

INTRODUCTION TO JAVASCRIPT

SCOPE

WHAT IS SCOPE?

- ▶ Scope is the set of variables you can access from a given point of code
- ▶ Inside functions, the local scope is defined as parameters given to the function, "var" variable statements and function declarations.
- ▶ Inside a function is the only place that a new scope is created.

DOES THIS WORK?

```
1  function addTen (x) {  
2      var num = 10;  
3      return x + num;  
4  }  
5  
6  console.log(addTen(4)) // -> 14
```

DOES THIS WORK AS WELL?

```
1  var num = 10;
2
3  function addTen (x,num) {
4    |   return x + num;
5  }
6
7  console.log(addTen(4, num))
```

WHAT ABOUT?

```
1  var num = 10;  
2  
3  function addTen (x) {  
4    |   return x + num;  
5  }  
6  
7  console.log(addTen(4))
```

DOES THIS WORK AS WELL?

```
1  function createTen() {  
2    |   var num = 10;  
3  }  
4  
5  function addTen(n) {  
6    |   retrun n + num;  
7  }  
8  
9  console.log(addTen(4));
```

WHAT ABOUT?

```
1  function createTen() {  
2    |   var num = 10;  
3  }  
4  
5  createTen();  
6  console.log(num);
```

);

WHAT ABOUT?

```
1  function createNum(){
2  |   return 5;
3  }
4
5  var num = createNum();
6
7  console.log('num', num);
```


FUNCTIONS CREATE NEW SCOPE

- ▶ Imagine the brackets surrounding a function body are like one-way glass. Code enclosed by the brackets can see out, but the code outside the brackets cannot see in.

```
1  var num1 = 10
2
3  function printNum() {
4      var num2 = 3;
5      console.log(num1,num2);
6  }
7
8  printNum(); // 10 3
9  console.log(num1) // 10
10 console.log(num2) //ReferenceError
```

GLOBAL SCOPE

- ▶ This is the Danger Zone!!!
- ▶ Variables declared without a var keyword are attached to the global scope

DON'T EVER DO THIS

```
1  function helloWorld () {  
2    |   sayHello = "Hello World"  
3    |   return sayHello  
4    | }
```

sayHello is hoisted to the global scope

WHY NOT?

- ▶ You might overwrite something you don't want to

```
1  var doYouTrustMe = true;
2
3  function believeInMe() {
4      return doYouTrustMe === true;
5  }
6
7  function dontLikeMe() {
8      doYouTrustMe = false // changing a global
9                          // variable!
10 }
11
12 dontLikeMe();
13
14 if(believeInMe() === true) {
15     console.log("Everything is going to be
16               alright")
17 } else {
18     throw new Error("An error occurred and its
19               is Bad News Bears!!!");
20 }
```

FUNCTION IN A FUNCTION: VARIABLES

```
1  var favoriteFood = 'pizza';
2
3  function outer() {
4      var favoriteFood = 'sushi';
5
6      function inner() {
7          console.log('my favorite variety of
8              food is', favoriteFood);
9      }
10     inner();
11
12     outer(); // Which favorite will be logged?
```

FUNCTION IN A FUNCTION: PARAMETERS

```
1  var favoriteFood = 'pizza';
2
3  function outer(favoriteFood) {
4
5      function inner() {
6          console.log('my favorite variety of
7              food is', favoriteFood);
8      }
9      inner();
10
11  }
12
13  outer('sushi'); // Which favorite will be
14                  // logged?
```

HOISTING

- ▶ The JavaScript interpreter makes two passes over your code: variables are created on the first pass, and they're assigned their values on the second.

```
86 console.log(x);
```

// ReferenceError

```
86 console.log(x);  
87  
88 var x = 2;
```

// undefined

Even though x has not been assigned its value yet, the variable still exists

- ▶ The difference between functions declarations and function expressions is how they're hoisted.
- ▶ In the case of function expression (starts with the word 'var'), the variable is hoisted without its value. Hence the TypeError.
- ▶ In the case of function declarations (starting with the 'function'), the variable is hoisted along with its value(the function). Hence the successful call.

```
92  sayHi(); // TypeError: sayHi is not a function
93
94  var sayHi = function() {
95      console.log('Hi!');
96  }
```

```
85  sayHi(); // 'Hi!'
86
87  function sayHi() {
88      console.log('Hi!');
89  }
```