



# **Web Development**

**COMP 431 / COMP 531**

**Lecture 2: HTML and Forms**

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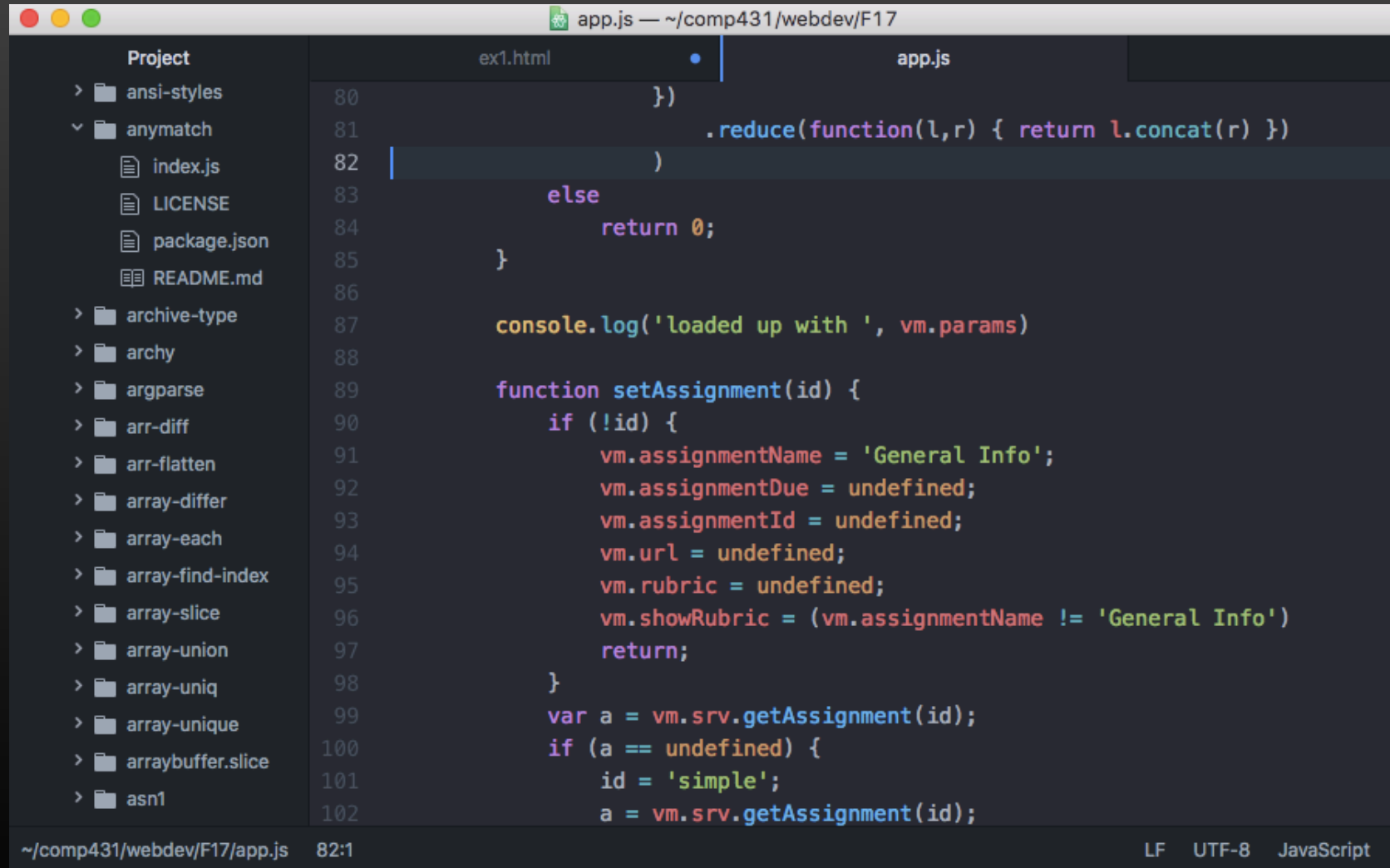
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# Recap

- Administration
- Office Hours
- HTML

*Homework Assignment 1*  
*(Simple Page)*  
Due Thu 8/31 by 11:59 PM

# Editors: I use Atom



The screenshot shows the Atom code editor interface. On the left is a sidebar titled "Project" showing a file tree for a project located at `~/comp431/webdev/F17`. The tree includes folders like `ansi-styles`, `anymatch`, `archive-type`, `archy`, `argparse`, `arr-diff`, `arr-flatten`, `array-differ`, `array-each`, `array-find-index`, `array-slice`, `array-union`, `array-uniq`, `array-unique`, `arraybuffer.slice`, and `asn1`. The main editor area shows a file named `app.js` with the following JavaScript code:

```
80         })
81         .reduce(function(l,r) { return l.concat(r) })
82     )
83     else
84         return 0;
85 }
86
87 console.log('loaded up with ', vm.params)
88
89 function setAssignment(id) {
90     if (!id) {
91         vm.assignmentName = 'General Info';
92         vm.assignmentDue = undefined;
93         vm.assignmentId = undefined;
94         vm.url = undefined;
95         vm.rubric = undefined;
96         vm.showRubric = (vm.assignmentName != 'General Info')
97         return;
98     }
99     var a = vm.srv.getAssignment(id);
100     if (a == undefined) {
101         id = 'simple';
102         a = vm.srv.getAssignment(id);
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the file path `~/comp431/webdev/F17/app.js`, the cursor position `82:1`, and the encoding `LF UTF-8 JavaScript`.

# inclass-1: hello.html

*Good practice to include "lang" and "charset"*  
*Mandatory to include DOCTYPE !*

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html lang="en-us">
```

```
  <head>
```

```
    <meta charset="utf-8">
```

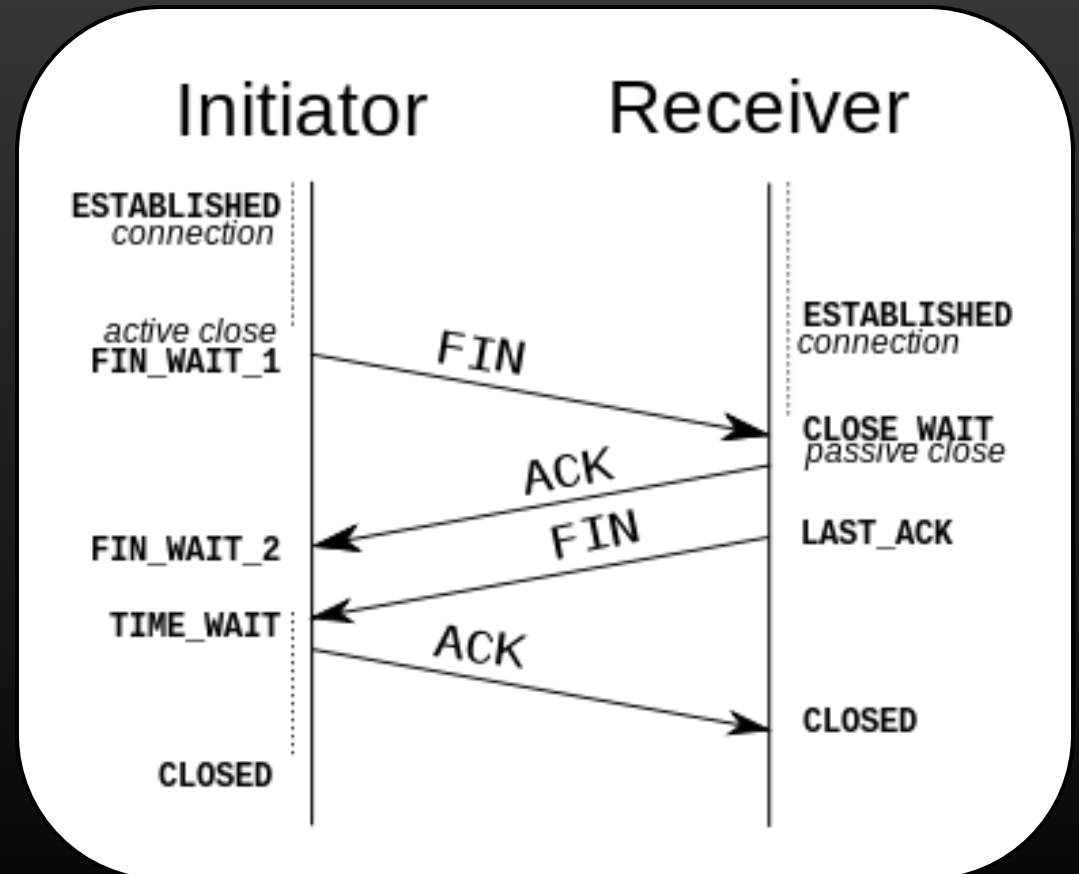
```
    <meta name="author" content="Mack Joyner">
```



*No spaces between attribute and value*

# Transmission Control Protocol

- Clients (initiator) and Servers (receiver)
- Resilient
- http (https) is *generally* routed on port 80 (443)
- https is “**HTTP over TLS**” (transport layer security)
  - successor to SSL (secure sockets layer)
  - No good reason *not* to use it...



# Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

- 1965 – hypertext
  - 1989 – WWW
  - 1991 – HTTPV0.9
  - 1996 – HTTPV1.0
  - Mid-1996 – HTTP/1.1
  - May 2015 – HTTP/2  
(0.4% websites support 7/2015)  
(Likely TLS only)  
(server push)  
(parallel loading)
- Request-response protocol
  - Client sends request
  - Server replies with response
    - Typically returning a resource

# Status Codes

- Informational 1XX
- Successful 2XX
  - 200 = OK
  - 201 = Created
  - 202 = Accepted
  - 204 No Content
- Redirection 3XX
  - 301 = Moved Permanently
  - 302 = Found
- Client Error 4XX
  - 400 = Bad Request
  - 401 = Unauthorized
  - 403 = Forbidden
  - 404 = Not Found
- Server Error 5XX
  - 500 Internal Server Error
  - 501 Not Implemented

# Where is JavaScript?

- In your browser
- Add a script to a HTML page and view in browser

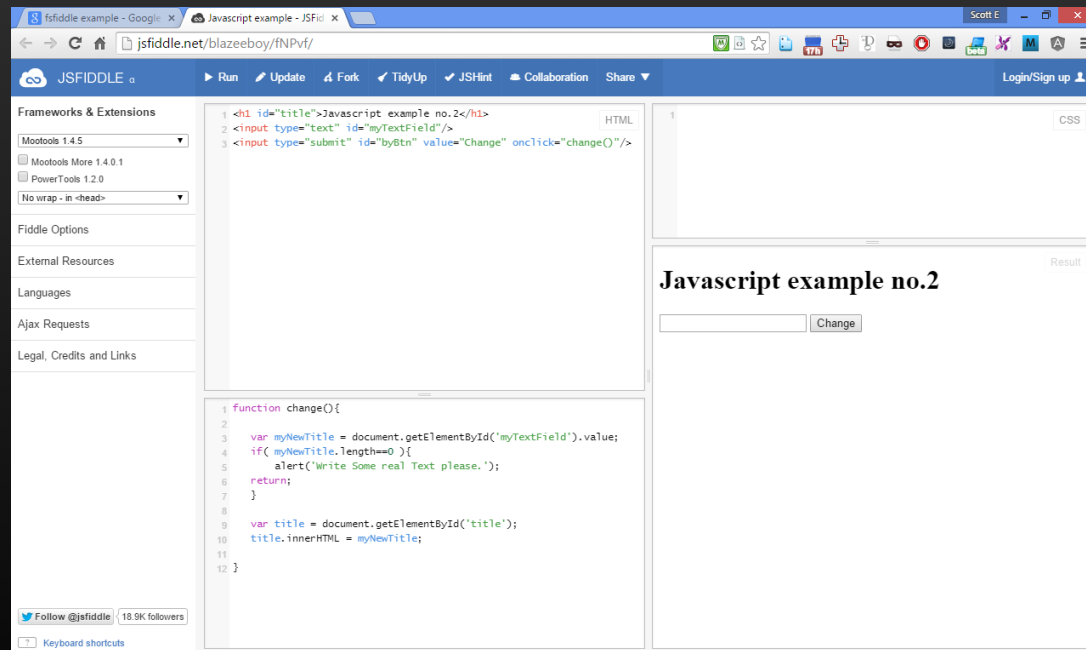
JavaScript does not necessarily  
play well through file://

...

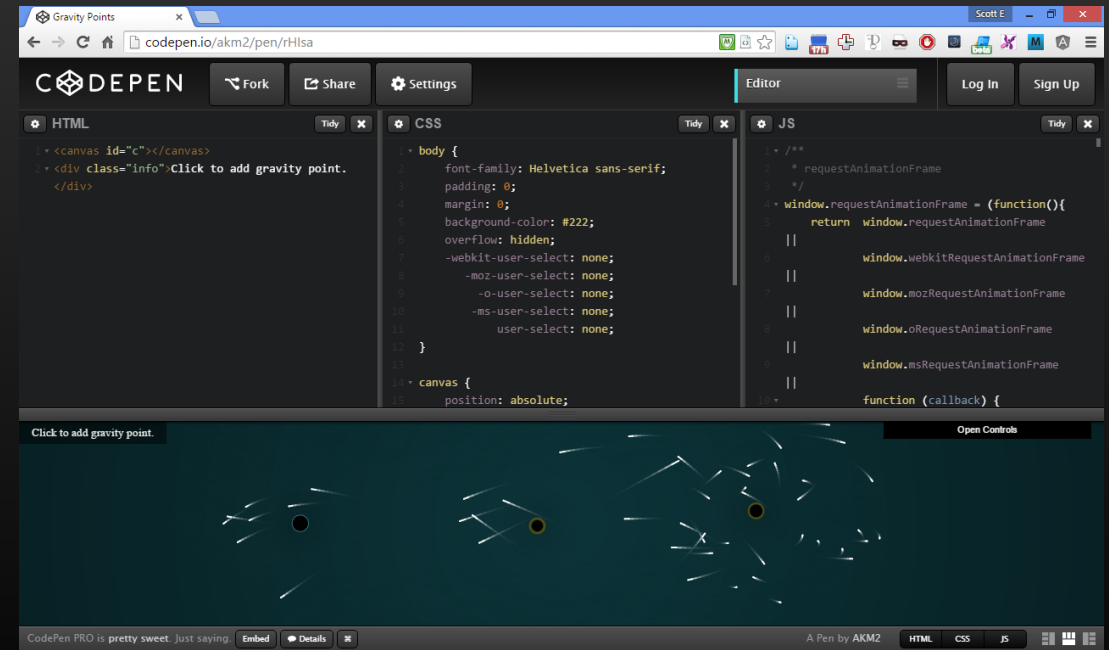


# Online Frontend Playgrounds

- JavaScript can evaluate JavaScript
- Therefore we can easily create an online JavaScript environment (or use someone else's)

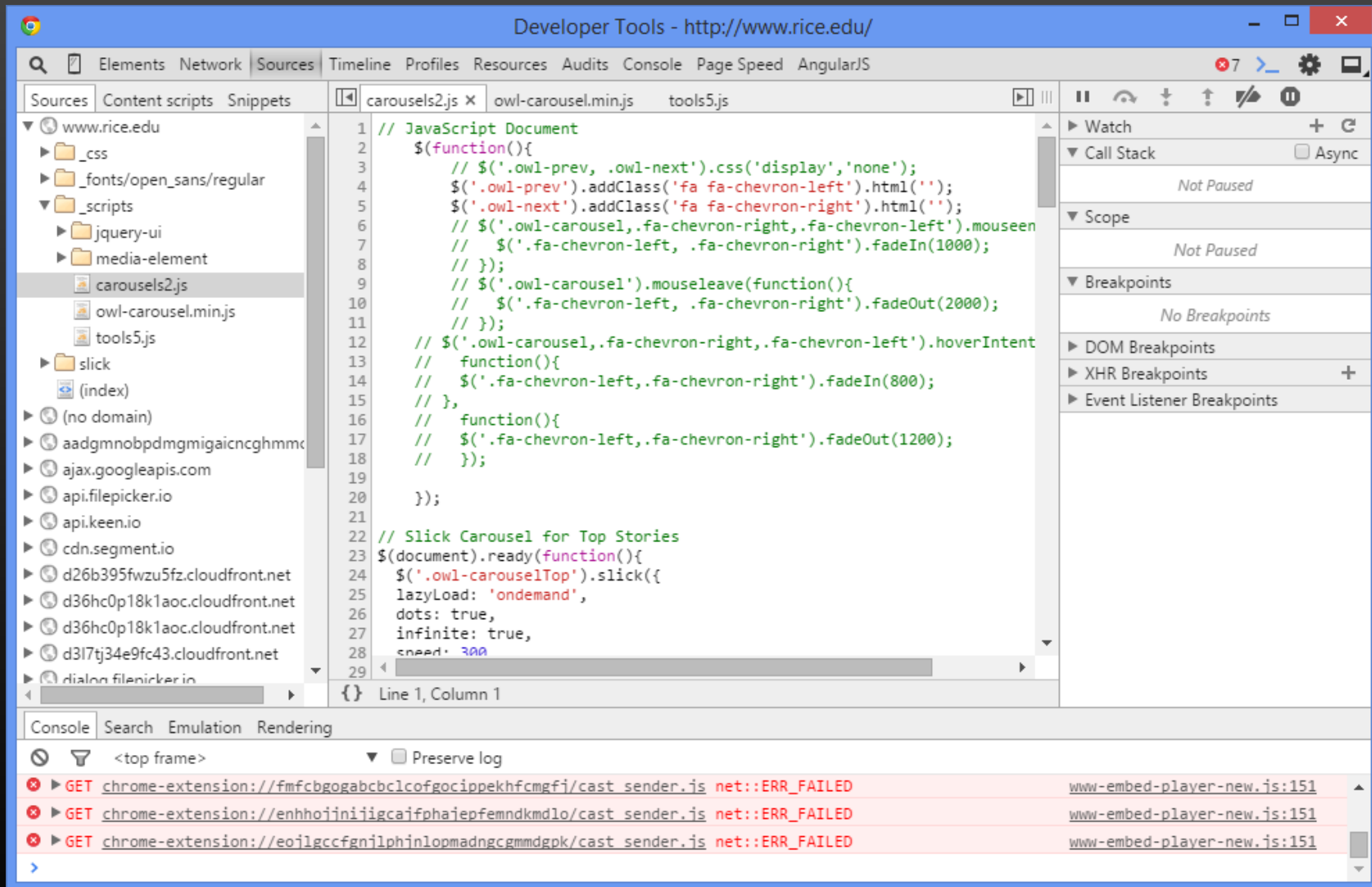


jsfiddle.net



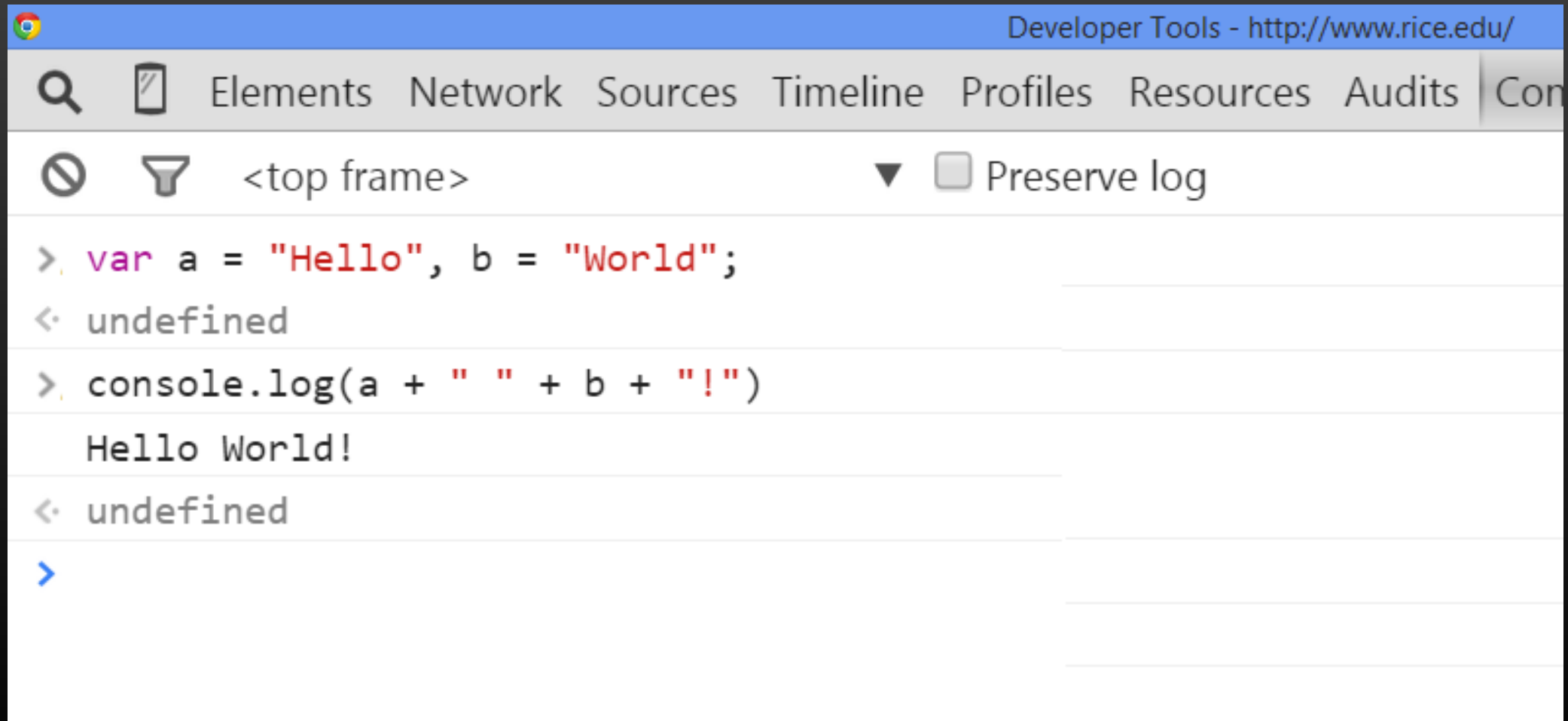
codepen.io

# Chrome Developer Tools



FYI: You may need to enable Developer mode to get access to the console in Safari

# Hello World in console



# Script tag

- The `<script>` tag defines a client-side script


- Previously needed a type attribute

`type="text/javascript"`

- Either has a source attribute

`src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/2.1.3/jquery.min.js"`

*That's a line wrap  
from powerpoint*



or content

```
<script>  
  window.alert("Hello World!");  
</script>
```

# Hello world in a page

```
1 <html>
2 <body>
3 Hello World
4 </body>
5 <script>
6   window.alert("Hello World!");
7 </script>
8 </html>
```

The “window” object is provided by the engine

Other built-ins include “navigator” and “document”

Hello World

JavaScript Alert

Hello World!

OK

# Query Parameters

- Can be attached to any URL

<http://somesite.com:8080/example/page.php?q=5&b=8#someAnchor>

- Most often used with GET requests

```
> location
< ▶ Location {ancestorOrigins: DOMStringList, origin: "file://", hash: "",
  search: "?arg=value&second=string&number=15", pathname:
> location.search
< "?arg=value&second=string&number=15"
>
```

# Forms

- The work horse of many a web page
- Typically used with **POST** requests
  - POST allows for a larger payload
- Contains `<input>` and `<button>` children

```
<form
  method=("GET" | "POST")
  action=<url>
  id="myForm" >
  <input ... >
</form>
```

**id** used for referencing  
(**name** is deprecated)

# Form contents

```
4 <form id="myForm" method="" action="#">
5   <p>Name: <input type="text" name="name"></p>
6   <p>Phone: <input type="tel" name="phone" pattern='\d\d\d'></p>
7   <input type="submit" value="Go!">
8 </form>
```

Please fill out this form

Name:

Phone:

Go!



Please match the requested format.

button?



# Input Type

## The Basics

- text
- password
- checkbox
- radio
- file
- submit
- reset

## HTML5

- search
- email
- url
- tel
- number
- range
- date
- color
- ...

# GET vs POST

## GET

- Parameters in URL
- Used to get data
- *Should* have no side-effects
- URL limit of 2083 characters (IE)
- Browser can cache

## POST

- Parameters in request body
- Used to update server
- May update the server (watchout for repeated requests)
- In principle no limit to payload size
- Shouldn't be cached

# The GET gotcha

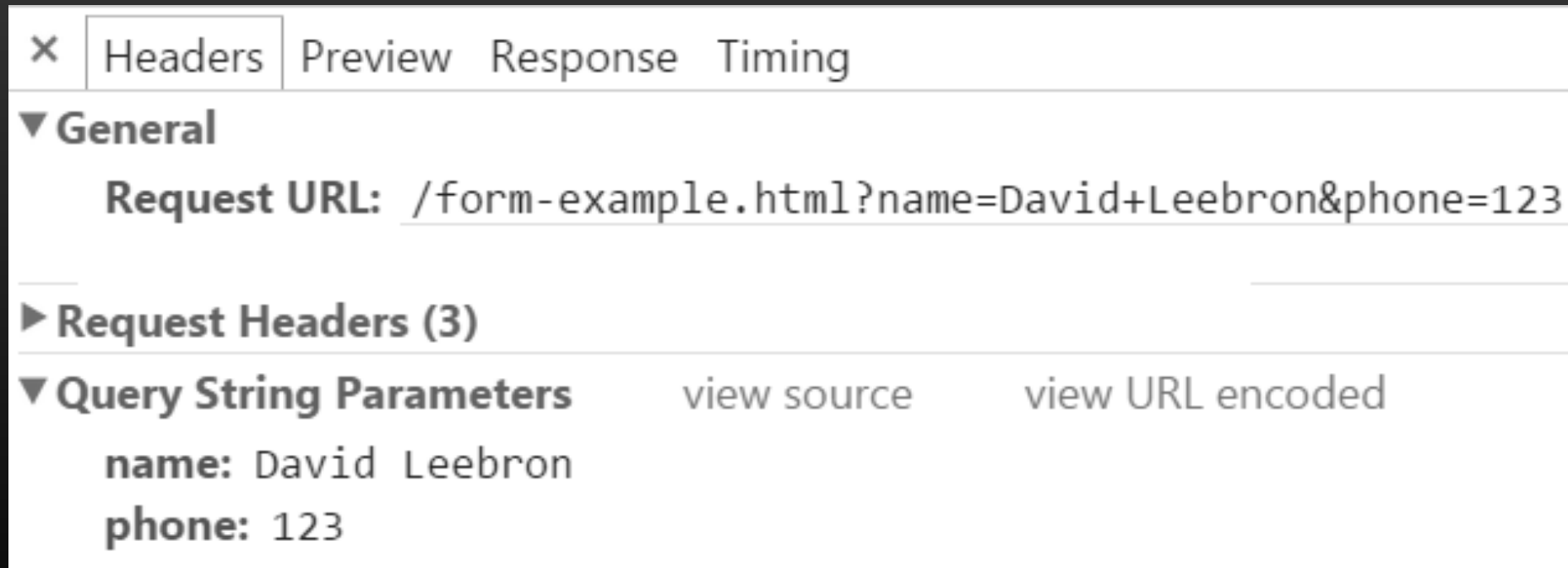
GET *should* have **NO** side-effects

- GET is *\*so\** easy
- Parameters sent in URL is sweet and simple
- How about a **delete** button?
  - For example it might GET **/delete?id=2**
- Browser plugin: **Google Web Accelerator**
  - Scans a page and executes all GETs to cache
  - This is **great** because it speeds up our surfing experience
  - This is **bad** because we just hit all of those **delete** links... oops!

# Form Submission (GET)

- Properly fill out form and click the button

`/form-example.html?name=David+Leebron&phone=123`



# Form Submission POST

```
<form id="myForm" method="POST" action="#">
```

× Headers Preview Response Timing

▼ General

Request URL: `/form-example.html?name=David+Leebron&phone=123`

► Request Headers (5)

▼ Query String Parameters

view source    view URL encoded

name: David Leebron  
phone: 123

▼ Form Data

view source    view URL encoded

name: Try a POST  
phone: 987

# Hidden Fields

- Can be useful to store extra data that is sent with form, e.g., session id

```
11 <form id="myForm2" method="" action="#">
12     <p>Name: <input type="text" name="name"></p>
13     <p>Phone: <input type="tel" name="phone" pattern="\d\d\d"></p>
14     <p><input type="hidden" name="secret" value="message"></p>
15     <input type="submit" value="Go!">
16 </form>
```

Please fill out this form

Name:

Phone:

Go!

Name:

Phone:

Go!

## ▼ Query String Parameters

**name:** This One

**phone:** 456

**secret:** message

# Aside on Date

- JavaScript has numerous built-ins
- Date object is modelled after JDK 1.0 `java.util.Date`

```
> Date.now()
```

```
< 1440354508583
```

```
> new Date(Date.now())
```

```
< Sun Aug 23 2015 13:28:35 GMT-0500 (Central Daylight Time)
```

```
> new Date(1440000000000)
```

```
< Wed Aug 19 2015 11:00:00 GMT-0500 (Central Daylight Time)
```

```
< M6q vñ8 Jð 50J2 JJ:00:00 CWL-0200 (C6UfL9J D9λJṚ8μf ṚJw6)
```

```
> new Date(1440000000000)
```

# Form Validation

- ... the bane of JavaScript?
- Why do we need it?



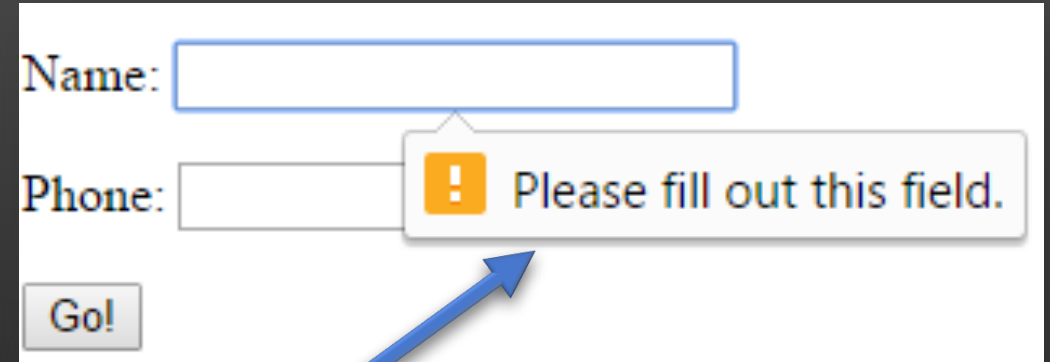
# Form Validation

- HTML5 has some built-in validation
  - But it's not everything we'd ever want

```
<input type="text" name="name" required></p>  
<input type="tel" name="phone" pattern='\d\d\d'>
```

- We pre-validate before the built-in HTML5 validation using an onclick event handler attached to the submit button

```
<input type="submit" value="Go!" onclick="return doSomething()">  
</form>  
<script>  
function doSomething() {  
    window.alert('something');  
    return false;  
}
```



onclick truthy says to submit form or not  
We'll talk more about events later

# Form Validation Example

*onclick="return doSomethingBetter(this.parent)"*

```
12     <input type="submit" value="Go!" onclick="return doSomethingBetter()">
13     </form>
14
15 <script>
16     function doSomethingBetter(form) {
17         if (!form) {
18             //find the right one?
19             var allFormsAsArray = document.forms;
20             //better to get by id
21             form = document.getElementById("myFormValidated");
22         }
23         console.log(form);
24
25         return (form.name.value === "Mack"
26                 && form.phone.value == 123);
27     }
28 </script>
```

# Encoding...

- How about

Name:

## ▼ General

**Request URL:** `/form-example.html?name=This+is+a+test%3F&phone=123`

## ► Request Headers (3)

## ▼ Query String Parameters

[view source](#)

[view URL encoded](#)

**name:** This is a test?

**phone:** 123

```
> decodeURIComponent(location.search.substring(1).split('&')[0].split('=')[1])
```

```
< "This+is+a+test?"
```

```
> encodeURIComponent('a+b')
```

```
< "a%2Bb"
```