

SOEN 287

Chapter 4: JavaScript (2)

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Topics

- History
- Basic Syntax

This set of slides is modified from the slides accompanied the textbook.

Primitives, Operations and Expressions

- The five primitive types: `Number`, `String`, `Boolean`, `Undefined`, or `Null`
 - Coerce
- The wrapper objects (`Number`, `String`, and `Boolean`)
- Example of numbers:
`72`, `7.2`, `-72`, `7E2`, `7e2`, `7.2E-2`
- Example of strings:
`"Tuesday"`, `"Tuesday\n"`, `'Sam\'s work'`, `"C:\\root"`
- Boolean values are `true` and `false`
- The only `Null` value is `null`
- The only `Undefined` value is `undefined`

string

- Sequence of 0 or more 16-bit characters
- No separate character type
 - Characters are represented as strings with a length of 1
- Strings are immutable (similar to Java!)
- Use `==` to check if the values of the string are the same (definitely not in Java!)
- String literals can use single or double quotes
- `String.length`
- `String(value) : returns string`
- `new String(value) : returns object`
 - You can live without this



iClicker question

- The following code prints

```
var a = "123";  
var b = "123";  
document.write(a==b);
```

- A. true
- B. false
- C. error
- D. undefined

Answer: A



String methods

- charAt
- concat
- indexOf
- lastIndexOf
- match
- replace
- search
- slice
- split
- substring
- toLowerCase
- toUpperCase



Boolean

- Boolean values are `true` and `false`
- `0`, `-0`, `null`, `""`, `false`, `undefined`, or `NaN` are considered **false**
- `"0"` is **true**!
- the `Boolean(value)` function



iClicker question

- The following code returns

```
Boolean("false");
```

- A. true
- B. false
- C. error
- D. undefined

Answer: A



The Date Object

◦ The Date Object

toLocaleString – returns a string of the date
getDate – returns the day of the month
getMonth – returns the month of the year (0 – 11)
getDay – returns the day of the week (0 – 6)
getFullYear – returns the year
getTime – returns the number of milliseconds
 since January 1, 1970
getHours – returns the hour (0 – 23)
getMinutes – returns the minutes (0 – 59)
getMilliseconds – returns the millisecond (0 – 999)

→ **SHOW** `date-work.html` and display



Screen Output & Keyboard Input

- The model for the browser display window is the `Window` object
- The `Window` object contains `document` object
- The `Document` object has a method, `write`, which dynamically creates content



Screen output

- `alert("The sum is:"+sum+"\n");`



- http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_alert

- `confirm("Do you want to continue?");`



- http://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_confirm



- `prompt("What is your name?", "");`



→ **SHOW** `root.html` and display

Control expressions

```
if(1) {document.write('yes');}  
      else {document.write('no');}  
if(0) {document.write('yes');}  
      else {document.write('no');}
```

- 0, -0, null, "", false, undefined, or NaN are considered **false** p151: error to consider "0" false
- ==, !=, <, >, <=, >=, ===, !==
- &&, ||, !, !!



Equal and not equal

- `==` and `!=` can do type coercion
- `===` and `!==` cannot do type coercion
- Thus

```
"3" == 3: true  
"3" === 3: false
```



iClicker Question

```
var a = "123";  
var b = "123";  
if(a==b) {document.write('yes');}  
        else {document.write('no');}
```

- What are the outputs?
 - A. yes
 - B. no
 - C. error
 - D. nothing

Answer:A



iClicker Question

```
if (3 !== "3") {document.write('yes')}  
    else {document.write('no')};
```

- What are the outputs?
 - A. yes
 - B. no
 - C. error
 - D. nothing

Answer:A



A Challenge Question

```
var a = new String("123");  
var b = new String("123");  
if(a==b) {document.write('yes');}  
        else {document.write('no');}
```

- What are the outputs?
 - A. yes
 - B. no
 - C. error
 - D. nothing

Answer:B



A Challenge Question

```
var a = String("123");  
var b = new String("123");  
if(a==b) {document.write('yes');}  
        else {document.write('no');}
```

- What are the outputs?
 - A. yes
 - B. no
 - C. error
 - D. nothing

Answer:A



The logic operators: `&&` and `||`

- They do not necessarily return `false` or `true`

- `&&` :

if the first operand is truthy,
 return the second operand,
else return the first operand

- `||` :

if the first operand is truthy,
 return the first operand,
else return the second operand

```
var last = input || default_value;
```



The logic operators: !

- !:

- if the operand is truthy,
return false,
else return true

- !!: `as Boolean(value)`, return false or true.



The bitwise operators:

Operator	Description	Example	Same as	Result	Decimal
&	AND	x = 5 & 1	0101 & 0001	0001	1
	OR	x = 5 1	0101 0001	0101	5
~	NOT	x = ~ 5	~0101	1010	10
^	XOR	x = 5 ^ 1	0101 ^ 0001	0100	4
<<	Left shift	x = 5 << 1	0101 << 1	1010	10
>>	Right shift	x = 5 >> 1	0101 >> 1	0010	2



Control Statements

- Switch

```
switch (expression) {  
    case value_1:  
        // value_1 statements  
    case value_2:  
        // value_2 statements  
    ...  
    [default:  
        // default statements]  
}
```

→ **SHOW** borders2.html



Control Statements

- Loop

- while
- for
- do-while

→ **SHOW** `date.html` and display



The End

