the Master Course

{CUDENATION}

JAVASCRIPT FUNDAMENTALS Dot Notation





Learning Objectives

To understand what Dot Notation is. To understand different Data Types

To be able to create a simple Random Number Generator Program

What is Javascript?

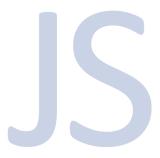
The language of the Full Stack Developer

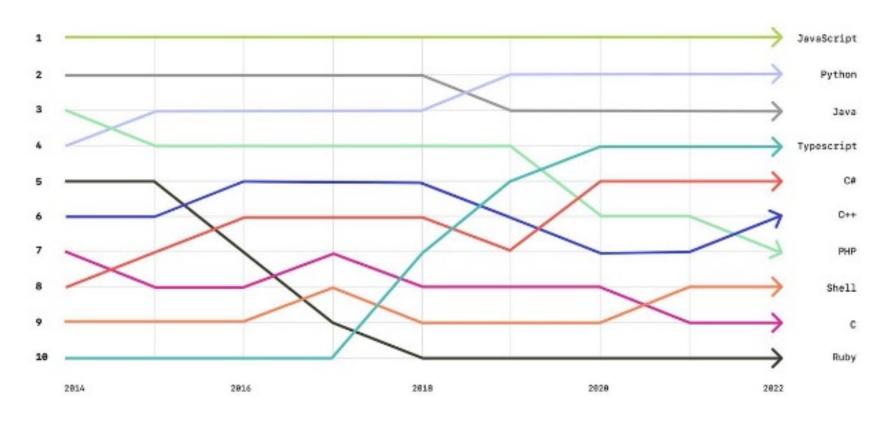
& not just limited to websites!



It's also the most popular language in the world







Top programming languages on GitHub in 2022 (Source: GitHub)



Dot Notation



Dot Notation

console log(i);

object.property



car.startEngine();

dev.makeCoffee();



If we break it down, coding in its simplest and snappiest is all about METHODS and DATA.

So this is where we're going to start.





METHODS and DATA

...are intimately linked



Lets look at some...

Data Types



But hang on...

.. what ARE data types?





Working with Data Types

Data Types refer to the kind of data that we are asking the computer to work with.

Simple, right?

Strings

... for representing text

JS

Boolean

... for true and false

Numbers

... for representing numbers (decimals & integers)

Null

... for nothing

Undefined

... for when a data type isn't determined

Symbol

... this data type is used as the key for an object property when the property is intended to be private.



What data type am 1?

```
console.log("what data type am I?");
```



String

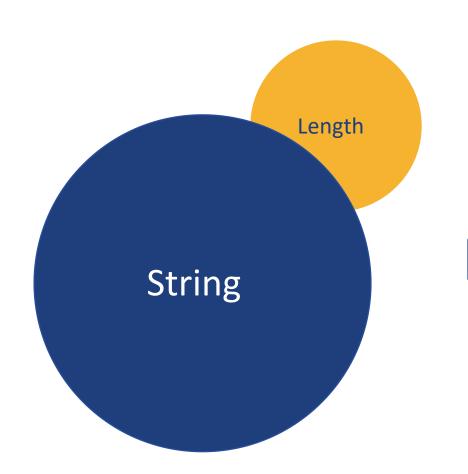
```
console.log("what data type am I?");
```



All data has properties

... additional data or information that is available?





For example 'length'

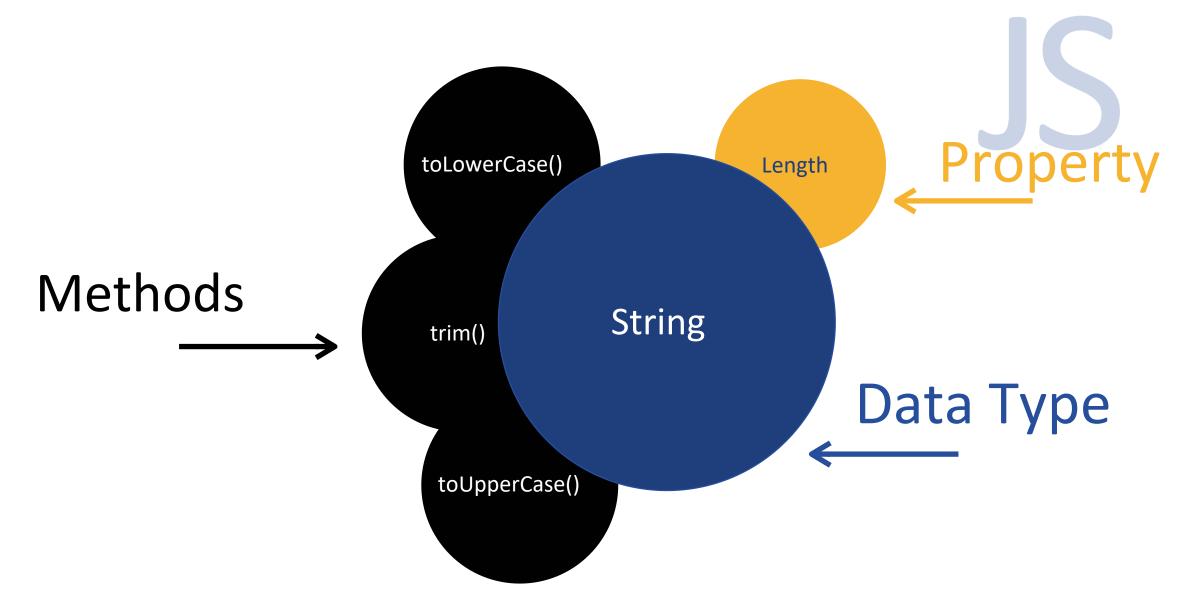
This will tell us how long the string is



All data also has methods

... methods allow us to manipulate the data type







The Terminal

cd, ls, mkdir, touch, rm



Node.js

http://nodejs.org



Activity



Using what you have just learnt I want you to use the terminal to go inside of your 'CodeNation' folder made in week 1.

Inside that folder, create another folder called 'Week2'.

Inside that folder, create a file called 'dotNotation.js'

You can ONLY use the Terminal



Try this



Hello World!

console.log("Hello World")

is node working?

...in your terminal, type in node dotNotation.js



Why do we even need node?!

Node allows us to run our Javascript code in our own Terminal. Without this, we'd have to set up multiple files, use Google Chrome's Console and link up our files.



Try this

```
console.log("hello".toUpperCase());
```

...what happens?



Well done!

... you just used your first string method!



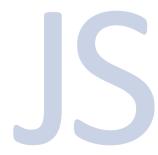


Shh! Libraries

In coding, libraries give us access to a bunch of features that thankfully we don't have to code ourselves!



So far...



```
Dot notation

console log ("Hello");

Parameters
```

... we've stuck to the console library when using console.log and that's about it.



Try this

JS

Math Library

```
Dot notation
console log(Math random());
Parameters
```

What happens?



How can we make this better?



Try this

Dot notation console log (Math random()*10);

Parameters

What happens?



How can we make this EVEN better?





Go to the link for MDN Math Library and find out HOW we could round this number down.



Dot notation

```
console.log(Math.floor(Math.random()*10));
Parameters
```



Math.floor

...returns an integer less than or equal to the specified number



Math.ceil()

... will always round a number UP to the next largest integer



Math.round()

... returns the value of a number rounded to the nearest integer

Math.floor()

...returns an integer less than or equal to the specified number





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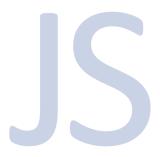
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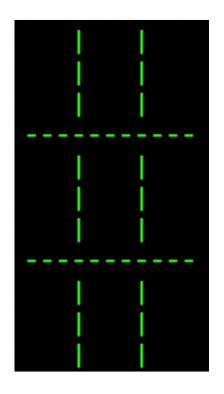
Activity

Have a go at logging a grid like this to the console.

Stretch

If you figure it out, try researching arrays and loops and see if you can do it that way.







For next time...



... take a look at variables and mathematical operators.

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/ JavaScript/First_steps/Variables

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgSjoHgy3Rk

https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_arithmetic.asp

What is the difference between let & const?
What mathematical operator returns the remainder?

