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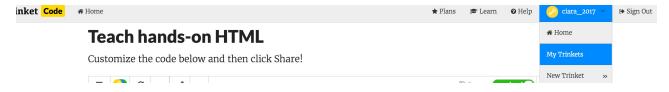
Getting Setup

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- In these cards you're going to make the to-do app you can see at dojo.soy/js-todo. This app can be used to track whatever you want: cool programming tricks you want to learn, places to go, songs to listen to (or learn to play!), or something as simple as things to pick up at the shops.
- These are the Intermediate Sushi Cards, so I'll sometimes tell you to do things without showing you how they're done. In those cases, they're almost always something that you can see in the Beginner JavaScript Sushi Cards.
- Go to dojo.soy/trinket and click "Sign Up For Your Free Account" if you do not already have an account. You will need an email address to sign up.
- Enter your email address and choose a password, or ask somebody to do this for you.
- Creating an account allows you to save your work and access it from any computer. It also allows you to make a copy of a project somebody else has shared with you so you can make your own changes to it!
- Go to dojo.soy/js-i-start. You will see a box containing an example JavaScript website project. On the right hand side is the website, and on the left hand side is the code that makes the website. If you are not signed in, you will need to enter your email address and password to be able to Remix the project.
- Click the "Remix" button at the top right of the project (if it is not green, you have to sign in and then click it again). This creates a copy of the project for you to work with. It should say "remixed" after you click it



Next to the "Sign Out" button at the very top right corner of the page you should see your username and a drop-down menu (the tiny triangle tells you there is a drop-down). Click on it to show the menu and then select "My Trinkets".



In Trinket (this website), projects are called "Trinkets"

- The project you just remixed will be shown together with some example projects for other programing languages. It will be called "Intermediate JavaScript Remix". Click on it to begin editing!
- You should also click on the drop-down arrow beside the "Autorun" button and select "Click To Run" instead. This makes sure that the code will only run when you click this button, not when you're halfway through typing it!



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- You're only going to need to worry about two of the files in the Trinket:
 - index.html The web page your JavaScript will be running on, which you'll want to keep open in a browser so you can see your changes as you work. Don't forget — you'll need to refresh after you've saved!
 - to-do.js The JavaScript file in which you'll be writing all your code. There's some CSS included too, to make the page look cool (and if you've done the HTML/CSS Sushi Cards, feel free to mess about with it), but you shouldn't need to change it.
- You're also coming to the point where you know enough JavaScript to learn by searching for answers online and looking at example code there. While I don't make you do that at any point in these cards, I do point out a few things it might be cool to look up. You should check them out!
- Good luck! Have fun!



Wiring up buttons

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Before getting into the details of how your application is going to work, you should connect all the buttons up to "dummy" functions, to make testing them easier.

From the Beginner JavaScript Sushi Cards, you will hopefully remember that a JavaScript function definition looks like this:

```
function newToDoltem(itemText, completed) {
    alert("New item created: "+itemText+" Completed state: "+completed);
}
```

- Almost all the functions you need are in the file already, though they don't do anything cool yet. They just send alert messages (pop-up boxes) telling you what function was called and what the values in the parameters were. Read through them to understand what's there.
- There's one missing, that you need to add. Create a new function in to-do.js that:
 - Is called toggleToDoItemState
 - Accepts a parameter: listItem
 - $\,$ $\,$ When called, alerts the message $\,$ "Toggling state of item "+itemId $\,$
- Now you need to tell JavaScript to listen for a click on the buttons, then do something. Each of the buttons on the page has a unique id. You can use that id to tell JavaScript what to listen to. Add the following code instead of the alert into the runWhenPageLoads function:

```
document.getElementById("add-button").addEventListener("click", addToDoItem)
```

Because runwhenPageLoads is called at the end of the file, and the file is loaded at the end of the HTML page, runwhenPageLoads will, as you might guess, run once the page loads! This bit of code chains together a lot of functions with dots (.), where each function's is acting on the thing fetched by the function before it:

- Look in the document —the whole page
- Find the element (HTML tag) on that page that has "add-button" as its id
- o Tell JavaScript to **listen** for the **click** action on the button and then run the addτοροΙtem function whenever it "hears" the action

Reload index.html and click the button that says "Add". You should see an alert message pop up! Do the same for the other two buttons:

- Connect #clear-button to clearCompletedToDoItems
- Connect #empty-button to emptyList

Don't forget to test them!



Creating a list

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- Right now, the to-do list on the page is just some HTML that I put in there so you'd have something to look at! Time to make it yours: Go into index.html and delete the four lines that start with tags. If nothing's changed, they'll be lines 23–26.
 Then reload index.html in your browser. It looks a little empty, but you'll fix that soon!
- Inside the runwhenPageLoads function, call the runwhenPageLoads function. Reload index.html to check that it's being called. If you got the alert then you're all set!
- Now you need to make the <code>loadList</code> function actually load a list! For now, it's going to be a sort of a "demo list". Later, I'll show you how to save a to-do list and load it when you re-open the page. First, let's talk about lists in JavaScript. Lists, or arrays as they're called in JavaScript, are groups of the same kind of <code>variable</code> (number, text, etc.) in order. They don't need individual names, since you can look them up from the array. You use square brackets ([]) to create an arry. They're also a kind of <code>variable</code>, so you can give them names like any other <code>variable</code> (and yes, you can have arrays of arrays, but we're not doing that just yet!). Change the contents of the <code>loadList</code> to create an empty array called <code>topoItems</code> like this:

```
toDoItems = [ ]
```

- You now need to add some things to that array. There's a problem, though: a to-do has two parts! You need to know what it is (a string of text) and whether or not it has been completed yet (a true/false value). Because the need to know if things are true or false is so common (is the user signed in? does the player have more than 10 points? etc.) JavaScript has a special kind of variable for true/false values. It's called a boolean and it can only be either true or false. Now you know what you need, make up three to-do items for your list and decide which one you'll mark done (to show the user they can do that).
- So, with three to-dos to add to your array, how do you do that? You can create an object variable in JavaScript that contains related variables. In the case of your to-dos that will be their text and their completed state (either true or false). Here's an example object:

```
exampleToDo = {
    text: "Buy milk",
    completed: false
}
```

The object is wrapped in curly braces ({ }) and stores pairs of keys (text) and values (Buy milk). Now it's time to put your objects into your array to make a list you can load when the page does!



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So, change the contents of the loadList function like this (but use the to-dos you made up!):

You can see that these three items each have their text and their completed status and that they're stored in an array. However, you still need to put them on the page. Inside the gettodoitemHTML function, add this bit of code:

```
var listItem = document.createElement("i")
var itemText = document.createTextNode(toDoItem.text)
listItem.appendChild(itemText)

if(toDoItem.completed === true) {
    listItem.classList.add("completed")
}
```

This code:

- Creates a piece of HTML (a li or list item element) and stores it in the listItem variable.
- Then an itemText variable is created and a TextNode (the bit of text that'll sit inside the HTML tag) is stored in it with the text of the topoItem that was passed into the function.
- Then it adds ("appends") the itemText inside the listItem element.
- o If the topoItem's completed property is true, then it adds a class to the item. This tells the HTML page to display the completed task differently (based on some code I wrote for you). If you've done the HTML/CSS Sushi Cards then you can take a look at the CSS files and edit what they look like if you want!



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Now you can create the HTML for a list item, you need to add it to the list. Add this to the loadList function, after the array of items.

```
toDoList = document.getElementById("todo")

toDoItems.forEach(function(toDoItem){
   itemHTML = getToDoItemHTML(toDoItem)
   toDoList.append(itemHTML)
})
```

This code uses for Each, which goes through every item in the array and appends it to the to-do list, selected by its id in the HTML.



Adding to-dos

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So, your to-do list works now, but it's always the same. You can fix that! The "Add" button already calls a function, you just need to make that function do something. Go to your to-do.js file and change the code in addToDoItem to get the text from the text field (named "new-todo") and alert it to check you're getting it:

```
itemText = document.getElementById("new-todo").value
alert("Item added: "+itemText)
```

Type something into the text field and click the "Add" button. You should see what you typed pop up in an alert.

The next step is to get that text onto the to-do list. You'll need a function that gets the HTML for the new item and adds it to the end of the list. So, change the newToDoItem to have this code inside it:

```
var newItem = {
         "text": itemText,
         "completed": completed
    } // make parameters into a toDoItem

toDoItems.push(newItem); //use the push function: put newItem at the end of toDoItems

var toDoList = document.getElementById("todo")

var itemHTML = getToDoItemHTML(newItem)

toDoList.append(itemHTML)
```

Now, go back to addToDoItem and change it again, removing the alert and calling newToDoItem like this:

```
newToDoItem(itemText, false)
```

Don't repeat yourself!

You can also use newToDoItem in loadList to reduce the amount of code you've got to manage. You can replace all the code in the function with this:

```
newToDoItem("My", false)

newToDoItem("to-do", true)

newToDoItem("list", false)
```

You've gone from 17 lines of code to 3, and that's the power of **functions**! Try to understand how this works and how it's doing the exact same job as the old version of <code>loadList</code> was.



Completing items

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Now you can load your to-do list and add items to it, but what's the point if you can't check them off when you've done them?

Next up, you're going to do just that, and it'll be pretty easy. First, you need to connect double-clicking on a list item (1i tag) to your toggleToDoItemState function. You can do this by having JavaScript listen for double-clicking on 1i tags and running a function that calls your toggleToDoItemState function. It looks like this:

```
document.getElementById("todo").addEventListener("dblclick", function(event){
  if(event.target && event.target.matches("li")){
    toggleToDoItemState(event.target)
  }
})
```

What's happening here is:

- JavaScript is listening to all double-clicks that happen on the todo list
- o If it "hears" one, it runs a function, into which it passes the details of the click event
- o If the event had a target (a thing that was clicked on) and that target matches "li", which is the HTML tag for a list item then:
 - Run toggleToDoItemState and pass it the event.target information
- Next, you need to update your toggleToDoItemState function so it adds the completed class (a HTML property—a tag, like <1i>can have many classes) to the item that was double-clicked, which will put a line through it using some of my CSS code. Thankfully, in modern JavaScript, that's pretty simple! Just update this to toggleToDoItemState:

```
function toggleToDoltemState(target){
  target.classList.toggle("completed")
}
```



Cleaning the list

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If your user wants to empty their to-do list (say they've been playing with it and added a lot of stuff that's not real), you can let them do that. It's pretty easy actually! All you need to do is empty the ordered list in the HTML. To empty the o/ in the HTML isn't too tricky. Just add the following code into the end of your emptyList function:

```
document.getElementById("todo").innerHTML = ""
```

This tells JavaScript to get the to-do list and remove all the HTML inside it. That removes all the tags, which are the to-do items!

Now, what about those crossed-out items? It's going to get very messy if you don't let users clean them up too. They all have the same class— completed —so you can use that to pick out the items to remove by selecting based on class instead of id. Change clearCompletedToDoItems like this:

```
function clearCompletedToDoltems() {
  var items = document.getElementsByClassName("completed")
  for(var i=0; i<items.length; i++){
    items[i].remove()
  }
}</pre>
```

This code is slightly tricky, but it's getting an a list of all the HTML elements with the completed class and then using a for loop