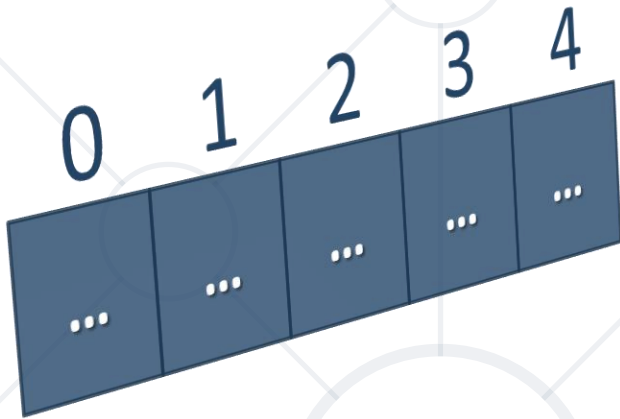


Arrays

Sequences of Elements



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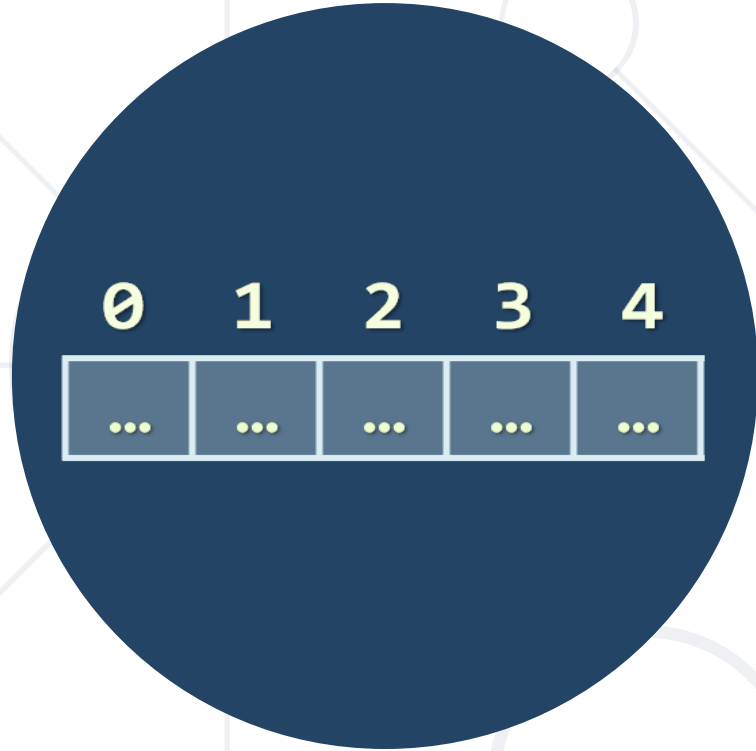
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Arrays in JS

Definition and Simple Usage

What Are Arrays?

- In programming, the **array** is a **sequence of elements**



- We can store **multiple values** in one variable
- Elements are numbered from **0** to **length-1**
- Arrays have **variable sizes** (**Array.length**)
can be resized (unlike C# / Java)

Creating Arrays

- **Creating** an array of numbers:

```
let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
let names = [];
```

We are creating an Array using the literal `[]`

- **Accessing** array elements by index:

```
console.log(numbers[0]); // 1
```

The `[n]` operator accesses elements by **index**

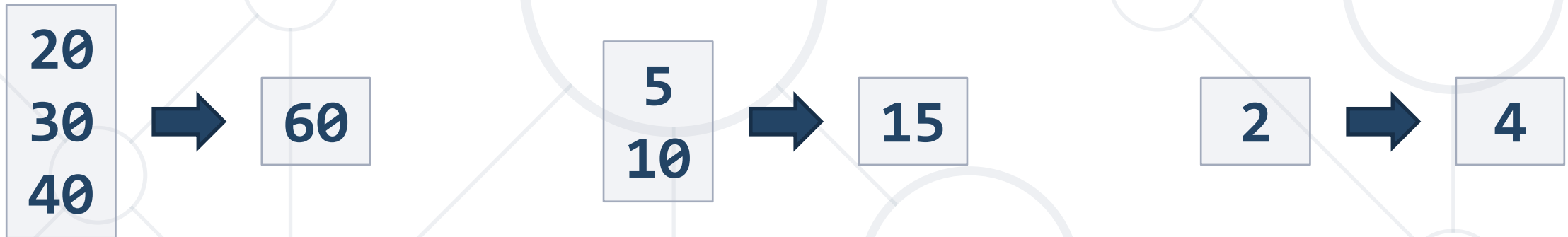
- **Assigning values** to the array elements:

```
numbers[3] = numbers[1] + numbers[2];  
console.log(numbers.length); // 5  
console.log(numbers); // [1, 2, 3, 5, 5]
```

The **length** holds the number of array elements

Problem: Sum First and Last Array Elements

- You are given an **array of numbers**
 - Calculate and print the sum of the **first** and the **last** elements



```
function sumFirstAndLast(arr) {  
    console.log(arr[0] + arr[arr.length - 1]);  
}
```

Days of Week – Example

- The days of week can be stored in array of strings:

```
let days = [  
    "Monday",  
    "Tuesday",  
    "Wednesday",  
    "Thursday",  
    "Friday",  
    "Saturday",  
    "Sunday"  
];
```



Index	Value
days[0]	Monday
days[1]	Tuesday
days[2]	Wednesday
days[3]	Thursday
days[4]	Friday
days[5]	Saturday
days[6]	Sunday

Problem: Days of Week

- Write a program, which receives a **number** and prints the corresponding name of the day of the week (in English)
- If the number is not a valid day, print **"Invalid day!"**

3 → Wednesday

33 → Invalid day!

6 → Saturday

-3 → Invalid day!

Solution: Day of Week

```
function dayOfWeek(day){  
    let days = [ "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday",  
                 "Friday", "Saturday", "Sunday" ];  
  
    if (day >= 1 && day <= 7)  
        console.log(days[day - 1]);  
    else  
        console.log("Invalid day!");  
}
```

The first day in our array
is on index 0, **not** 1.

Arrays of Different Types

```
// Array holding numbers
```

```
let numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
```

```
// Array holding strings
```

```
let weekDays = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',  
  'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'];
```

```
// Array holding mixed data
```

```
let mixedArr =  
  [20, new Date(), 'hello', {x:5, y:8}];
```

Adding New Elements

- You can **add** an element to the end of the array:

```
let arr = [10, 20, 30];  
arr[arr.length] = 40;  
console.log(arr); // [10, 20, 30, 40]
```

- Or you can use the built-in **push** method:

```
arr.push(50); // Adds an element at the end  
console.log(arr); // [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```



JS Arrays and Invalid Positions

```
let nums = [10, 20, 30];  
nums[4] = 50; // Will resize the array  
console.log(nums); // [10, 20, 30, <empty>, 50]  
console.log(nums.length); // 5  
console.log(nums[3]); // undefined
```

```
console.log(nums[-5]); // undefined (invalid index)  
nums[-5] = 8; // Will not resize the array  
console.log(nums[-5], nums.length); // 8 5
```



Array Methods

Using built-in array functionality

- Arrays are **special objects**
 - They have built-in **properties** and **methods**, like **length**
- Methods are written with a dot after the variable name:

```
let nums = [10, 20, 30];  
console.log(nums.length); // 3
```
- Other examples: **push()**, **includes()**, **toString()**, **join()**
- More methods will be examined in the **Arrays Advanced** lesson

- Check if the array **contains** the specified element:

```
let arr = [10, 20, 30];  
console.log(arr.includes(20)); // true  
console.log(arr.includes(0)); // false
```

- Create a string from all elements, **separated** by a given string:

```
console.log(arr.join(':')); // 10:20:30  
let words = [ "one", "two" ];  
console.log(words.join(' - ')); // one - two
```




Array Iteration

Using a for Loop

Printing Arrays On the Console

- To print all array elements, a **for-loop** can be used
 - Loop from first index (**0**) to last index (**arr.length - 1**)

```
let capitals = ['Sofia', 'Washington', 'London'];  
for (let i = 0; i < capitals.length; i++) {  
  console.log(capitals[i]);  
}
```

Exclusive comparison:
iteration will stop at **length - 1**

- Print array elements using **toString()**

```
console.log(capitals.toString())  
// Sofia,Washington,London
```

Problem: Reverse an Array of Numbers

- Receive a number **n** and an **array** of elements, **create** a **new** array with **n** numbers, **reverse** it, and print its elements on a single line, space-separated:

3,
[10, 20, 30, 40]



30 20 10

4,
[-1, 20, 99, 5]



5 99 20 -1

Solution: Reverse an Array of Integers

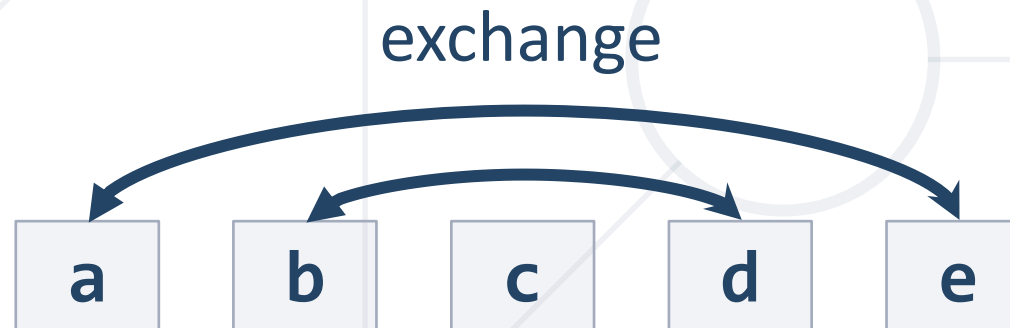
```
function reverse(n, inputArr) {  
  let arr = [];  
  for (let i = 0; i < n; i++)  
    arr.push(inputArr[i]);  
  let output = '';  
  for (let i = arr.length - 1; i >= 0; i--)  
    output += `${arr[i]} `;  
  console.log(output);  
}
```

Problem: Reverse in Place

- Receive an array of strings, **reverse their places** and print its elements:

`['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e']` → `e d c b a`

- Reversing array elements (**without** creating a new array):



Solution: Reverse in Place

```
function reverse(arr) {  
  for (let i = 0; i < arr.length / 2; i++) {  
    let oldElement = arr[i];  
    let previousIndex = arr.length - 1 - i;  
    arr[i] = arr[previousIndex];  
    arr[previousIndex] = oldElement;  
  }  
  console.log(arr.join(' '));  
}
```




For-of Loops


Alternative Way to Iterate

For-of Loop

- Iterates through all **elements** in a collection
- Cannot access the current index



```
for (let el of collection) {  
    // Process the value here  
}
```



Print an Array with For-of

```
let numbers = [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ];  
let output = '';  
for (let number of numbers)  
    output += `${number} `;  
console.log(output);
```



1 2 3 4 5

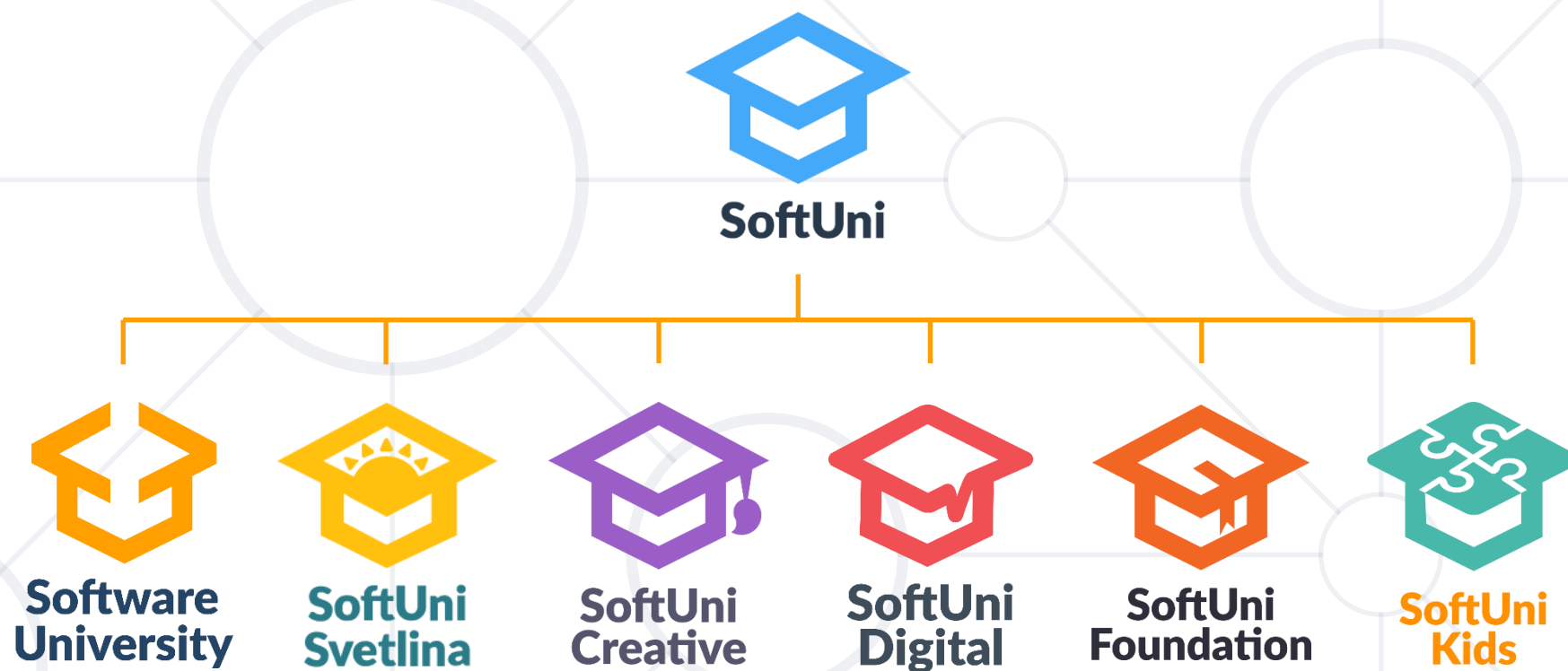


Live Exercises

- Arrays are **sequence** of elements
 - Elements are numbered from **0** to **length-1**
- Create an array: **let arr = [5,3,7]**
- Access elements: **arr[2] = 4**
- Elements can be iterated with a standard loop or a **for-of** loop



Questions?



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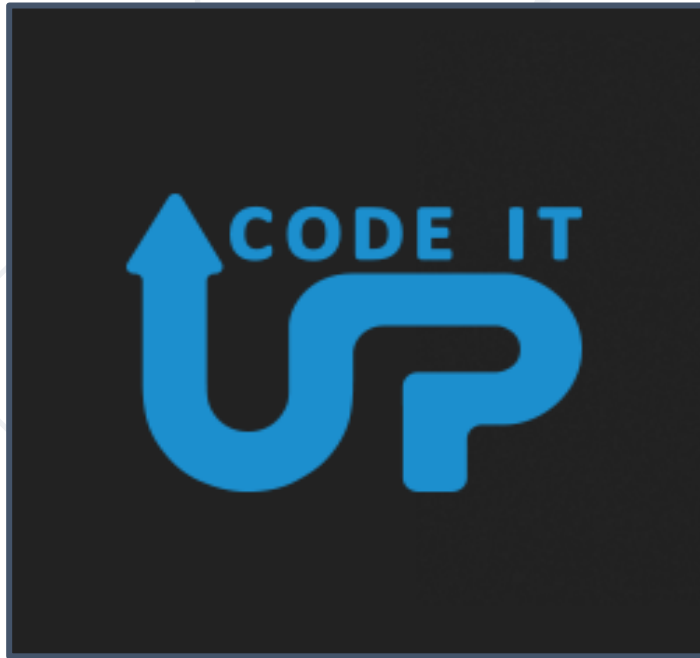


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