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<pre>// Single-line comments start with two slashes. /* Multiline comments start with slash-star, and end with star-slash */ // Statements can be terminated by ; doStuff(); // ... but they don't have to be, as semicolons are automatically inserted // wherever there's a newline, except in certain cases. doStuff() // Because those cases can cause unexpected results, we'll keep on using // semicolons in this guide. ///////////////////////// // 1. Numbers, Strings and Operators // JavaScript has one number type (which is a 64-bit IEEE 754 double). // Doubles have a 52-bit mantissa, which is enough to store integers // up to about 9âM-^M-^U10ÂM-^A precisely. 3; // = 3 1.5; // = 1.5 // Some basic arithmetic works as you'd expect. 1 + 1; // = 2 0.1 + 0.2; // = 0.30000000000000004 8 - 1; // = 7 10 * 2; // = 20 35 / 5; // = 7 // Including uneven division. 5 / 2; // = 2.5 // And modulo division. 10 % 2; // = 0 30 % 4; // = 2 18.5 % 7; // = 4.5 // Bitwise operations also work; when you perform a bitwise operation your float // is converted to a signed int *up to* 32 bits. 1 << 2; // = 4 // Precedence is enforced with parentheses. (1 + 3) * 2; // = 8 // There are three special not-a-real-number values: Infinity; // result of e.g. 1/0 -Infinity; // result of e.g. -1/0 NaN; // result of e.g. 0/0, stands for 'Not a Number' // There's also a boolean type. true; false; // Strings are created with ' or ". 'abc'; "Hello, world"; // Negation uses the ! symbol !true; // = false !false; // = true // Equality is === 1 === 1; // = true 2 === 1; // = false // Inequality is !== 1 !== 1; // = false 2 !== 1; // = true</pre>		

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<pre>// More comparisons 1 < 10; // = true 1 > 10; // = false 2 <= 2; // = true 2 >= 2; // = true // Strings are concatenated with + "Hello " + "world!"; // = "Hello world!" // ... which works with more than just strings "1, 2, " + 3; // = "1, 2, 3" "Hello " + ["world", "!"]; // = "Hello world,!" // and are compared with < and > "a" < "b"; // = true // Type coercion is performed for comparisons with double equals... "5" == 5; // = true null == undefined; // = true // ...unless you use === "5" === 5; // = false null === undefined; // = false // ...which can result in some weird behaviour... 13 + !0; // 14 "13" + !0; // '13true' // You can access characters in a string with `charAt` "This is a string".charAt(0); // = 'T' // ...or use `substring` to get larger pieces. "Hello world".substring(0, 5); // = "Hello" // `length` is a property, so don't use (). "Hello".length; // = 5 // There's also `null` and `undefined`. null; // used to indicate a deliberate non-value undefined; // used to indicate a value is not currently present (although // `undefined` is actually a value itself) // false, null, undefined, NaN, 0 and "" are falsy; everything else is truthy. // Note that 0 is falsy and "0" is truthy, even though 0 == "0". ///////////////////////// // 2. Variables, Arrays and Objects // Variables are declared with the `var` keyword. JavaScript is dynamically // typed, so you don't need to specify type. Assignment uses a single `=` // character. var someVar = 5; // If you leave the var keyword off, you won't get an error... someOtherVar = 10; // ...but your variable will be created in the global scope, not in the scope // you defined it in. // Variables declared without being assigned to are set to undefined. var someThirdVar; // = undefined // If you want to declare a couple of variables, then you could use a comma // separator var someFourthVar = 2, someFifthVar = 4; // There's shorthand for performing math operations on variables: someVar += 5; // equivalent to someVar = someVar + 5; someVar is 10 now</pre>		

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<pre> someVar *= 10; // now someVar is 100 // and an even-shorter-hand for adding or subtracting 1 someVar++; // now someVar is 101 someVar--; // back to 100 // Arrays are ordered lists of values, of any type. var myArray = ["Hello", 45, true]; // Their members can be accessed using the square-brackets subscript syntax. // Array indices start at zero. myArray[1]; // = 45 // Arrays are mutable and of variable length. myArray.push("World"); myArray.length; // = 4 // Add/Modify at specific index myArray[3] = "Hello"; // Add and remove element from front or back end of an array myArray.unshift(3); // Add as the first element someVar = myArray.shift(); // Remove first element and return it myArray.push(3); // Add as the last element someVar = myArray.pop(); // Remove last element and return it // Join all elements of an array with semicolon var myArray0 = [32, false, "js", 12, 56, 90]; myArray0.join(";"); // = "32;false;js;12;56;90" // Get subarray of elements from index 1 (include) to 4 (exclude) myArray0.slice(1,4); // = [false,"js",12] // Remove 4 elements starting from index 2, and insert there strings // "hi", "wr" and "ld"; return removed subarray myArray0.splice(2,4,"hi","wr","ld"); // = ["js",12,56,90] // myArray0 === [32,false,"hi","wr","ld"] // JavaScript's objects are equivalent to "dictionaries" or "maps" in other // languages: an unordered collection of key-value pairs. var myObj = {key1: "Hello", key2: "World"}; // Keys are strings, but quotes aren't required if they're a valid // JavaScript identifier. Values can be any type. var myObj = {myKey: "myValue", "my other key": 4}; // Object attributes can also be accessed using the subscript syntax, myObj["my other key"]; // = 4 // ... or using the dot syntax, provided the key is a valid identifier. myObj.myKey; // = "myValue" // Objects are mutable; values can be changed and new keys added. myObj.myThirdKey = true; // If you try to access a value that's not yet set, you'll get undefined. myObj.myFourthKey; // = undefined //////////////////////// // 3. Logic and Control Structures // The 'if' structure works as you'd expect. var count = 1; if (count == 3){ // evaluated if count is 3 } else if (count == 4){ // evaluated if count is 4 } else { // evaluated if it's not either 3 or 4 </pre>		

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<pre> } // As does 'while'. while (true){ // An infinite loop! } // Do-while loops are like while loops, except they always run at least once. var input; do { input = getInput(); } while (!isValid(input)); // The 'for' loop is the same as C and Java: // initialization; continue condition; iteration. for (var i = 0; i < 5; i++){ // will run 5 times } // Breaking out of labeled loops is similar to Java outer: for (var i = 0; i < 10; i++) { for (var j = 0; j < 10; j++) { if (i == 5 && j == 5) { break outer; // breaks out of outer loop instead of only the inner one } } } // The for/in statement allows iteration over properties of an object. var description = ""; var person = {fname:"Paul", lname:"Ken", age:18}; for (var x in person){ description += person[x] + " "; } // description = 'Paul Ken 18 ' // The for/of statement allows iteration over iterable objects (including the built-in String, // Array, e.g. the Array-like arguments or NodeList objects, TypedArray, Map and Set, // and user-defined iterables). var myPets = ""; var pets = ["cat", "dog", "hamster", "hedgehog"]; for (var pet of pets){ myPets += pet + " "; } // myPets = 'cat dog hamster hedgehog ' // && is logical and, is logical or if (house.size == "big" && house.colour == "blue"){ house.contains = "bear"; } if (colour == "red" colour == "blue"){ // colour is either red or blue } // && and "short circuit", which is useful for setting default values. var name = otherName "default"; // The 'switch' statement checks for equality with '==='. // Use 'break' after each case // or the cases after the correct one will be executed too. grade = 'B'; switch (grade) { case 'A': console.log("Great job"); break; case 'B': console.log("OK job"); </pre>		

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    break;
    case 'C':
        console.log("You can do better");
        break;
    default:
        console.log("Oy vey");
        break;
}

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// 4. Functions, Scope and Closures

// JavaScript functions are declared with the 'function' keyword.
function myFunction(thing){
    return thing.toUpperCase();
}
myFunction("foo"); // = "FOO"

// Note that the value to be returned must start on the same line as the
// 'return' keyword, otherwise you'll always return 'undefined' due to
// automatic semicolon insertion. Watch out for this when using Allman style.
function myFunction(){
    return // <- semicolon automatically inserted here
    {thisIsAn: 'object literal'};
}
myFunction(); // = undefined

// JavaScript functions are first class objects, so they can be reassigned to
// different variable names and passed to other functions as arguments - for
// example, when supplying an event handler:
function myFunction(){
    // this code will be called in 5 seconds' time
}
setTimeout(myFunction, 5000);
// Note: setTimeout isn't part of the JS language, but is provided by browsers
// and Node.js.

// Another function provided by browsers is setInterval
function myFunction(){
    // this code will be called every 5 seconds
}
setInterval(myFunction, 5000);

// Function objects don't even have to be declared with a name - you can write
// an anonymous function definition directly into the arguments of another.
setTimeout(function(){
    // this code will be called in 5 seconds' time
}, 5000);

// JavaScript has function scope; functions get their own scope but other blocks
// do not.
if (true){
    var i = 5;
}
i; // = 5 - not undefined as you'd expect in a block-scoped language

// This has led to a common pattern of "immediately-executing anonymous
// functions", which prevent temporary variables from leaking into the global
// scope.
(function(){
    var temporary = 5;
    // We can access the global scope by assigning to the "global object", which
    // in a web browser is always 'window'. The global object may have a
    // different name in non-browser environments such as Node.js.
    window.permanent = 10;
})();
temporary; // raises ReferenceError
permanent; // = 10

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// One of JavaScript's most powerful features is closures. If a function is
// defined inside another function, the inner function has access to all the
// outer function's variables, even after the outer function exits.
function sayHelloInFiveSeconds(name){
    var prompt = "Hello, " + name + "!";
    // Inner functions are put in the local scope by default, as if they were
    // declared with 'var'.
    function inner(){
        alert(prompt);
    }
    setTimeout(inner, 5000);
    // setTimeout is asynchronous, so the sayHelloInFiveSeconds function will
    // exit immediately, and setTimeout will call inner afterwards. However,
    // because inner is "closed over" sayHelloInFiveSeconds, inner still has
    // access to the 'prompt' variable when it is finally called.
}
sayHelloInFiveSeconds("Adam"); // will open a popup with "Hello, Adam!" in 5s

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// 5. More about Objects; Constructors and Prototypes

// Objects can contain functions.
var myObj = {
    myFunc: function(){
        return "Hello world!";
    }
};
myObj.myFunc(); // = "Hello world!"

// When functions attached to an object are called, they can access the object
// they're attached to using the 'this' keyword.
myObj = {
    myString: "Hello world!",
    myFunc: function(){
        return this.myString;
    }
};
myObj.myFunc(); // = "Hello world!"

// What this is set to has to do with how the function is called, not where
// it's defined. So, our function doesn't work if it isn't called in the
// context of the object.
var myFunc = myObj.myFunc;
myFunc(); // = undefined

// Inversely, a function can be assigned to the object and gain access to it
// through 'this', even if it wasn't attached when it was defined.
var myOtherFunc = function(){
    return this.myString.toUpperCase();
};
myObj.myOtherFunc = myOtherFunc;
myObj.myOtherFunc(); // = "HELLO WORLD!"

// We can also specify a context for a function to execute in when we invoke it
// using 'call' or 'apply'.

var anotherFunc = function(s){
    return this.myString + s;
};
anotherFunc.call(myObj, " And Hello Moon!"); // = "Hello World! And Hello Moon!"

// The 'apply' function is nearly identical, but takes an array for an argument
// list.

anotherFunc.apply(myObj, [" And Hello Sun!"]); // = "Hello World! And Hello Sun!"

// This is useful when working with a function that accepts a sequence of

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<pre>// arguments and you want to pass an array. Math.min(42, 6, 27); // = 6 Math.min([42, 6, 27]); // = NaN (uh-oh!) Math.min.apply(Math, [42, 6, 27]); // = 6 // But, 'call' and 'apply' are only temporary. When we want it to stick, we can // use 'bind'. var boundFunc = anotherFunc.bind(myObj); boundFunc(" And Hello Saturn!"); // = "Hello World! And Hello Saturn!" // 'bind' can also be used to partially apply (curry) a function. var product = function(a, b){ return a * b; }; var doubler = product.bind(this, 2); doubler(8); // = 16 // When you call a function with the 'new' keyword, a new object is created, and // made available to the function via the 'this' keyword. Functions designed to // be // called like that are called constructors. var MyConstructor = function(){ this.myNumber = 5; }; myNewObj = new MyConstructor(); // = {myNumber: 5} myNewObj.myNumber; // = 5 // Unlike most other popular object-oriented languages, JavaScript has no // concept of 'instances' created from 'class' blueprints; instead, JavaScript // combines instantiation and inheritance into a single concept: a 'prototype'. // Every JavaScript object has a 'prototype'. When you go to access a property // on an object that doesn't exist on the actual object, the interpreter will // look at its prototype. // Some JS implementations let you access an object's prototype on the magic // property '__proto__'. While this is useful for explaining prototypes it's not // part of the standard; we'll get to standard ways of using prototypes later. var myObj = { myString: "Hello world!" }; var myPrototype = { meaningOfLife: 42, myFunc: function(){ return this.myString.toLowerCase(); } }; myObj.__proto__ = myPrototype; myObj.meaningOfLife; // = 42 // This works for functions, too. myObj.myFunc(); // = "hello world!" // Of course, if your property isn't on your prototype, the prototype's // prototype is searched, and so on. myPrototype.__proto__ = { myBoolean: true }; myObj.myBoolean; // = true // There's no copying involved here; each object stores a reference to its // prototype. This means we can alter the prototype and our changes will be // reflected everywhere. myPrototype.meaningOfLife = 43; myObj.meaningOfLife; // = 43</pre>		

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<pre>// The for/in statement allows iteration over properties of an object, // walking up the prototype chain until it sees a null prototype. for (var x in myObj){ console.log(myObj[x]); } ///prints: // Hello world! // 43 // [Function: myFunc] // true // To only consider properties attached to the object itself // and not its prototypes, use the 'hasOwnProperty()' check. for (var x in myObj){ if (myObj.hasOwnProperty(x)){ console.log(myObj[x]); } } ///prints: // Hello world! // We mentioned that '__proto__' was non-standard, and there's no standard way to // change the prototype of an existing object. However, there are two ways to // create a new object with a given prototype. // The first is Object.create, which is a recent addition to JS, and therefore // not available in all implementations yet. var myObj = Object.create(myPrototype); myObj.meaningOfLife; // = 43 // The second way, which works anywhere, has to do with constructors. // Constructors have a property called prototype. This is *not* the prototype of // the constructor function itself; instead, it's the prototype that new objects // are given when they're created with that constructor and the new keyword. MyConstructor.prototype = { myNumber: 5, getMyNumber: function(){ return this.myNumber; } }; var myNewObj2 = new MyConstructor(); myNewObj2.getMyNumber(); // = 5 myNewObj2.myNumber = 6; myNewObj2.getMyNumber(); // = 6 // Built-in types like strings and numbers also have constructors that create // equivalent wrapper objects. var myNumber = 12; var myNumberObj = new Number(12); myNumber == myNumberObj; // = true // Except, they aren't exactly equivalent. typeof myNumber; // = 'number' typeof myNumberObj; // = 'object' myNumber === myNumberObj; // = false if (0){ // This code won't execute, because 0 is falsy. } if (new Number(0)){ // This code will execute, because wrapped numbers are objects, and objects // are always truthy. } // However, the wrapper objects and the regular builtins share a prototype, so // you can actually add functionality to a string, for instance. String.prototype.firstCharacter = function(){ return this.charAt(0); };</pre>		

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"abc".firstCharacter(); // = "a"

// This fact is often used in "polyfilling", which is implementing newer
// features of JavaScript in an older subset of JavaScript, so that they can be
// used in older environments such as outdated browsers.

// For instance, we mentioned that Object.create isn't yet available in all
// implementations, but we can still use it with this polyfill:
if (Object.create === undefined){ // don't overwrite it if it exists
  Object.create = function(proto){
    // make a temporary constructor with the right prototype
    var Constructor = function(){};
    Constructor.prototype = proto;
    // then use it to create a new, appropriately-prototyped object
    return new Constructor();
  };
}

// ES6 Additions

// The "let" keyword allows you to define variables in a lexical scope,
// as opposed to a block scope like the var keyword does.
let name = "Billy";

// Variables defined with let can be reassigned new values.
name = "William";

// The "const" keyword allows you to define a variable in a lexical scope
// like with let, but you cannot reassign the value once one has been assigned.

const pi = 3.14;

pi = 4.13; // You cannot do this.

// There is a new syntax for functions in ES6 known as "lambda syntax".
// This allows functions to be defined in a lexical scope like with variables
// defined by const and let.

const isEven = (number) => {
  return number % 2 === 0;
};

isEven(7); // false

// The "equivalent" of this function in the traditional syntax would look like t
his:

function isEven(number) {
  return number % 2 === 0;
};

// I put the word "equivalent" in double quotes because a function defined
// using the lambda syntax cannot be called before the definition.
// The following is an example of invalid usage:

add(1, 8);

const add = (firstNumber, secondNumber) => {
  return firstNumber + secondNumber;
};
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