JavaScript For Absolute Beginners

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JavaScript





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About Instructor







Integrated Development Environment

Setting up your environment

- There are many ways in which you can set up a JavaScript coding environment.
 Such as:
 - Integrated Development Environment (IDE). Example: VS Code, Sublime Text, Atom, etc.
 - Web browser. Example: Chrome, Firefox, etc.
 - Online editor (optional). Example: StackBlitz, Replit, etc.

Adding Javascript to a Web Page

Adding JavaScript to a web page

- There are two ways to link JavaScript to a web page.
 - The first way is to type the JavaScript directly in the HTML between two <script > tags.

ALERT

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- The alert() method displays an alert box with a message and an OK button.
- The alert() method is used when you want information to come through to the user.
- The alert box takes the focus away from the current window, and forces the user to read the message.
- Do not overuse this method. It prevents the user from accessing other parts of the page until the box is closed.

CONSOLE LOG

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- The console.log() method writes (logs) a message to the console.
- The console.log() method is useful for testing purposes.

Document Write

Document Write

- The **document.write()** method writes directly to an open (**HTML**) document stream.
- The **document.write()** method deletes all existing HTML when used on a loaded document.

VARIABLES

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- Variable means anything that can vary.
- A JavaScript variable is simply a name of storage location.
- A variable must have a unique name.

Variables

- Variables are values in your code that can represent different values each time the code runs.
- The first time you create a variable, you declare it. And you need a special word for that: let , var , or const .

```
Example: let firstname = "Ali";
```

The commonly used naming conventions used for variables are camel-case.

```
Example: let firstName = "Ali";
```

Variables Scope

• LOCAL

• Variables declared within a JavaScript function, become LOCAL to the function.

• GLOBAL

A variable declared outside a function, becomes GLOBAL.

VARIABLE Names Legal & Illegal

VARIABLE Names

- A variable name can't contain any spaces
- A variable name can contain only letters, numbers, dollar signs, and underscores.
- The first character must be a letter, or an underscore (-), or a dollar sign (\$).
- Subsequent characters may be letters, digits, underscores, or dollar signs.
- Numbers are not allowed as the first character of variable.

Comments

Comments

- Single line Javascript comments start with two forward slashes (//).
- All text after the two forward slashes until the end of a line makes up a comment
- Even when there are forward slashes in the commented text.
- Multi-line Comments
- Multi-line comments start with /* and end with */.
- Any text between /* and */ will be ignored by JavaScript.

Statements

Statements

- A computer program is a list of "instructions" to be "executed" by a computer.
- In a programming language, these programming instructions are called statements.
- A JavaScript program is a list of programming statements.
- JavaScript applications consist of statements with an appropriate syntax. A
 single statement may span multiple lines. Multiple statements may occur on a
 single line if each statement is separated by a semicolon.

Data types

Primitive data types

String

A string is used to store a text value.
 Example: let firstName = "Ali";

Number

A number is used to store a numeric value.
 Example: let score = 25;

Boolean

A boolean is used to store a value that is either true or false.
 Example: let isMarried = false;

Undefined

An undefined type is either when it has not been defined or it has not been assigned a value. Example: let unassigned;

Null

null is a special value for saying that a variable is empty or has an unknown value.
 Example: let empty = null;

Template Literals

Template Literals

A new and fast way to deal with strings is **Template Literals or Template String**.

How we were dealing with strings before?

```
var myName = "daniyal" ;
var hello = "Hello "+ myName ;
console.log(hello); //Hello daniyal
```

Template Literals

What is Template literals?

As we mentioned before, it's a way to deal with strings and specially dynamic strings; so you don't need to think more about what's the next quote to use single or double.

How to use Template literals

It uses a 'backticks' to write string within it.

typeof Operator

Analyzing and modifying data types

You can check the type of a variable by entering typeof.

Example:

```
let testVariable = 1;
console.log(typeof testVariable);
```

• The variables in JavaScript can change types. Sometimes JavaScript does this automatically.

```
let v1 = 2;
let v2 = "2";
console.log(v1 * v2); // 4 \leftarrow Type Number
console.log(v1 + v2); // "22" \leftarrow Type String
```

Analyzing and modifying data types

- There are three conversion methods:
 - String() ← converts to string type
 - Number() ← converts to number type

- Arithmetic operators:
 - Addition

```
let n1 = 1;
let n2 = 2;
console.log(n1 + n2); // 3
let str1 = "1";
let str2 = "2";
console.log(str1 + str2); // "12"
```

- Arithmetic operators:
 - Subtraction

Example:

```
let n1 = 5;
let n2 = 2;
console.log(n1 - n2); // 3
```

Multiplication

```
let n1 = 5;
let n2 = 2;
console.log(n1 * n2); // 10
```

- Arithmetic operators:
 - Division

Example:

```
let n1 = 4;
let n2 = 2;
console.log(n1 / n2); // 2
```

Exponentiation

```
let n1 = 2;
let n2 = 2;
console.log(n1 ** n2); // 4
```

- Arithmetic operators:
 - ModulusExample:
 - let n1 = 10; let n2 = 3; console.log(n1 % n2); // 1

Operators

- Assignment operators:
 - Assignment operator are used to assigning values to variables.
 Example:

```
let n = 5;
console.log(n); // 5
n += 5;
console.log(n); // 10
n -= 5;
console.log(n); // 5
```

Operators

- Comparison operators:
 - Comparison operator are used to compare values of variables.
 Example:

```
let n = 5;
console.log(n == 5); // true
console.log(n === 5); // true
console.log(n != 5); // false
console.log(n > 8); // false
console.log(n < 8); // true
console.log(n >= 8); // false
console.log(n <= 8); // true</pre>
```

Math Expressions Familiar Operators

Expressions

- An Expression is a combination of values, variables, function call and operators, which computes to a value.
- The computation is called an evaluation.
- "Daniyal" + "Nagori"

Math Expressions Familiar Operators

- Wherever you can use a number, you can use a math expression.
- "+", "-", "*", "/" and "%" are commonly used operators.
- "%" (Modulus) operator works similar to "/" but instead of the result, It gives you the remainder when the division is executed.
- Examples:
 - let add = 2 + 3; // 5
 - o let subtraction = 8 4; // 4
 - o let multiplication = 2 * 2; // 4
 - o let division = 4 / 2; // 2
 - o let modulus = 9 % 3; // 0

Math Expressions UnFamiliar Operators

Math Expressions UnFamiliar Operators

- There are several specialized math expressions such as "++", "--" and "**".
 - o "++": It increments the variable by 1.
 - "--": It decrements the variable by 1.
 - "**": Exponentiation is one of the newer operators in JavaScript, and it allows us to calculate the power of a number by its exponent.

Math Expressions UnFamiliar Operators

Post Increment vs Pre Increment

- Post Increment
 - The operator increases the variable var1 by 1 but returns the value before incrementing.
 - Example:
 - let i = 1; let num = i++ // 1
- Pre Increment
 - The operator increases the variable var1 by 1 but returns the value after incrementing.
 - o Example:
 - let i = 1; let num = ++i // 2
- Same rule for the **Decrement**

Math Expressions Eliminating Ambiguity

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Complex arithmetic expressions can pose a problem, one that you may remember from high school algebra.

Examples:

- var totalVal = (5 + 2) * 3 + 6; // 27
- o var totalVal = (2 * 4) * 4 + 2; // 34

Concatenating Text String

Concatenating Text Strings

- The concat() method joins two or more strings.
- The concat() method does not change the existing strings.
- The concat() method returns a new string.
- You can also use "+" operator to concatenate multiple strings.
- Examples:
 - o let userName = Daniyal
 console.log("Thanks," + userName + "!")

Prompts

Prompts

- The prompt() method displays a dialog box that prompts the user for input.
- The prompt() method returns the input value (String) if the user clicks "OK", otherwise it returns null.
- When a prompt box pops up, the user will have to click either "OK" or "Cancel" to proceed.
- Do not overuse this method. It prevents the user from accessing other parts of the page until the box is closed.

If, Else, Else If Statements

If, Else and Else If Statements

- Use **if** to specify a block of code to be executed, if a specified condition is true.
- Use else to specify a block of code to be executed, if the same condition is false.
- Use else if to specify a new condition to test, if the first condition is false.

If, Else and Else If Statements - Examples

If Example:

```
let x = prompt("Where does the Pope live?");
let correctAnswer = "Pakistan";
if (x == correctAnswer) {
     alert("Correct!");
}
```

else - Example

```
o let x = prompt("Where does the Pope live?");
let correctAnswer = "Pakistan";
if (x == correctAnswer) {
        alert("Correct!");
} else {
        alert("Wrong!");
}
```

If, Else and Else If Statements - Examples

Else if - Example

```
let x = prompt("Where does the Pope live?");
let correctAnswer = "Pakistan";
if (x == correctAnswer) {
        alert("Correct!");
} else if (x=="Pakista") {
        alert("Close!");
} else {
        alert("Wrong!");
}
```

Comparison Operators

Comparison Operators

- Comparison and Logical operators are used to test for true or false.
- Comparison operators are used in logical statements to determine equality or difference between variables or values.
- "==", "===", "!=", "!==", ">", "<", ">=" and "<=" are some of the comparison operators.

Comparison Operators - Examples

- let a = 2 + 2 == "4" // true
- let b = 2 + 2 === "4" // false
- let c = 2 + 2 > 4 // false
- let d = 2 + 2 >= 4 // true
- let e = 2 + 3!== 5 // false

Testing Sets Of Conditions (Logical Operators)

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- Logical operators are used to determine the logic between variables or values.
- Given that x = 6 and y = 3, the table below explains the logical operators:

Operator	Description	Example
8.8.	and	(x < 10 && y > 1) is true
П	or	(x == 5 y == 5) is false
Į.	not	!(x == y) is true

Testing Sets Of Conditions (Logical Operators) - Examples

```
    let x = 6
let y = 10
    let a1 = x < y && x === 6 // true
let a2 = x < y && x!== 6 // false
let a3 = x === y || y === 10 // true
let a4 = (x===6 && y===4) || x < y // true</li>
```

If Statement Nested

If Statement Nested

JavaScript allows us to nest if statements within if statements. i.e, we can
place an if statement inside another if statement.

If Statement Nested - Example

```
let country = prompt("Where do you live?")
let age = Number(prompt("What's your age?"))
if (country === "pakistan") {
   if (age >= 18) {
        console.log("Here is your ticket")
    } else {
        console.error("Age restriction")
   console.log("Invalid country")
```

Array

Array

• **The Problem:** Suppose you have five fruits and you want to store them in the variable, But you have to create five variables to store the fruits which is not an efficient approach, what if you have thousands of fruits?

```
    let fruit1 = "apple"
    let fruit2 = "banana"
    let fruit3 = "grapes"
    let fruit4 = "strawberry"
    let fruit5 = "orange"
```

- The Solution: Here the array comes into play which helps to store multiple data in a single variable.
 - let fruits = ["apple","banana", "orange", "grapes", "strawberry"]

Array - More About Array

- An array is a special variable, which can hold more than one value.
- An array can hold many values under a single name, and you can access the values by referring to an index number.
- In JavaScript, arrays always use numbered indexes.
- Array indexes start with 0.
- Examples:
 - o let fruits = ["apple","banana", "orange", "grapes", "strawberry"]
 fruits[0] // apple
 fruits[3] // grapes
 - o let x = [1, 2, "daniyal"] // Arrays can store multiple types of data

Arrays: Adding and removing elements

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- When you work with arrays, it is easy to remove elements and add new elements. This is what popping and pushing is.
- The **pop()** method removes the last element from an array:
- The pop() method returns the value that was "popped out"
- The push() method adds a new element to an array (at the end).
- The **push()** method returns the new array length.

Arrays: Adding and removing elements - Examples

```
    var pets = [];
    pets[0] = "dog"; // adds "dog" to an array at 0 index
    pets[1] = "cat"; // adds "cat" to an array at index 1
```

pets.pop(); // removes the last element of an array which is cat in our case pets.push("parrot"); // adds a new element to an array

Arrays: Removing, inserting, and extracting elements

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- Shifting is equivalent to popping, but working on the first element instead of the last.
- The **shift()** method removes the first array element and "**shifts**" all other elements to a lower index.
- The shift() method returns the value that was "shifted out".
- The **unshift()** method adds a new element to an array (at the beginning), and **"unshifts"** older elements:
- The **unshift()** method returns the new array length.

Arrays: Removing, inserting, and extracting elements - Example

```
    var pets = [];
    pets[0] = "dog"; // adds "dog" to an array at 0 index
    pets[1] = "cat"; // adds "cat" to an array at index 1
```

pets.shift(); // removes the first element of an array which is cat in our case pets.unshift("parrot"); // adds a new element to an array (at the beginning)

Arrays: Removing, inserting, and extracting elements

Splicing and Slicing Arrays

- The splice() method adds new items to an array.
 - Example:
 const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
 fruits.splice(2, 0, "Lemon", "Kiwi");
 // adds elements to an array at 2nd index
 // deleted 0 elements
- The slice() method slices out a piece of an array.
 - Example:
 const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Lemon", "Apple", "Mango"];
 const citrus = fruits.slice(1); // [Orange,Lemon,Apple,Mango]
 - Notes:
 The slice() method creates a new array.

JavaScript Objects

JavaScript Objects

- In real life, a car is an object: A car has properties like weight and color, and methods like start and stop.
- All cars have the same properties, but the property values differ from car to car.
- All cars have the same methods, but the methods are performed at different times.
 - o Example:

```
const car = {type:"Fiat", model:"500", color:"white"};
```

Object	Properties	Methods
	car.name = Fiat	car.start()
	car.model = 500	car.drive()
	car.weight = 850kg	car.brake()
	car.color = white	car.stop()

JavaScript Objects- Example

The Arrays Object

The Arrays Object

We Can store multiple Objects in an Array

For Loops

For Loops

 Loops are handy, if you want to run the same code over and over again, each time with a different value.

```
// Syntax:
for (expression 1; expression 2; expression 3) {
   // code block to be executed
}
```

- From the example above, you can read
- Expression 1 sets a variable before the loop starts (let i = 0).
- Expression 2 defines the condition for the loop to run (i must be less than 5).
- Expression 3 increases a value (i++) each time the code block in the loop has been executed.

• Example 1

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
   console.log("Hello World")
}</pre>
```

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  console.log("Hello World" + i)
}</pre>
```

```
var cleanestCities = ["Karachi", "Lahore", "Islamabad", "Peshawar"];

for (var i = 0; i <= 4; i++) {
   if ("Islamabad" === cleanestCities[i]) {
      console.log("It's one of the cleanest cities");
      break;
   }
}</pre>
```

```
var cleanestCities = ["Karachi", "Lahore", "Islamabad", "Peshawar"];
var matchFound = "no";
if ("Islambad" === cleanestCities[i]) {
 alert("It's one of the cleanest cities");
if (matchFound === "no") {
 alert("It's not on the list");
```

Nested For Loops

Nested For Loops - Example

A nested loop is a loop within a loop.

```
var firstNames = ["BlueRay ", "Upchuck ", "Lojack ", "Gizmo ", "Do-Rag "];
var lastNames = ["Zzz", "Burp", "Dogbone", "Droop"];
var fullNames = [];

for (var i = 0; i < firstNames.length; i++) {
  for (var j = 0; j < lastNames.length; j++) {
    fullNames.push(firstNames[i] + lastNames[j]);
  }
}</pre>
```

Changing case

Changing case

- The toLowerCase() method converts a string to lowercase letters.
- The toLowerCase() method does not change the original string.
- The toUpperCase() method converts a string to uppercase letters.
- The toUpperCase() method does not change the original string.

Strings: Measuring length and extracting parts

Changing case

- The length property returns the length of a string.
- The length property of an empty string is 0.
- The slice() method extracts a part of a string.
- The slice() method returns the extracted part in a new string.
- The slice() method does not change the original string.
- The start and end parameters specifies the part of the string to extract.
- The first position is 0, the second is 1, ...
- A negative number selects from the end of the string.
 - Example:
 - let cityToCheck = "pakistan"
 var firstChar = cityToCheck.slice(0, 1); // p

Changing case - Examples

Example 1

```
let cityToCheck = "pakistan"

var firstChar = cityToCheck.slice(0, 1); //p

var otherChars = cityToCheck.slice(1); // akistan

firstChar = firstChar.toUpperCase(); // P

otherChars = otherChars.toLowerCase(); // akistan

var cappedCity = firstChar + otherChars; // Pakistan
```

Changing case - Examples

Example 2

```
var month = prompt("Enter a month");
var charsInMonth = month.length;
if (charsInMonth > 3) {
    monthAbbrev = month.slice(0, 3);
}
console.log(monthAbbrev)
```

Strings: Finding segments

Strings: Finding segments

- The indexOf() method returns the position of the first occurrence of a value in a string.
- The indexOf() method returns -1 if the value is not found.
- The indexOf() method is case sensitive.
 - o Example:
 - var text = "To be or not to be."; // 3 Var segIndex = text.indexOf("be");// 3
- The lastIndexOf() method returns the index (position) of the last occurrence of a specified value in a string.
- The lastIndexOf() method searches the string from the end to the beginning.
- The lastIndexOf() method returns the index from the beginning (position 0).
- The lastIndexOf() method returns -1 if the value is not found.
- The lastIndexOf() method is case sensitive.
 - O Example:
 - var text = "To be or not to be."; var segIndex = text.lastIndexOf("be"); // 16

Strings: Finding a character at a location

Strings: Finding a character at a location

- The charAt() method returns the character at a specified index (position) in a string.
- The index of the first character is 0, the second 1, ...
 - Example
 - let firstName = "hamzah"
 var firstChar = firstName.charAt(0) // h

Strings: Replacing characters

Strings: Replacing characters

- The replace() method searches a string for a value or a regular expression.
- The replace() method returns a new string with the value(s) replaced.
- The replace() method does not change the original string.

Example:

```
// Example 1
let text = "Visit Microsoft!";
let result = text.replace("Microsoft", "W3Schools"); // Visit W3Schools!

// Example 2
let text = "Mr Blue has a blue house and a blue car";
let result = text.replace(/blue/g, "red"); // Mr Blue has a red house and a red car
```

Rounding numbers

Rounding numbers

- The Math object allows you to perform mathematical tasks.
- Math is not a constructor. All properties/methods of Math can be called by using Math as an object.
- The Math.round() method rounds a number to the nearest integer.
- 2.49 will be rounded down (2), and 2.5 will be rounded up (3).

Example:

```
let scoreAvg = 132.23
var numberOfStars = Math.round(scoreAvg); // 132
```

Rounding numbers

- The Math.ceil() method rounds a number rounded UP to the nearest integer.
- The Math.floor() method rounds a number DOWN to the nearest integer.

Example

```
let a = Math.ceil(0.60); // 1
let b = Math.ceil(-4.40); // -4

let c = Math.floor(0.60); // 0
let d = Math.floor(-4.40); // -5
```

Generating random numbers

Generating random numbers

• The **Math.random()** method returns a random number from 0 (inclusive) up to but not including 1 (exclusive).

Example:

Converting strings to integers and decimals

Converting strings to integers and decimals

- The parseInt method parses a value as a string and returns the first integer.
- The parseFloat() method parses a value as a string and returns the first number.

Example:

```
// parseInt
let x = parseInt("10"); // 10
let y = parseInt("10.33"); // 10
let z = parseInt("Hello"); // NaN
// parseFloat
let x = parseFloat("10"); // 10
let y = parseFloat("10.00"); // 10
let z = parseFloat("10.33"); // 10.33
let p = parseFloat("Hello"); // NaN
```

Converting strings to numbers, numbers to strings

Converting strings to numbers, numbers to strings

- The Number() method converts a value to a number.
- The **String()** method converts a value to a string.

Example:

```
// Number()
let x = Number("10"); // 10
let z = Number("10.33"); // 10.33
let y = Number(true); // 1
let p = Number("Hello"); // NaN
// String() & .toString()
let p = String(22); // "22"
let p2 = 44
let p3 = p2.toString() // "44"
```

Controlling the length of decimals

Controlling the length of decimals

- The toFixed() method converts a number to a string.
- The toFixed() method rounds the string to a specified number of decimals.

Example:

```
let total = 25.154123
let prettyTotal = total.toFixed(2); // 25.15
```

Javascript Built-in Constructors

Javascript Built-in Constructors

A constructor is a special function that creates and initializes an object instance of a class. In JavaScript, a constructor gets called when an object is created using the new keyword. The purpose of a constructor is to create a new object and set values for any existing object properties.

Getting the current date and time

Getting the current date and time

JavaScript Date Objects let us work with dates:

Example:

```
const date = new Date() // Mon Oct 31 2022 19:37:34 GMT+0500 (Pakistan Standard Time)
const date = new Date("2000", 11, 2) // Sat Dec 02 2000 00:00:00 GMT+0500 (Pakistan Standard Time)
```

Extracting parts of the date and time

Extracting parts of the date and time

Method in Date Object

```
let currentMonth = d.getMonth();
let dayOfMonth = d.getDate();
let currYr = d.getFullYear();
let currentHrs = d.getHours();
let currMins = d.getMinutes();
let currSecs = d.getSeconds();
let currMills = d.getMilliseconds();
let millsSince = d.getTime(); // getTime gives you the number of milliseconds that have elapsed since midnight, Jan. 1, 1970.
```

Specifying a date and time

Specifying a date and time

new Date(date string) creates a date object from a date string:

```
const d1 = new Date("October 13, 2014 11:13:00"); // Mon Oct 13 2014 11:13:00 GMT+0500 (Pakistan
Standard Time)
const d2 = new Date("2022-03-25"); // Fri Mar 25 2022 05:00:00 GMT+0500 (Pakistan Standard Time)
const d3 = new Date(2018, 11, 24, 10, 33, 30, 0); // Mon Dec 24 2018 10:33:30 GMT+0500 (Pakistan
Standard Time)
```