# Introcution to JavaScript

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#### **Overview**

- 12 Sessions
- every Wednesday, 13:00 14:30
- · Room: APB/00X

# Questions after the lesson?

- · Matrix: ...
- GitHub

# **Helpful Links**

- JavaScript.info
- MDN Web Docs
- W3Schools

#### **Verbal Language?**

Is there someone that only speaks English fluently?

#### Goals

- Learn the basics of JavaScript
- Learn to manipulate the Browser
- · Complete a small project of your choice

#### Who am I?

- Nils Twelker
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- · Hobbys: Cycling, Programming, Gaming
- Favorite Game: Minecraft
- · I also contribute a lot to Open Source Software

## Who are you?

- Name?
- Hobbys?
- Favorite Game?
- Do you know JavaScript?
- Prior experience with programming?

## What is JavaScript?

- A programming language
- Created by Brendan Eich in 1995
- Used in web browsers
- Used in Node.js

Tipp: JavaScript is not related to Java

## What can you build with JavaScript?

- · An interactive website
- A game
- An app of mobile devices
- A desktop app

And much more!

## **Getting started**

You need the following

- VS Code for writing code
- Node.js for running JavaScript outside a browser
- Git for Version Control
- GitHub Account (next lesson) for sharing your code

## Running your first JavaScript code

- Open VS Code
- Create a new file
- Write console.log("Hello World")
- Save the file as index.js
- Open a terminal
- Run node index.js

#### **Variables**

```
let myAge = 16
const myName = "Ben"
```

- Store Data
- · let can be changed
- const can not be changed

#### **Data Types**

```
let myAge = 16
let myName = "Ben"
let isAdult = true
```

- number for numbers
- string for text
- boolean for true or false

## **Special Data Types**

```
let yourAge = null
let yourName
```

- null for empty values
- undefined for variables that are not yet defined

## **Basic Operators**

Tipp: Remainder is the rest of a division

# **Modify in place**

```
let a = 9
let b = 4

a += b // a = 13
a -= b // a = 5
a *= b // a = 36
a /= b // a = 2.25
a %= b // a = 1
```

#### **Increment and Decrement**

```
let a = 9
let b = 4
let c
a++
console.log(a) // 10
c = b - -
console.log(b) // 3
console.log(c) // 4
```

Tipp: ++ and -- can be written before or after the variable.

The difference is that the variable is changed before or after the value is used.

c = --b would have set c to 3 aswell.

#### **Comments**

```
// This is a single line
comment
/*
This is a
multi line
comment
*/
```

Tipp: Comments can help explain the code and ignored by the computer

#### Git

- Version Control
- Share your code
- Collaborate with others

Use the Source Control section in VS Code to commit and push your changes.

Tipp: Commit is a bundle of changes like "added a new button to the page"

Tipp: Push is the process of sending your commits to a remote repository like GitHub

Platforms: GitHub or GitLab to share your code with others.