

Core JavaScript

1. Introduction

JavaScript is a **client-side scripting language** used to make web pages interactive. It can manipulate the content, respond to user actions, and communicate with servers. Runs in **browser** and optionally on **server (Node.js)**.

Syntax Example:

```
<script>
  console.log("Hello JavaScript"); // Prints message in browser console
</script>
```

2. Variables & Constants

Explanation:

- **var**: Function-scoped variable; can be re-declared.
- **let**: Block-scoped; safer to use.
- **const**: Block-scoped constant; cannot be reassigned.

Syntax:

```
var x = 10;
let y = 20;
const PI = 3.14;
```

3. Data Types

Explanation:

JavaScript has **primitive** and **reference types**:

- Primitive: store single values (`string`, `number`, `boolean`, `null`, `undefined`, `symbol`, `bignumber`)
- Reference: store collections/objects (`object`, `array`, `function`)

Syntax:

```
let name = "Ali";    // string
let age = 25;        // number
let isStudent = true; // boolean
let empty = null;    // null
let notDefined;     // undefined
let big = 12345678901234567890n; // bignumber
```

4. Operators

Explanation:

- **Arithmetic:** perform math (`+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `%`, `**`)
- **Assignment:** store values (`=`, `+=`, `-=`)
- **Comparison:** check equality (`==`, `=====`, `!=`, `!=====`, `>`, `<`)
- **Logical:** combine conditions (`&&`, `||`, `!`)
- **Ternary:** shorthand `if (condition ? value1 : value2)`

Syntax:

```
let a = 10, b = 5;
console.log(a + b);    // 15
console.log(a > b);    // true
console.log(a ===== "10"); // false
```

5. Control Flow

Explanation:

- **if-else**: Executes code if a condition is true.
- **switch**: Handles multiple possible values for a variable.

Syntax:

```
let num = 2;  
if (num === 1) console.log("One");  
else if (num === 2) console.log("Two");  
else console.log("Other");  
  
switch(num) {  
  case 1: console.log("One"); break;  
  case 2: console.log("Two"); break;  
  default: console.log("Other");  
}
```

6. Loops

Explanation:

Loops repeat code until a condition is met. Useful for arrays, objects, or repeated tasks.

- **for**: Counted loop
- **while**: Checks before executing
- **do...while**: Executes at least once
- **for...of**: Iterate array values
- **for...in**: Iterate object keys

Syntax:

```
for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) console.log(i);
```

```
let j = 0;
while (j < 5) { console.log(j); j++; }

let arr = [10, 20, 30];
for (let val of arr) console.log(val);

let obj = {a:1, b:2};
for (let key in obj) console.log(key, obj[key]);
```

7. Functions

Explanation:

Functions group code for **reuse**. Can take parameters and return values.

- Function declaration: `function name() {}`
- Function expression: `let name = function() {}`
- Arrow function: `(params) => {}` (short syntax)

Syntax:

```
function add(a, b) { return a + b; }
let sub = function(a, b) { return a - b; }
let mul = (a, b) => a * b;

console.log(add(2,3)); // 5
```

8. Scope & Hoisting

Explanation:

- **Scope** determines **where variables are accessible**.
 - Global: anywhere in script

- Local: inside function/block
- **Hoisting:** `var` variables and function declarations are **moved to top** of scope during compilation.

Syntax:

```
var a = 10; // global
function test() {
  let b = 20; // local
  console.log(a, b);
}
```

9. Arrays

Explanation:

Arrays store multiple values. Methods allow adding/removing items, transforming data, etc.

Syntax:

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3];
arr.push(4); // add at end
arr.pop(); // remove last

let doubled = arr.map(x => x*2); // transform
let evens = arr.filter(x => x%2==0); // filter
let sum = arr.reduce((a,b)=>a+b,0); // sum all
```

10. Objects

Explanation:

Objects store key-value pairs; keys are strings and values can be anything. Can include **methods** (functions inside objects).

Syntax:

```
let person = {
  name: "Sara",
  age: 22,
```

```
greet: function() { console.log("Hello " + this.name); }  
};  
person.greet();
```

11. Strings

Explanation:

Strings are sequences of characters. JavaScript provides **methods** to manipulate them.

Syntax:

```
let str = " JavaScript ";  
console.log(str.length);    // length  
console.log(str.trim());   // remove spaces  
console.log(str.toUpperCase()); // uppercase  
console.log(str.slice(0,4)); // "Java"
```

12. Math & Date

Explanation:

- **Math**: performs calculations (rounding, random numbers, min/max)
- **Date**: get current date/time

Syntax:

```
console.log(Math.random()); // random 0-1  
console.log(Math.floor(3.9)); // 3
```

```
let now = new Date();  
console.log(now.getFullYear());
```

13. DOM Manipulation

Explanation:

The **DOM** (Document Object Model) is the browser's representation of HTML. JS can **read and modify it**.

Syntax:

```
<p id="demo">Hello</p>
<script>
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Hi!";
  document.getElementById("demo").style.color = "red";
</script>
```

14. Events

Explanation:

Events detect **user actions** like clicks, typing, mouseover. JS can respond with functions.

Syntax:

```
<button id="btn">Click Me</button>
<script>
  document.getElementById("btn").addEventListener("click", function(){
    alert("Button Clicked!");
  });
</script>
```

15. Timing Functions

Explanation:

- **setTimeout**: Run code after a delay
- **setInterval**: Repeat code at intervals

Syntax:

```
setTimeout(()=>console.log("Hello after 2s"),2000);
setInterval(()=>console.log("Repeating..."),1000);
```

16. Error Handling

Explanation:

- `try...catch`: Handle runtime errors gracefully
- `finally`: Runs regardless of error
- `throw`: Manually trigger error

Syntax:

```
try {  
    let x = y + 1; // error  
} catch(e) {  
    console.log("Error: " + e.message);  
} finally {  
    console.log("Done");  
}
```

17. JSON

Explanation:

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a **data format** for exchanging info. Use `stringify` to convert object → string, `parse` for string → object.

Syntax:

```
let obj = {name:"Ali", age:25};  
let json = JSON.stringify(obj);  
let newObj = JSON.parse(json);  
console.log(newObj.name);
```

18. Fetch API

Explanation:

`fetch()` is used to get **data from APIs**. Returns a **promise**.

Syntax:

```
fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1")
  .then(res => res.json())
  .then(data => console.log(data))
  .catch(err => console.log(err));
```

19. Local Storage

Explanation:

Store small data in browser (**persistent even after refresh**).

- `setItem`, `getItem`, `removeItem`, `clear`

Syntax:

```
localStorage.setItem("username", "Ali");
console.log(localStorage.getItem("username"));
localStorage.removeItem("username");
```

20. ES6+ Features

Explanation:

- **Destructuring**: extract array/object values
- **Spread/rest**: copy/merge data or collect parameters
- **Template literals**: `${variable}` inside strings

Syntax:

```
let [a,b] = [10,20];
let obj = {x:1, y:2};
let {x,y} = obj;
```

```
let arr1 = [1,2];
let arr2 = [...arr1, 3,4];

console.log(`Sum: ${a+b}`);
```
