

Introduction to JavaScript

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- **JavaScript** is the world's most popular programming language.
- **JavaScript** is the programming language of the Web and mobile.
- **JavaScript** is easy to learn (Similar to C++).


```
<h2>My First JavaScript</h2>
```

```
<button type="button"  
onclick="document.getElementById('demo').inne  
rHTML = Date()">
```

Click me to display Date and Time.

```
</button>
```

```
<p id="demo"></p>
```

- JavaScript is one of the **3 languages** all web developers **must** learn:
 - 1. HTML to define the content of web pages
 - 2. CSS to specify the layout of web pages
 - 3. **JavaScript** to program the **behaviour** of web pages

- One of many JavaScript HTML methods is getElementById ().

<h2>What Can JavaScript Do?</h2>

<p id="demo">JavaScript can change HTML content.</p>

<button type="button"
onclick='document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =
"Hello
JavaScript!'">Click Me!</button>

Example: change paragraph

- In this example JavaScript changes the value of the src (source) attribute of an tag:

- Example:

<h2>What Can JavaScript Do?</h2>

<p>JavaScript can change HTML attribute values.</p>

<p>In this case JavaScript changes the value of the src (source) attribute of an image.</p>

<button onclick="document.getElementById('myImage').src='pic_bulbon.gif'">Turn on the light</button>

<button onclick="document.getElementById('myImage').src='pic_bulboff.gif'">Turn off the light</button>

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

- Example:

```
<script>  
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =  
"My First JavaScript";  
</script>
```

Example. [Light.html](#)

- A **JavaScript** function is a block of JavaScript code, that can be executed when you "called" for.
- For example, a function can be called when an **event** occurs, like when the user clicks a button.


```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>
```

```
<head>  
<script>  
function myFunction() {  
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph changed.";  
}  
</script>  
</head>
```

```
<body><h2>Demo JavaScript in Head</h2>
```

```
<p id="demo">A Paragraph</p>  
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>  
</body>  
</html>
```

- You can place any number of scripts in an HTML document.
- Scripts can be placed in the <body>, or in the <head> section of an HTML page, or in both.

- <!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<body>

<h2>Demo JavaScript in Body</h2>

<p id="demo">A Paragraph</p>

<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>

<script>

```
function myFunction() {  
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph changed."  
}
```

</script>

</body>

</html>

- **External** file: myScript.js

```
function myFunction() {  
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML  
    = "Paragraph changed."  
}
```


HTML file;

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html>
```

```
<body>
```

```
<h2>Demo External JavaScript</h2>
```

```
<p id="demo">A Paragraph.</p>
```

```
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
```

```
<script src="myScript.js"></script>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

- <!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<body>

<h1>My First Web Page</h1>

<p>My first paragraph.</p>

<script>

document.write (5 + 6);

</script>

</body>

</html>

- JavaScript syntax is the set of rules, how JavaScript programs are constructed:

- // How to create variables:

```
var x; (var keyword)  
let y; (let keyword)
```

// How to use variables:

```
x = 5;  
y = 6;  
let z = x + y;
```

- Always declare JavaScript variables with **var**, **let**, or **const**.
- The **var** keyword is used in all JavaScript code from 1995 to 2015.
- The **let** and **const** keywords were added to JavaScript in 2015.
- If you want your code to run in **older browser**, you must use **var**.

1. Numbers are written with or without decimals:

- 10.50
- 1001

2. Strings are text, written within double or single quotes:

- "John Doe"
- 'John Doe'

- In this example, x is defined as a variable.
Then, x is assigned (given) the value 6:

- `let x;`

- `x = 6;`

- Has true/false **value**.
- `var iAmAlive = true;`
- `var amILate = false;`
- `var test = 6 > 3;`



- A single object that stores multiple values.
- The first element is at index zero.
- `var names = ['Chris', 'John', 'Adam'];`
- `var numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4];`
- `names[0];` //access array
- `numbers[3];` //access array

- JavaScript uses **arithmetic operators** (+ - * /) to **compute** values:

$(5 + 6) * 10$

- JavaScript uses an **assignment operator** (=) to **assign** values to variables:

let x, y;

x = 5;
y = 6;

- An expression is a combination of values, variables, and operators, which computes to a value.
- For example, $5 * 10$ evaluates to 50 :
- Expressions can also contain variable values: $x * 10$
- The values can be of various types, such as numbers and strings.
- For example, $"John" + " " + "Doe"$, evaluates to $"John Doe"$:

- Not all JavaScript statements are "executed".
- Code after double slashes **//** or between **/*** and ***/** is treated as a **comment**.
- Single line use?
- Multiple line use?

- All JavaScript identifiers are **case sensitive**.
- The variables **lastName** and **lastname**, are two different variables:

