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Introduction to Modern JavaScript

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Where to Find the Code?

Java Web Development projects and examples are available @ GitHub:

https://github.com/iproduct/course-java-web-development

Agenda for This Session

- JavaScript main features
- ❖ VS Code and VS Code extensions. Linting with ESLint
- JavaScript basic language constructs and data types
- Object-oriented JavaScript object literals, new with constructors, prototypes, Object.create(), using this.
- Defining, enumerating and deleting properties
- JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
- Arrays. Iterating arrays. Array methods.
- Function declaration and expressions. Invoking functions.
- Using call(), apply(), bind(). Closures and callbacks.
- ❖ Introduction to some ECMAScript ES 6/7/8 new features



Brief History of JavaScript™

- JavaScript[™] created by Brendan Eich from Netscape for less then 10 days!
- Initially was called Mocha, later LiveScript –
 Netscape Navigator 2.0 1995
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 December 1995 Netscape® и Sun® agree to call the new language JavaScript™
- "JS had to 'look like Java' only less so, be Java's dumb kid brother or boy-hostage sidekick. Plus, I had to be done in ten days or something worse than JS would have happened."



The Language of Web

- JavaScript™ success comes fast. Microsoft® create own implementation called JScript to overcome trademark problems. JScript was included in Internet Explorer 3.0, in August 1996.
- In November 1996 Netscape announced their proposal to Ecma International to standardize JavaScript → ECMAScript
- JavaScript most popular client-side (in the browser) web programming language ("de facto" standard) and one of most popular programming languages in general.
- Highly efficient server-side platform called Node.js based on Google V8 JS engine, compiles JS to executable code Just In Time (JIT) during execution (used at the client-side also).



Object-Oriented JavaScript

Three standard ways to create objects in JavaScript:

- Using object literal:
 var newObject = {};
- Using Object.create(prototype[, propertiesObject])
 (prototypal)
 var newObject = Object.create(Object.prototype);
- Using constructor function (pseudo-classical)
 var newObject = new Object();

Object Properties

- Object-Oriented (OO) object literals and constructor functions
- Objects can have named properites

```
Ex.: MyObject.name = 'Scene 1';
    MyObject ['num-elements'] = 5;
    MyObject.protopype.toString = function() {
        return "Name: " + this.name + ": " + this['num-elements'] }
```

• Configurable object properties – e.g. read only, get/set, etc.

```
Ex.: Object.defineProperty( newObject, "someKey", {
    value: "fine grained control on property's behavior",
    writable: true, enumerable: true, configurable: true
```



JavaScript Features

- The state of objects could be changed using JS functions stored in object's prototype, called methods.
- Actually in JavaScript there were no real classes, only objects and constructor functions before ES6 (ES 2015, Harmony).
- JS is dynamically typed language new properties and methods can be added runtime.
- JS supports object inheritance using prototypes and mixins (adding dynamically new properies and methods).
- Prototypes are objects (which also can have their prototypes) → inhreritance = traversing prototype chain
- Main resource: Introduction to OO JS YouTube video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMfcsYzj-9M



JavaScript Features

- Supports for ... in operator for iterating object's properties, including inherited ones from the prototype chain.
- Provides a number of predefined datatypes such as:
 Object, Number, String, Array, Function, Date etc.
- Dynamically typed variables are universal conatainers, no variable type declaration.
- Allows dynamic script evaluation, parsing and execution using eval() – discouraged as a bad practice.

Datatypes in JavaScript

- Primitive datatypes:
 - boolean values true и false
 - number floating point numbers (no real integers in JS)
 - string strings (no char type –> string of 1 character)
- Abstract datatypes:
 - Object predefined, used as default prototype for other objects (defines some common properties and methods for all objects: constructor, prototype; methods: toString(), valueOf(), hasOwnProperty(), propertyIsEnumerable(), isPrototypeOf();)
 - Array array of data (really dictionary type, resizable)
 - Function function or object method (defines some common properties: length, arguments, caller, callee, prototype)



Datatypes in JavaScript

- Special datatypes:
 - null special values of object type that does not point anywhere
 - undefined a value of variable or argument that have not been initialized
 - NaN Not-a-Number when the arithmetic operation should return numeric value, but result is not valid number
 - Infinity special numeric value designating infinity ∞
- Operator typeOf

Example: typeOf myObject.toString //-->'function'



Functional JavaScript

- Functional language functions are "first class citizens"
- Functions can have own properties and methods, can be assigned to variables, pass as arguments and returned as a result of other function's execution.
- Can be called by reference using operator ().
- Functions can have embedded inner functions at arbitrary depth
- All arguments and variables of outer function are accessible to inner functions – even after call of outer function completes
- Outer function = enclosing context (Scope) for inner functions → Closure



Closures

```
Example:
function countWithClosure() {
     var count = 0;
     return function() {
          return count ++;
var count = countWithClosure(); <-- Function call - returns innner
                              function wich keeps reference to
                              count variable from the outer scope
console.log( count() );
                            <-- Prints 0;
console.log( count() );
                            <-- Prints 1;
console.log( count() );
                            <-- Prints 2;
```

Default Values & RegEx

 Functions can be called with different number of arguments. It is possible to define default values – Example:

```
function Polygon(strokeColor, fillColor) {
    this.strokeColor = strokeColor || "#000000";
    this.fillColor = fillColor || "#ff0000";
    this.points = [];
    for (i=2;i < arguments.length; i++) {
        this.points[i] = arguments[i];
}</pre>
```

Regullar expressions – Example: /a*/.match(str)



Object Literals. Using this

 Object literals – example: var point1 = { x: 50, y: 100 } var rectangle1 = { x: 200, y: 100, width: 300, height: 200 } Using this calling a function /D. Crockford/ - "Method Call": var scene1 = { name: 'Scene 1', Referres to object and allows access to its properties and methods numElements: 5, toString: function() { return "Name: " + this.name + ", Elements: " + this['numElements'] console.log(scene1.toString()) // --> 'Name: Scene 1, Elements: 5'

Accessing this in Inner Functions

Using this calling a function /D. Crockford/ - "Function Call": It's necessary to use additional variable, var scene1 = { because this points to global object (window) undefined in strict mode log: function(str) { var self = this; var createMessage = function(message) { return "Log for " + self.name +" (,, + Date() + "): " + message; console.log(createMessage(str));

"Classical" Inheritance, call() apply() & bind()

 Pattern "Calling a function using special method" Function.prototype.apply(thisArg, [argsArray]) Function.prototype.call(thisArg[, arg1, arg2, ...]) Function.prototype.bind(thisArg[, arg1, arg2, ...]) function Point(x, y, color){ Shape.apply(this, [x, y, 1, 1, color, color]); extend(Point, Shape); function extend(Child, Parent) { **Child.prototype = new Parent**; **Child.prototype.constructor = Child; Child.prototype.supper = Parent.prototype**;

"Classical" Inheritance, call() apply() & bind()

```
Point.prototype.toString = function() {
  return "Point [" + this.supper.toString.call( this ) + "]";
Point.prototype.draw = function(ctx) {
  ctx.fillStyle = this.fillColor;
  ctx.fillRect(this.x, this.y, 1, 1);
point1 = new Point(200,150, "blue");
console.log(point1.toString());
```

"Classical" Inheritance, call() apply() & bind()

```
Point.prototype.toString = function() {
  return "Point [" + this.supper.toString.apply( this, [] ) + "]";
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  ctx.fillStyle = this.fillColor;
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console.log(point1.toString());

EcmaScript 6 – ES 2015, Harmony [https://github.com/lukehoban/es6features]

A lot of new features:

- arrows
- classes
- enhanced object literals
- template strings
- destructuring
- default + rest + spread
- let + const
- iterators + for..of
- Generators
- unicode

- Modules + module loaders
- map + set + weakmap + weakset
- proxies
- symbols
- subclassable built-ins
- Promises
- math + number + string + array+ object APIs
- binary and octal literals
- reflect api
- tail calls



ES6 Classes [http://es6-features.org/]

```
class Shape {
  constructor (id, x,
y) {
     this.id = id
     this.move(x, y)
  move (x, y) {
     this.x = x
     this.y = y
```

```
class Rectangle extends Shape {
  constructor (id, x, y, width,
height) {
     super(id, x, y)
     this.width = width
     this.height = height
class Circle extends Shape {
  constructor (id, x, y, radius) {
     super(id, x, y)
     this.radius = radius
```

Block Scope Vars: let [http://es6-features.org/]

```
for (let i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
    let x = a[i]
    ...
}

for (let i = 0; i < b.length; i++) {
    let y = b[i]
    ...
}</pre>
```

```
const callbacks = []
for (let i = 0; i <= 2; i++) {
    callbacks[i] =
        function () { return i * 2 }
}

callbacks[0]() === 0
callbacks[1]() === 2
callbacks[2]() === 4</pre>
```

ES6 Arrow Functions and this

 ECMAScript 6: this.nums.forEach((v) => { if (v % 5 === 0)this.fives.push(v) **}**) ECMAScript 5: var self = this; this.nums.forEach(function (v) { if (v % 5 === 0)self.fives.push(v); **})**;

Array and Object Destructuring

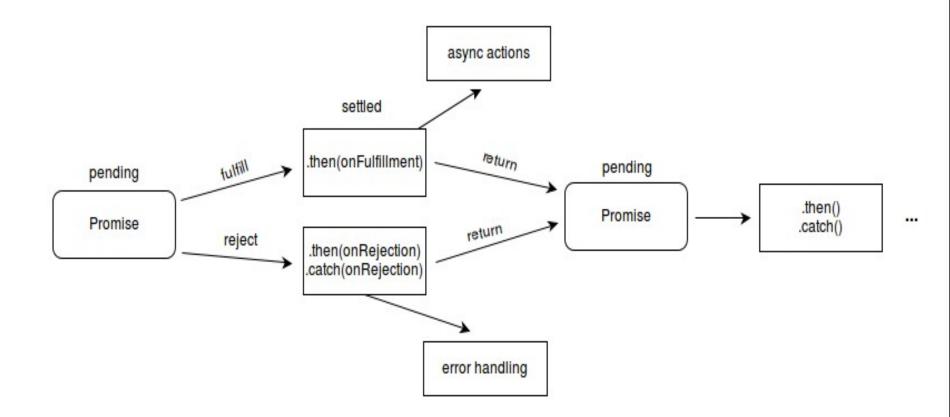
```
let persons = [
  { name: 'Michael Harrison',
    parents: {
      mother: 'Melinda Harrison',
      father: 'Simon Harrison',
    }, age: 35},
  { name: 'Robert Moore',
    parents: {
     mother: 'Sheila Moore',
      father: 'John Moore',
    }, age: 25}];
for (let {name: n, parents: { father: f }, age } of persons) {
 console.log(`Name: ${n}, Father: ${f}, age: ${age}`);
```

ES6 Promises [http://es6-features.org/]

```
function msgAfterTimeout (msg, who, timeout) {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
    setTimeout(() => resolve(`${msg} Hello ${who}!`),
timeout)
msgAfterTimeout("", "Foo", 1000).then((msg) => {
  console.log(`done after 1000ms:${msg}`);
  return msgAfterTimeout(msg, "Bar", 2000);
}).then((msg) => {
  console.log(`done after 3000ms:${msg}`)
```



ES6 Promises



Combining ES6 Promises

```
function fetchAsync (url, timeout, onData, onError) { ... }
fetchPromised = (url, timeout) => {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
     fetchAsync(url, timeout, resolve, reject)
Promise.all([
  fetchPromised("http://backend/foo.txt", 500),
  fetchPromised("http://backend/bar.txt", 500)
]).then( (data) => {
  let [foo, bar] = data
  console.log(`success: foo=${foo} bar=${bar}`)
}).catch( (err) => {
  console.log(`error: ${err}`)
```

Combining ES6 Promises

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, (err) => {
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```

Async – Await – Try – Catch

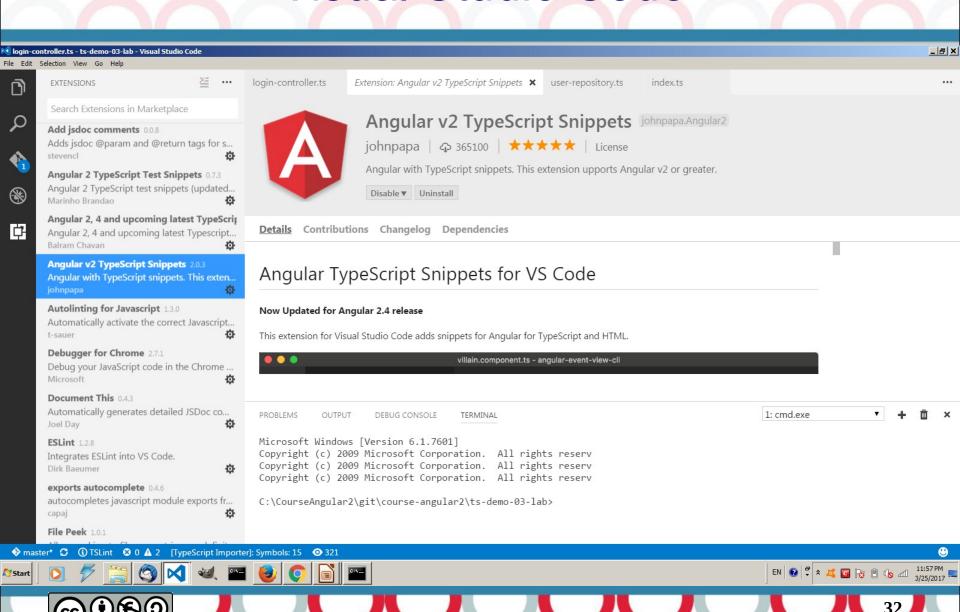
```
async function init() {
  try {
    const userResult = await fetch("user.json");
    const user = await userResult.json();
    const gitResp = await fetch(
                   `http://api.github.com/users/${user.name}`);
    const githubUser = await gitResp.json();
    const img = document.createElement("img");
    img.src = githubUser.avatar url;
    document.body.appendChild(img);
    await new Promise((resolve, reject) => setTimeout(resolve, 6000));
    img.remove();
    console.log("Demo finished.");
  } catch (err) { console.log(err); }
```

JavaScript Module Systems – ES6

- // lib/math.js
 export function sum (x, y) { return x + y }
 export var pi = 3.141593
- // someApp.js import * as math from "./lib/math" console.log("2π = " + math.sum(math.pi, math.pi))
- // otherApp.js import { sum, pi } from "./lib/math" console.log("2π = " + sum(pi, pi))
- // default export from hello.js and import export default () => (<div>Hello from React!</div>); import Hello from "./hello";



Visual Studio Code



Thank's for Your Attention!



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