

FEWD

Week 5 · Class 9

Computer Science

Quick Review

- What does the \$ mean in jQuery?
- Which tag do we use to add Javascript?
- Where do I put the Javascript on the page?
- Can someone give me an example of an event in Javascript?
- What special method is used to wrap all of our code so that it doesn't run until the page is fully rendered?

What We'll Cover

- Variables, Data Types & Operators
- Logic and Conditionals

Variables

Objectives: Variables

- Understand what variables are
- Define and name variables
- Assign values to variables

What is a Variable?

Variables in programming are like containers used for storing pieces of data. Variables have names so that we can *access* them in order to add data to and retrieve data from them.

Creating Variables

- Variables are *declared* with the var keyword.
- Variables names can contain: letters, numbers, the underscore (_) and the dollar sign (\$), but cannot begin with a number.
- By convention, variables are named with lower camelCase.

```
var homeTeamScore;
var firstName;
```

Assigning a Value

The action of storing a piece of data in a variable is referred to as *assigning a value* or simply *assignment*. Assignment is done with an equals sign (=) in Javascript.

```
var lastName; /* Declaration */
lastName = 'Meade'; /* Assignment */
var age = 21; /* Declaration and assignment together */
```

Re-assigning Variables

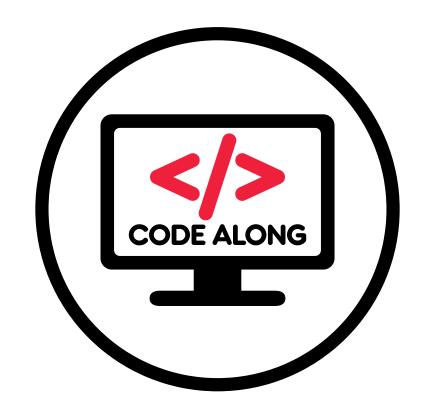
The values stored in variables declared with var can be reassigned.

```
var age = 21; /* Declaration and assignment */
age = 'not 21'; /* Reassigned */
console.log('My age is ' + age); /* outputs: My age is not 21. */
```

Javascript Data Types

What can go in Variables?

```
height = 65.25; /* Number */
balance = -20.66; /* Number */
tired = true; /* Boolean (true or false) */
           /* undefined (declared but not assigned)*/
var book;
tickets = null; /* null (empty but not undefined) */
```

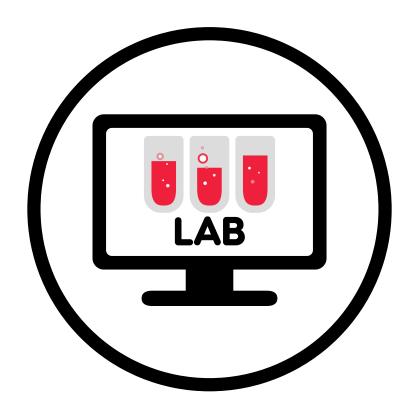


Creating Variables

jQuery .text() Method

The text method lets us replace the *text* inside of a tag.

```
var name = 'John Doe';
$('#output').text(name);
```



Score Keeper

Operators

Objectives: Operators

- Understand how data type affects how operators behave
- Be able to recognize and use various assignment, arithmetic, string and comparison operators

What are Operators?

Operators are special symbols that tell Javascript to perform specific operations.

- = "Yo, Javascript, assign this value to this variable."
- * "Hey, Javascript, multiply these things!"
- > "Ummmm, Javascript, compare these and tell me if this one is larger than the other."

Assignment Operators

You've already seen the most often used assignment operator (=), but there are others.

```
Progress: %
```

```
progress /= 100;
/* progress = progress / 100 */
```

```
progress *= .01;
/* progress = progress * .01 */
```

Arithmetic Operators

With numbers, the +, -, *, and / operators act as expected.

```
var width = 20;
var height = 30;
var area = width * height; /* 600 */
```

► HEADS UP: Area is not a function. It is assigned the number 600. If width or height is reassigned, area doesn't change!

Remainder Operator

The % does **not** mean percent. It's called the **remainder** operator. It gives us the remainder (as an integer) after dividing the first number by the second.

```
2 % 2;  /* 0 */
3 % 2;  /* 1 */
4 % 2;  /* 0 */
5 % 2;  /* 1 */

19 % 4;  /* 3 */
```

How could this be useful?

► HEADS UP: Beware of negative numbers and cases where the first value is smaller than the second.

String Operator

When working with strings, the + concatenates.

```
var firstName = 'Jennifer';
var lastName = 'Meade';
var fullName = firstName + ' ' + lastName; /* "Jennifer Meade" */
```

Numbers + Strings

 If one value is a string and the other a number, the + operator concatenates them:

FYI: The term for this is coercion. Javascript is coercing the number value data type into a string.

Arithmetic on Strings

 If a string value could be a number, Javascript will coerce it into a number when performing other arithmetic operations:

```
var a = 2;   /* number */
var b = '5';  /* string */
var c = a * b; /* 10 */
```

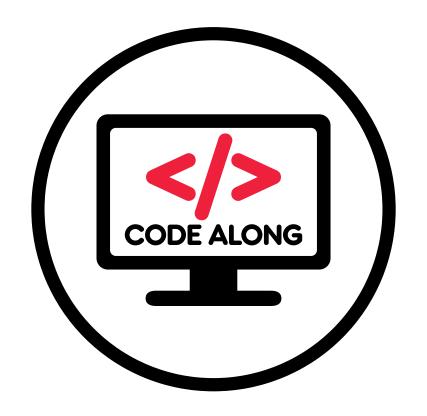
FYI: If Javascript cannot coerce the string to a number, it returns a special value of Nan which stands for Not a Number.

Unary Operators

Unary operators have only one operand. The increment (++) and decrement (--) operators are unary operators you'll see a lot.

Converting Data Types

You can convert a string that looks like a number to a number and numbers to strings.



Variables & Operators Takeaways

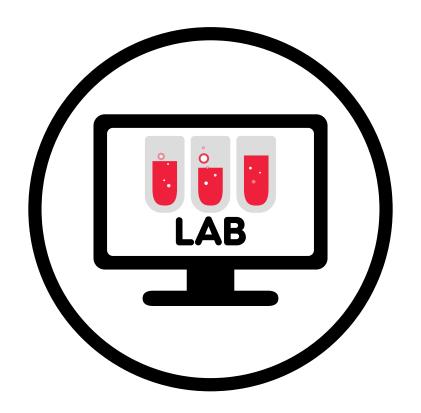
Takeaways

- 1. Declare variables with var
- 2. Assign variables with
- 3. Strings must be surrounded in straight quotes
- 4. Arithmetic operators act normally with numbers
- 5. The + concatenates values that include a string
- 6. Javascript will do what it can to obey you, but coercion can lead to unexpected results

jQuery .val() Method

The val method gets the *value* from an input field.

```
var name;
$('button').click(function(){
  name = $('#name').val();
  $('#output').text(name);
});
```



Temperature Converter

Logic & Conditionals

Objectives: Logic & Conditionals

- Understand how to test for equality
- Understand what logical operators are and how they work
- Assign values to variables

Comparison Operators

We need to understand comparison operators to write conditional statements. Some you already know.

Equality

We know that \blacksquare is the assignment operator. To check for equality, we need to use \blacksquare or \blacksquare .

► HEADS UP: In order for two things to be strictly equal (===), they must be *exactly* the same, including the data type.

Negation (NOT)

The exclamation symbol, known as bang, means **NOT**.

Falsy and Truthy

Certain values *always* return false. These are called *falsy*. If the statement does not evaluate to false and is not falsy, it is considered truthy!

Logical NOT and AND

Logical NOT is written as and logical OR is written as in Javascript.

```
(6 > 5) || (6 == 7)  /* true */
(6 > 5) && (6 == 7)  /* false */
```

Short-circuit Evaluation

- false && (anything) is always false
- true || (anything) is always true

If Statement Syntax

```
if(condition is true) {
  /* Do cool stuff */
}
```

If Then Syntax

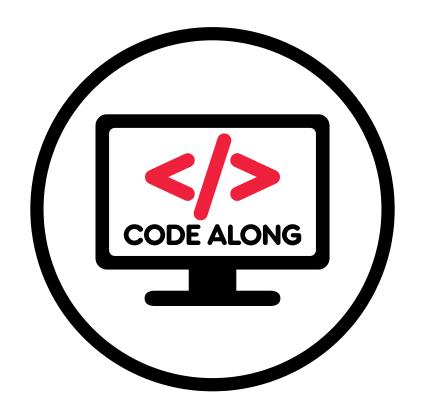
```
if(condition is true) {
   /* Do cool stuff when true */
} else {
   /* Do other stuff when false */
}
```

If Else If Syntax

```
if(condition is true) {
    /* Do cool stuff when true
        DOESN'T CHECK ELSE IF */
} else if (condition is true) {
    /* Do cool stuff if first if condition was false
        but second if condition is true */
} else {
    /* Stuff to do if both statements are false */
}
```

Using Multiple Conditions

```
if ((wifiname === 'GA-Guest') && (password === 'yellowpencil')) {
   //Give 'em access to the wifi
}
```



Working with Conditionals

NO CLASS 4/16

Complete any outstanding assignments:

- Profile
- Relaxr Landing and Blog pages
- Matchmaker Starter
- Proposal & Wireframes

Also:

- Draft HTML are due week 7, so get on it!
- Schedule office hours check in with me.

Go Build Awesome Things!