Lecture 4

What are the 3 pillars?



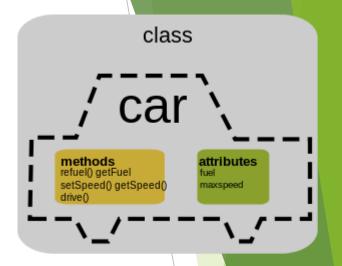
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 - Encapsulation
 - Inheritance
 - Polymorphism







- What are the 3 pillars?
 - Encapsulation
 - ▶ Incorporation of data & operations into one package (a class)
 - ▶ Data can only be accessed through that package
 - "Information Hiding"
 - Inheritance
 - Polymorphism

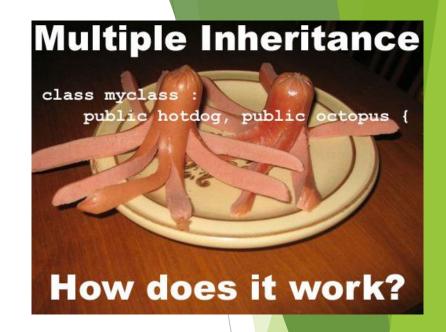


Q: What's the object-oriented way to become wealthy?

A: Inheritance

- What are the 3 pillars?
 - Encapsulation
 - Inheritance
 - ▶ Allows programmers create new classes based on an existing class
 - ▶ Methods and attributes from the parent class are inherited by the newly-created class
 - New methods and attributes can be created in the new class, but don't affect the parent class's definition
 - Polymorphism

- What are the 3 pillars?
 - Encapsulation
 - Inheritance
 - Polymorphism
 - Allows creation of methods which describe the way to do some general function (Example: The "drive" method in the automobile class)
 - ▶ Polymorphic methods can adapt to specific types of objects.
 - ▶ E.g. Abstract methods in Java



Is JavaScript an OOP language?

- Well, not really ...
- JavaScript is known as an "object-inspired" language
- It uses objects by way of supporting inheritance and encapsulation, but it doesn't provide support for polymorphism.

"Object-Oriented" JavaScript

- More like "Object-Inspired" JavaScript
- We can create new, custom, re-usable objects in JavaScript that include their own methods, properties and events.
- Consider the following problem: "I want to record the colour, brand, horsepower and price of several cars."

Solution:

- Without OOP Design:
 - Uses parallel arrays
 - ▶ Can be confusing
 - ▶ Difficult to keep track of which car has which colour, brand, etc.
- With OOP Design:
 - ► Calls to an API that contains the custom car object
 - ► Much cleaner code
 - Re-usable object

Javascript Object

- An object is a unique entity in a script and/or web page.
- An *object* has:
 - Object properties
 - Object methods
 - ► Can react to *events* in that object's environment
- A property is a characteristic that describes an object.
 - Similar to an adjective in grammar.
 - Properties are given values (hair colour is a property; i.e. brown or red)
- A method is something an object can do.
 - Similar to a verb in grammar.

Javascript Comments

- In lab submissions, make sure to include comments
 - ► Marks will be deducted for inadequately commented code

Javascript Object and Constructors

- Have seen some already
- ▶ JavaScript has a library of "blueprints"/constructor methods available to it that define the nature of some objects.

Creating a variable

var userName = new String("Dilbert");

What's going on?

- 1. The reserved word "var" tells JavaScript to allocate some space in memory for a variable.
- 2. We give a label to that variable, giving it the name userName.
- 3. The "=" means "gets the value off" in programming. It does NOT mean "equals."

Creating a Variable

var userName = new String("Dilbert");

- 4. The reserved word "new" is called an *instance* operator and it tells JavaScript to expect that we'll be creating a new *instance* of object from an existing "blueprint", in this case, from the String blueprint.
- 5. We use the constructor method String() to copy the string blueprint to our userName variable.

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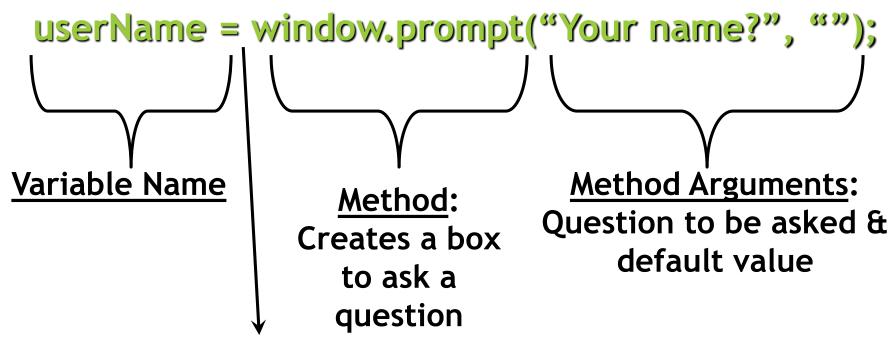
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6. The String() method allows us to supply an optional initial value for our new string. If we choose to, we need to supply a value that is of string-type. This is called variable initialization. Notice the word "Dilbert" is in quotations? The quotations are a way of identifying the word as a string. When we give a variable its first value, we also type the variable. JavaScript is an implicitly typed language.

Creating Variables for Primitives

- For any of JavaScript's primitive data types (strings, integers, floats, Booleans), you can create a variable without calling on the constructor: var userName = "Dilbert";
- Although this is syntactically correct, try using constructor methods. Why? Since other, more formal, languages (like Java) demand constructors.
- Good to get used to the habit of using them in JavaScript.
- Practice makes perfect!

Variable Assignment: Input



Assignment Operator: "Gets the value of"

Dot Operator

- Did you notice in the previous example that the window object connected to its prompt method using a period? The period is called a *dot operator*.
- A dot operator is a way of showing how things are connected to objects. In the previous example, the dot operator connected the window object to its prompt method.

JS Variables and User-Defined Functions

- For some functionality, you cannot achieve by only using the built-in functions.
- You can define a function as follows:
 - Functions are declared using the function reserved word
 - The return value is not declared, nor are the types of the arguments

```
Var myVar = value;
function <function_name> (parameters)
{
    // code segments;
}
```

JS Objects

```
Var myVar = value;
function <function_name> (parameters)
{
    // code segments;
}
```

```
Var myObject = {
    myVar : value,
    <function_name> : function(parameters)
    {
        // code segments;
    }
}
```

Lab

- Ball and pizza object and animation
- ► Encapsulate ball/pizza into object with resize, move and draw methods

HTML5 Canvas Animation

- Until now, the biggest limitation is, that once a shape gets drawn, it stays that way.
- If we need to move it we have to redraw it and everything that was drawn before it.
- It takes a lot of time to redraw complex frames and the performance depends highly on the speed of the computer

HTML5 Canvas Basic Animation Steps

- Clear the canvas
 - Unless the shapes you'll be drawing fill the complete canvas (for instance a backdrop image), you need to clear any shapes that have been drawn previously. The easiest way to do this is using the clearRect() method.
- Draw animated shapes
 - ► The step where you do the actual frame rendering.
- Controlling an animation:
 - requestAnimationFrame(callback)
 - ► Tells the browser that you wish to perform an animation and requests that the browser call a specified function to update an animation before the next repaint.

requestAnimationFrame(callback) - ball.html

```
<script type="text/javascript">
  // Gets a handle to the element with id canvasOne.
  var canvas = document.getElementById("canvas-for-ball");
 // Get a 2D context for the canvas.
  var ctx = canvas.getContext("2d");
  // The vertical location of the ball.
  var v = 10;
  // A function to repeat every time the animation loops.
  function repeatme() {
   // Draw the ball (stroked, not filled).
    ctx.beginPath();
    ctx.arc(50, v, 3, 0, 2 * Math.PI);
    ctx.stroke();
   // Update the y location.
   v += 1;
    window.requestAnimationFrame(repeatme);
  // Get the animation going.
  repeatme();
</script>
```

Lab Instructions (Week 4)

- Put a border around the canvas so that we can see its edges.
- ▶ Given ball.html, Stop the ball moving when it hits the bottom of the canvas.
 - ▶ You might use an if statement for this purpose.
- ► Clear the canvas at each step of the animation, so that only one copy of the ball is visible at a time. You can use the clearRect method for this.
 - ctx.clearRect(left, top, width, hegiht);
- Represent the ball as an object, rather than by a global y value and hard-coded x and r values.
- Change the code so that the ball starts moving up the way once it reaches the bottom of the screen.
- ► Change the code so that the ball bounces from the bottom to the top of the screen, and back again, repeatedly.

Lab Instructions (Week 4)

- ▶ Give the ball a horizontal velocity, as well as a vertical one, and have it bounce off the left and right sides of the canvas also.
- Change the code so that the pizza from lab 2 rather than the ball bounces
- Advanced:
 - ▶ Give the ball/pizza a downwards acceleration, so that it gets faster as it falls, and slower as it ascends.
- Material:
 - Mozilla's docs on Window.requestAnimationFrame() https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/window/requestAnimationFrame

Lab Submission

- ▶ Submit 3 separate HTML files and 1 Word file containing 3 screenshots
 - ► Lab 1 demonstrating drawing rectangles, circles, transparency, CSS border, Canvas resizing, Pacman
 - Lab 2 demonstrating a ball object with resize, move and draw functions. Also applying same functions to drawing a pizza with 7 slices
 - Lab 3 demonstrating ball and pizza animation (as described above)
 - Screenshots of each of the 3 labs
- Submission Deadline: October 10th @15:00
- ► Marks will be awarded for well-commented, well-indented code
- ► Code must run direct from HTML file no console input should be necessary
- Marks will be deducted for lateness, not following above instructions.