

What Can JavaScript Do?

JavaScript is the programming language of the web.

It can calculate, manipulate and validate data.

It can update and change both HTML and CSS.

The <script> Tag

In HTML, JavaScript code is inserted between <script> and </script> tags.

JavaScript Variables

Variables are containers for storing data values.

Variables must be identified with unique names.

JavaScript Operators

JavaScript **assignment operators** (=) assign values to variables:

Example

`let x = 5;`

`let y = 6;`

`let sum = x + y;`

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JavaScript Comments

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JavaScript comments can be used to explain JavaScript code, and to make it more readable.

JavaScript comments can also be used to prevent execution, when

testing alternative code.

Example

```
// Change heading:  
document.getElementById("myH").innerHTML = "My First Page";
```

```
// Change paragraph:  
document.getElementById("myP").innerHTML = "My first paragraph.;"
```

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Variables = Data

Containers

JavaScript variables are containers for data.

JavaScript variables can be declared in 4 ways:

Modern JavaScript

- Using let
- Using const

Older JavaScript

- Using var (Not Recommended)
- Automatically (Not Recommended)

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JavaScript Let

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The let keyword was introduced in ES6 (2015)

Variables declared with let have Block Scope

Variables declared with let must be Declared before use

Variables declared with let cannot be Redeclared in the same scope

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JavaScript Const

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**The const keyword was introduced
in ES6 (2015)**

**Variables defined with const cannot
be Redeclared**

**Variables defined with const cannot
be Reassigned**

**Variables defined
with const have Block Scope**

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The else Statement

Use the `else` statement to specify a **block of code** to be executed if a **condition** is false.

```
if (condition) {  
    // block of code to be executed if  
    // the condition is true  
} else {  
    // block of code to be executed if  
    // the condition is false  
}
```

The Boolean Data Type

In JavaScript, a Boolean is a primitive data type that can only have one of two values:

true or false

The Boolean value of an expression is the basis for all

JavaScript comparisons and conditions.

Logical Operators

Logical operators are used to combine boolean expressions.

Logical operators can be used to modify the results of comparisons.

Typically, you will use a comparison operator to check a condition, and a logical operator to combine conditions into more complex logic.

JavaScript Loops

Loops are handy, if you want to run the same code over and over again,

each time with a different value.
Often this is the case when working
with arrays:

Instead of writing:

```
text += cars[0] + "<br>";  
text += cars[1] + "<br>";  
text += cars[2] + "<br>";  
text += cars[3] + "<br>";  
text += cars[4] + "<br>";  
text += cars[5] + "<br>";
```

The For Loop

The for statement creates a loop with
3 optional expressions:

```
for (expr1; expr2; expr) {  
    // code block to be executed  
}
```

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For Loops can execute a block of code a number of times.

For Loops are fundamental for tasks like performing an action multiple times.

While Loops

While loops execute a block of code as long as a specified condition is true.

JavaScript have two types of while loops:

- The while loop
- The do while loop

The Break Statement

The break statement "jumps out" of loops and switches.

The break statement **terminates** the execution of a **loop** or a **switch** statement.

What are Functions?

Functions are **fundamental building blocks** in all programming.

Functions are **reusable block of code** designed to perform a particular task.

Functions **are executed** when they are "called" or "invoked".

JavaScript Arrays

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Example

```
const cars = ["Saab", "Volvo", "BMW"];
```

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An Array is an object type designed for storing data collections.

Key characteristics of JavaScript arrays are:

- **Elements:** An array is a list of values, known as elements.
- **Ordered:** Array elements are ordered based on their index.
- **Zero indexed:** The first element is at index 0, the second at index 1, and so on.
- **Dynamic size:** Arrays can grow or

shrink as elements are added or removed.

- **Heterogeneous:** Arrays can store elements of different data types (numbers, strings, objects and other arrays).

Why Use Arrays?

If you have a list of items (a list of car names, for example), storing the names in single variables could look like this:

```
let car1 = "Saab";  
let car2 = "Volvo";  
let car3 = "BMW";
```

JavaScript Object

Definitions

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Methods for Defining JavaScript Objects

- Using an Object Literal
- Using the new Keyword
- Using an Object Constructor
- Using Object.assign()
- Using Object.create()
- Using Object.fromEntries()