

DEBUGGING & COMMON TYPES OF ERRORS



What is debugging?

- Debugging is the process of **finding** and **fixing** errors or bugs in the source code
- computer programmers study the code to determine **why any errors occurred.**
- checks the code **step by step**, and **analyze** and **fix** the issue

How does the debugging process work?

Error identification

- Developers locate the exact line of codes or code module causing the bug.

Error analysis

- Coders analyze the error by recording all program state changes and data values.

Fix and validation

- Developers fix the bug and run tests to ensure the software continues to work as expected.

Some debugging techniques

- Using `console.log()` method

The `console.log()` method displays the result in the console of the browser. If there is any mistake in the code, it generates the error message.

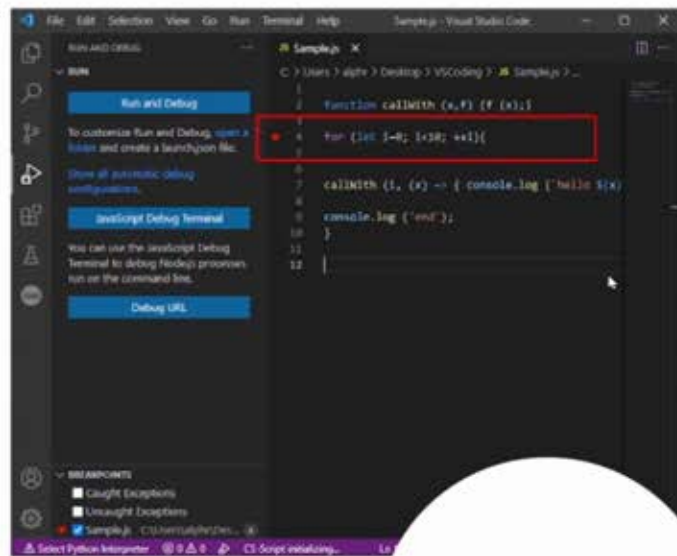


```
x = 10;  
y = 15;  
z = x + y;  
console.log(z);  
console.log(a); //a is not initialized
```

Some debugging techniques

- **Setting the breakpoints**

Marking some lines of code at different points of the program can create breakpoints. When the program reaches the marked point during execution, it pauses. This helps the developer to check for any available error and sort it out.



Some debugging techniques

- Using the debugger keyword

You can also use the JavaScript debugger keyword. This places a halt in execution where you place the debugging keyword. Here is an example:



```
function doSomething() {  
  console.log("Halt!");  
  debugger;  
  console.log('continue')  
}  
doSomething();
```

Some debugging techniques

Backtracking

- Backtracking uses different solutions until you find the right solution to the error.
- It is effective for debugging.
- You apply possible solutions to solve the problem in the JavaScript program.
- If it doesn't work you retreat and select another move.

COMMON TYPES OF ERRORS



Syntax Error

Syntax error is triggered when you write code that is not syntactically correct.

- Missing inverted commas
- Missing closing parentheses
- Improper alignment of curly braces or other characters

```
> constt syntax = 'val';  
✖ Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected identifier  
> let someVar 'variable';  
✖ Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected string  
> Math.random(;  
✖ Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token ;
```

Type Error

Type error is created when some value doesn't turn out to be of a particular expected type.

- Calling objects that are not methods.
- Attempting to access properties of null or undefined objects
- Treating a string as a number or vice versa

```
> const someBoolean = true;
< undefined
> someBoolean.slice(-1);
❌ ▶ Uncaught TypeError: someBoolean.slice is not a function
   at <anonymous>:1:13
> Math.randomMe();
❌ ▶ Uncaught TypeError: Math.randomMe is not a function
   at <anonymous>:1:6
> const someArray = [];
< undefined
> const newObject = Object.assing({}, someArray);
❌ ▶ Uncaught TypeError: Object.assing is not a function
   at <anonymous>:1:26
```

Reference Error

- forgotten to define a value for the variable before using it
- we might be trying to use an inaccessible variable in our code.
- Making a typo in a variable name.
- Trying to access block-scoped variables outside of their scopes.

```
> const name = receivedName;
```

```
❌ ▶ Uncaught ReferenceError: receivedName is not defined  
   at <anonymous>:1:14
```

```
> const person = (name, surname) => {};  
   person("Jakub", srName);
```

```
❌ ▶ Uncaught ReferenceError: srName is not defined  
   at <anonymous>:2:17
```

```
>
```

Internal Error

The Internal Error occurs when an exception occurs in the JavaScript runtime engine. It may or may not indicate an issue with your code.

InternalError occurs in two scenarios only:

- When a patch or an update to the JavaScript runtime carries a bug that throws exceptions
- When your code contains entities that are too large for the JavaScript engine (e.g. **too many switch cases, too large array initialization, much recursion**)

Internal Error Example

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```
switch(num) {  
  case 1:  
    ...  
    break  
  case 2:  
    ...  
    break  
  case 3:  
    ...  
    break  
  case 4:  
    ...  
    break  
  case 5:  
    ...  
    break  
  case 6:  
    ...  
    break  
  case 7:  
    ...  
    break  
  ... //up to 1000 cases  
}
```

Range Error

RangeError —thrown when a value is not in an allowed range

```
> 'string'.repeat(-1);  
❌ ▶ Uncaught RangeError: Invalid count value  
   at String.repeat (<anonymous>)  
   at <anonymous>:1:10  
> new Array(500000000000);  
❌ ▶ Uncaught RangeError: Invalid array length  
   at <anonymous>:1:1  
> Number('5').toFixed(102)  
❌ ▶ Uncaught RangeError: toFixed() digits argument must be between 0 and 100  
   at Number.toFixed (<anonymous>)  
   at <anonymous>:1:13  
>
```