

Dev8D Javascript Workshop

Part 1: Objects, Functions and the Object Tree

1. Run the following code

```
var dump = function(obj) {  
    for(var attr in obj) {  
        println(attr+':'+obj[attr]);  
    }  
}  
  
kangaroo1 = {name:'Kanga',  
             jump : function(){println('whee!')}}  
           };  
kangaroo1.name;  
kangaroo1.jump();  
dump(kangaroo1);  
JSON.stringify(kangaroo1);  
  
var Kangaroo = function(name) {  
    this.name = name;  
    this.jump= function(){println('whee!')}}  
}  
kangaroo2 = new Kangaroo('Roo');  
kangaroo2.name;  
kangaroo2.jump();  
dump(kangaroo2);  
JSON.stringify(kangaroo2);
```

Try creating some more objects and running `dump` and `JSON.stringify` on them.

Run the following code:

```
dump(this);  
  
JSON.stringify(this)
```

If you have time at the end, you might like to think about how you could improve the `dump` function.

2. Run the following code;

```
var create = function(parent) {  
    var tmp = function(){};  
    tmp.prototype = parent;  
    var child = new tmp();  
    return child;  
}  
  
bird.fly = function () {println('Flap flap!')}  
owl = create(bird);  
owl.fly();  
dump(owl);
```

Experiment with using the `create` function to create other objects that inherit from each other.

3. Run the following code:

```
function person(first_name, last_name) {  
    return {first_name: first_name, last_name: last_name}  
}  
  
var person = person('Christopher', 'Robin');  
dump(person);
```

Modify the `person` function to return an object that also has the method `full_name` that returns the person's full name based on `first_name` and `last_name`. Test that the function works.

Part 2: Scope and the 'this' keyword

1. Run the following code:

```
var i = 0;

function test_1() {
    for (i=0; i<10; i++) {}
}

test_1();
```

What is the value of the global variable `i`?

Run the following code:

```
var i = 0;

function test_2() {
    for (var i=0; i<10; i++) { }
}

test_2();
```

What is the value of the global variable `i`?

2.

Here is the code for a simple constructor function:

```
function Point(x,y) {
    this.x = x;
    this.y = y;
}
```

Run the following code:

```
p = new Point(1,2);
```

What is the value of `p.x`? What is the value of `p.y`?

Now suppose somebody accidentally forgets the 'new' keywords and runs the following code:

```
q = Point(3,4);
```

What is `typeof q`? What is `q.x`? What is `q.y`? What is the value of the global variable `x`? What is the value of the global variable `y`?

Now suppose we have the following code instead:

```
function Point_v2(x,y) {  
    this.x = x;  
    this.y = y;  
    return this;  
}  
q = Point_v2(5,6);  
r = Point_v2(7,8);
```

What is `q.x`? What is `q === this`? What is `r.x`? Are `q` and `r` the same object?

3. Create a function `f` which returns `this`. Create an object `a`. Give `a` an attribute `b` than contains `f`. Does `a.b === f`? Does `a.b() === f()`?

4. Run the following code:

```
a = [0,1,2];  
a.push(3,4,5);  
b = [0,1,2];  
p = b.push;  
p(3,4,5);
```

What is `a[4]`? What is `b[4]`? What is the value of the global variable `length`?