M01 - Introduction

My First Web Application

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- Let's talk about JavaScript, the language itself.
- First we need a working environment to run our scripts:
 - server-side environments (like Node.js), you execute the script in a command like "node my.js".
 - client-side environments (like a browser), we usually embed JS scripts within a HTML page

1. The script tag

- The tag <script>
 - To add JavaScript code to a page

```
9 <body>
10 <h1>This is an example of the script tag!</h1>
11 <script>
12 console.log('Hello JS!');
13 </script>
14 </body>
```

- The <script> tag contains JavaScript code which is automatically executed when the browser processes the tag

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- The tag <script>
 - If we have a lot of JavaScript code, we can put it into a separate file
 - Script files are attached to HTML with the **src** attribute:

```
9 <body>
10 <h1>This is an example of the script tag!</h1>
11 <script src="index.js"></script>
12 </body>

Reference to an external script file (relative path)
```

1. The script tag

- Best practices
 - As a rule, only the simplest scripts are put into HTML. More complex ones reside in separate files.
 - The benefit of a separate file is the browser will download it and store it in its cache.
 - Other pages that reference the same script will take it from the cache instead of downloading it, so the file is actually downloaded only once.
 - That reduces traffic and makes pages faster.

- As time goes on, programs become more and more complex. It becomes necessary to add comments which describe what the code does and why.
- Comments can be put into any place of a script. They don't affect its execution because the engine simply ignores them.
- One-line comments start with two forward slash characters //

```
// This is a comment
console.log('Hi world!');
console.log('Hi JS!'); // This is another comment
```

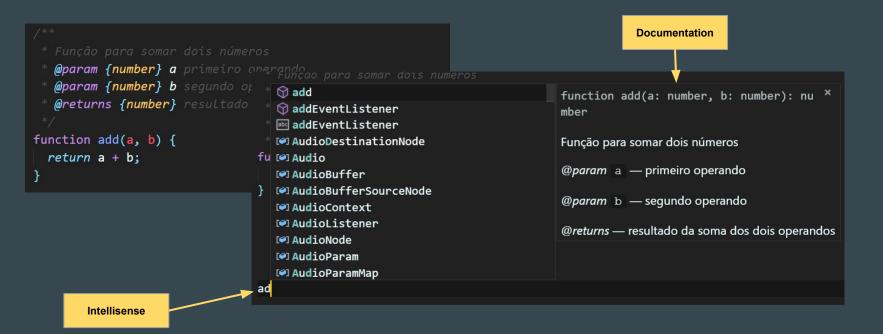
- Multiline comments
 - start with a forward slash and an asterisk /*
 - end with an asterisk and a forward slash */.

```
/*
This is a comment
in two lines
*/
console.log('Hi world!');
```

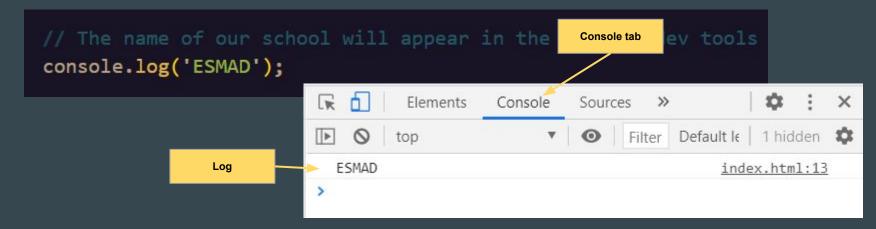
- In VSC use hotkeys to comment your code
 - For one line: CTRL+ ~
 - For multiple lines: SHIFT+ALT+A

- VS Code supports the specification JSDoc and uses annotations to deliver a more advance Intellisense
- You can create more quickly JSDoc comments to functions as:
 - type /** before the function declaration
 - select the suggestion of the snippet of the JSDoc comment

```
/**
 * Função para somar dois números
 * @param {number} a primeiro operando
 * @param {number} b segundo operando
 * @returns {number} resultado da soma dos dois operandos
 */
function add(a, b) {
   return a + b;
}
```



- Logging
 - To output something to console from our code, there's console.log function.
 - Next example outputs the name ESMAD in the console tab of the Chrome DevTools:

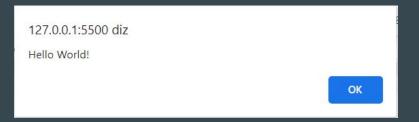


- Interaction
 - Important browser functions for user interaction:
 - Functions alert, prompt and confirm
 - Alert
 - shows a message
 - Prompt
 - shows a message asking the user to enter text
 - returns the text or, if the Cancel or Esc buttons are clicked, returns null
 - Confirm
 - shows a message and expects the user to press Ok or Cancel
 - returns true for OK and false for Cancel or Esc

3. Logging and Interaction

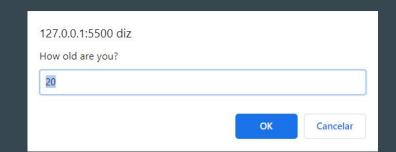
- alert(message)
 - shows a message (message)
 - pauses script execution until the user presses OK

alert('Hello World!');



- prompt(title[,default])
 - Shows a modal window with text message, input field and OK/Cancel buttons
 - Two parameters:
 - title the text to show to the user
 - default an optional second parameter, the initial value of the input field
 - The user can:
 - type something in the input field and press OK
 - cancel the entry by pressing the Cancel button or the ESC key
 - The function returns the text of the entry field or null if the entry was canceled

```
Let age = prompt("How old are you?", 20);
alert(`You are ${age} years!`); // You are 20 years!
```

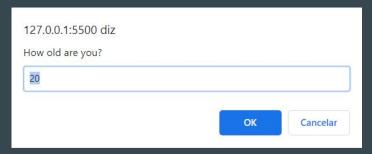


- confirm(question)
 - Shows a modal window with a question and two buttons: OK and Cancel
 - The result is true if OK is pressed and false otherwise

```
Let over18 = confirm("Are you 18 or over?");
alert(over18); // true if OK button is pressed, false otherwise
```



- Interaction
 - All of these functions display modal windows: they stop the script from running and do
 not allow the visitor to interact with the page until the window is discarded
 - There are two limitations shared by all of the above functions:
 - The exact location of the window is defined by the browser. Usually, in the center.
 - The exact appearance also depends on the browser. We cannot change it.



4. Hello World!

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- Challenge
 - Create an app Hello World using HTML and JavaScript
 - The message should appear in the console of the browser
- Tasks:
 - Create a folder myFirstApp
 - Open VSC
 - Open folder created previously
 - Create a file index.html
 - Put a tag <script> and inside, a console.log statement that logs "Hello World!"
 - Open the file in a browser through Live Server