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(Internet Technologies)

The Basics of JavaScript (JS)

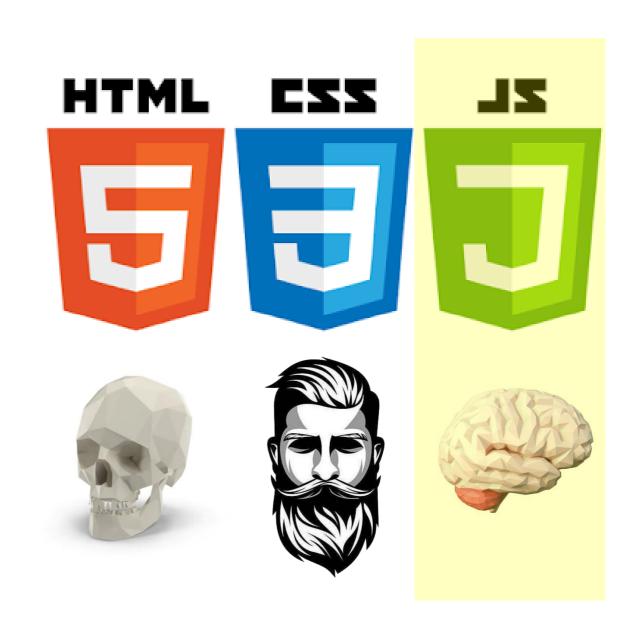
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Goals

Introduction to Front-End Development:

- HTML to create the document structure and content
- CSS to control its visual/stylist aspect
- JavaScript for interactivity



What we studied so far



Describes the content and structure of the page



produces

Describes the appearance and style of the page

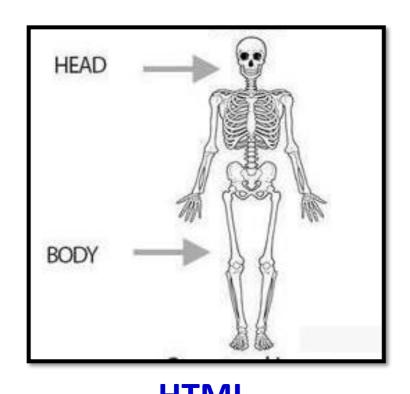


A web page...
that doesn't do
anything

JavaScript (JS)

□ JavaScript is a **light-weight interpreted** programming language with **object-oriented capabilities**, **that adds**

interactivity to your website!





HTML + CSS HTML + CSS + JS

JavaScript (JS)

- Javascript helps you developing great front-end (client-side) as well as back-end (server-side) softwares using different serverside Javascript based frameworks like jQuery and Node.js.
 - Client-Side (Front-end) JavaScript, allows interaction with the user, control the browser and dynamically create HTML content. → You can change the content of the HTML or the CSS applied to an element without reloading the page.
 - Server Side (Back-end) JavaScript (referred as Node.js) is an extended version of JavaScript that runs on the server and enables back-end access to databases, file systems, and servers.

JavaScript (JS)

- JavaScript is the ONLY programming language native to the web browser and one of the most widely used programming languages, both for Front-end and Back-end!!!
- It comes installed (built into) on every modern web browser and so you really do not need any special environment setup to use JavaScript. Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari and every browser you know as of today, supports Javascript.

History: JavaScript made its first appearance in Netscape 2.0 in 1995 with the name LiveScript. However, Netscape changed its name to JavaScript, possibly because of the excitement being generated by Java.

- JavaScript can be implemented using JavaScript statements that are placed within the <script>... </script> HTML tags in a web page.
- The <script> tag alerts the browser to start interpreting all the text between these tags as a script. A simple syntax of your JavaScript will appear as follows.

```
<script type = "text/javascript">
    JavaScript code
</script>
```

Note: Old JavaScript examples may use a type attribute like:

```
<script type = "text/javascript">
```

The type attribute is NO LONGER REQUIRED!!!

JavaScript is the DEFAULT scripting language in HTML!!!

- JavaScript ignores spaces, tabs, and newlines that appear in JavaScript programs.
- Thus, you can use spaces, tabs, and newlines freely in your program and you are free to format and indent your programs in a neat and consistent way that makes the code easy to read and understand.
- Simple statements in JavaScript are generally followed by a semicolon;
 character, just as they are in C, C++, and Java.
- JavaScript, however, allows you to omit this semicolon if each of your statements are placed on a separate line.

```
<script>
    name = 'Chris'
    epitheto = 'Christophorou'
    age = 44; phone = '99887766';
</script>
```

No need of a semicolon here.

- JavaScript is a case-sensitive language. This means that JavaScript can differentiate and treat differently between upper case and lower case characters (i.e., in code FirstName and firstname are two different variables).
- JavaScript supports both C-style and C++-style comments:
 - Any text after a // is treated as a comment and is ignored by JavaScript.
 - Any text between the characters /* and */ is treated as a comment. This may span multiple lines.

```
<script>

// This is a comment.

/*
  * This is a multi-line comment in JavaScript
  * Very similar to comments in C Programming
  */

</script>
```

Now, if the user's browser does not support JavaScript or JavaScript is not enabled, you can display a warning message to the user using <noscript> tags.

To do that you can add a <noscript> block immediately after the <script> block, to display the message on the screen.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
    <script>
         document.write("Hello World!")
    </script>
    <noscript>
        Sorry...JavaScript is needed.
    </noscript>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript (JS) Placement in HTML File

- There is a flexibility given to include JavaScript code anywhere in an HTML document. Some ways to include JavaScript in an HTML file are as follows:
 - Script in <head>...</head> section.
 - Script in <body>...</body> section.
 - Script in <body>...</body> and <head>...</head> sections.

□ Script in an external file (.js) and then include it in <head>...</head> section → PREFERED WAY!!!

Script in <head>...</head> section

If you want to have a script run on some event, such as when a user clicks a button, then you can place that script in the <head> as follows!

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
                                        Say Hello
<head>
    <title>Page Title</title>
    <script>
        function sayHello() {
            window.alert("Hello World")
    </script>
</head>
<body>
    <button type="button" onclick="sayHello()">Say Hello</button>
</body>
</html>
```

In JavaScript, the window object is the global scope object. This means that variables, properties, and methods by default belong to the window object.

This means that **specifying** the **window** keyword before the alert method is **optional!**

Thus:

alert("Hello World") is also correct.

Script in <body>...</body> section

Note that, if you want to have a script run on some event, such as when a user clicks a button, then you can also place that script in the <body> part.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
  <h2>Click the button!</h2>
  Button is NOT Clicked!
  <button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Click Me</button>
  <script>
   function myFunction() {
      document.getElementById("par1").innerHTML = "Button is Clicked!";
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Click the button! Button is NOT Clicked! Click Me



Script in <body>...</body> section

Also, if you need a script to run as the page loads, so that the script generates content in the page, then the script goes in the <body> portion of the document. In this case, you would not have any function defined using JavaScript.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
                                                              Hello EPL425!!! Content Generated by JavaScript
<head>
                                                              This is paragraph in the web page body
    <title>Page Title</title>
</head>
<body>
    <script>
        document.write("Hello EPL425!!! Content Generated by JavaScript")
    </script>
    This is paragraph in the web page body 
</body>
</html>
```

Script in <body>...</body> and <head>...</head> sections

In case you need both of the aforesaid to occur... Goodmorning! Say Hello <!DOCTYPE html> <html> Goodmorning! Say Hello This page says Onoma? <head> Chris <script> function sayHello() { 2 let name = prompt("Onoma?") Cancel document.write("Hello " + name + "!") </script> </head> You can declare a button like this Hello Chris! as well. We will see this when we <body> <script> discuss about HTML forms. document.write("Goodmorning!") </script>

<input type="button" onclick="sayHello()" value="Say Hello" />

</body>

Q: Where is the button and the Good morning! Why is only text???

Script in <body>...</body> and <head>...</head> sections

A: document.write() method when executed, clears first any content previously loaded in the browser (like the button and the "Goodmorning!" text) before displaying the "Hello Chris!" on the browsers.

So...you should be carefull when you use the document.write() method.

As you begin to work more extensively with JavaScript, you will be likely to find that there are cases where you are reusing identical JavaScript code on multiple pages of a site

In this case, is better to write the JavaScript code in an external file, with extension ".js".

■ To use an external script, put the URL of the script file in the src (source) attribute of a <script> tag and place anywhere between <head> ... </head> .

```
jsCode.js file in
                             function sayHello() {
                                                                  JS folder
                                 let name = prompt("Onoma?")
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                 document.write("Hello " + name + "!")
<html>
<head>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
</head>
<body>
    <input type="button" onclick="sayHello()" value="Say Hello" />
</body>
```

Placing scripts in external files has some advantages:

- It separates HTML and JavaScript code
- It makes HTML and JavaScript easier to read and maintain!
- Cached JavaScript files can speed up page loads, in case you include it from a Content Delivery Network (CDN)

To add several script files to one page - use several script tags:

```
<script src="myScript1.js" defer></script>
<script src="myScript2.js" defer></script>
```

Note: You can place an external script reference in <head> or <body> as you like. The script will behave as if it was located exactly where the <script> tag is located.

However, is **better to place** it in <head> and use the **defer** attribute.

Always Use defer!!!

You add the defer attribute onto the <script> tag so that the JavaScript doesn't execute UNTIL AFTER the DOM is loaded (see mdn for more details):

```
<script src="JS/script.js" defer></script>
```

- Other old-school way of doing this (but DON'T DO THIS) is to put the <script> tag at the bottom of the page (exactly before the </body> tag).
- You will see tons of examples on the internet that do this. They are out of date. defer is widely supported and better.

Change the HTML content and hide HTML elements:

- One of many JavaScript HTML methods is getElementById()
- The example below "finds" an HTML element (with id="paris"), and changes the element content (.innerHTML) to provide more information about the City.
- Also, when the extra info appears, the button is hidden.

```
function moreInfo() {
   document.getElementById("paris").innerHTML = "Paris is
    the capital and most populous city of France. Also the
    Eifel Tower is located there!!!";
   document.getElementById("btn1").style.display = "none";
}
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
                                                                           Do you remember
   <title>HTML Web Page With CSS and JavaScript</title>
   <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style1.css">
                                                                              what is the
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js"></script>
                                                                            purpose of this?
   <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
</head>
<body>
   <h1>Great Cities!</h1>
   <img id="globe" src="images/Earth globe.png" alt="The Globe" width="200" height="auto"/>
   <div class="cities">
       <h2>London</h2>
       London is the capital city of England.
   </div>
   <div class="cities">
       <h2>Paris</h2>
       Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.
       <button type="button" id="btn1" onclick="moreInfo()">More Info</button>
   </div>
</body>
</html>
```

This is how we can define a function with JavaScript.

The **function** keyword is placed first, then the **name** of the function with **parameters** in parenthesis (if any), followed by the code in {}

```
jsCode.js file
in JS folder
```

```
function moreInfo() {
    document.getElementById("paris").innerHTML = "Paris is the
    capital and most populous city of France. Also the Eifel
    Tower is located there!!!";
    document.getElementById("btn1").style.display = "none";
    }
```

Showing hidden HTML elements can also be done by changing the **style display property**:

```
document.getElementById("btn1").style.display = "block";
```

- Note1: The document object represents your web page. If you want to access any element in an HTML page, you always start with accessing the document object.
- Note2: A JavaScript function is a block of JavaScript code, that can be executed when "called" for. For example, a function can be called when an event occurs, like when the user clicks a button (i.e., onclick="moreInfo()")

We will see more about functions later in this Lecture!!!

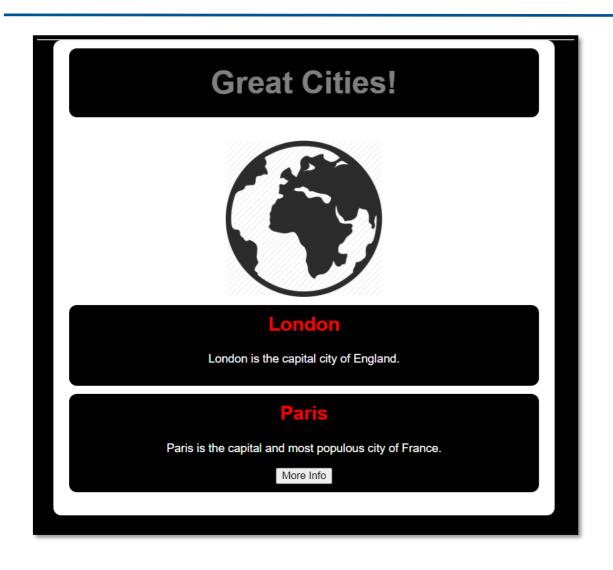
```
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                                               With this HTML
<html>
<head>
                                                                     Code .....
   <title>HTML Web Page With CSS and JavaScript</title>
   <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style1.css">
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js"></script>
   <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
</head>
<body>
   <h1>Great Cities!</h1>
   <img id="globe" src="images/Earth globe.png" alt="The Globe" width="200" height="auto" />
   <div class="cities">
       <h2>London</h2>
       London is the capital city of England.
   </div>
   <div class="cities">
       <h2>Paris</h2>
       Paris is the capital and most populous city of France.
       <button type="button" id="btn1" onclick="moreInfo()">More Info</button>
   </div>
</body>
</html>
```

```
div.cities {
html {
    background-color: black;
                                                                background-color: black;
                                                                margin: 10px 0;
                                                                padding: 10px;
                                                                border-radius: 10px;
body {
    width: 600px;
    background-color: white;
    text-align: center;
                                                            h2 {
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
                                                                margin-top: 0;
    line-height: 1.2;
                                                                font-size: 25px;
    margin: 0px auto;
                                                                color: red;
    padding: 10px 20px 20px 20px;
    border-radius: 10px;
                                                            p {
                                                                font-size: 15px;
                                                                color: white;
h1 {
    font-size: 40px;
    background-color: black;
    color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.5);
    padding: 20px 20px;
                                                            img {
    margin-bottom: 30px;
                                                                margin: 0px auto;
    margin-top: 0;
                                                                display: block;
    border-radius: 10px;
```

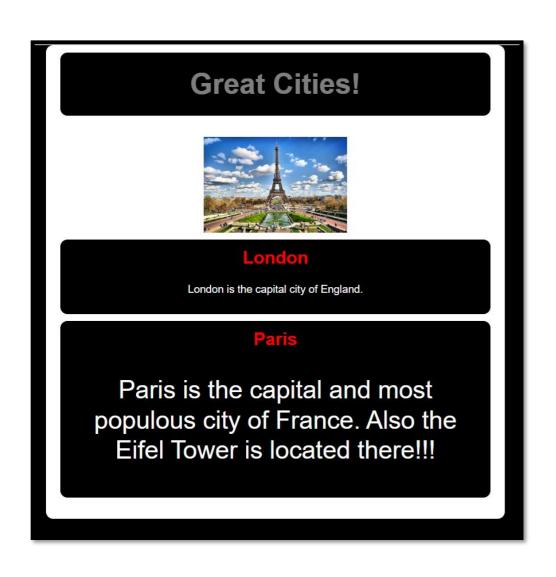
And this CSS Code

••••

This is the style1.css file included in folder CSS



This is how our web page will be displayed on the browser



And this is how our web page we want to look like, after the button "More Info" is pressed!

Here we want to change the HTML attribute values, for example change the value of the src (source) attribute of an tag:

The example below will "find" the HTML element with id="globe" (which is the globe image) and change it with a picture of Paris city.

```
document.getElementById('globe').src='images/pic_paris.jpg';
```

Also we want to change the HTML CSS Styles, for example the font size of the text:

The example below will "find" the HTML element with id="paris" (which is the globe image) and change it with a picture of Paris city.

```
document.getElementById('paris').style.fontSize ="35px";
```

And here is the JavaScript code doing that!!!

jsCode.js file
in JS folder

```
function moreInfo() {
    document.getElementById("paris").innerHTML = "Paris is the
    capital and most populous city of France. Also the Eifel Tower
    is located there!!!";
    document.getElementById("btn1").style.display = "none";
    document.getElementById('globe').src = 'images/pic_paris.jpg';
    document.getElementById('globe').alt = 'Paris City';
    document.getElementById('paris').style.fontSize = "35px";
}
```

JavaScript Output

- As we saw in the previews examples, JavaScript can "display" data in different ways:
 - Writing into an HTML Element, using innerHTML property.
 Changing the innerHTML property of an HTML element is the most common way to display data in HTML.
 - Writing into the HTML document using document.write(). Note: Using document.write() after an HTML document is loaded, will delete all existing HTML. The document.write() method should only be used for testing.
 - □ Writing into an alert box, using window.alert(...), or just alert(...)

JavaScript Output for Debugging Purposes → console.log()

- □ The JavaScript programming code **might contain syntax errors**, or **logical errors** which many of these errors are **difficult to diagnose**.
- Often, when your code contains errors, NOTHING will happen. Usually there are no error messages, and you will get no indications where to search for errors.
- For debugging purposes you can use the console.log() method to display data in the browser console (debugger window)!!!

JavaScript Output for Debugging Purposes → console.log()

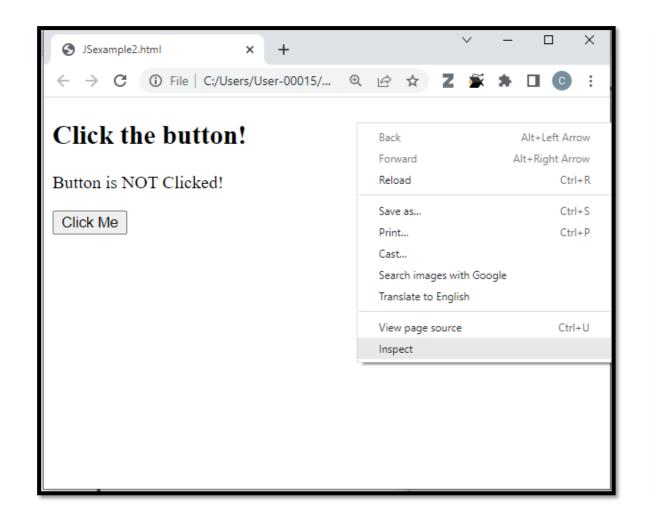
```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
    <h2>Click the button!</h2>
    Button is NOT Clicked!
    <button type="button" id="btn1" onclick="myFunction()">Click Me</button>
    <script>
       function myFunction() {
           console.log("Button is Clicked!");
    </script>
</body>
</html>
```

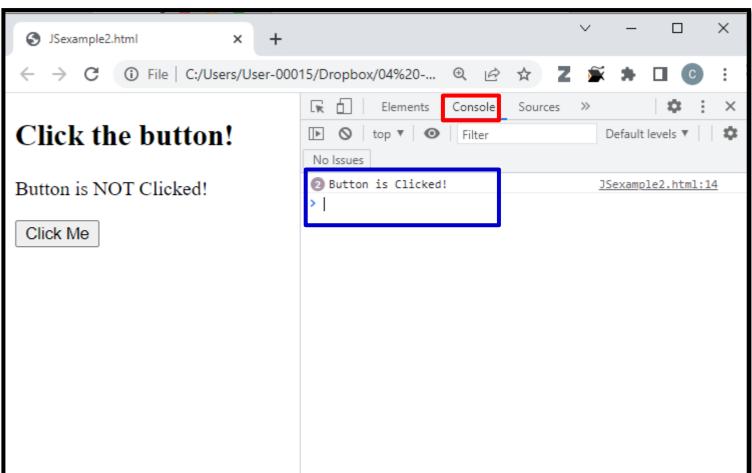


Button was clicked but nothing happened!!!



JavaScript Output for Debugging Purposes → console.log()

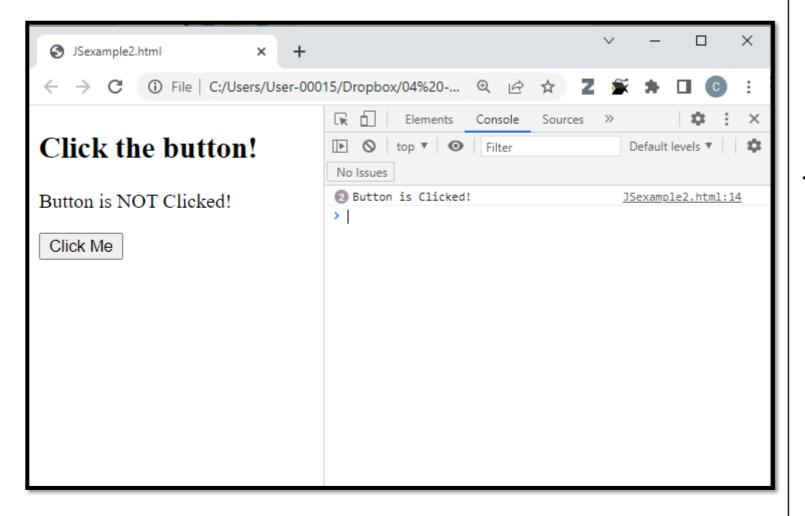




Right-click (or control-click on Mac) and choose "Inspect"

Click "Console" tab

JavaScript Output for Debugging (console.log())



The "Console" tab is a **read**eval-print loop (REPL), also termed an interactive toplevel or language shell, that takes single user inputs (i.e., JavaScript expressions), executes them, and returns the result to the user;

We will use this Console to test and debug our JavaScript code!

JavaScript language features

Note: In HTML, JavaScript programs are executed by the web browser!!! Thus, to test and debug your JavaScript programs must be included and executed THROUGH AN HTML PAGE.

for loop:

```
for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) { ... }
```

while loop:

```
while (Condition) { ... }
```

Comment:

```
// This is a comment
/* This is a comment */
```

Semicolons;

Add a semicolon at the end of each executable statement.

```
let a, b, c; // Declare 3 variables
a = 5; // Assign the value 5 to a
b = 6; // Assign the value 6 to b
c = a + b; // Assign the sum of a and b to c
```

if- else if -else statements:

```
if (Condition1) {
else if (Condition2) {
else{
```

Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
**	Exponentiation (ES2016)
/	Division
%	Modulus (Division Remainder)
++	Increment
	Decrement

Assignment Operators

Operator	Example	Same As
=	x = y	x = y
+=	x += y	x = x + y
-=	x -= y	x = x - y
*=	x *= y	x = x * y
/=	x /= y	x = x / y
%=	x %= y	x = x % y
**=	x **= y	x = x ** y

Comparison Operators

Operator	Description
==	equal to
===	equal value and equal type
!=	not equal
!==	not equal value or not equal type
>	greater than
<	less than
>=	greater than or equal to
<=	less than or equal to
\ -	less than or equal to

Logical Operators

Operator	Description
&&	logical and
П	logical or
!	logical not

Type Operators

Operator	Description
typeof	Returns the type of a variable
instanceof	Returns true if an object is an instance of an object type

Equality

JavaScript's == and != are basically "broken": they do an implicit type conversion before the comparison.

```
'' == '0'  // false
'' == 0  // true
0 == '0'  // true
[''] == ''  // true
false == undefined  // false
false == null  // false
null == undefined  // true
```

Equality

Instead of fixing == and != , the ECMAScript (ES) standard kept the existing behavior but added === and !==

```
'' === '0'  // false
'' === 0  // false
0 === '0'  // false
[''] === ''  // false
false === undefined  // false
false === null  // false
null === undefined  // false
```

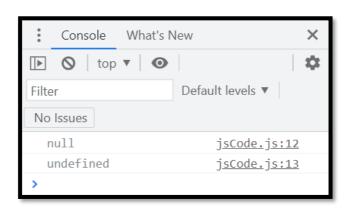
```
For Checking
Equality always
use === and !==
and don't use ==
or !=
```

null and undefined

What's the difference?

- null is a value representing the absence of a value, similar to null in Java and nullptr in C++.
- undefined is a value given (by JavaScript) to a variable that has not been assigned a real value.

```
let x = null;
let y;
console.log(x);
console.log(y);
```



let x = null;
let y = undefined;
console.log(x);
console.log(y);

If you do not provide a value to a variable, it value will be undefined by default....

....however, you can also set a variable's value to undefined

JavaScript Keywords

Some JavaScript statements often start with a keyword to identify the JavaScript action to be performed.

Keyword	Description
var	Declares a variable (will have a global scope)
let	Declares a block variable (will have a local scope)
const	Declares a block constant variable
if	Marks a block of statements to be executed on a condition
switch	Marks a block of statements to be executed in different cases
for	Marks a block of statements to be executed in a loop
function	Declares a function
return	Exits a function
try	Implements error handling to a block of statements

JavaScript Variables

- There are four ways to declare a JavaScript variable:
 - Using var
 - Using let
 - Using const (this is for constant)
 - Using nothing (undeclared)

Notes: 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 browsers, you must use var.

```
const discount = 0.5;
var price = 6;
quantity = 5;
let totalPrice = price * discount * quantity;
```

JavaScript Variable name

- A JavaScript variable name must begin with:
 - A letter (A-Z or a-z)
 - A dollar sign (\$)
 - Or an underscore (_)
- Subsequent characters may be letters, digits, underscores, or dollar signs.

Since JavaScript **treats a dollar sign as a letter**, identifiers containing \$
are valid variable names:

```
let $ = "Hello World";
let $$$ = 2;
let $myMoney = $ + $$$;
```

var VS let

Variables defined with **let cannot be redeclared** in the **same scope**.

```
let variable = "Chris";
let variable = 0;
```

Variables defined with **let** have **block scope**.

```
var variable = "Chris";
var variable = 0;
```

With var you can!!!

```
let variable: string

Cannot redeclare block-scoped variable 'variable'. ts(2451)

View Problem (Alt+F8) No quick fixes available

let variable = "Chris";

let variable = 0;
```

var VS let

■ Before ES6 (2015), JavaScript had only Global Scope and Function
 Scope → ES6 introduced two important new JavaScript keywords: let and const to provide Block Scope in JavaScript.

```
{
  let x = 2;
}
// x can NOT be used here
```

```
{
  var x = 2;
}
// x CAN be used here
```

var VS let (Correct this)

Redeclaring a variable with let, in another block, IS allowed:

```
let x = 2;  // Allowed
{
let x = 4;  // Allowed
}
```

However, even if it is allowed, I do not consider redeclaring a variable a good practice.

```
var x = 2;  // Allowed
{
var x = 3;  // Not allowed
}
```

With var is not Allowed!!!

JavaScript Data Types

JavaScript has 8 Datatypes:

- String
- Number
- Bigint
- Boolean
- Undefined
- Null
- Object
- Symbol (check this <u>link</u>)

All JavaScript numbers are stored in a 64-bit floating-point format. JavaScript **BigInt** is a new datatype (2020) that can be used to store integer values that are too big to be represented by a normal JavaScript Number.

```
// Numbers:
let length = 16;
let weight = 7.5;
// Strings:
let color = "Yellow";
let lastName = 'Christophorou';
// Booleans
                       Note: In JavaScript you do not
let x = true;
                       need to declare the type of the
let y = false;
                       Variable!!! This is dynamically
// Undefined
                         typed during initialization.
let age;
// Object:
const person = {firstName:"John", lastName:"Doe"};
// Array object:
const cars = ["Saab", "Volvo", "BMW"];
// Date object:
const date = new Date("2022-03-25");
```

JavaScript Data Types

- JavaScript variables types are Dynamic!!!
- This means that the same variable can be used to hold values of different data types:

JavaScript String are defined using double or single quotes:

```
let carName1 = "Volvo XC60"; // Double quotes
let carName2 = 'Volvo XC60'; // Single quotes
```

To find the length of a String, use the built-in length String property:

Method	Description	
slice()	slice(start, end): Extracts a part of a string and returns the extracted part in a new string. End index is not included. If you omit the second parameter, the method will slice out the rest of the string.	
	<pre>let text = "Apple, Banana, Kiwi"; let part = text.slice(7, 13); // Banana let part = text.slice(7); // Banana, Kiwi</pre>	

Method	Description
replace()	Replaces a specified value with another value in a string. Does not change the string it is called on. It returns a new string. Replaces only the first match
	let text = "Hello EPL425!"; let newText = text.replace("Hello", "Geia sas"); // "Geia sas EPL425!";
toUpperCase() toLowerCase()	A string is converted to upper case with toUpperCase(). A string is converted to lower case with toLowerCase(). Does not change the string it is called on. It returns a new string.
	<pre>let text1 = "Hello World!"; // String let text2 = text1.toLowerCase(); // text2 is text1 converted to lower let text3 = text1.toUpperCase(); // text3 is text1 converted to lower</pre>

Method	Description
trim()	Removes whitespace from both sides of a string. Does not change the string it is called on. It returns a new string.
	<pre>let text1 = " Hello World! "; let text2 = text1.trim(); //text2 will take the value "Hello World!"</pre>
trimStart()	Similarly to trim() but removes whitespace only from the end of a string
trimEnd()	Similarly to trim() but removes whitespace only from the start of a string

Method	Description		
split(separator)	Converts a String to an Array! If the separator is omitted, the returned array will contain the whole string in index [0]. If the separator is "", the returned array will be an array of single characters:		
	<pre>let text = "Hello EPL425 People"; const myArr = text.split(" ");</pre>		
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	for (let i = 0; i < myArr.length; i++) {	► O top ▼ O Filter	*
	console.log(myArr[i]);	Default levels ▼ No Issues	
	}	Hello	jsCode.js:10
		EPL425	jsCode.js:10
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Method	Description
indexOf(substring) lastIndexOf(substring)	indexOf(substring): Returns the index of (position of) the first occurrence of a string in a string. lastIndexOf() method returns the index (position) of the last occurrence of a specified value in a string. Return -1 if the text is not found. let str = "Please locate my students!";
	str.indexOf("locate"); // 7
includes(substring)	Returns true if a string contains a specified value. Otherwise it returns false.
	let str = "Please locate my students!";
	str.includes("locate"); // true

Adding JavaScript Strings

☐ The + operator can also be used to add (concatenate) strings.

```
let text1 = "Chris";
let text2 = "Christophorou";
let text3 = text1 + " " + text2;
```

☐ The string stored in text3 will be "Chris Christophorou"

Adding JavaScript Strings and Numbers

☐ Adding two numbers, will return the sum, but **adding** a **number** and a **string** will **return a string**:

```
let x = 5 + 5;
let y = "5" + 5;
let z = "Hello" + 5;
```

Note 1: In other programming languages this will cause an ERROR, but not in JavaScript!!!

☐ The string stored in z will be "Hello5"

Note 2: In JavaScript, if you add a number and a string, JavaScript will always treat the number as a string and the result will be a string!

Adding JavaScript Strings and Numbers

JavaScript evaluates expressions from left to right.

Different sequences can produce different results:

```
let x = 16 + "Volvo";
let x = "Volvo" + 16;
let x = 16 + 4 + "Volvo";
let x = "Volvo" + 16 + 4;
Result: "Volvo16"
Result: "20Volvo"
let x = "Volvo" + 16 + 4;
Result: "Volvo164"
```

JavaScript Strings: Template Literals

■ **Template Literals** use **back-ticks** (``) rather than the quotes (" ") to define a string:

```
let greeting = `Hello EPL425 People!`;
```

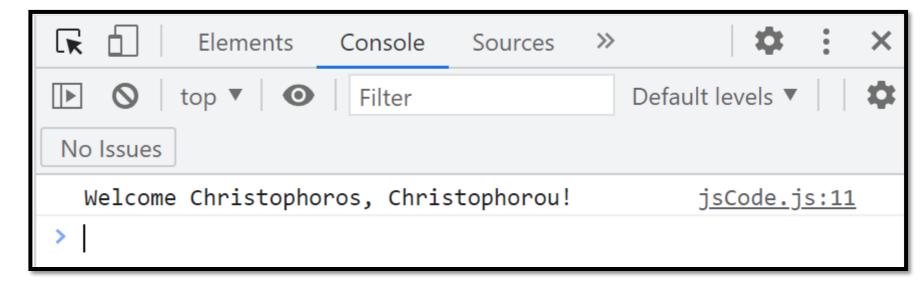
- Template literals provide an easy way to interpolate variables and expressions into strings.
- Automatic replacing of variables with real values is called string interpolation. This is done by using \${varName} in the string.

JavaScript Strings: Template Literals

Variable Substitutions

```
let firstName = "Christophoros";
let lastName = "Christophorou";

let text = `Welcome ${firstName}, ${lastName}!`;
console.log(text)
```

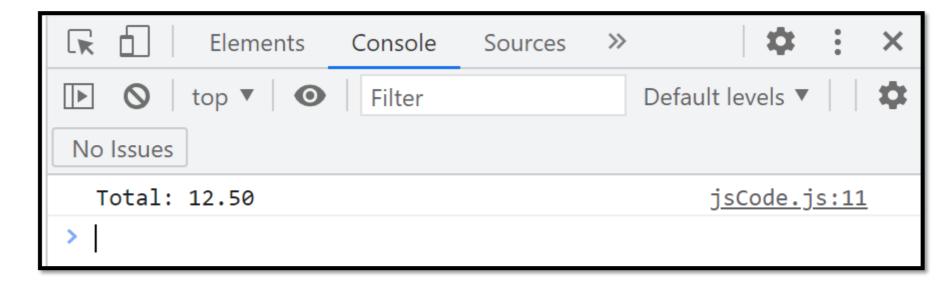


JavaScript Strings: Template Literals

Expression Substitutions

```
let price = 10;
let VAT = 0.25;

let total = `Total: ${(price * (1 + VAT)).toFixed(2)}`;
console.log(total)
```



JavaScript Functions

- A JavaScript function is a block of code designed to perform a particular task. A JavaScript function is executed when "something" invokes it (calls it).
- One way of defining a JavaScript function is with the following syntax:

```
function name(p1, p2) {
   // code to be executed
   return result;
}
```

- A JavaScript function is defined with the function keyword, followed by a name, followed by parentheses ().
- The parentheses may include parameter names separated by commas: (p1, p2, ...)
- The code to be executed by the function is placed inside curly brackets: { }
- Finally, the function might need to return the result.

JavaScript Functions

- The code inside the function will execute when "something" invokes (calls) the function. For example:
 - When an event occurs (when a user clicks a button; see the previous example)
 - When it is invoked (called) from other JavaScript code

Function Parameters

- Function parameters are the names listed in the function definition in the parenthesis.
- JavaScript function definitions DO NOT specify data types for parameters.

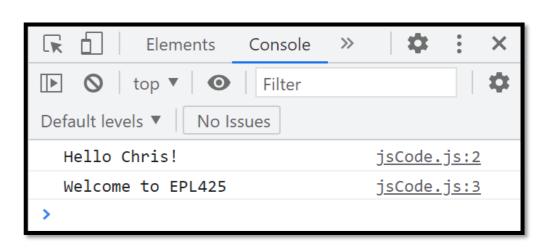
```
function name(parameter1, parameter2, parameter3) {
   // code to be executed
}
```

JavaScript Code Execution

- There is NO "main method". The script file is executed from top to bottom.
- There's NO compilation by the developer.
- JavaScript is compiled and executed (Interpreted) on the fly by the browser.

```
function hello(onoma) {
   console.log('Hello ' + onoma + '!');
   console.log('Welcome to EPL425');
}

let onoma = prompt("What is your name?")
hello(onoma);
```



JavaScript Code Execution

Q: Does the following also works?

```
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```

```
let onoma = prompt("What is your name?")
hello(onoma);

function hello(onoma) {
   console.log('Hello ' + onoma + '!');
   console.log('Welcome to EPL425');
}
```

A: Yes, for this particular JavaScript syntax!

This works because function declarations are "hoisted". Hoisting refers to the process whereby the interpreter appears to move the declaration of functions, variables or classes to the top of their scope, prior to execution of the code.

JavaScript Functions Variables

 Variables declared within a JavaScript function, become Local to the function. Local variables can only be accessed from within the function.

```
// code here can NOT use carName
function myFunction() {
   let carName = "Volvo";

   // code here CAN use carName
}

// code here can NOT use carName
```

JavaScript Arrays

Note 1: It is a common practice to declare arrays with the const keyword.

Syntax of creating an Array:

```
const array_name = [item1, item2, ...];
```

Examples of creating an Array:

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

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

Note 2: Spaces and line breaks are not important.
A declaration can span multiple lines

```
const cars = [];
cars[0]= "Saab";
cars[1]= "Volvo";
cars[2]= "BMW";
```

Note 3: You can also create an array, and then provide the elements

JavaScript Arrays

Note: The elements in a JavaScript array can be of different types

```
const myArray = ["Chris", "Christophorou", 25];
```



JavaScript Arrays

You access an array element by referring to the index number:

```
const cars = ["Saab", "Volvo", "BMW"];
let car = cars[0];
cars[0] = "Opel";
```

The real strength of JavaScript arrays are the built-in array properties and methods:

 .toString(): returns a string with array values separated by commas. This method does not change the original array.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
console.log(fruits.toString());
```

Result:

Banana, Orange, Apple, Mango

 .join(..): similar to toString() but in addition you can specify a separator.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
console.log(fruits.join(" * "));
```

Result:

Banana * Orange * Apple * Mango

 .pop(): removes the last element from an array. Returns the value that was "popped out"

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
let fruit = fruits.pop();
console.log(fruit);
console.log(fruits);
```

```
"Mango"
["Banana", "Orange", "Apple"]
```

.push(): adds a new element to an array (at the end).
The push() method returns the new array length:

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
let length = fruits.push("Kiwi");
console.log(fruits);
console.log(length);
```

```
["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango", "Kiwi"]
```

.shift(): removes the first array element and "shifts" all other elements to a lower index. Returns the value that was "shifted out"

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
let fruit = fruits.shift();
console.log(fruits);
console.log(fruit);
```

```
["Orange", "Apple", "Mango"]
"Banana"
```

 .unshift(): adds a new element to an array (at the beginning), and "unshifts" older elements one index to the right. Returns the new array length.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
let length = fruits.unshift("Lemon");
console.log(fruits);
console.log(length);
```

```
["Lemon", "Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"]
```

 .indexOf(): Find the first index of the specified element. Returns -1 if the value is not found.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
let index = fruits.indexOf("Apple");
console.log(index);
```

Result: 2

You can also specify the index from which you want to start searching

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango", "Apple"];
let index = fruits.indexOf("Apple", 3);
console.log(index);
```

- For removing an Element by index you can use the delete operator.
- However, the delete operator deletes the array element at the specified index, but DOES NOT UPDATE the length of the array, and the value at that index of the array will be undefined.

```
const myArray = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
delete myArray[1];
console.log(`myArray values: ${myArray}`);
console.log(`Index 1 value: ${myArray[1]}`);
```

Result:

```
myArray values: 1,,3,4,5
Index 1 value: undefined
```

Note: To avoid the aforesaid, use the splice() method instead!

- .splice(): The splice() method adds and/or removes array elements.
 Returns an array containing the removed items (if any).
- In contrast with delete operator, .splice() removes the element(s) by index without leaving undefined holes in the array.

Syntax: array.splice(index, howmany, item1,, itemX)

Parameter	Description
index	Required . The position to start adding/removing items. Negative value defines the position from the end of the array.
howmany	Optional. Number of items to be removed. If not included all the items from that index and after will be deleted.
item1,, itemX	Optional. New elements(s) to be added.

- Example of removing elements from an array using .splice(): Takes only two arguments, the index of the element you wish to remove and the number of items to be removed.
- Creates a new array that stores all the values that were removed from the original array. The original array will no longer contain the values removed, and its length will be updated.

```
const myArray = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
const x = myArray.splice(1, 1);
console.log(`myArray values: ${myArray}`);
console.log(`variable x value: ${x}`);
```

```
myArray values: 1,3,4,5
variable x value: 2
```

Example of adding elements to an array using .splice(): Takes the position/index to start adding items, the number of items to be removed (if any; you have to include this as well for the method to work correctly), and the new item(s) you want to include.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
fruits.splice(2, 0, "Lemon", "Kiwi");
console.log(`myArray values: ${fruits}`);
```

Result:

myArray values: Banana,Orange,Lemon,Kiwi,Apple,Mango

- .sort(): sorts the elements of an array in alphabetical and ascending order
- .reverse(): reverses the order of the elements in an array.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
fruits.sort();
console.log(fruits);
fruits.reverse()
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                                                              ▶ (4) ['Apple', 'Banana', 'Mango', 'Orange']
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                                Result:
                                                             ▶ (4) ['Orange', 'Mango', 'Banana', 'Apple']
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```

 Note: .sort() sorts the elements of an array in alphabetical and ascending order. By default, the sort() function sorts values as strings.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
console.log(fruits.sort());
```

```
Result: ['Apple', 'Banana', 'Mango', 'Orange']
```

- Sorting values as strings, works well for strings ("Apple" comes before "Banana").
- However, if numbers are sorted as strings, "25" is bigger than "100", because "2" is bigger than "1".
- Because of this, the .sort() method will produce incorrect result when sorting numbers.

```
const numbers = [10, 5, 6, 20];
console.log(numbers.sort());
```

Result: [10, 20, 5, 6]

You can fix this by providing a compare function.

For more details see this link

```
const numbers = [10, 5, 6, 20];
numbers.sort( function(a, b){return a - b} );
console.log(numbers);
```

Result: [5, 6, 10, 20]

.reverse(): reverses the order of the elements in an array.

```
const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
console.log(fruits.reverse());
```

Result: ['Mango', 'Apple', 'Orange', 'Banana']

```
const numbers = [23, 34, 1, 6, 78];
console.log(numbers.reverse());
```

Result: [78, 6, 1, 34, 23]

Note: reverse() works well for both numbers and strings

- In JavaScript, objects are KING. If you understand objects, you understand JavaScript.
- An object has properties (data fields/values) and behaviour (methods)!
- The properties are written as name:value pairs.
 name and value are separated by a colon:
- Properties are separated by a comma,

The following code creates a JavaScript object and assigns the values Chris, 44, and blue to an object variable named person:

```
const person = {firstName:"Chris", age:44, favColor:"blue"};
```

Note: It is a common practice to declare objects with the const keyword.

Spaces and line breaks are not important. An object definition can span multiple lines:

```
const person = {
   firstName()"Chris"()
   age:44,
   favColor:"blue"
};
```

The properties are written as name:value pairs. name and value are separated by a colon:

Properties are separated by a comma,

No comma is needed after the last property

- You can access object properties in two ways:
 - objectName.propertyName

e.g., person.firstName

objectName["propertyName"]

e.g., person["firstName"]

JavaScript Objects: Nested Objects

Values in an object can be another object:

```
const person = {
  name: "Chris",
  age:44,
  cars: {
    car1: "Ford",
    car2: "BMW",
    car3:"Fiat"
```

You can access nested objects using the **dot**. **notation**:

person.cars.car2;

Methods are actions that can be performed on objects.

function definition.

```
const person = {
                                       Note1: All properties must be
    firstName:"Chris",
                                         separated using comma,
    lastName:"Christophorou",
    age:44,
                            Note 2: In JavaScript, the this keyword
    favColor:"blue",
                                     refers to the object.
    fullname: function(){
                 return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;
    getOlder: function(years){
                                      Note 3: A JavaScript method is
        this.age += years;
                                    defined as a property containing a
```

- You access an object method with the following syntax:
 - objectName.methodName()

```
let name = person.fullname()
person.getOlder(5);
```

If you access the fullName property, without the parenthesis (), it will return the function definition:

console.log(person.fullname)
console.log(person.fullname())

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- Properties can also be added and deleted.
 - You can add new properties to an existing object by just giving it a value.

```
person.nationality = "English";
person["favCarColor"] = "White";

person.speak = function(textToSpeak){
    return textToSpeak;
}
```

 You can delete properties of an existing object using the delete keyword.

```
delete person.age;

delete person["favColor"];
```

- With JavaScript, you can define and create your own objects. There are different ways to create new objects:
 - Create a single object, using an object literal.
 - Create a single object, with the keyword new Object().
 - Define an object constructor, and then create objects of the constructed type.
 - Create an object using Object.create()

Using an object literal:

- This is the easiest way to create a JavaScript object.
- Using an object literal, you both define and create an object in one statement.
- An object literal is a list of name:value pairs (like age:50) inside curly braces { }

Examples:

```
const person = {firstName:"Chris", age:44, favColor:"blue"};
```

```
const person = {
   firstName:"Chris",
   age:44,
   favColor:"blue"
};
```

This following example creates an empty JavaScript object (named person), and then adds 3 properties

```
const person = {};
person.firstName = "Chris";
person.age = 44;
person.favColor = "blue";
```

Using the JavaScript Keyword new Object():

The following example creates a **new**JavaScript object using new Object(), and
then adds 3 properties.

```
const person = new Object();
person.firstName = "Chris";
person.age = 44;
person.favColor = "blue";
```

Note: There is NO NEED to use new Object() statement. For readability, simplicity and execution speed, use the object literal method.

Define an object constructor, and then create objects of the constructed type:

- The previous ways of constructing an object, only create single objects.
- Sometimes we need a "blueprint" for creating many objects of the same "type".
- The way to create an "object type", is to use an object constructor function.

In the example below, function Person() is an object constructor function.

Note: After the object is created new properties can be added or existing properties can be deleted.

```
function Person(first, age, color) {
  this.firstName = first;
  this.age = age;
  this.favColor = color;
}
```

 Objects of the same type are created by calling the constructor function with the new keyword.

```
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", 5, "blue");
const mySon2 = new Person("Markos", 3, "green");
```

Your constructor function can also define methods:

```
function Person(first, last, age, favcolor) {
    this.firstName = first;
    this.lastName = last;
    this.age = age;
    this.favColor = favcolor;
    this.greeting = function(){
        return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName + " " + this.age;
    };
    this.getOlder = function(years){
        this.age += years;
    };
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
const mySon2 = new Person("Markos", "Christophorou", 3, "green");
mySon1.getOlder(1);
mySon2.getOlder(2);
console.log(mySon1.greeting());
console.log(mySon2.greeting());
```

Note: In a constructor function we use a different way to define methods.

Creating a JavaScript Object using a class

```
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class Person {
    constructor(first, last, age, favcolor){
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        this.firstName = first;
        this.lastName = last;
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        this.age = age;
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        this.favColor = favcolor;
                                                          Markos Christophorou 5
    greeting() {
        return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName + " " + this.age;
    };
    getOlder(years) {
        this.age += years;
    };
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
const mySon2 = new Person("Markos", "Christophorou", 3, "green");
mySon1.getOlder(1);
mySon2.getOlder(2);
console.log(mySon1.greeting());
console.log(mySon2.greeting());
```

With this approach we can achieve the same results but with much cleaner syntax.

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Using Object.create():

The Object.create() static method creates a new object, using an existing object

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as the prototype of the newly created object.

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const person = {
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    isHuman: false,
                                                                 My name is Andonis. Am I human? false
    name: "Andonis",
                                                                 My name is Chris. Am I human? true
    printIntroduction: function () {
        console.log(`My name is ${this.name}. Am I human? ${this.isHuman}`);
};
const me = Object.create(person);
me.printIntroduction();
me.name = 'Chris'; // Inherited properties can be overwritten
me.isHuman = true; // Inherited properties can be overwritten
me.printIntroduction();
```

Displaying a JavaScript Object on the browser

<!DOCTYPE html>

 Displaying a JavaScript object in the HTML using its variable name (i.e., mySon1) will output [object Object].

```
<html>
<head>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
   <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
                             function Person(first, last, age, eyecolor) {
                                                                           JS/jsCode.js
                                 this.firstName = first;
<body>
                                 this.lastName = last;
                                 this.age = age;
   this.eyeColor = eyecolor;
</body>
                             const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
            [object Object]
</html>
                             document.getElementById("personPar").innerHTML = mySon1;
```

Displaying a JavaScript Object on the browser

- Some common solutions to display JavaScript objects on the browser are:
 - Displaying the object properties by name
 - Displaying the object properties in a Loop
 - Displaying the object using Object.values()
 - Displaying the object using JSON.stringify()

Displaying the Object Properties by name

```
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
document.getElementById("personPar1").innerHTML =
    `${mySon1.firstName} ${mySon1.lastName} ${mySon1.age} ${mySon1.favColor}`;
```

Displaying the Object Properties in a Loop

```
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
let text = '';
for (let prop in mySon1) {
    text += mySon1[prop] + " ";
};
document.getElementById("personPar2").innerHTML = text;
Note: This is like a for each loop. In every loop, prop
variable stores the property name as a string. E.g.
"firstName", "lastName", "age", "favColor"
```

Note 1: In the loop you must access the property using objectName["propertyName"]!!! The reason is that prop is a variable name used in loop for storing the propertyName as a string!

Thus, using mySon1.prop way to access the property will not work!!!

Note 2: This approach will display also the functions (if any) of the JavaScript object, in case a function Constructor is used! If we use a class, the functions will not be displayed.

Displaying the Object using Object.values()

```
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
const arrayDetails = Object.values(mySon1);
document.getElementById("personPar3").innerHTML = arrayDetails;
```

Note 1: Object.values(mySon1) will return a JavaScript array with the properties' values, ready to be displayed

Note 2: This approach will display also the functions (if any) of the JavaScript object, in case a function Constructor is used! If we use a class, the functions will not be displayed.

Note 3: Object.getOwnPropertyNames(mySon1) returns a JavaScript array with the properties' names, ready to be displayed

e.g., Object.getOwnPropertyNames(mySon1) returns ['firstName', 'lastName', 'age', 'eyeColor']

Displaying the Object using JSON.stringify()

```
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
let stringDetails = JSON.stringify(mySon1);
document.getElementById("personPar4").innerHTML = stringDetails;
```

Any JavaScript object can be stringified (converted to a string)
 with the JavaScript function JSON.stringify()

- JSON.stringify() will not stringify the object's functions (only the properties of an object are stringified)
- The result will be a string following the JSON format

Example of JSON format:

```
{"firstName": "Andonis", "lastName": "Christophorou", "age": 5, "favColor": "blue"}
```

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Displaying a JavaScript
Object on the browser – All
ways in one example.
In this case a function
constructor is used.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
  <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
function Person(first, last, age, favcolor) {
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    this.firstName = first;
    this.lastName = last;
    this.age = age;
    this.favColor = favcolor;
    this.greeting = function () {
        return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName + " " + this.age;
    };
    this.getOlder = function (years) {
        this.age += years;
    };
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
document.getElementById("personPar1").innerHTML =
    `${mySon1.firstName} ${mySon1.lastName} ${mySon1.age} ${mySon1.favColor}`;
let text = '';
for (let prop in mySon1) {
    text += mySon1[prop] + " ";
document.getElementById("personPar2").innerHTML = text;
const arrayDetails = Object.values(mySon1);
document.getElementById("personPar3").innerHTML = arrayDetails;
let stringDetails = JSON.stringify(mySon1);
document.getElementById("personPar4").innerHTML = stringDetails;
```

Displaying a JavaScript
Object on the browser – All
ways in one example.
In this case a function
constructor is used.

```
Andonis Christophorou 5 blue
Andonis Christophorou 5 blue function () { return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName + " " + this.age; } function (years) { this.age += years; }
Andonis,Christophorou,5,blue,function () { return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName + " " + this.age; },function (years) { this.age += years; }
{"firstName":"Andonis","lastName":"Christophorou","age":5,"favColor":"blue"}
```

This will be displayed on the browser!!!

Displaying a JavaScript Object on the browser – All ways in one example. In this case a class is used.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
  <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
  </body>
</html>
```

```
class Person {
                                                           jsCode.js
    constructor(first, last, age, favcolor) {
        this.firstName = first;
        this.lastName = last;
        this.age = age;
        this.favColor = favcolor;
    greeting() {
        return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName + " " + this.age;
    };
    getOlder(years) {
        this.age += years;
    };
const mySon1 = new Person("Andonis", "Christophorou", 5, "blue");
document.getElementById("personPar1").innerHTML =
     `${mySon1.firstName} ${mySon1.lastName} ${mySon1.age} ${mySon1.favColor}`;
let text = '';
for (let prop in mySon1) {
    text += mySon1[prop] + " ";
document.getElementById("personPar2").innerHTML = text;
const arrayDetails = Object.values(mySon1);
document.getElementById("personPar3").innerHTML = arrayDetails;
let stringDetails = JSON.stringify(mySon1);
document.getElementById("personPar4").innerHTML = stringDetails;
```

Displaying a JavaScript Object on the browser – All ways in one example. In this case a class is used.

Andonis Christophorou 5 blue

Andonis Christophorou 5 blue

Andonis, Christophorou, 5, blue

{"firstName":"Andonis","lastName":"Christophorou","age":5,"favColor":"blue"}

This will be displayed on the browser!!!

- JSON stands for JavaScript Object Notation and is a format (text only) for storing and transporting data.
- JSON is language independent and is often used when data is sent from a server to a web page, or vice versa (used with AJAX).

A JSON example:

JSON Syntax Rules:

- Data is in name:value pairs
- Data is separated by commas
- Curly braces hold objects
- Square brackets hold arrays

- The JSON format is syntactically "almost" identical to the code for creating JavaScript objects.
- Because of this similarity, a JavaScript program can easily convert JSON data into native JavaScript objects (using JSON.parse(...))

JSON Data - A Name and a Value

- JSON data is written as name:value pairs, just like JavaScript object properties.
- A name:value pair consists of a field name (in double quotes), followed by a colon:, followed by a value:
 "firstName":"Chris"

JSON Objects

- JSON objects are written inside curly braces { }.
- Just like in JavaScript, objects can contain multiple name:value pairs:

```
{"firstName":"Chris", "lastName":"Christophorou"}
```

JSON Arrays

- JSON arrays are written inside square brackets [].
- Just like in JavaScript, an array can contain objects:

```
"employees":[
{ "firstName": "John", "lastName": "Doe" },
{ "firstName": "Anna", "lastName": "Smith" },
{ "firstName": "Peter", "lastName": "Jones" } ]
```

In the example above, the object "employees" is an array. It contains three objects. Each object is a record of a person (with a first name and a last name).

Converting a JSON Text to a JavaScript Object

- A common use of JSON is to read data from a web server, and display the data in a web page (or vice versa).
- Since we did not talked about Back-end development yet, we will manually create a JavaScript string containing JSON syntax...

```
let JASONtext = '{ "employees" : [' +
  '{ "firstName":"John" , "lastName":"Doe" },' +
  '{ "firstName":"Anna" , "lastName":"Smith" },' +
  '{ "firstName":"Peter" , "lastName":"Jones" } ]}';
```

... and use this JASONtext string as input to our web page.

Note: Another way to do this is create a JavaScript array containing three objects and then use JSON.stringify()

Converting a JSON Text to a JavaScript Object

 Then, to convert the string into a JavaScript object, we will use the JavaScript built-in function JSON.parse()

```
const personObj = JSON.parse(JASONtext);
```

Finally, we can use this new personObj JavaScript object in our page!!! See the example at the next slide!

Converting a JSON Text to a JavaScript Object

jsCode.js

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <title>Testing JavaScript JASON</title>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
</head>
<body>
   John Doe
                              Anna Smith
                              Peter Jones
```

This will be displayed in your browser

- An HTML event is an action or occurrence that happens on HTML Elements or the web page, such as a user clicking on a button or the web page is loaded.
- HTML events are used to trigger JavaScript functions, which allows web developers to add interactivity and dynamic behavior to their web pages.
- HTML events can be added to HTML elements, allowing developers to specify the type of event to listen for and the function to be executed when the event occurs.

- HTML events can be added to HTML elements in two ways:
 - By using event handler attributes in HTML Elements such as the "onclick" attribute for a button,
 - By using event listeners in JavaScript (but without the "on" prefix); These are attached to HTML elements using the "addEventListener" method (I prefer this way!!!).

We will see later how to do these!!!

- When an HTML event occurs, the web browser creates an event object that contains information about the event, such as the type of event and any data associated with the event.
- This event object is then caught by the event listener attached to the HTML Element, and calls the associated JavaScript function to handle the event.

Examples of JavaScript events

- Click event: This event is triggered when the user clicks on an element on the web page. The attribute name for this event is "onclick".
- Mouseover event: This event is triggered when the user moves their mouse over an element on the web page. The attribute name for this event is "onmouseover".
- Keydown event: This event is triggered when the user presses a key on their keyboard. The attribute name for this event is "onkeydown".
- Load event: This event is triggered when the web page finishes loading. The attribute name for this event is "onload".

Examples of JavaScript events

- Change event: This event is triggered when the value of an input field or select element changes. The attribute name for this event is "onchange".
- Focus event: This event is triggered when an element receives focus, for example when a user clicks on an input field. The attribute name for this event is "onfocus".

When JavaScript is used in HTML pages, JavaScript can "react" on these HTML events.

- HTML allows event handler attributes with JavaScript code, to be added to HTML elements.
- The JavaScript code is added in quotes " "

Syntax:

<element event="some JavaScript code or calling
JavaScript function">

Example 1: An onclick **event attribute**, is added to a **<button> element**. In this example, the JavaScript code changes the content of an element with id="date1".

Example 2: In the next example, the code changes the content of its own element (using this.innerHTML):

<button onclick="this.innerHTML = Date()">Show Time!</button>

- JavaScript code is often several lines long. It is more common to see event attributes CALLING FUNCTIONS!!!
 We will use this approach!!!
 - <button onclick="displayDate()">Show Time!</button>

```
function displayDate(){
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                            document.getElementById('date2').innerHTML = Date()
<html>
                                                                                   jsCode.js
<head>
   <title>Testing JavaScript Events</title>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
</head>
<body>
   <button onclick="document.getElementById('date1').innerHTML=Date()">Show Time!</button>
   <button onclick="this.innerHTML = Date()">Show Time!</button> 
   <button onclick="displayDate()">Show Time!</button>
   </body>
</html>
```

Before clicking the buttons

Show Time!

Show Time!

Show Time!

After clicking the buttons

Show Time!

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Thu Jan 05 2023 15:09:23 GMT+0200 (Eastern European Standard Time)

Show Time!

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- Most JavaScript written in the browser is event-driven!
- This means that the code does not run right away, but it executes after some event fires.



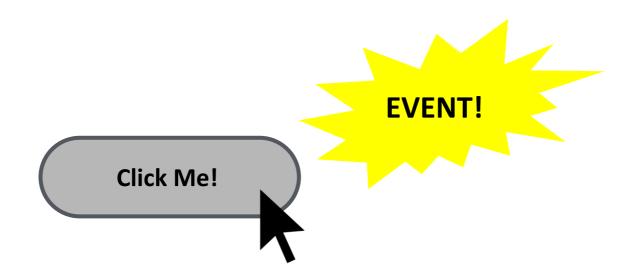


Example:

Here is a UI

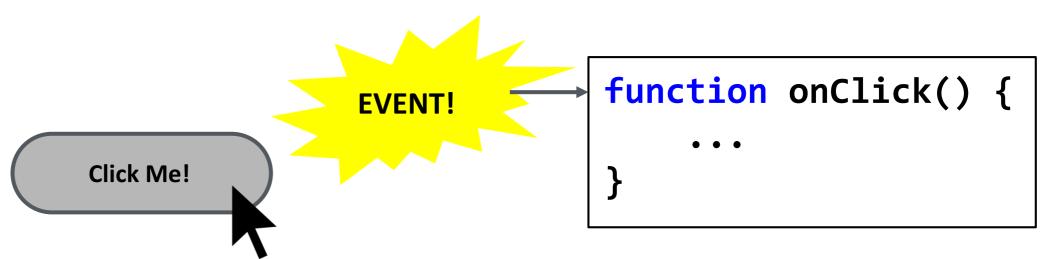
HTML element

(i.e., a button) that the user can interact with.



When clicked, the button emits an "event" which is like an announcement that an interesting thing has occurred.

Any function listening to that event now executes. This function is called an "event handler."



Q: How can we access and change the elements of an HTML document using JavaScript?

A: Every element on an HTML document is accessible in JavaScript through the HTML DOM: Document Object Model

Q: What is the HTML DOM?

A: The HTML Document Object Model is a programming interface for web documents.

The DOM represents the document as nodes and objects.

That way, programming languages can interact with the page and change the document structure, style, and content.

The HTML DOM

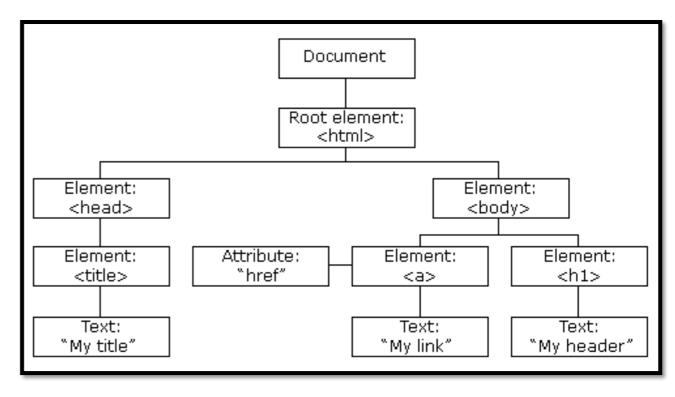
- The DOM is NOT a programming language and it's NOT a part of JavaScript.
- It is one of the multiple web Application Program Interfaces (APIs) built into web browsers and defines:
 - The HTML Elements as objects
 - The properties, methods and events for all HTML
 Elements

Note: Every non-empty webpage has a DOM, even the ones that don't use any JavaScript.

The HTML DOM

After the browser downloads the HTML document, it converts its content into a tree like structure called the DOM (Document Object Model) and stores it in its memory. The HTML DOM model is constructed as a tree of objects:

```
<html>
<head>
    <title>My Title</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>My Header</h1>
    <a href="myPage.html">My Link</a>
</body>
</html>
```



JavaScript and the HTML DOM

- The HTML DOM is an API (Application Programming Interface) for JavaScript that gives it all the power it needs to create Interactive/Dynamic HTML pages! Specifically, JavaScript can access and manipulate the DOM and:
 - □ Add/change/remove HTML elements
 - □ Add/change/remove HTML attributes
 - □ Add/change/remove CSS styles
 - □ Add/change/remove HTML events
 - □ React to HTML events

Manipulating the DOM

- □ In the DOM, all HTML elements (referred also as nodes in the DOM tree) are defined as objects.
- Each "HTML element" object has its own properties, that can be manipulated, and methods that can be invoked using JavaScript.
- All the properties, methods and events available for manipulating and creating web pages are further organized into objects that we're going to call interfaces.

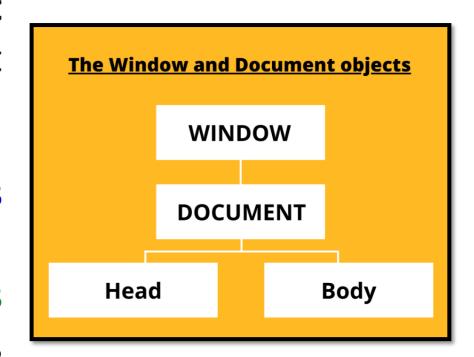
Manipulating the DOM

There are many DOM interfaces working together but the ones that we're going to use most often are window and document!

A complete list of the DOM interfaces can be found here.

Manipulating the DOM

- window The window interface represents a window containing a DOM document (an open window in a browser). It holds the highest position in the DOM hierarchy, as it is a parent of the document object and all of its children.
- document The document interface represents any web page loaded in the browser and serves as an entry point into the web page's content, which is the DOM tree. Through this document object we will select the nodes (i.e., the HTML elements) that we want to manipulate.



Selecting HTML Elements

- □ In order to **interact with** and **manipulate** any node (HTML Element) in the DOM tree, we **first need** to **find it** and **select it**.
- We can do this using one of the multiple methods the DOM API offers and there are several ways to do this:
 - Finding HTML elements by id
 - □ Finding HTML elements by tag name
 - □ Finding HTML elements by class name
 - □ Finding HTML elements by CSS selectors
 - Finding HTML elements by HTML object collections

Note: All these methods are called on the document object using the dot . operator

Finding HTML elements by id

- __.getElementById(): The easiest way to find an HTML element in the DOM, is by using the element id. If the element is found, the method will return the element as an object (in element). If the element is not found, element will contain null.
- □ The example below finds the element with id="parag1" and stores its reference address in variable named element.
- Through this element variable we can now have access, using the dot operator, to its properties and methods.

```
const element = document.getElementById("parag1");
console.log(element.innerHTML);
console.log(element.hasAttributes());
```

Finding HTML elements by Tag Name

- __.getElementsByTagName(): Finds HTML elements based on their tag names. This method returns a live HTMLCollection (an array-like list) of all matching HTML elements, possibly of length 0 if no match is found.
- □ The following example finds all HTML elements and access their innerHTML attribute.

```
const elements = document.getElementsByTagName("p");
console.log(elements[0].innerHTML)
console.log(elements[1].innerHTML)
```

Finding HTML elements by Tag Name

- You can also search hierarchically!!
- The following example first finds the element with id="div1", and then finds all elements contained in it.

```
const element = document.getElementById("div1");
const pElements = element.getElementsByTagName("p");
```

Finding HTML elements by Class Name

- __.getElementsByClassName(): Finds HTML elements based on their class names. This method returns a live HTMLCollection (an array-like list) of all matching HTML elements, possibly of length 0 if no match is found.
- The following example finds all HTML elements with class="notes" and access their innerHTML attribute.

```
const elements = document.getElementsByClassName("notes");
console.log(elements[0].innerHTML)
console.log(elements[1].innerHTML)
```

Finding HTML elements by CSS Selectors

- -querySelector(): Finds and returns the first HTML element that match a specified CSS selector (id, class names, types, attributes, values of attributes, etc.). If no matches are found, null is returned.
- □ The following example finds and returns the first element in the document with the class = "myclass"

```
const element = document.querySelector(".myclass");
```

■ The following example finds and returns the first element in the document with the id = "myclass"

```
const element = document.querySelector("#myclass");
```

Finding HTML elements by CSS Selectors

- .querySelectorAll(): Finds all HTML elements that match a specified CSS selector. This method returns a live HTMLCollection (an array-like list) of all matching HTML elements, possibly of length 0 if no match is found.
- □ The following example finds and returns a list of all > elements with class="notes"

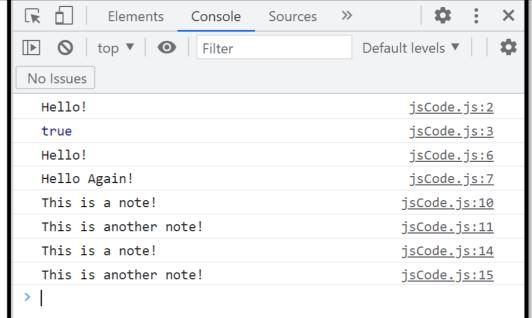
```
const elements = document.getElementsByClassName("p.notes");
console.log(elements[0].innerHTML)
console.log(elements[1].innerHTML)
```

Note: For an extensive list of properties and methods that can be used on all HTML elements check this link.

Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Testing JavaScript Events</title>
  <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
</head>
<body>
  Hello!
  Hello Again!
  This is a note!
  This is another note!
</body>
</html>
```

```
const element = document.getElementById("par1");
console.log(element.innerHTML);
console.log(element.hasAttributes());
const elements1 = document.getElementsByTagName("p");
console.log(elements1[0].innerHTML)
console.log(elements1[1].innerHTML)
const elements2 =
document.getElementsByClassName("notes");
console.log(elements2[0].innerHTML)
console.log(elements2[1].innerHTML)
const elements3 = document.querySelectorAll("p.notes");
console.log(elements3[0].innerHTML)
                                              jsCode.js
console.log(elements3[1].innerHTML)
```



Manipulating HTML Elements

- Once you find the elements in the HTML DOM you can now have access and change their attributes.
- □ The easiest way to **modify the content** of an HTML element is by using the **innerHTML property**. In the following examples we **add** the **JavaScript code** in the **HTML body in <script>** tag.

Manipulating HTML Elements

■ You can also **change** the value of an **HTML attribute**. The following example **changes the value** of the **src attribute** of an **** element:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
    <img id="myImage" src="smiley.gif">
        <script>
            document.getElementById("myImage").src = "landscape.jpg";
            </script>
            </body>
            </html>
```

Manipulating HTML Elements

□ You can also change the style of an HTML element. The following example changes the text color of a element to blue:

Reacting to Events

- As we said before, a JavaScript can be executed when an event occurs: Examples of HTML events:
 - □ When a user clicks the mouse on an HTML element.
 - When a web page has loaded
 - When an image has been loaded
 - □ When the mouse moves over an HTML element
 - When an input field is changed
 - When an HTML form is submitted
 - When a user strokes a key

Adding Events to HTML elements

□ To assign events to HTML elements you can either use event attributes....

Try the code in Visual Studio Code!

```
function changeText(element) {
    element.innerHTML = "This is the new Text!";
    element.style.color = "blue";
}

function changeBack(element) {
    element.innerHTML = "Click on this text!";
    element.style.color = "black";
}

jsCode.js
```

Adding Events to HTML elements

For a list of all HTML DOM events, look at this complete <u>HTML DOM Event</u>

<u>Object Reference</u>.

-Or you can also add event listeners using the addEventListener() method.
- □ The addEventListener() method adds an event handler to an element without overwriting existing event handlers.
- You can add as many event handlers to one element as you like.

- One advantage of using the .addEventListener() method, is that the JavaScript is separated from the HTML markup. This can:
 - □ Provide for **better readability** and
 - □ Allows to add event listeners even when you do not control the HTML markup.
- You can easily remove an event listener by using the .removeEventListener() method.

Syntax: element.addEventListener(event, function, useCapture);

- □ The **first parameter** is the type of the **event** (like "click" or "mousedown" or any other <u>HTML DOM Event</u>.)
- □ The **second parameter** is the **function** we want **to call** when the **event occurs**.
- The third parameter is a boolean value specifying whether to use event bubbling (this is the default) or event capturing. This parameter is optional and rarely used in practice.

Note: You don't use the "on" prefix for the event; For example use "click" instead of "onclick" and "mouseover" instead of "onmouseover".

Try the Code in Visual Studio Code!

Do not forget defer!!!

```
document.getElementById("h1").addEventListener("mouseover", changeText);
document.getElementById("h1").addEventListener("mouseout", changeBack);

function changeText() {
    let element = document.getElementById("h1");
    element.innerHTML = "This is the new Text!";
    element.style.color = "blue";
}

function changeBack() {
    let element = document.getElementById("h1");
    element.innerHTML = "Click on this text!";
    element.style.color = "black";
    jsCode.js
```

If you want to also pass parameter values, use an "anonymous function" that calls the specified function with the parameters!!!

```
document.getElementById("h1").addEventListener("mouseover", function() {changeText("blue");});
document.getElementById("h1").addEventListener("mouseout", function() {changeBack("black");});
function changeText(textColor) {
                                                         <!DOCTYPE html>
    let element = document.getElementById("h1");
                                                         <html>
    element.innerHTML = "This is the new Text!";
                                                         <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
    element.style.color = textColor;
                                                         <body>
                                                             <h1 id="h1">Click on this text!</h1>
function changeBack(textColor) {
    let element = document.getElementById("h1");
                                                         </body>
    element.innerHTML = "Click on this text!";
    element.style.color = textColor;
                                                         </html>
```

jsCode.js

Reacting to Events

You can also remove event handlers that have been attached with the addEventListener() method using the .removeEventListener()

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <link rel="stylesheet" href="CSS/style3.css">
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
   <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
<div id="myDIV">
 This div element has an onmousemove event handler that displays a
random number (0 - 100) every time you move your mouse inside this orange
field.
 <b>Click the button to stop estimating the random number!!!</b>
 <button type="button" id="myBtn">Stop Estimating Random/button>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

Reacting to Events

style3.css

```
#myDIV {
    background-color: black;
    border: 1px solid;
    padding: 20px;
    color: white;
    font-size: 20px;
    text-align: center;
}
```

jsCode.js

Try the Code in Visual Studio Code!

Creating new HTML Elements (Nodes)

■ To add a new element to the HTML DOM, you must create the element (element node) first, and then append it to an existing (parent) element.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
   <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
   <div id="div1">
       This is a paragraph.
       This is another paragraph.
   </div>
</body>
</html>
```

jsCode.js

```
const par = document.createElement("p");
par.innerHTML = "This is the new added paragraph";
par.id = 'p3';

const element = document.getElementById("div1");
element.appendChild(par);
```

This is a paragraph.

This is another paragraph.

This is the new added paragraph

Creating new HTML Elements (Nodes)

The appendChild() method in the previous example, appended the new element as the last child of the parent. If you want to add the element in a specified location, you can use the .insertBefore() method:
jsCode.js

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
   <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
   <div id="div1">
       This is a paragraph.
       This is another paragraph.
   </div>
</body>
</html>
```

```
const newElement= document.createElement("p");
newElement.innerHTML = "This is the new added paragraph";
newElement.id = 'p3';

const element = document.getElementById("div1");
const position = document.getElementById("p2");
element.insertBefore(newElement, position);
```

This is a paragraph.

This is the new added paragraph

This is another paragraph.

Removing an existing HTML Element

To remove an HTML element, use the remove() method

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
   <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
   <div id="div1">
       This is a paragraph.
       This is another paragraph.
   </div>
</body>
</html>
```

jsCode.js

```
const element = document.getElementById("p1");
element.remove();
```

This is another paragraph.

Replacing HTML Elements

To replace an HTML element to the HTML DOM, use the replaceChild() method:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <script src="JS/jsCode.js" defer></script>
   <title>Testing JavaScript</title>
</head>
<body>
   <div id="div1">
       This is a paragraph.
       This is another paragraph.
   </div>
</body>
</html>
```

```
const newNode = document.createElement("p");
newNode.innerHTML = "This is the new paragraph";
newNode.id = 'p3';

const parent = document.getElementById("div1");
const toBeReplaced = document.getElementById("p1");
parent.replaceChild(newNode, toBeReplaced);
```

This is the new paragraph

This is another paragraph.

JavaScript HTML DOM Collections (HTMLCollection Object)

- □ An HTMLCollection object is NOT an array! → An HTMLCollection may look like an array, but it is not.
- An HTMLCollection object is an array-like list (collection) of HTML elements.
- You can loop through the list and refer to the elements with an index (just like an array), however, you CANNOT USE array methods like toString(), pop(), push(), or join() on an HTMLCollection.

JavaScript HTML DOM Collections (HTMLCollection Object)

- □ For example, the .getElementsByTagName(), method returns an HTMLCollection object.
- The following code selects all elements in a document and puts them in myCollection list:

```
const myCollection = document.getElementsByTagName("p");
```

■ The elements in myCollection can be accessed by an index number with indexing starting at 0. To access the second element you can write:

```
myCollection[1];
```

Looping through the elements in a collection

- □ The **length property** is **useful** when you want **to loop through** the elements in a collection since it **defines** the **number of elements** in an HTMLCollection.
- □ In the following example we change the style (i.e., text color) of all elements in myCollection list to "red".

```
const myCollection = document.getElementsByTagName("p");
for (let i = 0; i < myCollection.length; i++) {
   myCollection[i].style.color = "red";
}</pre>
```

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