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1  'use strict';
2  // Lecture 42: Introduction to Objects
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4  // Array recap
5  const jonasArray = [
6    'Jonas', // Sometimes people write a
7    •       data structure in multiple lines.
8    'Schmedtmann', // This is how pretty
9    •       JSON is formatted too!
10   2037 - 1991,
11   'teacher',
12   ['Michael', 'Peter', 'Steven'] // Array
13   •       within array!
14 ];
15 // In an array, there is no way of giving
16 •       each of these ATTRIBUTES a name, but we
17 •       can only, exclusively access an element
18 •       by its index (for the case of an array)
19 // So, how do we get around this? Create
20 •       a data structure - called an OBJECT.
21
22 // Definition of an object (Object
23 •       Literal Syntax)
24 const jonas = {
25   // key : value
26   firstName: 'Jonas',
27   lastName: 'Schmedtmann',
28   age: 2037 - 1991,
29   job: 'teacher',
30   friends: ['Michael', 'Peter', 'Steven']
31 }; // this is the third time we are
32 •       seeing curly braces, the first time it
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- was for an if statement or switch
- statement, second time was for a
- function, and then this. Ultimately,
- curly braces are meant to represent
- scope.

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24 // We use curly braces to define the
    • attributes (or properties) of a
    • particular object.
25 // So objects in JS are represented as a
    • bunch of key-value pairs. Each key
    • represents a PROPERTY – so this object
    • has 5 properties. This is the most
    • fundamental concept of creating objects.
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27 // We use objects different variables
    • that belong together, such as the
    • properties of Jonas. The order of these
    • objects don't matter, unlike that of
    • the array.
28
29 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////
30 // Lecture 43: Dot vs. Bracket Notation
31 const jonas = {
32   firstName: 'Jonas',
33   lastName: 'Schmedtmann',
34   age: 2037 - 1991,
35   job: 'teacher',
36   friends: ['Michael', 'Peter', 'Steven']
37 };
38 console.log(jonas);
39
40 // Accessing a property of jonas

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40 // Accessing a property of jonas
41 // value = object.property
42 console.log(jonas.lastName); // Dot
  • notation
43 // An operation is an expression, so we
  • can put this inside brackets.
44 console.log(jonas['lastName']); // Bracket
  • notation
45 // It will put any expression that we'd
  • like.
46 const nameKey = 'Name';
47 console.log(jonas['first' + nameKey]); //
  • ==> Jonas
48 console.log(jonas['last' + nameKey]);
49 //==> Schmedtmann
50 // note the concatenation happening
  • before the accessing of the property.
51 // The concatenation will only work with
  • the bracket notation. In dot notation,
  • we will only be able to use the final
  • property name, while in square
  • bracket[] notation, we are allowed to
  • use both the final property name and
  • the computed property name.
52
53 // The following will result in wrong
  • code:
54 // console.log(jonas.'last' + nameKey); /
  • / ERROR CODE!!
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56 // This will create a popup window with
  • an input field
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57  const interestedIn = prompt('What do you
    • want to know about Jonas? Choose
    • between firstName, lastName, age, job,
    • and friends');
58
59  if (jonas[interestedIn]) {
60      console.log(jonas[interestedIn]); //
    • note that we HAVE to use the square
    • brackets here.
61      // also note that whatever the input it
    • is A STRING, so we will not have to
    • do a type conversion.
62  } else {
63      console.log('Wrong request! Choose
    • between firstName, lastName, age,
    • job, and friends');
64  }
65
66  // Adding a Property
67  jonas.location = 'Portugal'; // via dot
    • notation
68  jonas['twitter'] = '@jonasschmedtman'; //
    • via square bracket notation
69  console.log(jonas);
70
71  // Challenge
72  // "Jonas has 3 friends, and his best
    • friend is called Michael"
73  console.log(`${jonas.firstName} has
    • ${jonas.friends.length} friends, and
    • his best friend is called
    • ${jonas.friends[0]}`);
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74 // Note: Why does this work? This is
    • because the member accessing in JS is
    • of rather high priority, and it also
    • acts from left to right, so
    • (jonas.friends) will be evaluated
    • first, and the resultant array.length
    • will be accessed next, before the curly
    • braces are created.
75
76 //////////////////////////////////////
77 // Lecture 44: Object Methods
78 // They can hold objects inside objects.
79 // Remember that functions are another
    • type of value? So if functions are just
    • another kind of value, we can create a
    • key-value pair where the value is a
    • function. So we can add functions to
    • objects, and this gives us METHODS.
80
81 const jonas = {
82   firstName: 'Jonas',
83   lastName: 'Schmedtmann',
84   birthYeah: 1991,
85   job: 'teacher',
86   friends: ['Michael', 'Peter', 'Steven'],
87   hasDriversLicense: true,
88
89   // Adding a method
90   // Function Expression!! You HAVE to do
    • this, you are not allowed to do the
    • standard declaration, because you are
    • not allowed to declare functions
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- within objects However, you are
- allowed to declare methods, and
- methods when written in the syntax of
- an expression, is allowed.

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91   calcAge: function (birthYeah) {
92       return 2037 - birthYeah;
93   }, // note that there is a comma
94   // Cleaner syntax! - Using the Keyword:
    •   this
95
96   calcAge: function () {
97       console.log(this);
98       return 2037 - this.birthYeah;
99   }, // note that there is a comma
100
101   // Use method to add another property
102   calcAge: function () {
103       this.age = 2037 - this.birthYeah;
104       return this.age;
105   }, //note the comma!
106
107   // getSummary()
108   getSummary: function () {
109       return `${this.firstName} is a
    •   ${this.calcAge()}-year old
    •   ${jonas.job}, and he has
    •   ${this.hasDriversLicense ? 'a' :
    •   'no'} driver's license.`
110   // Note this! Note the ternary
    •   operator!!
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112   } //note that the last property does not

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112     //note that the last property does not
    • need a comma!
113 };
114 // To calculate the age of Jonas
115 console.log(jonas.calcAge());
116 // You can also access it like This
117 console.log(jonas['calcAge']()); //
    • calcAge has to be a string!
118
119 console.log(jonas.age); // Note: command
    • D gives you multiple cursors – it means
    • get next occurrence. Do this multiple
    • times for more occurrences.
120 console.log(jonas.age);
121 console.log(jonas.age);
122
123 // Challenge
124 // "Jonas is a 46-year old teacher, and
    • he has a driver's license"
125 console.log(jonas.getSummary());
126
127 // NOTE: Remember we used methods on
    • arrays previously. Remember we had
    • friends.push(). On that array, we
    • called push(). Arrays ARE ALSO OBJECTS!
    • They have functions, or in other words,
    • methods, that can be used to manipulate
    • them like push, pop, shift and unshift
    • and many more. But these are built in
    • objects on arrays.
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