



# Introduction to Javascript

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- Objects
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## What is Javascript

- Scripting language of browser
- Dynamic
- Object oriented and functional features
- Java syntax
- Small and simple



# Why Javascript

- Easy to learn and edit
- Prototyping language
- Easy to debug
- Object oriented design



### History

- Developed by Brendan Eich
- Netscape(2.0) 1995
- Microsoft Jscript
- ECMA (European Computer Manufacturer's Association)script.



### Where to put javascript code

- Embedded in an HTML document between script tags
  - <script language="javascript">
  - JavaScript statements go here
  - </script>
- In an external file which is loaded using
  - <script src="program.js" ...></script>

JavaScript file



## Writing javascripts

- DOM helps Javascript to interact with html.
- Javascript displays data in different ways
- Using console.log().



# Variables scope

- Global Scope
- Block vs Function Scope
- Variable hoisting



#### Strict mode

- Introduced in ECMA5
- Strict mode applies to *entire scripts* or to *individual functions*.
- Not applied to blocks
- Applied by "use strict"
- Catches coding bloopers and throws exceptions
- Prevents from unsafe actions.



### objects

- Objects are collection of properties
- Objects can have single value or multiple values
- var car="volvo";
- var car= {type:" Volvo", model:"100", color: "white"};
- Objects with name value pair are called properties.



#### **Functions**

- First class citizen
- Can assign to a variable
- Can be added as an attribute to an object
- Can be passed as a parameter to a function
- Can be returned from a function.
- Can be passed as an expression



#### Closures

- JavaScript allows writing nested functions i.e. function within a function
- The inner functions can access variables defined outside the inner function and this concept is called a Closure.
- Closures are functions that refer to independent (free) variables.
- The function defined in the closure 'remembers' the environment in which it was created.
- A closure is a function defined within another scope that has access to all the variables within the outer scope.



#### Inheritance

- Each object has an internal link to another object called its **prototype**.
- JavaScript follows prototypal inheritance.
- One object can inherit properties of other object
- Every object can then be used as a prototype for another object.



# IIFE(Immediately invoked function)

- IIFE is an design pattern
- Anonymous function created and then immediately invoked
- Can be used to avoid variable\_hoisting from within blocks
- Primary reason to use an IIFE is to obtain data privacy
- Any variables declared within the IIFE cannot be accessed by the outside world.



#### **Feature Detection**

http://caniuse.com/#:- use in javascript for feature detection

```
navigator.appName
"Netscape"
navigator.appVersion
"5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
  Chrome/48.0.2564.116 Safari/537.36"
document.addEventListeneraddEventListener()
{ [native code] }
document.attachEvent
Undefined
Object.createcreate()
{ [native code] }
```



#### What references to use?

- Professional JavaScript for Web Developers Nicholas C. Zakas
- <u>JavaScript: The Good Parts</u> Douglas Crockford
- <u>Learning JavaScript Design Patterns</u> Addy Osmani
- Mozilla Development Network





