

Conditional Statement in Javascript

JavaScript supports the following forms of **if..else** statement –

- if statement
- if...else statement
- if...else if... statement.

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```
if (expression) {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if expression is true  
}
```

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```
if (expression) {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if expression is true  
} else {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if expression is false  
}
```

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```
if (expression 1) {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if expression 1 is true  
} else if (expression 2) {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if expression 2 is true  
} else if (expression 3) {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if expression 3 is true  
} else {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if no expression is true  
}
```

Example

```
<html>
<head>
  <script type="text/javascript">
    var one = prompt("Enter the first number");
    var two = prompt("Enter the second number");
    one = parseInt(one);
    two = parseInt(two);
    if (one == two)
      document.write(one + " is equal to " + two + ".");
    else if (one < two)
      document.write(one + " is less than " + two + ".");
    else
      document.write(one + " is greater than " + two + ".");
  </script>
</head>
<body>
</body>
</html>
```

**** The **prompt()** method displays a dialog box that **prompts** the visitor for input.

A **prompt** box is often used if you want the user to input a value before entering a page. Note: When a **prompt** box pops up, the user will have to click either "OK" or "Cancel" to proceed after entering an input value.

**** The **parseInt()** function is used to accept the string ,radix parameter and convert it into an integer.

```
<html> <head> <body>
<script>
  var v1 = parseInt("3.14");

  document.write('Using parseInt("3.14") = '
    + v1 + "<br>");
</script> </body></head></html>
```

The **switch case** statement in JavaScript is also used for decision making purposes. In some cases, using the switch case statement is seen to be more convenient over if-else statements. Consider a situation when we want to test a variable for hundred different values and based on the test we want to execute some task. Using if-else statement for this purpose will be less efficient over switch case statements and also it will make the code look messy. The switch case statement is a multiway branch statement. It provides an easy way to dispatch execution to different parts of code based on the value of the expression.

```
switch (expression)
{
  case value1:
    statement1;
    break;
  case value2:
    statement2;
    break;
  .
  .
  case valueN:
    statementN;
    break;
  default:
    statementDefault;
}
```

- *expression* can be of type numbers or strings.
- Duplicate *case* values are not allowed.
- The *default* statement is optional. If the expression passed to switch does not matches with value in any case then the statement under default will be executed.
- The *break* statement is used inside the switch to terminate a statement sequence.
- The *break* statement is optional. If omitted, execution will continue on into the next case.

EXAMPLE :

```
var text;
var fruits = "Apple";

switch(fruits) {
  case "Banana":
    text = "Banana is good!";
    break;
  case "Orange":
    text = "I am not a fan of orange.";
    break;
  case "Apple":
    text = "How you like them apples?";
    break;
  default:
    text = "I have never heard of that fruit...";
}
```

EXAMPLE:

```
<html>
<body>
  <script type = "text/javascript">
    <!--
      var grade = 'A';
      document.write("Entering switch block<br />");
      switch (grade) {
        case 'A': document.write("Good job<br />");
          break;

        case 'B': document.write("Pretty good<br />");
          break;

        case 'C': document.write("Passed<br />");
          break;

        case 'D': document.write("Not so good<br />");
          break;

        case 'F': document.write("Failed<br />");
          break;
      }
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```

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        default: document.write("Unknown grade<br />")
    }
    document.write("Exiting switch block");
    //-->
</script>
<p>Set the variable to different value and then try...</p>
</body> </html>

```

The JavaScript **while** statement creates a loop that executes a block of code as long as the test condition evaluates to **true**.

The following illustrates the syntax of the **while** statement.

```

while (expression) {
    Statement(s) to be executed if expression is true
}

```

The **while** statement evaluates the **expression** before each iteration of the loop.

If the **expression** evaluates to **true**, the **while** statement executes the statement. If the **expression** evaluates to **false**, execution continues with the statement after the **while** loop.

The **while** loop evaluates the **expression** before each iteration, therefore, the **while** loop is known as a pretest loop. For this reason, it is possible that the **statement** inside the **while** loop is never executed.

```

<html>
  <body>

    <script type = "text/javascript">
      <!--
        var count = 0;
        document.write("Starting Loop ");

        while (count < 10) {
          document.write("Current Count : " + count + "<br
/>");
          count++;
        }

        document.write("Loop stopped!");
      <!-->
    </script>

    <p>Set the variable to different value and then try...</p>
  </body>
</html>

```

The **'for'** loop is the most compact form of looping. It includes the following three important parts –

- The **loop initialization** where we initialize our counter to a starting value. The initialization statement is executed before the loop begins.
- The **test statement** which will test if a given condition is true or not. If the condition is true, then the code given inside the loop will be executed, otherwise the control will come out of the loop.
- The **iteration statement** where you can increase or decrease your counter.

```
for (initialization; test condition; iteration statement) {  
    Statement(s) to be executed if test condition is true  
}
```

```
<html>  
  <body>  
    <script type = "text/javascript">  
      <!--  
        var count;  
        document.write("Starting Loop" + "<br />");  
  
        for(count = 0; count < 10; count++) {  
          document.write("Current Count : " + count );  
          document.write("<br />");  
        }  
        document.write("Loop stopped!");  
      //-->  
    </script>  
    <p>Set the variable to different value and then try...</p>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

For...in to be discussed later.