honda'}

```
function Car(name) {
   console.log(this) // this points to myCar
   this.name = name;
}

var myCar = new Car('Honda')
console.log(myCar) // {name: "Honda", constructor: "Car"}
```

Example of creating an object with and without new operator

WITHOUT new operator

- this.A = 1; value of this is undefined so this statement will throw error
- var t = Foo(); value of t will be undefined because Foo() function is not returning anything

```
var Foo = function(){
   this.A = 1;
};

var t = Foo();
console.log(t); // undefined
```

WITH new operator

- var m = Foo(); value of m is { A: 1 } with constructor set to Foo
- this.A = 1; value of this is m object

```
var Foo = function(){
   this.A = 1;
};

var m = new Foo();
   console.log(m); // m is { A: 1 }, type of m is Foo
```

<u>Interview Question: What is the difference between the new operator and Object.create Operator</u>

new Operator in JavaScript

- This is used to create an object from a constructor function
- The new keywords also execute the constructor function

```
function Car() {
   console.log(this) // this points to myCar
   this.name = "Honda";
}

var myCar = new Car()
  console.log(myCar) // Car {name: "Honda", constructor: Object}
  console.log(myCar.name) // Honda
  console.log(myCar instanceof Car) // true
  console.log(myCar.constructor) // function Car() {}
  console.log(myCar.constructor === Car) // true
  console.log(typeof myCar) // object
```

Object.create in JavaScript

- You can also use Object. create to create a new object
- But, it does not execute the constructor function
- Object.create is used to create an object from another object

```
const Car = {
   name: "Honda"
}

var myCar = Object.create(Car)
  console.log(myCar) // Object {}
  console.log(myCar.name) // Honda
  console.log(myCar instanceof Car) // ERROR
  console.log(myCar.constructor) // Anonymous function object
  console.log(myCar.constructor === Car) // false
  console.log(typeof myCar) // object
```



Module 4 - Prototypes and Prototypal Inheritance

<u>JavaScript as Prototype-based language</u>

- JavaScript does not contain "classes" that defines a blueprint for the object, such as is found in C++ or Java
- JavaScript uses functions as "classes"
- Everything is an object in JavaScript
- In JavaScript, objects define their own structure
- This structure can be inherited by other objects at runtime

What is a prototype?

- It is a link to another object
- In JavaScript, objects are chained together by prototype chain

Joe -> Person -> Object -> null

• JavaScript objects inherit properties and methods from a prototype

Example of Prototype

• Prototype property allows you to add properties and methods to any object dynamically

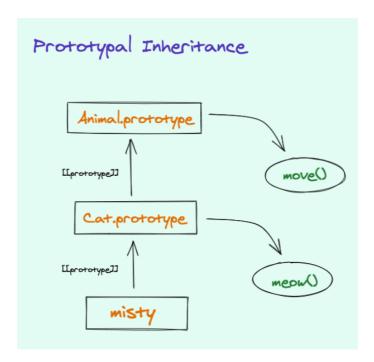
```
function Animal(name) {
   this.name = name
}
Animal.prototype.age = 10
```

- When object Cat is inherited from object Animal
 - Then Animal is the prototype object or the constructor of the Cat

```
var Cat = new Animal('cat')
console.log(Cat) // constructor: "Animal"
console.log(Cat.name) // cat
console.log(Cat.age) // 10
```

What is Prototypal Inheritance?

- In JavaScript object inherits from object unlike class inheritance in C++ or Java
- Prototypal inheritance means that if the property is not found in the original object itself
 - Then the property will be searched for in the object's parent prototype object.
- Object literally links to other objects



• Check out the illustration above and refer the code below

```
function Animal(name) {
   this.name = name;
}

Animal.prototype.move = function () {
   console.log("move");
};

function Cat(name) {
   Animal.call(this, name);
```

```
Cat.prototype.meow = function () {
   console.log("meow");
};
```

- Animal object is at the top of the inheritance (for this example)
- It has a Animal.prototype property on it
- We then have Cat object
- To execute a prototypal inheritance we have to link their prototypes
- Below is how you do it

```
Cat.prototype = Object.create(Animal.prototype)
```

- Now Cat.prototype is linked with Animal.prototype
- Then we create misty object from Cat

```
var misty = new Cat('misty')
```

• Now our new misty cat object will inherit all the properties on Animal and Cat object and also the properties on Animal.prototype and Cat.prototype

```
console.log(misty); // constructor: "Animal"
console.log(misty.name); // cat
console.log(misty.meow()); // meow
console.log(misty.move()); // move
```

Understand Prototypal Inheritance by an analogy

- You have exam, you need a pen, but you don't have a pen
- You ask your friend if they have a pen, but the don't but they are a good friend
- So they ask their friend if they have a pen, they do!
- That pen gets passed to you and you can now use it
- The friendship is the prototype link between them!

Why is Prototypal Inheritance better?

- It is simpler
 - Just create and extend objects
 - You don't worry about classes, interfaces, abstract classes, virtual base classes, constructor, etc...
- It is more powerful
 - You can "mimic" multiple inheritance by extending object from multiple objects
 - Just handpick properties and methods from the prototypes you want
- It is dynamic
 - You can add new properties to prototypes after they are created
 - This also auto-adds those properties and methods to those object which are inherited from this prototype
- It is less verbose than class-based inheritance

Example of Prototypal Inheritance

```
function Building(address) {
   this.address = address
}
```

```
Building.prototype.getAddress = function() {
    return this.address
}

function Home(owner, address){
    Building.call(this, address)
        this.owner = owner
}

Home.prototype.getOwner = function() {
    return this.owner
}

var myHome = new Home("Joe", "1 Baker Street")

console.log(myHome)
// Home {address: "1 Baker Street", owner: "Joe", constructor: Object}

console.log(myHome.owner) // Joe
    console.log(myHome.address) // 1 Baker Street
```

- Let's define accessor methods on the above constructor function
- getAddress method is defined on Building
- get0wner method is defined on Home

```
// On Building constructor
Building.prototype.getAddress = function() {
    return this.address
}

// On Home constructor
Home.prototype.getOwner = function() {
    return this.owner
}

var myHome = new Home("Joe", "1 Baker Street")

console.log(myHome.getOwner()) // Joe
console.log(myHome.getAddress()) // ERROR: myHome.getAddress is not a function
```

- get0wner works correctly
- But getAddress method gives error
- That is because we have not linked the prototype of Home to the prototype of Building

Linking the prototypes

- We can link the prototype by using 0bject.create
- Now when we call getAddress we get the value correctly as expected

```
Home.prototype = Object.create(Building.prototype)
console.log(myHome.getOwner()) // Joe
console.log(myHome.getAddress()) // 1 Baker Street
```

Prototype Chain

- In JavaScript, objects are chained together by a prototype chain
- If I the object don't have a property or method that is requested -
 - Then go to the object's prototype and look for it
- This process is repeated until JavaScript hits the top-level builtin object Object

How does prototypal inheritance/prototype chain work in above example?

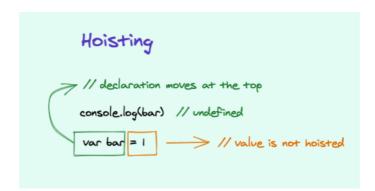
- JavaScript checks if myHome has an getAddress method it doesn't
- JavaScript then checks if Home.prototype has an getAddress method it doesn't
- JavaScript then checks if Building.prototype has an getAddress method it does
- So, JavaScript then calls the getAddress on the Building function



Module 5 - Advanced JavaScript (Closures, Method Chaining, etc.)

Hoisting in JavaScript

- In JavaScript function declarations and variable declarations are 'hoisted'
- Meaning variables can be used before they are declared



- From the illustration above refer the code below
- We are logging bar variable to the console
- But, the variable bar is defined AFTER it is being used
- In other traditional languages that would have been an error
- But, JavaScript does not throw any error here
- But, remember the value of the variable is still **undefined** because the value is really assigned on AFTER it is being logged

```
console.log(bar) // undefined – but no error
var bar = 1
```

Another example

```
// Function declarations
foo() // 1
function foo() {
  console.log(1)
}
```

- The variable declarations are silently moved to the very top of the current scope
- Functions are hoisted first, and then variables
- But, this does not mean that assigned values (in the middle of function) will still be associated with the variable from the start of the function
- It only means that the variable name will be recognized starting from the very beginning of the function
- That is the reason, bar is undefined in this example

```
// Variable declarations
console.log(bar) // undefined
var bar = 1
```

NOTE 1: Variables and constants declared with let or const are not hoisted!

NOTE 2: Function declarations are hoisted - but function expressions are not!

```
// NO ERROR
foo();
function foo() {
   // your logic
}
```

We get an error with Function Expressions

• var foo is hoisted but it does not know the type foo yet

```
foo(); // not a ReferenceError, but gives a TypeError
```

```
var foo = function bar() {
   // your logic
}
```

JavaScript Closures

Technical Definition: Closure is when a function is able to remember and access its lexical scope even when that function is executing outside its lexical scope.

- Whenever you see a function keyword within another function, the inner function has access to variables in the outer function.
- That is a closure.
- Simply accessing variables outside of your immediate lexical scope creates a closure.
- Below example is a closure
- Because a is outside the scope of function foo

```
var a = 42;
function foo() { return a; }
```

• Closures are just using variables that come from a higher scope

Closure remembers the environment

- The function defined in the closure 'remembers' the environment in which it was created
- Closure happens when an inner function is defined in outer function and is made accessible to be called later.

- In the below example we have a function sayHello
- It declares a local variable called hello
- It also declares a function variable called log()
- And finally, it returns the log() function
- So, myClosure variable is now pointing to the log() function
- Meaning calling myClosure() function is actually invoking the log() function from the sayHello() function
- And if you see the result log() functions accurately logs the value of hello variable which was originally declared in the parent function sayHello()
- It means, the log() function has accurately "remembered" the value of the hello variable
- This phenomenon is called closure
- The value of hello variable is successfully locked into the closure of the log() function

```
function sayHello() {
  var hello = 'Hello, world!';

  var log = function() { console.log(hello); }

  return log;
}

var myClosure = sayHello();
  myClosure(); // 'Hello, world!'
```

IIFE

• It is called as Immediately Invoked Function Expressions

What is happening here?

```
(function foo(){
   // your code
})()
```

- It is function expression
- It is moreover a self-executing function an IIFE
- It wraps the inside members to the scope
- It prevents from polluting the global scope
- It is useful in closures

Closure And IIFE

- sum is a Function expression whose value is an IIFE
- So, consequently, the sum is assigned the return value of a self-invoking function

```
var sum = (function() {
```

```
var foo = 20

function bar() {
    foo = foo + 10

    console.log(foo)
}

return bar

})()

sum() // 30
sum() // 40
sum() // 50
```

- What is happening inside IIFE?
- We have defined foo variable as the local variable inside the function
- We also have a function called bar()
- And, finally, we return the bar function
- So, the function bar is getting assigned to the variable sum
- What is happening inside the bar() function?
- We are accessing variable foo from the parent scope
- And we are incrementing its value by 10 and reassigning the new value back to the variable foo from the parent scope
- And finally, we are logging the new value of the variable foo
- The interesting part is, the value of foo is enclosed inside the IIFE which is assigned to sum
- And, sum is actually the function bar as you can see below
- Every time you call function sum() it updates and remembers the new value of variable foo
- Therefore, every call to the function displays the updated value of the foo

```
console.log(sum) // function bar() {}
```

JavaScript call() & apply() vs bind()?

- They all are used to attach a correct this to the function and invoke it
- The difference is the way of function invocation

bind

- It returns a function
- This returned function can later be called with a certain context set for calling the original function
- The returned function needs to be invoked separately

Example using bind()

- person object has a method called hello()
- ngNinja object does not have it
- You can bind hello() method to ngNinja object and call it later in the code

```
var person = {
  hello: function(message) {
    console.log(this.name + " says hello " + message)
  }
}
var ngNinja = {
  name: "NgNinja Academy"
}

var sayHello = person.hello.bind(ngNinja)
```

```
sayHello("world"); // output: "NgNinja Academy says hello world"
```

call()

- call() attaches this to function and invokes the function immediately
- The owner object is sent as an argument
- With call(), an object can use a method belonging to another object
- In the below example this is set to the ngNinja object
- You can send arguments to the function as a comma-separated list following the owner object

```
var person = {
  hello: function(message) {
    console.log(this.name + " says hello " + message);
  }
}
var ngNinja = {
  name: "NgNinja Academy"
}
person.hello.call(ngNinja, "world"); // output: "NgNinja Academy says hello world"
```

- apply also attaches this to a function and invokes the function immediately
- apply is similar to call() except it takes an array of arguments instead of the comma-separated list
- In the below example this is set to the ngNinja object
- You can send arguments to the function as a comma-separated list following the owner object

```
var person = {
  hello: function(message) {
    console.log(this.name + " says hello " + message);
  }
}
var ngNinja = {
  name: "NgNinja Academy"
}
person.hello.apply(ngNinja, ["world"]); // output: "NgNinja Academy says hello world"
```

Asynchronous JavaScript

Callback Function

- These are functions that are executed "later"
- Later can be any action that you'd want to be completed before calling the the callback function
- Callback functions are passed as arguments to the outer function

Simple example

- In this example greet () is the outer function
- And getName() is the callback function
- We pass getName() function to the outer greet() function as a function argument
- The value from getName() callback function is then used in the outer function greet()

```
function getName() {
   return "Sleepless Yogi";
}

function greet(callbackFn) {
   // call back function is executed here
   const name = callbackFn();

   return "Hello " + name;
}
```

- This was a very basic example
- Callback functions are more often used in asynchronous programming

Asynchronous programming

- This is the type of programming where actions does not take place in a predictable order
- Example: network calls
- When you make an HTTP call you cannot predict when the call will return
- Therefore your program needs to consider this asynchronism to out the correct results

Example callback in asynchronous programming

- In the below example we define a callback function printUser
- This function depends on the variable name
- So, basically until we have value for the name variable we cannot print the value
- We then define fetchAndPrintUser function to fetch the user and then print the user's name
- We are simulating network call using setTimeout method
- Basically it means after 500 ms we will have the name available
 - In real world this will be a network call to some user API that queries the user database for this information
- After we get the user's name
- We call the callback function printUser with the name value

```
function printUser(name) {
  console.log(name)
}

function fetchAndPrintUser(printCallbackFunction) {

  // simulate fake network call
  setTimeout(() => {
    const fakeUserName = 'Sleepless Yogi'
```

```
// We call the callback function here
   printCallbackFunction(fakeUserName)
   }, 500)
}

// Execute the function to fetch user and print the user's name
fetchAndPrintUser(printUser)
```

Promises

- Now that you have understood what is asynchronous programming and what are callbacks
- Let's dive into some advanced stuff Promises
- Promises are basically another way to deal with asynchronous programming
- These simplifies your async code greatly!
- The example we saw earlier was contrived and simple so you might not notice much difference
- BUT! in the real world applications promises simplifies the code to a great extent

Explanation via Example

• Let's implement the fetchAndPrintUser example using Promises

TIP: When reading through this example try and compare with how we implemented the same requirement using callbacks

- As before we define the **fetchAndPrintUser** function which fetches the user details and prints the user
- But, this time instead of passing any callback function we create a new promise
- New promise can be created as below

```
const newPromise = new Promise()
```

```
What is a promise?

- Promise is literally a promise made by some function

- That it will eventually return the result and fulfill that promise

- Promise is a proxy for a value that will eventually become available
```

- The **Promise** object itself takes a callback function with two functions as parameters
- resolve function to be called after successful data retrieval
- reject function to be called if there was some error during data retrieval
- So, in the example below we return Promise from the fetchAndPrintUser function
- Once the data is available we return the data using resolve(fakeUserName)
- If there were any network error or some server failue we would return error by rejecting the promise
 - This is done using reject ('Error ocurred!')

```
function fetchAndPrintUser() {

// create new promise
return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {

// simulate fake network call
setTimeout(() => {

// simulate error
// when error occurs we reject the promise
if(someError) {
    reject('Error ocurred!')
}
```

```
const fakeUserName = 'Sleepless Yogi'

// Resolve the user name
  resolve(fakeUserName)
  }, 500)
})
```

- The usage of promise is done via promise.then.catch pattern
- This means if the data is correctly resolved the execution goes in the then() block
 - Where you can do any other thing with the result data
- If the promise was rejected due to some error the execution would go in the catch() block
 - Where you can handle errors
- This is demonstrated below

```
// Execute function that fetch user and then prints it
fetchAndPrintUser()
   .then((name) => {
      console.log(name)
   })
   .catch((error) => {
      console.log(error)
   })
```

Promise.all

- Let's see how to handle if you want to fetch via multiple APIs and then perform some operation on the entire dataset
- This naive way would be to declare multiple promises and then perform operations when all promises are resolved

- Like below
- We create two different promises
- One for user data
- Another for order data

```
const userPromise = new Promise()

const orderPromise = new Promise()

// Wait for user data
userPromise.then((userData) => {

   // Wait for order data
   orderPromise.then((orderData) => {

   // after you get user and order data both
   // then perform some operation on both dataset
   console.log(userData, orderData)
   })
})
```

- Did you see how messy the code is
- If you had 3 or 10 or 100 promises can you imagine how much nesting you would have to do?
- That is clearly bad!
- Enter promise.all!!!
- You can simplify the above code using promise.all
- Basically using this you can wait for all the promises to resolved and then only perform the next operations
- The above example can be written like below
- Please read the inline comments

```
const userPromise = new Promise()
```

```
const orderPromise = new Promise()

Promise.all([userPromise, orderPromise])
   .then((data) => {

    // here we are confident that we have both
    // user data as well as the order data
    console.log(data)
   })
   .catch((error) => {

    // we fall in this code block
    // if either one or all the promises are rejected
    console.log(error)
   })
```

Async-await

- Similar to callback and promises, we have another paradigm for handling async programming
- It is called Async-await
- This method is less verbose and much more readable
- If you are comfortable with synchronous programming this method will be much easy to understand
- Because it does not include callbacks

Explanation via Example

- For this to work we need two things
- One async function
- Two await on some promise
- If your function is awaiting on some asynchronous data you have to define your function as async
- And you have to use await keyword for the function call that is making the network API call

- Please see the example below
- We have defined fetchAndPrintUser function which fetches the user name and prints it
- Your function fetchAndPrintUser is defined as async
- Because internally it is calling await fetchUserData()
- fetchUserData is the function that is making network call to the API to fetch the user data

```
// Your async function
async function fetchAndPrintUser() {
   // await on the API call to return the data
   const name = await fetchUserData()

   // your data is now available
   console.log(name)
}
```

- Just see how simple and less-verbose the example looks
- You don't have to deal with callbacks or promises

Handle errors using async-await

- To handle errors using async-await you have to wrap the code inside try-catch block
- Like below

```
async function fetchAndPrintUser() {
  try {
    const name = await fetchUserData()

  // we have the data successfully
    console.log(name)
} catch (error) {
```

```
// there was some error
  console.log(error)
}
}
```



Module 6 - Next Generation JS - ES6 and Beyond

<u>JavaScript Classes</u>

- Classes were introduced in ES6 standard
- Simple Person class in JavaScript
- You can define **constructor** inside the class where you can instantiate the class members
- Constructor method is called each time the class object is initialized

```
class Person {
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name
  }
}
var john = new Person("John")
```

- You can add your functions inside classes
- These methods have to be invoked programmatically in your code

```
class Person {
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name
  }
  getName() {
    return this.name
  }
}
john.getName() // John
```

- JavaScript class is just syntactic sugar for constructor functions and prototypes
- If you use typeof operator on a class it logs it as "function"
- This proves that in JavaScript a class is nothing but a constructor function

```
example:
class Foo {}
console.log(typeof Foo); // "function"
```

Class vs Constructor function

- Below example demonstrates how to achieve the same result using vanilla functions and using new classes
- You can notice how using class make your code cleaner and less verbose

• Using class also makes it more intuitive and easier to understand for Developer coming from class-based languages like Java and C++

Using Function - ES5 style

```
var Person = function(name){
    this.name = name
}

var Man = function(name) {
    Person.call(this, name)
    this.gender = "Male"
}

Man.prototype = Object.create(Person.prototype)
Man.prototype.constructor = Man

var John = new Man("John")

console.log(John.name) // John
console.log(John.gender) // Male
```

Using Classes - ES6+ Style

```
class Person {
    constructor(name){
        this.name = name
    }
}
```

```
class Man extends Person {
    constructor(name){
        super(name)
        this.gender = "Male"
    }
}

var John = new Man("John")

console.log(John.name) // John
console.log(John.gender) // Male
```

let and const and Block scope

- let and const keywords were introduced in ES6
- These two keywords are used to declare JavaScript variables

```
let myFirstName = "NgNinja"
const myLastName = "Academy"
console.log(myFirstName + myLastName) // "NgNinjaAcademy"
```

- These two keywords provide Block Scope variables in JavaScript
- These variables do not hoist like var variables

Remember: using var to declare variables creates a function scope variables

- These two keywords lets you avoid IIFE
- IIFE is used for not polluting global scope
- But, now you can just use let or const inside a block {} which will have same effect

let

- let keyword works very much like var keyword except it creates block-scoped variables
- let keyword is an ideal candidate for loop variables, garbage collection variables

Example of let

- var x declares a function scope variable which is available throughout the function checkLetKeyword()
- let x declares a block scope variable which is accessible ONLY inside the if-block
- So, after the if-block the value of x is again 10

```
function checkLetKeyword() {
  var x = 10
  console.log(x) // 10

if(x === 10) {
  let x = 20

  console.log(x) // 20
 }

console.log(x) // 10
}
```

const

- const keyword is used to declare a constant in JavaScript
- Value must be assigned to a constant when you declare it
- Once assigned you cannot change its value

```
const MY_NAME = "NgNinja Academy"
console.log(MY_NAME) // NgNinja Academy
MY_NAME = "JavaScript" // Error: "MY_NAME" is read-only
```

Tricky const

- If you defined a constant array using const you can change the elements inside it
- You cannot assign a different array to it
- But, you can add or remove elements from it
- This is because const does NOT define a constant value. It defines a constant reference to a value.
- Example below:

```
const MY_GRADES = [1, 2, 3]
MY_GRADES = [4, 4, 4] // Error: "MY_GRADES" is read-only
MY_GRADES.push(4) // [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Arrow Functions

- They were introduced in ES6
- It is another syntax to create functions
- It has a shorter syntax

```
// syntax
(parameters) => { statements }
```

- Brackets around parameters are optional if you have only 1 param
- Statement brackets can be removed if you are returning an expression
- Below arrow function takes in number parameter
- It multiplies the number with 2
- And finally it returns the result

```
// example
var double = number => number * 2

// equivalent traditional function

var double = function(number) {
   return number * 2
}
```

Another example

- You can pass multiple parameters to the arrow function
- You can also write {} and return value like a normal function

```
// example

var sum = (a, b) => {
  return a + b
}

// equivalent traditional function

var sum = function(a, b) {
  return a + b
}
```

Lexical this

- It means forcing the this variable to always point to the object where it is physically located within
- This phenomenon is called as Lexical Scoping
- Arrow function let's you achieve a lexical this via lexical scoping
- Unlike a regular function, an arrow function does not bind this
- It preserves the original context
- It means that it uses this from the code that contains the Arrow Function

Example of lexical this

- Below example declares person object
- It has a name: 'John' and a function printName()
- When you invoke <printName() using person.printName()</pre>
- The this operator originally points to the person object
- Therefore this name logs John correctly
- Then we have declared two function getName() and getNameArrowFunction()
- Both of them does the same thing they return the name of the person
- But, getName() gives an error because this is undefined inside the function
- Because in traditional function this represent the object that calls the function
- And we have not assigned any object to the function invocation
- Whereas, getNameArrowFunction() logs John correctly
- That is because it uses this object from the code that contains the Arrow Function which is person

```
var person = {
   name: 'John',
    printName: function(){
        console.log(this.name); // John
    var getName = function() {
      return this.name // ERROR
    var getNameArrowFunction = () => {
      return this name
    }
    // TypeError: Cannot read property 'name' of undefined
    console.log(getName())
    // John
    console.log(getNameArrowFunction())
    }
}
person.printName()
```

<u>Destructuring Operator</u>

• It lets you unpack values from arrays, or properties from objects, into distinct variables

Example using array

• You can name your variables anything

```
let [a, b] = [1, 2]
console.log(a) // 1
console.log(b) // 2
```

Example using object

- Your name of the variables should match the name of the properties
- Order does not matter

```
let { b, a } = {
   a: 1,
   b: 2
}
console.log(a) // 1
```

```
console.log(b) // 2
```

Rest Operator

- It allows us to more easily handle a variable number of function parameters
- Earlier we had to use arguments variable to achieve this

```
function log() {
    for(var i = 0; i < arguments.length; i++) {
        console.log(arguments[i])
    }
}
log(1) // 1
log(1, 2, 3) // 1, 2, 3</pre>
```

Using Rest Operator

- It will assign all the remaining parameters to a rest-variable after those that were already assigned
- numbersToLog is the rest-variable in the example below
- Rest operator puts all the remaining arguments in an array and assigns it to the rest-variable

Rest operator turns comma-separated value to an array

```
function log(a, ...numbersToLog) {
  console.log(a) // 1
  console.log(numbersToLog) // [2, 3]
}
add(1, 2, 3)
```

Spread Operator

- It looks like has the same as the Rest parameter operator
- But it has a different use case
- In fact, it perform almost the opposite function to Rest operator

Spread operator turns an array to comma-separated values

Example

• Below example spread array1 to a comma-separated list of values into the array2

```
var array1 = [2, 3];
var array2 = [1, ...array1, 4, 5]; // spread
// array2 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Spread tricks

Concat array

```
const arr1 = ['coffee', 'tea', 'milk']
const arr2 = ['juice', 'smoothie']

// Without spread
var beverages = arr1.concat(arr2)

// With spread
var beverages = [...arr1, ...arr2]

// result
// ['coffee', 'tea', 'milk', 'juice', 'smoothie']
```

Make copy of array

```
const arr1 = ['coffee', 'tea', 'milk']
```

```
// Without spread
var arr1Copy = arr1.slice()

// With spread
const arr1Copy = [...arr1]
```

Remove duplicate entries from Array

```
const arr1 = ['coffee', 'tea', 'milk', 'coffee', 'milk']

// Without spread

// Iterate over the array add it to object as property

// If value present in the object skip it

// Else push it to another array

// With spread
const arr1Copy = [...new Set(arr1)]

// result

// ['coffee', 'tea', 'milk']
```

Convert string to array

```
const myBeverage = 'tea'

// Without spread
var bevArr = myBeverage.split('')

// With spread
var bevArr = [myBeverage]

// result
```

```
// ['t', 'e', 'a']
```

Find min max

```
// Without spread
var max = Math.max(3, 2, 1, 5, -10)

// With spread
var myNums = [3, 2, 1, 5, -10]
var max = Math.max(...myNums)

// result
// 5
```