

JavaScript: Control Structure

Algorithms

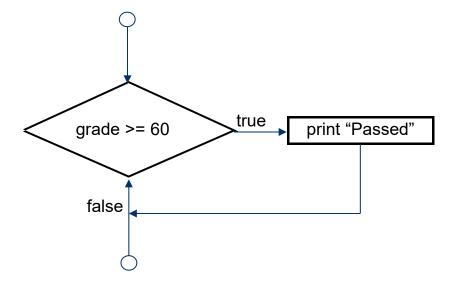
- Actions to be executed
- Order in which the actions are to be executed
- Pseudocode: informal representation of an algorithm
 - If prepared carefully, pseudocode statements can be converted in to actual programming code in a fairly straightforward fashion

Control Structures

- Elements of code that define an individual action
- Like most programming languages, JavaScript has three control structures:
 - Sequence structure
 - Any individual non-selection and non-repetition statement falls into this category: individual calculation, input or output statement, type conversion, etc.
 - Selection structure: three in JavaScript
 - if
 - if...else
 - switch
 - Repetition structure: four in JavaScript
 - while
 - do...while
 - for
 - for...in

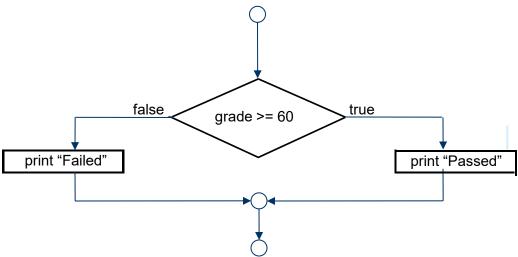
if Selection Statement

- Single-entry/single-exit structure
- Indicate action only when the condition evaluates to true. No action for false



if...else Selection Statement

Indicate different actions to be perform when condition is true or false



- Conditional operator (?:) (see page 217), closely related to if...else
 - JavaScript's only so called "ternary" operator
 - Three operands
 - Forms a conditional expression

Nested if...else Selection Statement

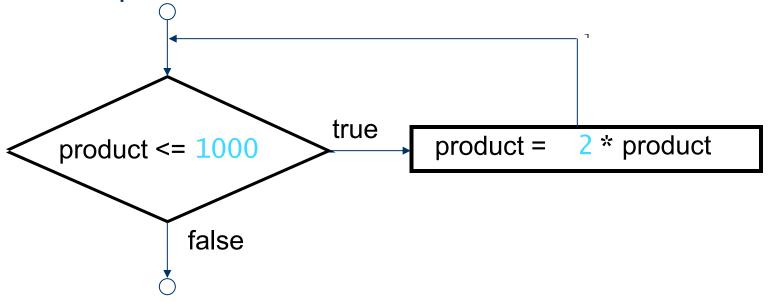
 When we have one decision criterion but with multiple and mutually exclusive range of values

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If student = "Senior" ...
Else if student = "Junior" ...
Else if student = "Sophomore" ...
Else ...
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- Switch clause can be used instead
- When we have more than one decision criterion
 - for example when making decisions based on combined values of variable "age" and "income":
 - Logic errors vs. syntax errors
 - Can be simplified by using logical AND (&&) , OR (||) operators
 - In class example

while Repetition Statement

- Repetition structure (loop)
 - Repeat action while some condition remains true



Formulating Algorithms: Example 1 (Counter-Controlled Repetition)

- Counter-controlled repetition
 - Counter
 - Control the number of times a set of statements executes
 - Definite repetition

```
<?xml version = "1.0"?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
3
5 <!-- Fig. 8.7: average.html -->
6 <!-- Class Average Program -->
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
9
        <title>Class Average Program</title>
10
11
        <script type = "text/javascript">
12
13
           <!--
           var total,
                      // sum of grades
14
                             // number of grades entered
               gradeCounter,
15
               grade∨alue,
                              // grade value
16
                              // average of all grades
               average,
17
               grade;
                              // grade typed by user
18
19
           // Initialization Phase
20
           total = 0; // clear total
21
           gradeCounter = 1; // prepare to loop
22
```



```
// Processing Phase
  while ( gradeCounter <= 10 ) { // loop 10 times</pre>
      // prompt for input and read grade from user
      grade = window.prompt( "Enter integer grade:", "0" );
      // convert grade from a string to an integer
      gradeValue = parseInt( grade );
      // add gradeValue to total
      total = total + gradeValue;
      // add 1 to gradeCounter
      gradeCounter = gradeCounter + 1;
   }
  // Termination Phase
   average = total / 10; // calculate the average
  // display average of exam grades
   document.writeln(
      "<h1>Class average is " + average + "</h1>" );
  // -->
</script>
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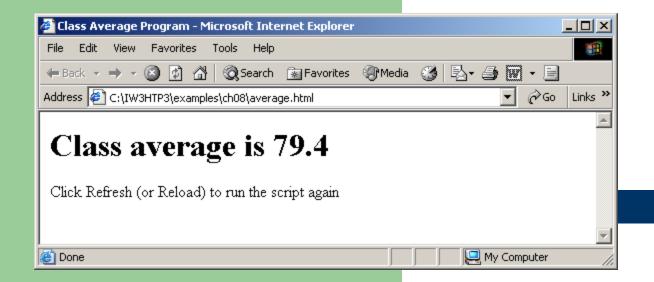
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</head>

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Example 2 (Sentinel-Controlled Repetition)

- Indefinite repetition
 - Sentinel value indicates the end of data entry: should be out of range of acceptable values

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<?xml version = "1.0"?>
2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
3
5 <!-- Fig. 8.9: average2.html</pre>
6 <!-- Sentinel-controlled Repetition -->
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
9
         <title>Class Average Program:
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             Sentinel-controlled Repetition</title>
11
12
         <script type = "text/javascript">
13
           <!--
14
           var gradeCounter, // number of grades entered
15
               gradeValue, // grade value
16
               total.
                         // sum of grades
17
               average, // average of all grades
18
               grade; // grade typed by user
19
20
21
           // Initialization phase
           total = 0;
                       // clear total
22
            gradeCounter = 0; // prepare to loop
23
```



```
// Processing phase
// prompt for input and read grade from user
grade = window.prompt(
     "Enter Integer Grade, -1 to Quit:", "0");
// convert grade from a string to an integer
gradeValue = parseInt( grade );
while ( gradeValue != -1 ) {
   // add gradeValue to total
   total = total + gradeValue;
   // add 1 to gradeCounter
   gradeCounter = gradeCounter + 1;
   // prompt for input and read grade from user
   grade = window.prompt(
        "Enter Integer Grade, -1 to Quit:", "0");
   // convert grade from a string to an integer
   gradeValue = parseInt( grade );
```

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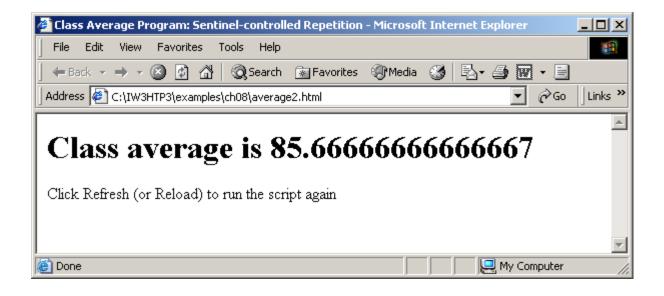


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// Termination phase
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            if ( gradeCounter != 0 ) {
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               average = total / gradeCounter;
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51
               // display average of exam grades
52
               document.writeln(
53
                  "<h1>Class average is " + average + "</h1>" );
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            }
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            else
56
               document.writeln( "No grades were entered" );
57
           // -->
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         </script>
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      </head>
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      <body>
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         Click Refresh (or Reload) to run the script again
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      </body>
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65 </html>
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Example 3 (Nested Control Structures)

- Consider problem
- Make observations
- Top-down, stepwise refinement

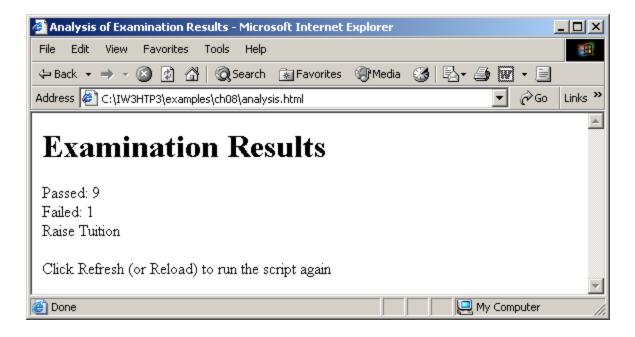
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2 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"</pre>
     "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
3
 <!-- Fig. 8.11: analysis.html -->
6 <!-- Analyzing Exam Results -->
7
  <html xmlns = "http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <head>
9
         <title>Analysis of Examination Results</title>
10
11
         <script type = "text/javascript">
12
            <!--
13
            // initializing variables in declarations
14
            var passes = 0,  // number of passes
15
                failures = 0, // number of failures
16
                student = 1,  // student counter
17
                result:
                               // one exam result
18
19
            // process 10 students; counter-controlled loop
20
            while ( student <= 10 ) {</pre>
21
               result = window.prompt(
22
                  "Enter result (1=pass, 2=fail)", "0" );
23
```



```
if ( result == "1" )
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                  passes = passes + 1;
26
               else
27
                  failures = failures + 1;
28
29
               student = student + 1;
30
            }
31
32
            // termination phase
33
            document.writeln( "<h1>Examination Results</h1>" );
34
            document.writeln(
35
               "Passed: " + passes + "<br />Failed: " + failures );
36
37
            if ( passes > 8 )
38
               document.writeln( "<br />Raise Tuition" );
39
            // -->
40
         </script>
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      </head>
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      <body>
44
         Click Refresh (or Reload) to run the script again
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      </body>
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47 </html>
```











Assignment Operators

- Compound assignment operators
 - Abbreviate assignment expressions

8.13 Note on Data Types

- Loosely typed
 - Automatically converts between values of different types