



WEB DEVELOPMENT

Lesson 3

JavaScript

Style guide: <https://github.com/airbnb/javascript>

JavaScript

- High level
- Dynamic
- Dynamically typed
- Interpreted

JavaScript has nothing to do with Java

ECMAScript — JavaScript standart

- ECMAScript 1 (1997)
- ...
- ECMAScript 5 (2009) — ES5
- ...
- ECMAScript 2015 — ES6 (classes, arrow functions, let/const, promises)
- ECMAScript 2017 (async/await)
- ECMAScript 2020 (optional chaining `?.`)
- ECMAScript 2023 (Array.findLast, toSorted, toReversed)
- ECMAScript 2025 ← we are here

Data types

Primitive types:

- Number
- String
- Boolean
- Null
- Undefined
- Symbol – ES6
- BigInt – ES2020

Reference type:

- Object (includes arrays, functions, dates, etc.)

Good news

If you know C++, C or Java — JavaScript has similar syntax

```
i = 3;  
  
i = i * 10 + 3 + (i / 10);  
  
while (i >= 0) {  
    sum += i*i;    // Comment  
    i--;  
}  
  
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
}  
/* this is a comment */
```

```
if (i < 3) {  
    i = foobar(i);  
} else {  
    i = i * .02;  
}
```

Most C operators work:

* / % + - ! >= <= > < && || ?:

```
function foobar(i) { return i;}
```

continue/break/return

Variable scoping

```
let count = 5;          // block-scoped, reassignable
const name = "Ali";    // block-scoped, NOT reassignable

if (true) {
  let x = 10;
  const y = 20;
}
// x and y are NOT accessible here
```

```
// var is function-scoped (confusing!)
if (true) {
  var leaked = "oops";
}
// leaked is accessible here – unexpected!

// Rule: always use const by default,
// use let only when you need to reassign,
// never use var
```

ECMAScript version 6 extensions

```
class Rectangle extends Shape { // Definition and Inheritance
    constructor(height, width) {
        super(height, width);
        this.height = height;
        this.width = width;
    }
    area() { // Method definition
        return this.width * this.height;
    }
    static countRects() { // Static method
        ...
    }
}
var r = new Rectangle(10,20);
```

Imperative vs Functional Programming

Imperative:

```
for (var i = 0; i < anArr.length; i++) {  
    newArr[i] = anArr[i]*i;  
}
```

Functional:

```
newArr = anArr.map(function (val, ind) {  
    return val*ind;  
});
```

filter — keep only matching items:

```
let evens = anArr.filter(function (val) {  
    return val % 2 === 0;  
});
```

reduce — combine into single value:

```
let sum = anArr.reduce(function (acc, val) {  
    return acc + val;  
}, 0);
```

Functional Programming - ECMAScript 6

Imperative:

```
for (var i = 0; i < anArr.length; i++) {  
    newArr[i] = anArr[i]*i;  
}
```

Functional:

```
newArr = anArr.map((val, ind) => val*ind); // Arrow function
```

filter:

```
let evens = anArr.filter(val => val % 2 === 0);
```

reduce:

```
let sum = anArr.reduce((acc, val) => acc + val, 0);
```

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

```
var obj = { ps: 'str', pn: 1, pa: [1,'two',3,4], po: { sop: 1}};  
  
var s = JSON.stringify(obj) =  
  '{"ps":"str","pn":1,"pa":[1,"two",3,4],"po":{"sop":1}}'  
  
typeof s == 'string'  
JSON.parse(s) // returns object with same properties
```

- JSON is the standard format for sending data to and from a browser

Some JavaScript idioms

```
// Old way (still works)
hostname = hostname || "localhost";
port = port || 80;

// Modern (ES2020) – safer with falsy values
hostname = hostname ?? "localhost";
port = port ?? 80;
// ?? only falls back on null/undefined
// || falls back on ANY falsy (0, "", false)
```

```
// Old way
var prop = obj && obj.address && obj.address.city;

// Modern (ES2020) – optional chaining
var prop = obj?.address?.city;
```

```
// Old way
var msg = "Hello, " + name + "! You are " + age;

// Modern – template literals
var msg = `Hello, ${name}! You are ${age}`;
```

Document **O**bject **M**odel

DOM hierarchy

- Rooted at `window.document`
- Follows HTML document structure
 - `window.document.head`
 - `window.document.body`
- DOM objects have tons (~250) of properties, most private

Accessing DOM Nodes

- Walk DOM hierarchy (not recommended)
 - `element = document.body.firstChild.nextSibling.firstChild;`
- Use DOM lookup method. An example using ids:
 - `element = document.getElementById("div1");`
 - `getElementsByClassName()`, `getElementsByTagName()`
- Many: `getElementsByClassName()`, `getElementsByTagName()`, ...
 - `document.body.firstChild.getElementsByTagName()`
- Modern & recommended – CSS selectors:
 - `// Select first match`
 - `element = document.querySelector("#div1");`
 - `element = document.querySelector(".menu-item");`
 - `element = document.querySelector("div > p.active");`
 - `// Select ALL matches (returns NodeList)`
 - `elements = document.querySelectorAll(".menu-item");`
 - `elements = document.querySelectorAll("ul li");`

More commonly used Node properties

- `element.textContent` // get/set text only
- `element.innerHTML` // get/set text + HTML tags
- `element.getAttribute("src")`
- `element.setAttribute("src", "photo.jpg")`
- `element.classList.add("active")`
- `element.classList.remove("active")`
- `element.classList.toggle("done")`
- `element.classList.contains("done")` // returns true/false
- `input.value` // get/set input field value
- `input.value = ""` // clear input

DOM and CSS interactions

- `element.style.color = "#ff0000";`
- `element.style.backgroundColor = "#eee";`
- `element.style.display = "none";`
- `// define styles in CSS (toggle classes instead of inline styles)`
- `// .hidden { display: none; }`
- `// .highlight { background-color: yellow; }`
- `element.classList.add("hidden");`
- `element.classList.remove("highlight");`

Changing the Node structure

- `let element = document.createElement("p");`
- `element.textContent = "Hello!";`
- `element.classList.add("item");`
- `parent.appendChild(element);`

- `// Insert at a specific position:`
- `parent.insertBefore(newElement, referenceElement);`

- `// Remove:`
- `element.remove();` // modern, simple
- `parent.removeChild(element);` // older way

- `// Clone:`
- `let copy = element.cloneNode(true); // true = deep copy`

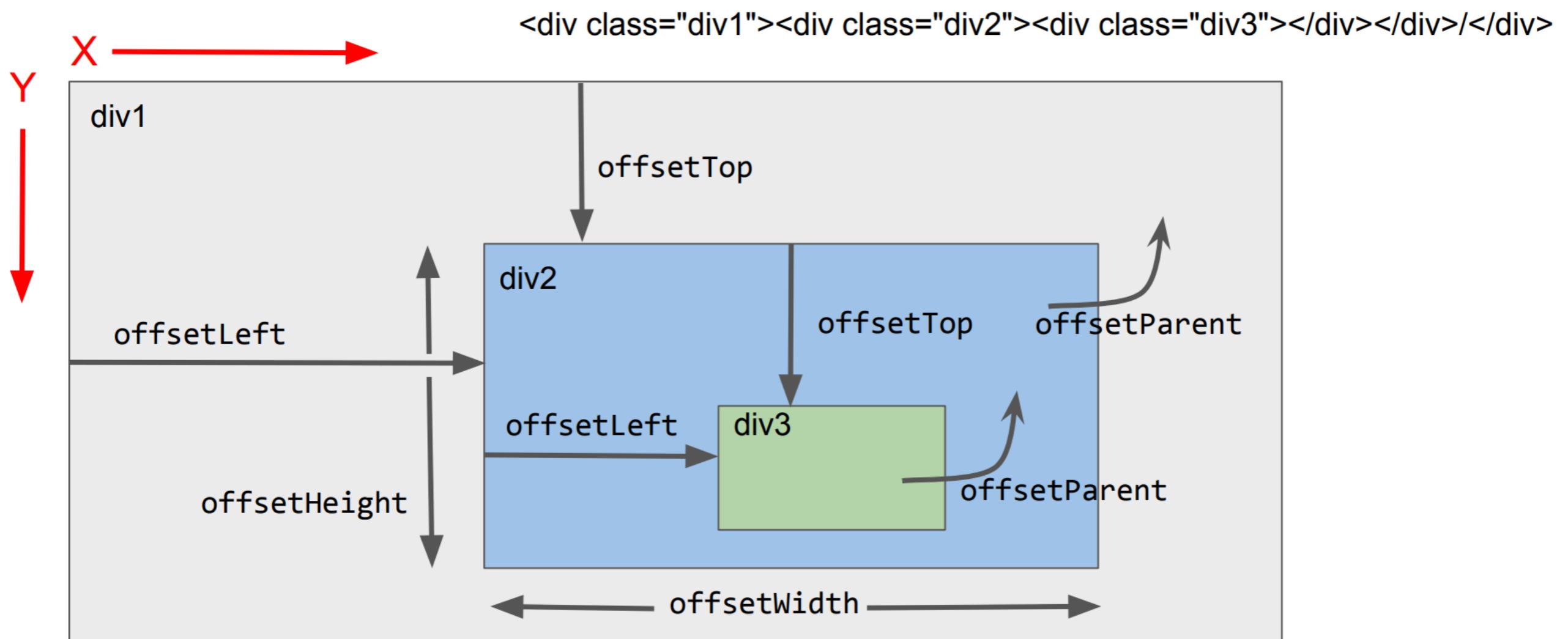
More DOM operations

- `window.location.href = "newPage.html";`
- `console.log("Reached point A");`
- `console.error("something broke");`
- `alert("Wow!"); confirm("OK?");`

DOM's Coordinate System

- The screen origin is at the upper left; y increases as you go down
- The position of an element is determined by the upper-left outside corner of its margin
- Read location with `element.offsetLeft`,
`element.offsetTop`

DOM's Coordinate System



JavaScript and DOM Events

- Mouse-related: mouse movement, button click, enter/leave element
- Keyboard-related: down, up, press
- Focus-related: focus in, focus out (blur)
- Input field changed, Form submitted

Event handling

1. What happened: the event of interest
2. Where it happened: an element of interest.
3. What to do: JavaScript to invoke when the event occurs on the element.

Specifying the JavaScript of an Event

- Option #1: in the HTML(avoid this):
 - `<div onclick="divClicked() ;>...</div>`
 - `<!-- mixes HTML and JS – hard to maintain -->`
- Option #2: addEventListener (recommended):
 - `element.addEventListener("click", mouseClick);`
 - `// with anonymous arrow function`
`element.addEventListener("click", (event) => {`
 `console.log(event.target);`
`});`

Timer Event

Delayed execution:

```
let token = setTimeout(() => {
    console.log("Runs once after 5 seconds");
}, 5000);

clearTimeout(token); // cancel before it runs
```

Repeated execution:

```
let token = setInterval(() => {
    console.log("Runs every 50ms");
}, 50);

clearInterval(token); // stop repeating
```

Questions?