

Language Map for JavaScript

Variable Declaration <i>Is this language strongly typed or dynamically typed? Provide at least three examples (with different data types or keywords) of how variables are declared in this language.</i>	JavaScript is dynamically typed. Examples of declared variables: let name = "Adam"; (use "let" for string) let age = 40; (use "let" for number) let allowed = false (use "let" for Booleans) let myArray = [2,4,6] (use "let" for arrays)
Data Types <i>List all of the data types (and ranges) supported by this language.</i>	Data types: String – any alphanumerics Number – any integer or floating point up to $(2^{53} - 1)$; no commas Boolean – true/false BigInt – integers larger than $(2^{53} - 1)$ Null – absence of any object value Undefined – declared but value not assigned Object – used to store collections of data and more complex entities Symbol – used to create unique identifiers for objects
Selection Structures <i>Provide examples of all selection structures supported by this language (if, if else, etc.) Don't just list them, show code samples of how each would look in a real program.</i>	if statement let capacity = 1000; if (capacity < 1000){ console.log("The jug is too full."); if-else statement let price = 100; if (wallet >= 100){ console.log("You can afford it."); } else { console.log("Keep saving."); if-else, if-else statement let passingScore = 80; if (grade > 95){ console.log("You aced it."); } else if (grade >80){ console.log("You passed."); } else { console.log("Try again.");

	<p>Nested if statements</p> <pre>if (fridgeEmpty = true){ if(wallet > 50){ console.log("Let's go out to eat."); } else{ console.log("Stop at the store for bread."); } }</pre> <p>Switch statements</p> <pre>let weather = "sunny"; switch (weather){ case "snowy": console.log("Wear a coat."); break; case "rainy": console.log("Bring an umbrella."); break; case "sunny": console.log("Wear your shades."); break; case "breezy": console.log("Wear a windbreaker."); break; }</pre>
<p>Repetition Structures</p> <p><i>Provide examples of all repetition structures supported by this language (loops, etc.) Don't just list them, show code samples of how each would look in a real program.</i></p>	<p>for loop</p> <pre>for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) { console.log("Iteration number" + i); }</pre> <p>while loop</p> <pre>let i = 0; while (i < 5) { console.log("Not there yet."); i++; }</pre> <p>do while loop</p>

	<pre> let i = 0; do { console.log("Iteration number" + i); i++; } while (i < 5); for in loop const person = { name: "Adam", age: 40, occupation: "Admin" }; for (let key in person) { console.log(`\${key}: \${person[key]}`); } for of loop let shapes = ["circle", "square", "triangle"]; for (let shape of shapes) { console.log(shape); } </pre>
Arrays <i>If this language supports arrays, provide at least two examples of creating an array with a primitive or String data types (e.g. float, int, String, etc.)</i>	<p>Yes, JavaScript supports arrays.</p> <p>Example 1: Array of numbers let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4.5, 5.6, 7.8]; console.log(numbers);</p> <p>Example 2: Array of strings let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"]; console.log(fruits);</p>
Data Structures <i>If this language provides a standard set of data structures, provide a list of the data structures and their Big-Oh complexity.</i>	<p>1. Array</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access (by index): $O(1)$ • Insertion/Deletion (at the end): $O(1)$ • Insertion/Deletion (at the beginning or middle): $O(n)$ • Searching (Linear search): $O(n)$ <p>Arrays in JavaScript are dynamic, allowing you to add or remove elements at any index. However, this can lead to $O(n)$ complexity for operations that require shifting elements (like insertion or deletion at anywhere other than the end of the array).</p> <p>2. Object</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access, Insertion, and Deletion (by key): Average $O(1)$; Worst $O(n)$ • Searching (for a value): $O(n)$

	<p>Objects in JavaScript are key-value pairs and are often used as hash tables. The average-case complexities for access, insertion, and deletion are constant time, but in the worst case (like when many keys hash to the same value), these operations can degrade to $O(n)$.</p> <p>3. Set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion, Deletion, and Access: Average $O(1)$; Worst $O(n)$ • Searching (for a value): $O(1)$ <p>A set is a collection of unique values. JavaScript's set object allows you to store unique values of any type.</p> <p>4. Map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insertion, Deletion, Access, and Searching (by key): Average $O(1)$; Worst $O(n)$ <p>A map holds key-value pairs and remembers the original insertion order of the keys.</p> <p>5. Stack and Queue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JavaScript does not have built-in stack or queue classes, but these can be implemented using arrays. • Stack (LIFO) operations (push/pop): $O(1)$ • Queue (FIFO) operations (enqueue/dequeue): Enqueue (push) is $O(1)$, but dequeue (shift) is $O(n)$ if implemented with an array.
<p>Objects</p> <p><i>If this language support object-orientation, provide an example of how you would write a simple object with a default constructor and then how you would instantiate it.</i></p>	<p>Yes, JavaScript supports object orientation. Here are two different approaches.</p> <p>The constructor function</p> <pre>function Person(name, age) { this.name = name; this.age = age; }</pre> <p>// Adding a method to the prototype</p> <pre>Person.prototype.greet = function() { console.log(`Hello, my name is \${this.name} and I am \${this.age} years old.`); };</pre> <p>//Then, create an instance of the 'Person' object:</p> <pre>let person1 = new Person("Alice", 30); person1.greet(); // Output: Hello, my name is Alice and I am 30 years old.</pre> <p>Class Syntax (another method)</p> <pre>class Person {</pre>

	<pre> constructor(name, age) { this.name = name; this.age = age; } greet() { console.log(`Hello, my name is \${this.name} and I am \${this.age} years old.`); } } //Then, instantiate the 'Person' class: let person2 = new Person("Bob", 25); person2.greet(); // Output: Hello, my name is Bob and I am 25 years old. </pre>
Runtime Environment <i>What runtime environment does this language compile to? For example, Java compiles to the Java Virtual Machine.</i> <i>Do other languages also compile to this runtime?</i>	<p>JavaScript is traditionally executed in a JavaScript engine, usually in web browsers.</p> <p>JavaScript can also be run on servers or other environments using Node.js, which is a JavaScript runtime built on the V8 engine. This allows JavaScript to be used for server-side scripting and other non-browser environments.</p> <p>Several other languages can be compiled into JavaScript to leverage its runtime environment, including TypeScript, CoffeeScript, ClojureScript, and others.</p>
Libraries/Frameworks <i>What are the popular libraries or frameworks used by programmers for this language? List at least three (3) and describe what they are used for..</i>	<p>Three popular frameworks and libraries used by programmers for JavaScript:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) React – used for building interfaces, especially for single-page applications where data changes over time. 2) Angular – used for building client-side single-page web apps 3) Vue.js – a progressive framework for building user interfaces
Domains <i>What industries or domains use this programming language? Provide specific examples of companies that use this language and what they use it for. E.g. Company X uses C# for its line of business applications.</i>	<p>Google and Facebook use JavaScript for web development.</p> <p>Amazon and eBay use JavaScript for eCommerce.</p> <p>PayPal uses JavaScript for its online payment web app.</p> <p>Netflix uses JavaScript—particularly Node.js—for its server-side ops.</p> <p>Microsoft uses JavaScript for front-end development in their online services like Microsoft 365.</p>