

Introduction to JavaScript: Part 1

Introduction to Internet and Web



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JAVASCRIPT INTRODUCTION

Why Study JavaScript?

- ❖ JavaScript is the programming language of HTML and the Web.
- ❖ JavaScript is one of the 3 languages all web developers must learn:
 1. **HTML** to define the content of web pages
 2. **CSS** to specify the layout of web pages
 3. **JavaScript** to program the behavior of web pages
- ❖ Web pages are not the only place where JavaScript is used. Many desktop and server programs use JavaScript.
 - Node.js, MongoDB, CouchDB ...

JavaScript Where To

❖ In HTML, JavaScript code is inserted between <script> and </script> tags

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h2>JavaScript in Body</h2>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "My
First JavaScript";
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript in Body

My First JavaScript

JavaScript in <head>

- ❖ Scripts can be placed in the <body>, or in the <head> section of an HTML page, or in both
- ❖ In this example, a JavaScript function is placed in the <head> section of an HTML page.
- ❖ The function is invoked when a button is clicked:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<script>
function myFunction() {
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =
    "Paragraph changed.";
}
</script>
</head>
<body>

<h2>JavaScript in Head</h2>

<p id="demo">A Paragraph.</p>

<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try
it</button>

</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript in Head

A Paragraph.

Try it

JavaScript in <body>

- ❖ In this example, a JavaScript function is placed in the <body> section of an HTML page.
- ❖ The function is invoked when a button is clicked:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h2>JavaScript in Body</h2>

<p id="demo">A Paragraph.</p>

<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try
it</button>

<script>
function myFunction() {
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =
    "Paragraph changed.";
}
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript in Body

A Paragraph.

Try it

External JavaScript

- ❖ Script can also be placed in external files:
- ❖ External scripts are practical when the same code is used in many different web pages
- ❖ JavaScript files have the file extension .js
- ❖ To use an external script, put the name of the script file in the src attribute of a <script> tag:
- ❖ Placing scripts in external files has some advantages:
 - It separates HTML and code
 - It makes HTML and JavaScript easier to read and maintain
 - Cached JavaScript files can speed up page loads

External JavaScript

External file: myScript.js

```
function myFunction() {  
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph changed.";  
}
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
<body>  
  
<h2>External JavaScript</h2>  
  
<p id="demo">A Paragraph.</p>  
  
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try  
it</button>  
  
<p>(myFunction is stored in an external file called  
"myScript.js")</p>  
  
<script src="myScript.js"></script>  
  
</body>  
</html>
```

External JavaScript

A Paragraph.

Try it

(myFunction is stored in an external file called "myScript.js")

External References

- ❖ External scripts can be referenced with a full URL or with a path relative to the current web page.
- ❖ This example uses a full URL to link to a script:

```
<script src="https://www.w3schools.com/js/myScript1.js"></script>
```

- ❖ This example uses a script located in a specified folder on the current web sites:

```
<script src="/js/myScript1.js"></script>
```

JAVASCRIPT SYNTAX

JavaScript Values

❖ The JavaScript syntax defines two types of values: Fixed values and variable values.

❖ Fixed values are called literals.

- **Numbers** are written with or without decimals: 10.5, 1001
- **Strings** are text, written within double or single quotes: “John Doe”, ‘John Deo’

❖ Variables values are called variables.

- JavaScript uses the **var** keyword to declare variables.
- An equal sign is used to assign values to variables

```
var x;  
x = 6;
```

Declaring (Creating) JavaScript Variables

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h2>JavaScript Variables</h2>

<p>Create a variable, assign a value to it, and
display it:</p>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
var carName1;

var carName2;
carName2 = "Volvo"

var carName3 = "Volvo";

document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = carName;
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Variables

Create a variable, assign a value to it, and display it:

Volvo

```
var person = "John Doe", carName = "Volvo", price = 200;
```

JavaScript Identifier

- ❖ All JavaScript variables must be identified with unique names.
- ❖ These unique names are called identifiers.
- ❖ Identifiers can be short names (like x and y) or more descriptive names (age, sum, totalVolume).
- ❖ The general rules for constructing names for variables (unique identifiers) are:
 - Names can contain letters, digits, underscores, and dollar signs.
 - Names must begin with a letter
 - Names can also begin with \$ and _ (but we will not use it in this tutorial)
 - Names are case sensitive (y and Y are different variables)
 - Reserved words (like JavaScript keywords) cannot be used as names

JavaScript Keywords

❖ JavaScript keywords are used to identify actions to be performed

Keyword	Description
break	Terminates a switch or a loop
continue	Jumps out of a loop and starts at the top
debugger	Stops the execution of JavaScript, and calls (if available) the debugging function
do ... while	Executes a block of statements, and repeats the block, while a condition is true
for	Marks a block of statements to be executed, as long as a condition is true
function	Declares a function
if ... else	Marks a block of statements to be executed, depending on a condition
return	Exits a function
switch	Marks a block of statements to be executed, depending on different cases
try ... catch	Implements error handling to a block of statements
var	Declares a variable

JavaScript Operators

- ❖ Arithmetic operators are used to perform arithmetic on numbers
- ❖ The + operator can also be used to concatenate strings
 - Adding a number and a string will return a string

Operator	Description
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
**	Exponentiation (<u>ES2016</u>)
/	Division
%	Modulus (Division Remainder)
++	Increment
--	Decrement

Example

```
var x = 5 + 5;  
var y = "5" + 5;  
var z = "Hello" + 5;
```

The result of x, y, and z will be:

```
10  
55  
Hello5
```

```
var txt1 = "John";  
var txt2 = "Doe";  
var txt3 = txt1 + " " + txt2;
```

The result of txt3 will be:

```
John Doe
```


JavaScript Operators

- ❖ Assignment operators assign values to JavaScript variables.
- ❖ Bit operators work on 32 bits numbers.

Operator	Example	Same As
=	x = y	x = y
+=	x += y	x = x + y
-=	x -= y	x = x - y
*=	x *= y	x = x * y
/=	x /= y	x = x / y
%=	x %= y	x = x % y
**=	x **= y	x = x ** y

Operator	Description
&	AND
	OR
~	NOT
^	XOR
<<	Zero fill left shift
>>	Signed right shift
>>>	Zero fill right shift

JavaScript Expressions

- ❖ An expression is a combination of values, variables, and operators, which computes to a value.
- ❖ The computation is called an evaluation.
 - For example, `5 * 10` evaluates to 50:
- ❖ Expressions can also contain variable values: `x * 10`
- ❖ The values can be of various types, such as numbers and strings.
 - For example, `"John" + " " + "Doe"`, evaluates to `"John Doe"`:

JavaScript Comments

- ❖ Not all JavaScript statements are “executed”.
- ❖ Code after double slashes `//` or written `/*` and `*/` is treated as a comment
- ❖ Comments are ignored, and will not be executed.

```
var x = 5;    // I will be executed  
  
// var x = 6;    I will NOT be executed
```

JAVASCRIPT FUNCTIONS

JavaScript Functions

- ❖ A JavaScript function is a block of code designed to perform a particular task
- ❖ A JavaScript function is executed when “something” invokes it

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h2>JavaScript Functions</h2>

<p>This example calls a function which performs a
calculation, and returns the result:</p>

<p id="demo"></p>

<script>
function myFunction(p1, p2) {
    return p1 * p2;
}
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =
myFunction(4, 3);
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Functions

This example calls a function which performs a calculation, and returns the result:

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JavaScript Function Syntax

- ❖ A JavaScript function is defined with the **function** keyword, followed by a **name**, followed by parentheses ().
 - Function name can contain letters, digits, underscores, and dollar signs. (same rules as variables)
 - The parentheses may include parameter names separated by commas: (parameter1, parameter2, ...)
- ❖ The code to be executed, by the function, is placed inside curly brackets:
}

```
function name(parameter1, parameter2, parameter3) {  
    // code to be executed  
}
```

Function Invocation / Return

- ❖ The code inside the function will execute when “something” invokes (calls) the function:
 - e.g., Events, JavaScript code
- ❖ When JavaScript reaches a return statement, the function will stop executing
- ❖ If the function was invoked from a statement, JavaScript will “return” to execute the code after the invoking statement.
- ❖ Functions often compute a return value. The return value is “returned” back to the “caller”

```
<script>
function myFunction(p1, p2) {
    return p1 * p2;
}
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =
myFunction(4, 3);
</script>
```

```
<button onclick="displayDate()">The time is?</button>

<script>
function displayDate() {
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = Date();
}
</script>
```

Function Invocation / Return

- ❖ Function parameters are listed inside the parentheses () in the function definition
- ❖ Function arguments are the values received by the function when it is invoked

Calculate the product of two numbers, and return the result:

```
var x = myFunction(4, 3); // Function is called, return value will end up in x

function myFunction(a, b) {
  return a * b;           // Function returns the product of a and b
}
```


Why Functions?

- ❖ You can reuse code: Define the code once, and use it many times
- ❖ You can use the same code many times with different arguments, to produce different results.

Convert Fahrenheit to Celsius:

```
function toCelsius(fahrenheit) {  
    return (5/9) * (fahrenheit-32);  
}  
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = toCelsius(77);
```

Local variables

- ❖ Variables declared within a JavaScript function, become LOCAL to the function.
- ❖ Local variables can only be accessed from within the function
- ❖ Since local variables are only recognized inside their functions, variables with the same name can be used in different functions
- ❖ Local variables are created when a function starts, and deleted when the function is completed.
 - The arguments behave as local variables.

```
// code here can NOT use carName

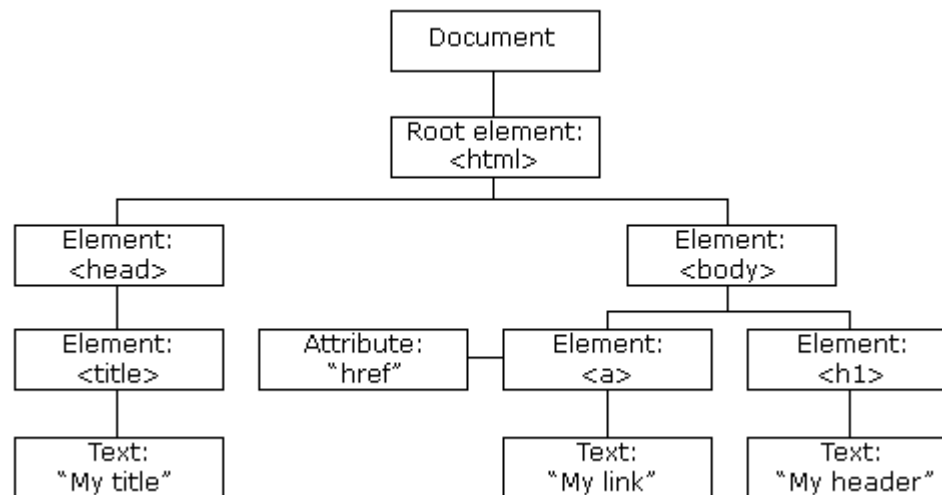
function myFunction() {
  var carName = "Volvo";
  // code here CAN use carName
}

// code here can NOT use carName
```

JAVASCRIPT HTML DOM NAVIGATION

HTML DOM

- ❖ With the HTML DOM, all nodes in the node tree can be accessed by JavaScript.
- ❖ New nodes can be created, and all nodes can be modified or deleted.



Navigating Between Nodes

❖ The following node properties to navigate between nodes with JavaScript:

- parentNode
- childNodes[nodenum]
- firstChild
- lastChild
- nextSibling
- previousSibling

❖ innerHTML property to retrieve the content of an HTML element.

```
<title id="demo">DOM Tutorial</title>
```

```
var myTitle = document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML;
```

```
var myTitle = document.getElementById("demo").firstChild.nodeValue;
```

```
var myTitle = document.getElementById("demo").childNodes[0].nodeValue;
```

The nodeName Property

❖ The nodeName property specifies the name of a node

- nodeName is read-only
- nodeName of an element node is the same as the tag name
- nodeName of an attribute node is the attribute name
- nodeName of a text node is always #text
- nodeName of the document node is always #document

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h1 id="id01">My First Page</h1>
<p id="id02"></p>

<script>
document.getElementById("id02").innerHTML =
document.getElementById("id01").nodeName;
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

My First Page

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The nodeValue / nodeType Properties

❖ The nodeValue property specifies the value of a node

- nodeValue for element nodes is null
- nodeValue for text nodes is the text itself
- nodeValue for attribute nodes is the attribute value

❖ The nodeType property is read-only. It returns the type of a node

Node	Type	Example
ELEMENT_NODE	1	<h1 class="heading">W3Schools</h1>
ATTRIBUTE_NODE	2	class = "heading" (deprecated)
TEXT_NODE	3	W3Schools
COMMENT_NODE	8	<!-- This is a comment -->
DOCUMENT_NODE	9	The HTML document itself (the parent of <html>)
DOCUMENT_TYPE_NODE	10	<!Doctype html>

➤ JavaScript Introduction

- How to import JavaScript into HTML document

➤ JavaScript Syntax

- Values, Variables, Keywords, Identifier

➤ JavaScript Functions

- How to declare function
- How to invoke function

➤ JavaScript HTML DOM navigation

- How to access DOM node in the HTML document