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12 ##### Objects
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15 ##### P1
16 # In addition to primitive data types there are "complex data types" or "data structures".
17 # The most common type is an "Object"
18 # You can think of it as a collection of variables.
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20 pet = {}          # The curly brackets are literally an Object, an "Object Literal".
21 pet.name = "Sam"  # Create a variable, 'name', "on the object".
22 pet.type = "Cat"  # A variable on an object is called a "property"
23                 # the Object.property notation is called "Dot Notation" or "Dot Syntax"
24                 # It is common in many languages.
25
26 print(pet.name)   # Properties work EXACTLY like variables.
27 print(pet.type)   # reading the data
28 pet.type = "Old cat" # overwriting the data
29 print(pet.type)
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32 ##### P2
33 # Objects allow us to create structured data.
34
35 pet1 = {}
36 pet1.type = "Cat"
37 pet1.name = "Sam"
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39 pet2 = {}
40 pet2.type = "Dog"
41 pet2.name = "Ralph"
42
43 print(pet1.name)
44 print(pet1.type)
45 print(pet2.name)
46 print(pet2.type)
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48 ##### P3
49 # You can define an object's properties IN the Object Literal.
50 # HOWEVER, instead of using '=' we use ':'
51 # This is called "Object Literal Notation" opposed to "Dot Notation" or "Dot Syntax".
52
53 pet = {name:"Sam", type:"Cat"} # each 'property:value' is called a "property value pair".
54 # there are two "property value pairs" in this object literal.
55 print pet
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57 # The reasons for using ':' instead of '=' are partly historical.
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59 ##### P4
60 # You can create nested object structures, or hierarchies.
61
62 pet = {name: "Sam Jr."}
63 pet.parent = {name: "Sam Sr."}
64 pet.parent.parent = {name: "Ol' papa Sam"}
65
66 print(pet.parent.name)
67 print(pet.parent.parent.name)
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70 ##### P5
71 # You can also create objects with nested structures on one line using "Object Literal Notation"
72
73 pet = {name: "Sam", type: "Cat", age: 3, parent: {name: "Sam Sr."}}
74
75 print(pet.name)
76 print(pet.type)
77 print(pet.age)
78 print(pet.parent.name)
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81 ##### P6
82 # Nested object structures are common, and putting them on one line is messy.
83 # CoffeeScript has a shorthand.
84 # It looks like an outline.
85 # It uses tab-indents and line returns.
86 # The exact tab number of tab-indents are important
87 # Instead of using curly brackets and commas, 'property:value' pairs can go on a new line, with a tab-indent.
88
89 pet = {}           # variable declaration and assignment, the line return indicates 'start new object'
90   name: "Sam"      # a property value pair, and the beginning of the object
91   type: "Cat"      # another property value pair. It belongs to the same object
92   age: 3           # another
93   parent: {}       # another property, but the value is...
94     name: "Sam Sr." # A NEW object
95
96 print(pet.name)
97 print(pet.type)
98 print(pet.age)
99 print(pet.parent.name)
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101 # Note the tab indentations.
102 # This is another example of "significant whitespace"
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105 #####
106 ##### Object Literals
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109 ##### P7
110 # Some functions accept objects as arguments
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112 pet = {name:"Mike Hat", type:"Dog"}
113 print(pet)
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116 ##### P8
117 # Here is the same program with the Object Literal Shorthand
118
119 pet =
120     name: "Mike Hat"
121     type: "Dog"
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123 print(pet)
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126 ##### P9
127 # We can also use an Object Literal directly as an argument
128
129 print({name: "Mike Hat", type: "Dog"})
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132 ##### P10
133 # We can also use an Object Literal Shorthand when doing this.
134
135 print(
136     name="Mike Hat"    # The line return AND the tab together indicate 'new object literal'
137     type:"Dog")
138
139 # This program is EXACTLY the same as the previous program
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141 ##### P11
142 # In CoffeeScript, it is very common to use function call shorthand AND Object Literal Shorthand together
143
144 print ~~~~~ # The line return and tab indicate new object literal
145 ~   name: "Mike Hat" ~ # Because there is an argument, the print function needs no parenthesis.
146 ~   type: "Dog"
147
148
149 # This program is EXACTLY the same as the previous two programs
150 # Yes, it may seem weird that there are three ways of doing the same thing.
151 # Think about it like this...
152 # CoffeeScript programmers really just uses the third approach, but the reason that approach exists
153 # is because of the earlier ways of doing things.
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157 ##### Built in variables
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160 ##### P12
161 # Framer and JavaScript come with many built in variables.
162 # They are often organized into objects.
163 # In most cases, you can not put data in them, you can only read their values.
164 # Here are two of the more useful ones.
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166 print Screen.width
167 print Screen.height
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170 ##### References
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173 ##### P13
174 # Assigning Objects to variables is DIFFERENT from assigning primitive data to variables.
175 # Object data is always given it's OWN UNIQUE memory area.
176 # When an Object is assigned to a variable, the variable "refers to" this memory.
177 # The variable has a "reference". A reference is NOT the data. It only "refers to" the data.
178 # This means multiple variables can "refer to" the SAME Object Data.
179
180 # Create an object literal with property 'power' that holds data "flight" and assign a REFERENCE to this object to the variable 'clark'.
181 clark = {power:"flight"}
182 superman = clark # Copy the clark's REFERENCE and assign the copy to the new variable 'superman'
183 superman.weakness = "kryptonite" # Create new property 'weakness' on the object data.
184
185 print(superman.power)
186 print(clark.power)
187 print(superman.weakness)
188 print(clark.weakness) # Clark and Superman "refer to" the SAME thing!
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190 ##### P14
191 # Note the difference when using primitive data.
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193 clark = "kryptonian" # Assign data to variable 'clark'
194 superman = clark # COPY data "kryptonian" to variable 'superman'
195 clark = "Kent" # Assign new data to variable 'clark'.
196 # superman variable unaffected.
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198 print(clark)
199 print(superman)
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201 ##### P15
202 # If we assign primitive data to a variable that has REFERENCE,
203 # the REFERENCE is overwritten, NOT the object data being referred to.
204 # The DATA will still exist in memory,
205 # and the variable will have its own memory like normal.
206
207 clark = {power:"flight"}
208 superman = clark
209 clark = "Kent" # This overwrites the -reference- NOT the -object data-.
210 # The object still exists.
211 # The variable superman still refers to it.
212
213 print(clark)
214 print(superman)
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217 ##### P16
218 # Advanced Technical Note:
219 # If we overwrite every reference to an object
220 # The data will STILL persist in memory,
221 # Even though we have no way to get at it!
222
223 holyGrail = {type:"cup"}
224 holyGrail = "Lost to us"
225
226 print(holyGrail)
227
228 # The {type:"cup"} object is still in memory, even though we can't access it!
229 # At this point, it's up to the computer to find and remove this data so we don't run out of memory!
230 # This find and remove is called "garbage collection".
231 # It is built into the environments that run Javascript/Coffeescript.
232 # However, other languages require you to manage memory more explicitly.
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236 #####
237 ##### End
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