Computer Science Principles Web Programming

JavaScript Programming Essentials

CHAPTER 4: OBJECTS

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Objects

- •Objects in JavaScript are very similar to arrays, but objects use strings instead of numbers to access the different elements. The strings are called keys or *properties*, and the elements they point to are called values.
- •Together these pieces of information are called **key-value pairs**. While arrays are mostly used to represent lists of multiple things, objects are often used to represent single things with multiple characteristics, or **attributes**.
- •For example, in Chapter 3 we made several arrays that listed different animal names. But what if we wanted to store different pieces of information about one animal?



Overview

LECTURE 1



Object Introduction

- There are **no classes** in JavaScript
- Instead, properties can be created and deleted dynamically



Object Creation

- Objects are created using new expression
 new Object() Constructor and argument list
- A constructor is a function
 - When called via new expression, a new empty Object is created and passed to the constructor along with the argument values
 - Constructor performs initialization on object
 - Can add properties and methods to object
 - Can add object to an inheritance hierarchy



Object Creation

- The Object() built-in constructor
 - Does not add any properties or methods directly to the object
 - Adds object to hierarchy that defines default toString() and valueOf() methods (used for conversions to String and Number, resp.)



Property Creation

 Assignment to a non-existent (even if inherited) property name creates the property:

```
o1.testing = "This is a test";
```

 Object initializer notation can be used to create an object (using Object() constructor) and one or more properties in a single statement:

```
var o2 = { p1:5+9, p2:null, testing:"This is a test" };
```



Enumerating Properties

key:value pair

• Special form of for statement used to iterate through all properties of an object:

Produces three alert boxes; order of names is implementation-dependent.

```
var hash = new Object();
hash.kim = "85";
hash.sam = "92";
hash.lynn = "78";
for (var aName in hash) {
  window.alert(aName + " is a property of hash.");
}
```



Accessing Property Values

 The JavaScript object dot notation is actually shorthand for a more general associative array notation in which Strings are array indices:

• Expressions can supply property names:

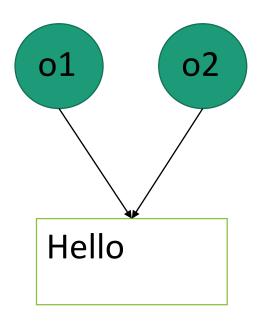


Object Values

Value of Object is reference to object:

```
o2 is another name for o1
```

```
var o1 = new Object();
o1.data = "Hello";
var o2 = o1;
o2.data += " World!";
window.alert(o1.data);
```



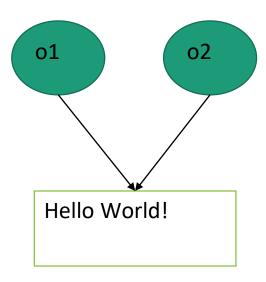


Object Values

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```
var o1 = new Object();
o1.data = "Hello";
var o2 = o1;
o1 is
changed

var o2 = o1;
var o2.data += " World!";
window.alert(o1.data);
```

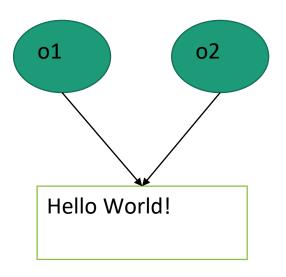




Object Values

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```
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var o2 = o1;
o2.data += " World!";
window.alert(o1.data);
```



Output is Hello World!



Object Methods

- JavaScript functions are stored as values of type Object
- A function declaration creates a function value and stores it in a variable (property of window) having the same name as the function
- A method is an object property for which the value is a function



Object Methods

Creates global variable named leaf with function value

```
function leaf() {
  return this.left == null && this.right == null;
function makeBTNode(value) {
  var node = new Object();
  node.left = node.right = null;
  node.value = value;
  node.isLeaf = leaf;
  return node;
```



Object Methods

```
function leaf() {
 return this.left == null && this.right == null;
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  var node = new Object();
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  node.value = value;
 node.isLeaf = leaf;
  return node;
```



Object Literals

LECTURE 2



JavaScript: Object literals

Description

- An object literal is zero or more pairs of comma-separated list of property names and associated values, enclosed by a pair of curly braces.
- In JavaScript an object literal is declared as follows:
 - 1. An object literal without properties:

```
var userObject = {}
```

2. An object literal with a few properties:

```
var student = {
  First-name : "Suresy",
  Last-name : "Rayy",
  Roll-No : 12
};
```



JavaScript: Object literals

Description

3. An object literal with properties without double quote:

```
var cat = {
   "legs": 3,
   "name": "Harmony",
   "color": "Tortoiseshell"
};
```

```
{ "key1": 99 }

The key, The value, which is always a string of any type
```



JavaScript: Object literals

Syntax

- Object literals maintain the following syntax rules:
 - 1. There is a colon (:) between property name and value.
 - 2. A comma separates each property name/value from the next.
 - 3. There will be no comma after the last property name/value pair.



Constructor

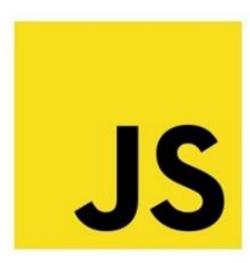
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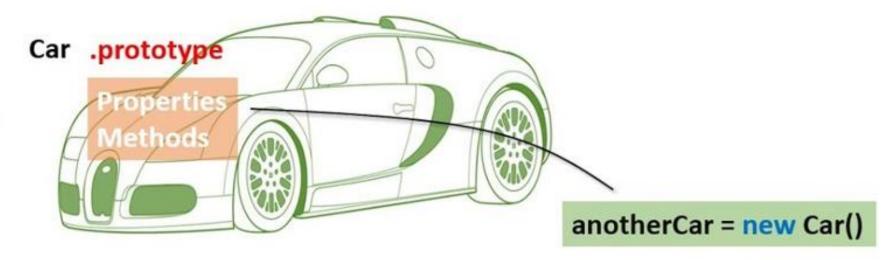
Class

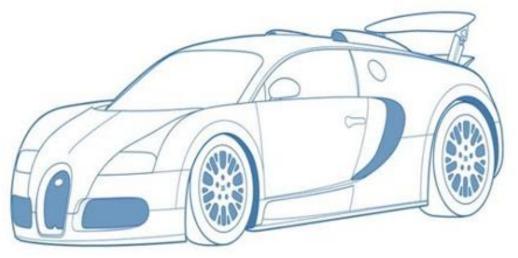
JavaScript has no Class

- JavaScript has no class.
- •JavaScript function has a property called **prototype**. A JavaScript function can be used as a Class. And those data fields added to prototype will become data fields for objects created with **new** operator and the function. The function works like a **constructor**.



OBJECT Prototypes







Prototype in JavaScript

•JavaScript is a dynamic language. You can attach new properties to an object at any time as shown below.

```
Example: Attach property to object
```



Prototype

Every function includes prototype object by default.

- •As you can see in the above example, age property is attached to studObj1 instance. However, studObj2 instance will not have age property because it is defined only on studObj1 instance.
- •So what to do if we want to add new properties at later stage to a function which will be shared across all the instances?
- The answer is Prototype.
- •The prototype is an object that is associated with every functions and objects by default in JavaScript, where function's prototype property is accessible and modifiable and object's prototype property (aka attribute) is not visible.



Data Prototype

Demo Program: Student.html

```
1 ▼ <html>
        <body onload="main()">
            <script>
                function Student() { // constructor for Student Class
                    this.name = 'John';
                    this.gender = 'Male';
                function main(){
                 var stud0bj1 = new Student();
                 studObj1.age = 15;
                 alert(stud0bj1.age); // 15
                 var studObj2 = new Student();
                 alert(studObj2.age); // undefined
13
            </script>
        </body>
    </html>
```

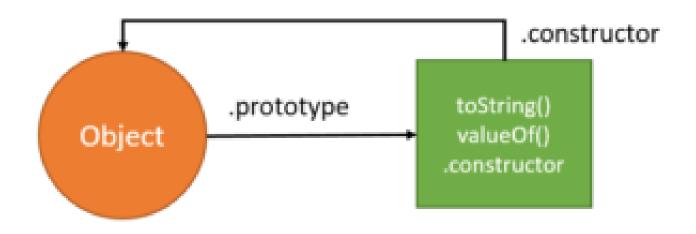
- •Function can be used to create objects.
- •this is used as the reference to the object to be created.
- new operator is used to call a function as constructor.



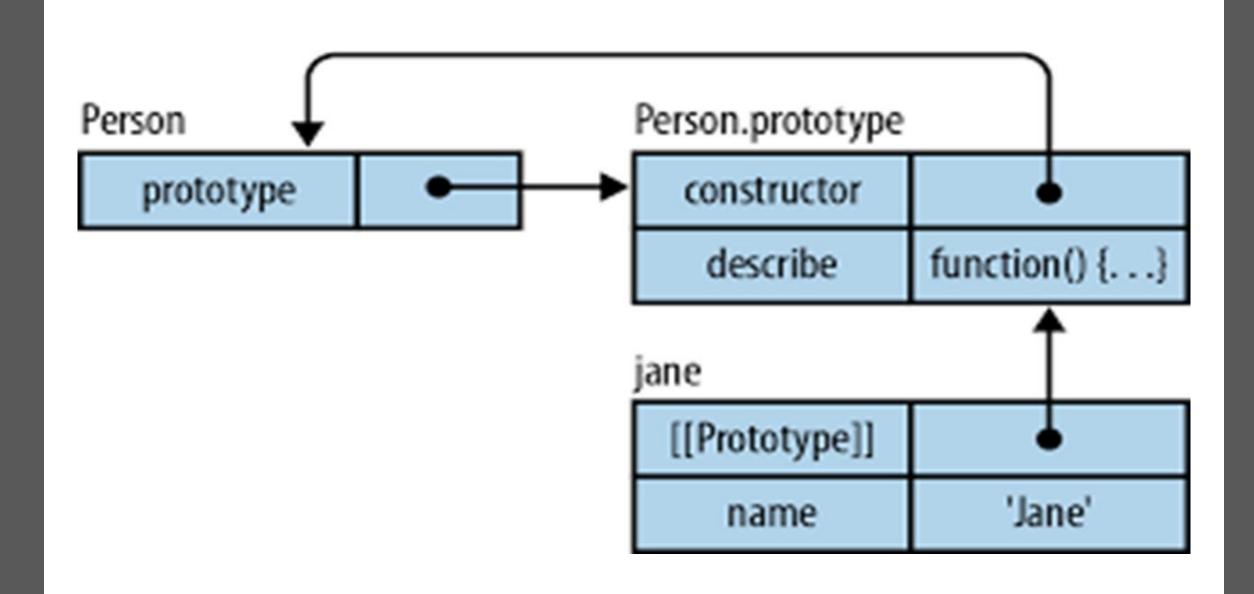
Data Prototype

Demo Program: Student2.html

Go Brackets!!!!



```
1 ▼ <html>
        <body onload="main()">
            <script>
 3 ▼
                function Student() {
                                      // constructor for Student Class
                                                    Student Objects has no properties at beginning.
                function main(){
                   Student.prototype.name = "John";
Student.prototype.gender ="male";
                                                                Two properties created.
                   var stud0bj1 = new Student();
                   studObj1.age = 15;
11
                                                                Student Object studObj1 created
12
                   alert(studObj1.age); // 15
                                                                And, added with an age property.
                   alert(stud0bj1.name); // John
13
                                                              —— Student Object studObj2 created
                   var stud0bj2 = new Student();
15
                   alert(studObj2.age); // undefined
16
                                                                  And, added without an age property.
                   alert(studObj2.name); //John
17
                   Student.prototype.name = "Tom"; ←
18
                                                                   Default value for name property
                   alert(studObj1.name);
19
                                                                    is updated (like class variable).
                   alert(studObj2.name);
20
                   studObj2.name = "Mary"; ←
21
                                                            Instance variable for studObj2 updated.
                   alert(studObj1.name);
22
                                                            (studObj1.name remain as Tom).
                   alert(studObj2.name);
23
24
25
            </script>
26
        </body>
27
    </html>
```





Student Prototype

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Student Prototype (Constructor using this)

Demo Program: Student4.html

Go Brackets!!!

```
1 ▼ <html>
 2 ▼ <body onload="main()">
 3 ▼ <script>
 4 ▼ function studentToString(){
        var str = "";
        str += "name: " + this name + " < br>";
        str += "age: " + this.age +"<br>";
        str += "address: " + this.address + "<br>";
        return str;
10
11
    // Student Prototype
12
13 ▼ function Student(n, ag, add){
        this.name = n;
14
        this.age = ag;
15
        this.address = add;
16
        this.toString = studentToString;
17
18
    //Student.prototype.toString = studentToString(); // method definition
19
20
21
22 ▼ function main(){
       var s1 = new Student("Eric", 20, "1 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007");
23
       var s2 = new Student("Tom", 18, "2 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007");
24
       document.write("<h3>Student Records: </h3>");
       //alert(s1.name);
26
       //alert(s1.toString());
27
       document.write(s1.toString());
28
       document.write(s2.toString());
29
30
    </script>
31
    </body>
    </html>
```

Dynamic Binding of Objects for this reference variable. This means this prototype

Function Reference added as instance method

Student Records:

name: Eric

age: 20

address: 1 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007

name: Tom

age: 18

address: 2 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007





Student Prototype (Object as base object)

Demo Program: Student5.html

Go Brackets!!!

```
1 ▼ <html>
 2 ▼ <body onload="main()">
 3 ▼ <script>
        // Student Prototype
                                                                            Use Object() as base Object and add all
    function Student(n, ag, add){
                                                                            different properties to it.
        var obj = new Object(); ←
        obj.name = n;
        obj.age = ag;
        obj.address = add;
                                                                            Inline anonymous function as a method to
        obj.toString = function (){←──
10 ▼
                                                                            the object
            var str = "";
11
            str += "name: " + this.name +"<br>";
12
            str += "age: " + this.age +"<br>";
13
            str += "address: " + this.address + "<br>";
14
15
            return str;
16
                                                            A object reference is returned.
        return obj;
17
18
19
    function main(){
20 ▼
       var s1 = new Student("Eric", 20, "1 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007");
21
                                                                                Student Records:
       var s2 = new Student("Tom", 18, "2 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007");
       document.write("<h3>Student Records: </h3>");
23
       //alert(s1.name);
24
                                                                                name: Eric
       //alert(s1.toString());
25
                                                                                age: 20
       document.write(s1.toString());
26
                                                                                address: 1 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007
       document.write(s2.toString());
27
28
                                                                                name: Tom
29
    </script>
                                                                                age: 18
    </body>
30
                                                                                address: 2 A Street, Los Angeles, CS 90007
31 </html>
```



Keys Without Quotes

•In our first object, we put each key in quotation marks, but you don't necessarily need quotes around the keys — this is a valid cat object literal as well:

```
var cat = {
  legs: 3,
  name: "Harmony",
  color: "Tortoiseshell"
};
```

•JavaScript knows that the keys will always be strings, which is why you can leave out the quotes. If you don't put quotes around the keys, the **unquoted** keys have to follow the same rules as variable names: spaces aren't allowed in an unquoted key, for example. If you put the key in quotes, then spaces are allowed:

```
var cat = {
  legs: 3,
  "full name": "Harmony Philomena Snuggly-Pants Morgan",
  color: "Tortoiseshell"
};
```



JavaScript Array and Object

LECTURE 5





Python

Data File Formats

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)	Python
Object	dict
Array	list
String	unicode
Number (int)	int, long
Number (float)	float
true	True
false	False
null	None



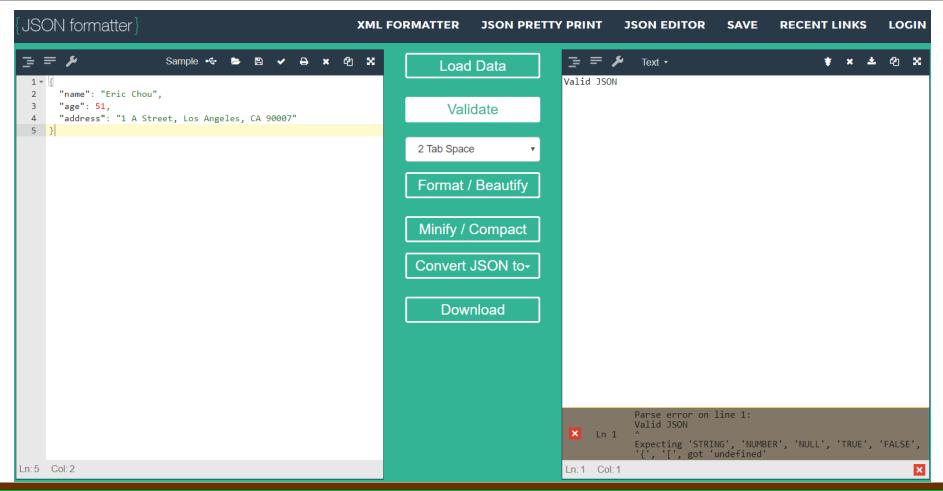
JSON Online Editor

https://jsonformatter.org

- •JavaScript array and object can all be created using on-line editor (JSON editor).
- •We use this JSON Formatter as our exemplary software to create JSON objects and arrays.

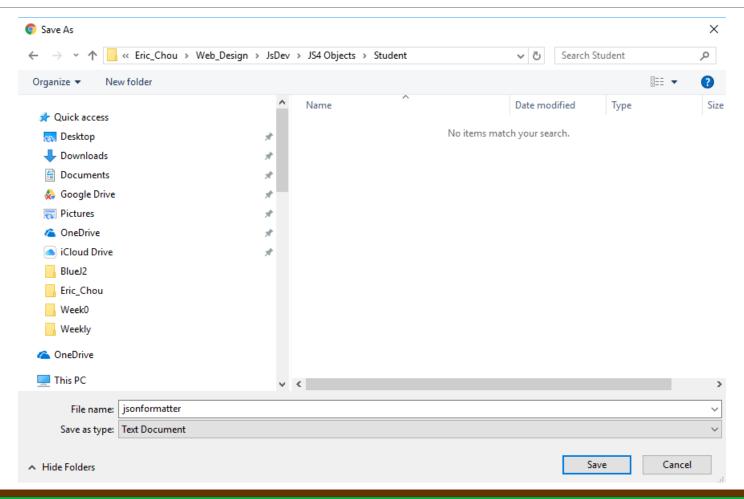


Use JSON Editor to Create a Student Record Step 1: Create an Object





Use JSON Editor to Create a Student Record Step 2: save to a file.



```
1 ▼ <html>
                                                Student6.html
 2 ▼ <body onload="main()">
 3 ▼ <script>
 4 ▼ function studentToString(){
            var str = "";
            str += "name: " + this.name +"<br>";
            str += "age: " + this.age +"<br>";
            str += "address: " + this.address + "<br>":
            return str;
10
    function main(){
       var s1 = { ←
12 ▼
                     "name": "John",
13
                     "age": 51,
14
                     "address": "1 A Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007",
15
                     "toString" : studentToString ←
16
17
18 ▼
       var s2 = {
                     "name": "Tom White",
19
20
                    "age": 18,
21
                     "address": "2 A Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007",
                     "toString": studentToString
22
23
       document.write("<h3>Student Records: </h3>");
24
       document.write(s1.toString());
25
       document.write(s2.toString());
26
27
    </script>
    </body>
   </html>
```

Step 3: use it in html file

JSON Objects properties with double quote.
This will be compatible with Python dictionary as well.

JSON Objects are object only. No prototype.

Methods added later.

Student Records:

name: John

age: 51

address: 1 A Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

name: Tom White

age: 18

address: 2 A Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

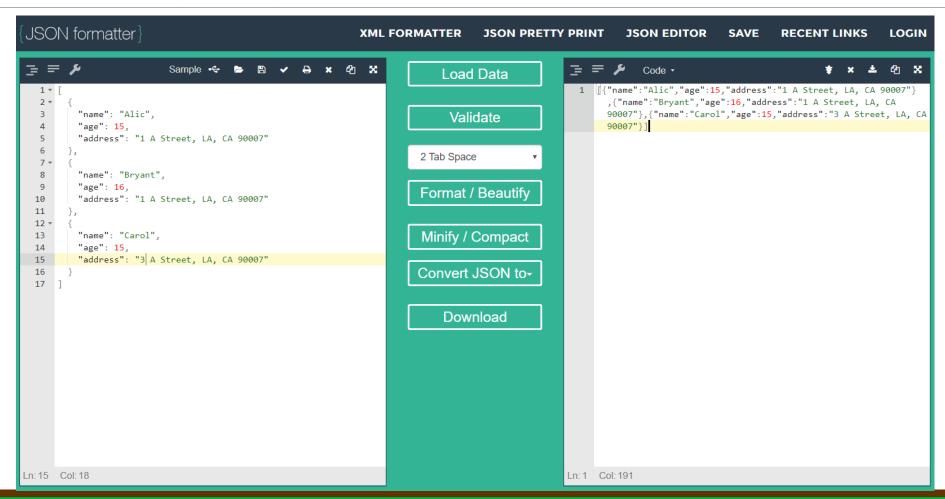


Arrays

- •Array objects are represented by comma-separated value list enclosed with brackets: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
- Array is also valid in JSON editor.
- •JSON format is always recommended because it is the new de facto standard in internet industry now.
- •JSON editor provides minify function to make the JSON data smaller but less readable. You may restore it by beautifying it.



Array of Objects Minified Array of Objects





Array of Objects method added

```
1 -
 2 +
 3
         "name": "Alic",
 4
         "age": 15,
         "address": "1 A Street, LA, CA 90007",
         "toString": studentToString
 6
 8 +
         "name": "Bryant",
10
         "age": 16,
         "address": "2 A Street, LA, CA 90007",
11
12
        "toString": studentToString
13
14 -
15
         "name": "Carol",
16
         "age": 15,
17
         "address": "3 A Street, LA, CA 90007",
18
         "toString": studentToString
19
20
```

```
1 ▼ <html>
 2 ▼ <body onload="main()">
 3 ▼ <script>
 4 ▼ function studentToString(){
            var str = "";
            str += "name: " + this.name +"<br>";
            str += "age: " + this.age +"<br>";
            str += "address: " + this.address + "<br>";
            return str;
10
11 ▼ function main(){
       var student_list = [
12 ▼
13 ▼
             "name": "Alic",
14
15
            "age": 15,
16
            "address": "1 A Street, LA, CA 90007",
17
            "toString": studentToString
18
19 ▼
            "name": "Bryant",
20
            "age": 16,
21
            "address": "2 A Street, LA, CA 90007",
22
23
            "toString": studentToString
           },
24
25 ▼
            "name": "Carol",
26
            "age": 15,
27
            "address": "3 A Street, LA, CA
28
            "toString": studentToString
29
30
31
32
       document.write("<h3>Student Records: </h3>");
       for (var i in student_list) document.write(student_list[i].toString());
33
34
    </script>
    </body>
   </html>
```

For each key value, array's key is its index

Student Records:

name: Alic

age: 15

address: 1 A Street, LA, CA 90007

name: Bryant

age: 16

address: 2 A Street, LA, CA 90007

name: Carol age: 15

address: 3 A Street, LA, CA 90007





Accessing An Object and Its Data Fields

LECTURE 6



Accessing Values in Objects

Indexing []

•You can access values in objects using square brackets, just like with arrays. The only difference is that instead of the index (a number), you use the key (a string).

> cat["name"];

"Harmony"



Accessing Values in Objects

dot notation (domain specifier/data fields accessor)

•Just as the quotes around keys are optional when you create an object literal, the quotes are also optional when you are accessing keys in objects. If you're not going to use quotes, however, the code looks a bit different:

> cat.name;

"Harmony"

•This style is called *dot notation*. Instead of typing the key name in quotes inside square brackets after the object name, we just use a period, followed by the key, without any quotes. As with unquoted keys in object literals, this will work only if the key doesn't contain any special characters, such as spaces.



Get Key List Object.keys()

- •Instead of looking up a value by typing its key, say you wanted to get a list of all the keys in an object.
- •JavaScript gives you an easy way to do that, using Object.keys():

```
var dog = { name: "Pancake", age: 6, color: "white", bark: "Yip yap yip!" };
var cat = { name: "Harmony", age: 8, color: "tortoiseshell" };
> Object.keys(dog);
["name", "age", "color", "bark"]
> Object.keys(cat);
["name", "age", "color"]
```

•Object.keys(anyObject) returns an array containing all the keys of anyObject. keys() is a prototype function.



Adding Values to Objects

An empty object is just like an empty array, but it uses curly brackets, { }, instead
of square brackets:

```
var object = {};
```

 You can add items to an object just as you'd add items to an array, but you use strings instead of numbers:

```
var cat = {};
cat["legs"] = 3;
cat["name"] = "Harmony";
cat["color"] = "Tortoiseshell";
> cat;
{ color: "Tortoiseshell", legs: 3, name: "Harmony" }
```



Adding Keys with Dot Notation

•You can also use dot notation when adding new keys. Let's try the previous example, where we started with an empty object and added keys to it, but this time we'll use dot notation:

```
var cat = {};
cat.legs = 3;
cat.name = "Harmony";
cat.color = "Tortoiseshell";
```

•If you ask for a property that JavaScript doesn't know about, it returns the special value undefined. undefined just means "There's nothing here!" For example:

```
var dog = {
  name: "Pancake",
  legs: 4,
  isAwesome: true
};
> dog.isBrown;
undefined
```



Combining Arrays and Objects Array of Objects

•For example, an array of dinosaur objects might look like this:

```
var dinosaurs = [
{ name: "Tyrannosaurus Rex", period: "Late Cretaceous" },
{ name: "Stegosaurus", period: "Late Jurassic" },
{ name: "Plateosaurus", period: "Triassic" }
];
```



Combining Arrays and Objects

Array of Objects

•To get all the information about the first dinosaur, you can use the same technique we used before, entering the index in square brackets:

```
> dinosaurs[0];
{ name: "Tyrannosaurus Rex", period: "Late Cretaceous" }
```



Combining Arrays and Objects

Array of Objects

- If you want to get only the name of the first dinosaur, you can just add the object key in square brackets after the array index:
- > dinosaurs[0]["name"];
- "Tyrannosaurus Rex"
- •Or, you can use dot notation, like this:
- > dinosaurs[1].period;
- "Late Jurassic"



Example for Array of Objects

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•Let's look at a more complex example now. We'll create an array of friend objects, where each object also contains an array. First, we'll make the objects, and then we can put them all into an array.

```
var anna = { name: "Anna", age: 11, luckyNumbers: [2, 4, 8, 16] };
var dave = { name: "Dave", age: 5, luckyNumbers: [3, 9, 40] };
var kate = { name: "Kate", age: 9, luckyNumbers: [1, 2, 3] };
```

- •First, we make three objects and save them into variables called anna, dave, and kate. Each object has three keys: name, age, and luckyNumbers.
- •Each name key has a string value assigned to it, each age key has a single number value assigned to it, and each luckyNumbers key has an array assigned to it, containing a few different numbers.



•Next we'll make an array of our friends:

```
var friends = [anna, dave, kate];
```

•Now we have an array saved to the variable friends with three elements: anna, dave, and kate (which each refer to objects). You can retrieve one of these objects using its index in the array:

```
> friends[1];
{name: "Dave", age: 5, luckyNumbers: Array[3]}
```



•This retrieves the second object in the array, dave (at index 1). Chrome prints out Array[3] for the luckyNumbers array, which is just its way of saying, "This is a three-element array." (You can use Chrome to see what's in that array; see Exploring Objects in the Console.) We can also retrieve a value within an object by entering the index of the object in square brackets followed by the key we want:

```
> friends[2].name
"Kate"
```

•This code asks for the element at index 2, which is the variable named kate, and then asks for the property in that object under the key "name", which is "Kate". We could even retrieve a value from an array that's inside one of the objects inside the friends array, like so:

```
> friends[0].luckyNumbers[1];
4
```



•Figure 4-2 shows each index. friends[0] is the element at index 0 in the friends array, which is the object anna.

friends [0].luckyNumbers is the array [2, 4, 8, 16] from the object called anna.

•Finally,
friends[0].luckyNumbers[1]
is index 1 in that array, which is the
number value 4

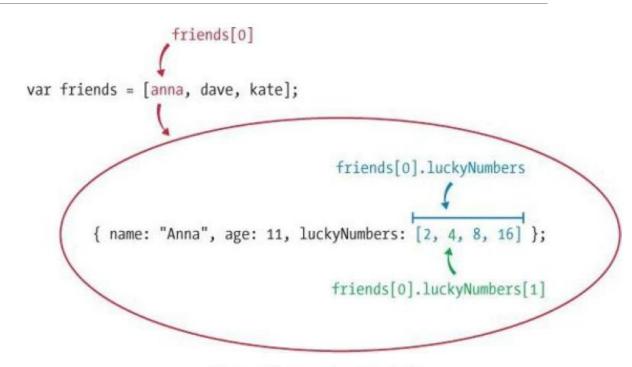


Figure 4-2. Accessing nested values



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Chrome will let you dig into objects that you print out in the console. For example, if you type . . . friends[1];

Chrome will display the output shown in Figure 4-3.

```
friends[1];
▶ Object {name: "Dave", age: 5, LuckyNumbers: Array[3]}
```

Figure 4-3. How an object is displayed in the Chrome interpreter



The triangle on the left means that this object can be expanded. Click the object to expand it, and you'll see what's shown in Figure 4-4.

Figure 4-4. Expanding the object



You can expand luckyNumbers, too, by clicking it (see Figure 4-5).

Figure 4-5. Expanding an array within the object



Don't worry about those __proto__ properties — they have to do with the object's <u>prototype</u>. We'll look at prototypes later, in Chapter 12. Also, you'll notice that the interpreter shows the value of the array's length property.

You can also view the entire friends array and expand each element in the array, as shown in Figure 4-6.

Figure 4-6. All three objects from the friends array, as shown in the Chrome interpreter



Project 1: Keeping Track of Owed Money

LECTURE 9



Objects with Key-Value Pairs

- •Let's say you've decided to start a bank. You lend your friends money, and you want to have a way to keep track of how much money each of them owes you.
- •You can use an object as a way of linking a string and a value together. In this case, the string would be your friend's name, and the value would be the amount of money he or she owes you. Let's have a look.
 - 1 var owedMoney = {};
 - ② owedMoney["Jimmy"] = 5;
 - 3 owedMoney["Anna"] = 7;
 - 4 > owedMoney["Jimmy"];
 5
 - 5 > owedMoney["Jinen"];
 undefined



Objects with Key-Value Pairs

At ①, we create a new empty object called owedMoney. At ②, we assign the value 5 to the key "Jimmy". We do the same thing at ③, assigning the value 7 to the key "Anna". At ④, we ask for the value associated with the key "Jimmy", which is 5. Then at ⑤, we ask for the value associated with the key "Jinen", which is undefined because we didn't set it.





Objects with Key-Value Pairs

•Now let's imagine that Jimmy borrows some more money (say, \$3). We can update our object and add 3 to the amount Jimmy owes with the plus-equals operator (+=) that you saw in Chapter 2.

```
owedMoney["Jimmy"] += 3;
> owedMoney["Jimmy"];
8
```

•This is like saying owedMoney["Jimmy"] = owedMoney["Jimmy"] + 3. We can also look at the entire object to see how much money each friend owes us:

```
> owedMoney;
{ Jimmy: 8, Anna: 7 }
```



Key-Value Pair (Set and Get Value)

Demo Program: keyvalue.html

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```
1 ▼ <html>
                                                                          Keeping Track of Owed Money
 2 ▼ <body>
                                        Prompt to get an integer.
 3 ▼ <script>
                                                                          Jimmy, Anna, and Linen's Owed Money
    document.write("<h1>Keeping Track of Owed Money</h1>");
                                                                          Jimmy's owed money is 5 dollars.
    var owedMoney ={};
 5
                                                                           Anna's owed money is 4 dollars.
    owedMoney["Jimmy"] = parseInt(prompt("Enter Jimmy's Money"));
 6
                                                                          Linen's owed money is 3 dollars.
    owedMoney["Anna"] = parseInt(prompt("Enter Anna's Money"));
7
    owedMoney["Linen"] = parseInt(prompt("Enter Linen's Money"));
 8
                                                                          Inquiry for Owed Money
    document.write("<h2>Jimmy, Anna, and Linen's Owed Money</h2>");
 9
    document.write("<font size=\"+2\">");
10
                                                                          Jimmy's owed money is: 5 dollars.
    var newline = "<br>";
11
    for (var person in owedMoney){
        document.write(person+"'s owed money is "+owedMoney[person]+
13
                         " dollars. "+newline);
14
15
                                                                        For each key (person)
16
    document.write("</font>");
17
18
    document.write("<h2>Inquiry for Owed Money</h2>");
    var person = prompt("Check whose owed money? (Jimmy, Anna, or Linen): ").trim();
19
    var money = owedMoney[person];
20
    document.write("<font size=\"+2\">");
21
    document.write(person+"'s owed money is: "+money+" dollars. ");
22
    document.write("</font>");
23
    </script>
24
25
    </body>
    </html>
26
```



Project 2:
Storing
Information About
Your Movies

LECTURE 1



Heterogenous Objects

```
var movies = {
 "Finding Nemo": {
       releaseDate: 2003,
       duration: 100,
       actors: ["Albert Brooks", "Ellen DeGeneres", "Alexander Gould"],
       format: "DVD"
 },
"Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi": {
       releaseDate: 1983,
       duration: 134,
       actors: ["Mark Hamill", "Harrison Ford", "Carrie Fisher"],
       format: "DVD"
"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire": {
       releaseDate: 2005,
       duration: 157,
       actors: ["Daniel Radcliffe", "Emma Watson", "Rupert Grint"],
       format: "Blu-ray"
};
```



Double Quotes

- •You might have noticed that I used **quotes** for the movie titles (the keys in the outer object) but not for the keys in the inner objects. That's because the movie titles need to have spaces otherwise, I'd have to type each title like

 StarWarsEpisodeVIReturnOfTheJedi, and that's just silly!
- •I didn't need quotes for the keys in the inner objects, so I left them off. It can make code look a bit cleaner when there aren't unnecessary punctuation marks in it.





Inquiry on Console

```
Now, when you want information about a movie, it's easy to find:
var findingNemo = movies["Finding Nemo"];
> findingNemo.duration;
100
```

> findingNemo.format;

"DVD"



Inquiry on Console

- •Here we save the movie information about *Finding Nemo* into a variable called findingNemo. We can then look at the properties of this object (like duration and format) to find out about the movie.
- •You can also easily add new movies to your collection:

```
var cars = {
    releaseDate: 2006,
    duration: 117,
    actors: ["Owen Wilson", "Bonnie Hunt", "Paul
    Newman"],
    format: "Blu-ray"
};
movies["Cars"] = cars;
```



Inquiry on Console

- •Here we create a new object of movie information about *Cars*. We then insert this into the movies object, under the key "Cars".
- Now that you're building up your collection, you might want to find an easy way to list the names of all your movies. That's where Object.keys comes in:
- > Object.keys(movies);

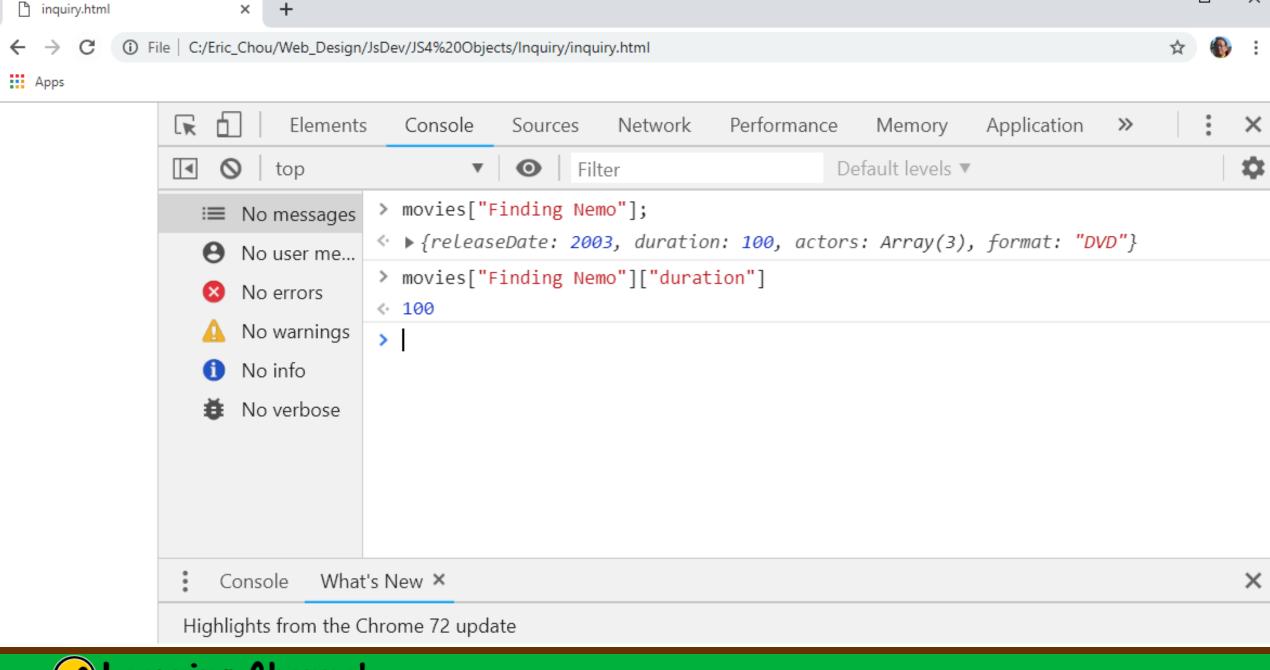
["Finding Nemo", "Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi", "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire", "Cars"]



Inquiry

Demo Program: inquiry.html

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LECTURE 10



- The global object
 - Named window in browsers
 - Has properties representing all global variables
 - Other built-in objects are also properties of the global object
 - Ex: initial value of window. Array is Array object
 - Has some other useful properties
 - Ex: window. Infinity represents Number value



The global object and variable resolution:

```
    i = 42;
    What does i refer to?
    1.Search for local variable or formal parameter named i
    2.If none found, see if global object (window) has property named i
```

This is why we can refer to built-in objects (Object, Array, etc.)
 without prefixing with window.



• String(), Boolean(), and Number() built-in functions can be called as constructors, created "wrapped" Objects:

```
var wrappedNumber = new Number(5.625);
```

• Instances inherit valueOf() method that returns wrapped value of specified type:

```
window.alert(typeof wrappedNumber.valueOf());
```

// Output is "number"



TABLE 4.8 Some of the Methods Inherited by String Instances

Method	Description
charAt(Number)	Return string consisting of single character at position (0-based) Number within this string.
concat(String)	Return concatenation of this string to String argument.
indexOf(String, Number)	Return location of leftmost occurrence of String within this string at or after character Number, or −1 if no occurrence exists.
replace(String, String)	Return string obtained by replacing first occurrence of first String in this string with second String.
slice(Number, Number)	Return substring of this string starting at location given by first Number and ending one character before location given by second Number.
toLowerCase()	Return this string with each character having a Unicode Standard lowercase equivalent replaced by that character.
toUpperCase()	Return this string with each character having a Unicode Standard uppercase equivalent replaced by that character.



The Date() built-in constructor can be used to create Date instances that represent the current date and time
 var now = new Date();

- Other methods: toLocaleDateString(), toLocaleTimeString(), etc.



 Math object has methods for performing standard mathematical calculations:

```
Math.sqrt(15, 3);
```

• Also has properties with approximate values for standard mathematical quantities, e.g., e (Math. E) and π (Math. PI)