

Associative Arrays

A Key-Value Pair Structure



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Associative Arrays

Storing Key-Value Pairs

What is an Associative Array ?

- Arrays indexed by **string keys**
- Hold a set of pairs **[key => value]**
 - The key is a **string**
 - The **value** can be of **any** type



Key	Value
John Smith	+1-555-8976
Lisa Smith	+1-555-1234
Sam Doe	+1-555-5030

- An associative array in JavaScript is just an **object**
- We can declare it **dynamically**

```
let assocArr = {  
  'one': 1,  
  'two': 2,  
  'three': 3,  
  [key]: 6  
};
```

Quotes are used if the key contains **special characters**

```
assocArr['four'] = 4;
```

```
assocArr.five = 5;
```

```
let key = 'six';  
assocArr[key] = 6;
```

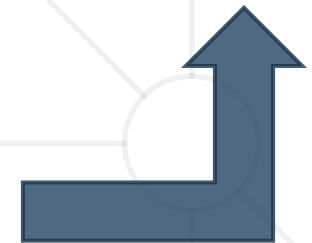
Valid ways to access **values** through **keys**

Using for – in

- We can use **for-in** loop to iterate through the keys

```
let assocArr = {};  
assocArr['one'] = 1;  
assocArr['two'] = 2;  
assocArr['three'] = 3;  
  
for(let key in assocArr) {  
    console.log(key + " = " + assocArr[key]);  
}
```

```
// one = 1  
// two = 2  
// three = 3
```



Problem: Phone Book

- Write a function that reads **names** and **numbers**
- Store them in an associative array and print them
- If the same name occurs, save the **latest** number

```
['Tim 0834212554',  
 'Peter 0877547887',  
 'Bill 0896543112',  
 'Tim 0876566344']
```



```
Tim -> 0876566344  
Peter -> 0877547887  
Bill -> 0896543112
```


Solution: Phone Book

```
function solve(input) {  
  let phonebook = {};  
  for (let line of input) {  
    let tokens = line.split(' ');  
    let name = tokens[0];  
    let number = tokens[1];  
    phonebook[name] = number;  
  }  
  for (let key in phonebook) {  
    console.log(`${key} -> ${phonebook[key]}`);  
  }  
}
```

Manipulating Associative Arrays

- Check if a key is **present**:

```
let assocArr = { /* entries */ };  
if (assocArr.hasOwnProperty('John Smith')) { /* Key found */ }
```

- **Remove** entries:

```
delete assocArr['John Smith'];
```

- Iterate **destructured** entries:

```
for (let [key, value] of Object.entries(assocArr)) {  
    console.log(`${key} -> ${value}`);  
}
```

Problem: Meetings

- Write a function that reads **weekdays** and **names**
- Print a **success** message for every successful appointment
- If the same weekday occurs a second time, print a **conflict message**
- In end, print a list of all meetings
- See **example** input and output on **next slide**

Example: Meetings

- Parsing input and success/conflict messages

```
['Monday Peter',  
'Wednesday Bill',  
'Monday Tim',  
'Friday Tim']
```



```
Scheduled for Monday  
Scheduled for Wednesday  
Conflict on Monday!  
Scheduled for Friday
```

- Final list output

```
Monday -> Peter  
Wednesday -> Bill  
Friday -> Tim
```

Solution: Meetings

```
function solve(input) {  
  let meetings = {};  
  for (let line of input) {  
    let [weekday, name] = line.split(' ');  
  
    if (meetings.hasOwnProperty(weekday)) {  
      console.log(`Conflict on ${weekday}!`);  
    } else {  
      meetings[weekday] = name;  
      console.log(`Scheduled for ${weekday}`);  
    }  
  }  
  
  // TODO: Print result  
}
```

Sorting Associative Arrays


- Objects **cannot be sorted**; they must be converted first
 - Convert to **array** for **sorting**, **filtering** and **mapping**:

```
let phonebook = { 'Tim': '0876566344',  
                  'Bill': '0896543112' };  
  
let entries = Object.entries(phonebook);  
console.log(entries); // Array of arrays with two elements each  
// [ ['Tim', '0876566344'],  
//   ['Bill', '0896543112'] ]  
  
let firstEntry = entries[0];  
console.log(firstEntry[0]); // Entry key -> 'Tim'  
console.log(firstEntry[1]); // Entry value -> '0876566344'
```

The entry is turned into an array of **[key, value]**

- The **entries** array can be **sorted**, using a **Compare function**
 - To **sort by key**, use the **first element** of each entry

```
entries.sort((a, b) => {  
  keyA = a[0];  
  keyB = b[0];  
  // Perform comparison and return negative, 0 or positive  
});
```



- You can also **destructure** the entries

```
entries.sort(([keyA, valueA], [keyB, valueB]) => {  
  // Perform comparison and return negative, 0 or positive  
});
```

Problem: Sort Addressbook

- Write a function that reads **names** and **addresses**
- Values will be separated by ":"
- If same name occurs, save the **latest** address
- Print list, **sorted** alphabetically by **name**

```
['Tim:Doe Crossing',  
'Bill:Nelson Place',  
'Peter:Carlyle Ave',  
'Bill:Ornery Rd']
```



```
Bill -> Ornery Rd  
Peter -> Carlyle Ave  
Tim -> Doe Crossing
```


Solution: Sort Addressbook

```
function solve(input) {  
  let addressbook = {};  
  for (let line of input) {  
    let [name, address] = line.split(':');  
    addressbook[name] = address;  
  }  
  let sorted = Object.entries(addressbook);  
  sorted.sort((a, b) => a[0].localeCompare(b[0]));  
  // TODO: Print result  
}
```

- To **sort by value**, use the **second element** of each entry

```
entries.sort((a, b) => {  
  valueA = a[1];  
  valueB = b[1];  
  // Perform comparison and return negative, 0 or positive  
});
```

- You can also **destructure** the entries

```
entries.sort(([keyA, valueA], [keyB, valueB]) => {  
  // Perform comparison and return negative, 0 or positive  
});
```



Map()

Maps

Storing Key-Value Pairs

What is a Map?

- A **Map** stores elements in **insertion order**
- **For-of** returns an array of **[key, value]**
- Map **keys** can be **any data type**
- JavaScript **maps are like objects** in that both let you:
 - Assign values to keys
 - Check if a key exists
 - Delete keys



- **.set**(key, value) – adds a new key-value pair

```
let map = new Map();  
map.set(1, "one"); // key - 1, value - one  
map.set(2, "two"); // key - 2, value - two
```

- **.get**(key) – returns the value of the given key

```
map.get(2); // two  
map.get(1); // one
```

- **.size** – **property**, holding the number of stored entries

- **.has(key)** - checks if the map has the given key

```
map.has(2); // true  
map.has(4); // false
```

- **.delete(key)** - removes a key-value pair

```
map.delete(1); // Removes 1 from the map
```

- **.clear()** - removes all key-value pairs

- **.entries()** - returns Iterator - array of **[key, value]**
- **.keys()** - returns Iterator with all the **keys**
- **.values()** - returns Iterator with all the **values**

```
let entries = Array.from(map.entries());  
// [ [2, 'two'], [3, 'three'] ]  
let keys = Array.from(map.keys()); // [2, 3]  
let values = Array.from(map.values()); // ['two', 'three']
```

These methods return an Iterator,
transform it into an Array

- To print a map simply use one of the **iterators** inside a **for-of**

```
let iterable = phonebookMap.keys();  
for(let key of iterable) {  
  console.log(` ${key} => ${phonebookMap.get(key)} `);  
}
```

```
for(let [key, value] of phonebookMap) {  
  console.log(` ${key} => ${value} `);  
}
```


Problem: Storage

- Write a function that **stores products** and their **quantity**
- If the same product appears **more than once**, **add** the new quantity to the old one

```
['tomatoes 10',  
'coffee 5',  
'olives 100',  
'coffee 40']
```



```
tomatoes -> 10  
coffee -> 45  
olives -> 100
```

```
let map = new Map();
for(let string of input) {
  let tokens = string.split(' ');
  let product = tokens[0];
  let quantity = Number(tokens[1]);
  if(!map.has(product)) {
    map.set(product, quantity);
  } else {
    let currQuantity = map.get(product);
    let newQuantity = currQuantity += quantity;
    map.set(product, newQuantity);
  }
}
// TODO: Print Map
```

- To **sort** a Map, first transform it into an **array**
- Then use the **sort()** method

```
let map = new Map();
map.set("one", 1);
map.set("eight", 8);
map.set("two", 2);
let sorted = Array.from(map.entries())
                  .sort((a, b) => a[1] - b[1]);
for (let kvp of sorted) {
  console.log(`${kvp[0]} -> ${kvp[1]}`);
}
```

Sort ascending by value

Problem: School Grades

- Write a function that **store students** and their grades
- If a student appears more than once, **add** the new **grades** to **existing ones**
- Print the students and their **average grades**, sorted **alphabetically** by **student name**

```
['Lilly 4 6 6 5',  
'Tim 5 6',  
'Tammy 2 4 3',  
'Tim 6 6']
```



```
Lilly: 5.25  
Tammy: 3.00  
Tim: 5.75
```

Solution: School Grades

```
function solve(input) {  
  let map = new Map();  
  for (let string of input) {  
    let tokens= string.split(' ');  
    let name = tokens.shift();  
    let grades = tokens.map(Number);  
    if (!map.has(name)) {  
      map.set(name, []);  
    }  
    for (const grade of grades)  
      map.get(name).push(grade);  
  }  
  let sorted = Array.from(map.entries()).sort((a, b) => a[0].localeCompare(b[0]));  
  for (let kvp of sorted) {  
    console.log(`${kvp[0]}: ${avgGrade(kvp[1]).toFixed(2)}`);  
    //TODO: Write a function - avgGrade() that gets an array of grades and returns the  
    average grade  
  }  
}
```




Set()

Sets

Storing Unique Elements

What is a Set?

- Store **unique values** of any type, whether **primitive** values or **object** references
- Set objects are **collections** of values



```
let set = new Set([1, 2, 2, 4, 5]);  
// Set(4) { 1, 2, 4, 5 }  
set.add(7); // Add value  
console.log(set.has(1));  
// Expected output: true
```

- Can **iterate** through the elements of a set in **insertion** order

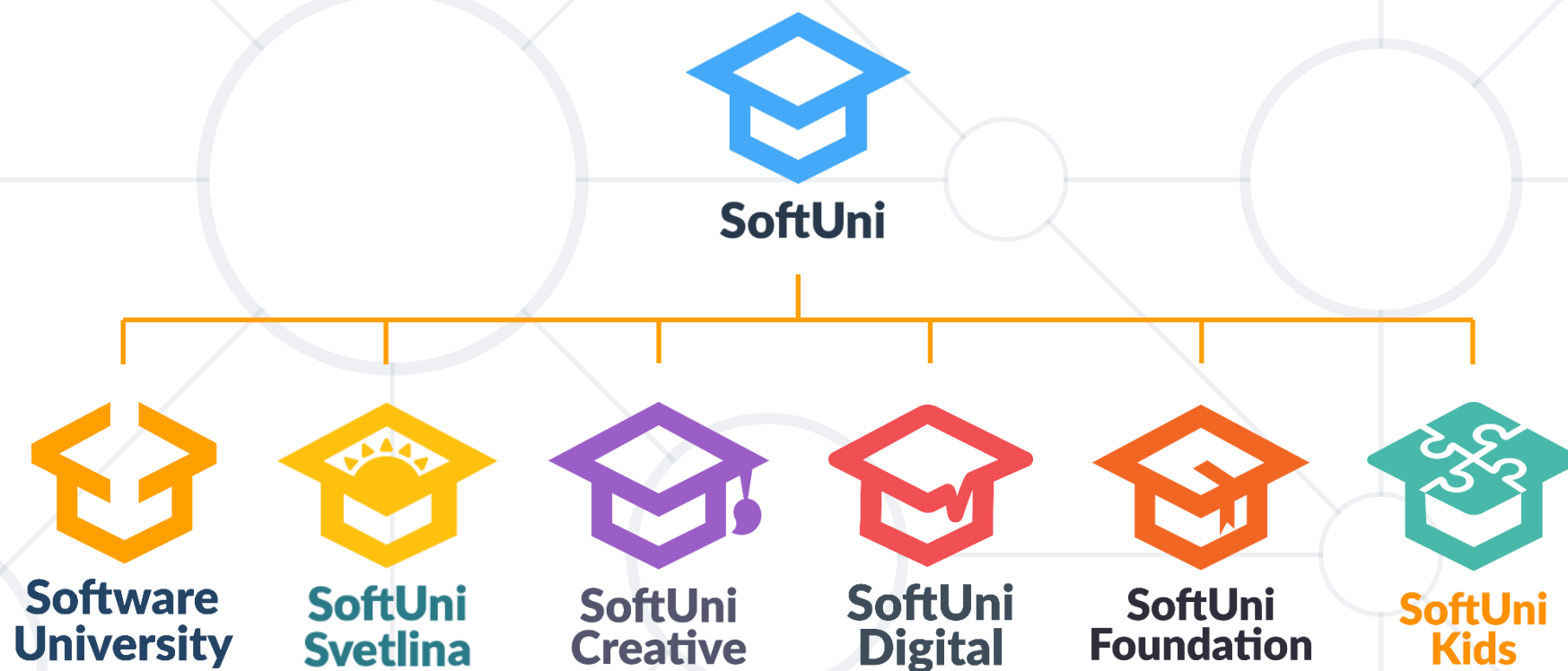


Live Exercises

- We can use both **Objects** and **Maps** to store **key-value** pairs
- In practice, **Objects** are used more often
- **Maps** have advantages in some cases:
 - You may use **any data type** as **key**
 - They are **iterable**
 - They have a **size property**



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