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# Javascript for Beginners

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# Foreword by the Author

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## Background:

I consulted a counselor at an unemployment office what to study to enhance my capabilities to require a work position. I commended that at least I would not study programming, but here I am.

## Recommendations:

I recommend to study <https://www.javascripttutorial.net> and watch Frontend Masters (has a monthly fee).

## Instructions:

Go through this presentation like a Javascript Engine. First parse it through and then execute it line by line. **Video tips!** are optional to watch.



## Note!

Feel free to make me a job offer. I have my contact info at [Linkedin](#).

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# Javascript for Beginners Introduction

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## | Technical information:

This presentation was done with [Microsoft Powerpoint](#). The structure of this presentation is mainly adapted from [W3Schools Online Web Tutorials](#).

## | Code examples:

Code examples are done with [Microsoft Visual Studio](#) code editor (please read also the text with the code). Other options were among others [Atom](#), [Notepad++](#), [Brackets](#), [Codepen](#), [Sublime text](#) and [Vim](#).

## | Browser:

[Google Crome](#) web browser was used for console logging. Other options for web browsers were [Mozilla Firefox](#), [Microsoft Edge](#), [Microsoft Internet Explorer](#), [Opera](#), [Apple Safari](#) and so on.

## | Main sources for text and code examples were:

[W3Schools Online Web Tutorials](#)  
(<https://www.w3schools.com/js/default.asp>)

[Mozilla Developer Network \(MDN\) web docs](#) which is the official source for Javascript.  
(<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript>)

[Doctor Axel Rauschmayer's Speaking Javascript](#) online books: (<https://exploringjs.com/>)

<https://www.javascripttutorial.net> and [Frontend Masters](#) public course notes

## Sources:

<https://www.elegantthemes.com/blog/resources/best-code-editors>,

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_web\\_browsers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_web_browsers)

# The history of Javascript (ECMAScript)

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JavaScript (JS) was invented in 1995. Javascript became an ECMA standard in 1997. ECMAScript (ES) is the official name of the language.

Version ES6 was released in 2015 and was renamed to ECMAScript 2015. Since that ECMAScript is named by year. ECMAScript 2020 is the newest version.

| HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) defines a webpage's structure and content.

| CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) sets the formatting and webpage's appearance.

| JavaScript adds interactivity to a webpage.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/JavaScript\\_technologies\\_overview](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/JavaScript_technologies_overview), <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ECMAScript> and <https://www.w3schools.com/js/default.asp>



<https://github.com/BrendanEich>

Brendan Eich created JavaScript, co-founded Mozilla and Firefox.

JavaScript was developed for Netscape. After Netscape the Mozilla foundation continued to develop JavaScript for the Firefox browser.

JavaScript is commonly used for client-side scripting on the World Wide Web, and it is increasingly being used for writing server applications and services using Node.js.

# The history of Javascript (ECMAScript) 2

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The **ECMAScript** specification is a standardized specification of a scripting language. Initially it was named **Mocha**, later **LiveScript**, and finally **JavaScript**.

A new name became necessary because there is a trademark on **JavaScript** (held originally by Sun, now by Oracle). At the moment, Mozilla is one of the few companies allowed to officially use the name **JavaScript** because it received a license long ago.

For common usage, these rules apply:

| **JavaScript** means the programming language.

| **ECMAScript** is the name used by the language specification.

**JavaScript's** creator, **Brendan Eich**, had no choice but to create the **Mocha** very quickly (in just ten days or other, worse technologies would have been adopted by Netscape).

He borrowed from several programming languages:

**Java** (syntax, primitive values versus objects), **Scheme** and **AWK** (first-class functions), **Self** (prototypal inheritance), and **Perl** and **Python** (strings, arrays, and regular expressions).

Since that **Javascript** has evolved for 25 years.

Sources: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ECMAScript> and <http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html>

# DOM and HTML DOM

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When a web page is loaded, the browser creates a **Document Object Model (DOM)** of the page.

The **DOM** is a **W3C (World Wide Web Consortium)** standard.

The **DOM** defines a standard for accessing documents.

The **W3C DOM** standard is separated into 3 different parts:

- ❑ **Core DOM** - standard model for all document types
- ❑ **XML DOM** - standard model for XML documents
- ❑ **HTML DOM** - standard model for HTML documents

Source:  
[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_htmldom.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_htmldom.asp)

With the **HTML DOM**, **JavaScript** can access and change all the **elements** of an **HTML document**.

The **HTML DOM** is a standard object model and programming interface for **HTML**. It defines:

- ❑ The HTML elements as objects
- ❑ The properties of all HTML elements
- ❑ The methods to access all HTML elements
- ❑ The events for all HTML elements

The **HTML DOM** is a standard for how to get, change, add, or delete **HTML elements**.

# HTML DOM Navigation

With the **HTML DOM**, you can navigate the **node tree** using **node relationships**.

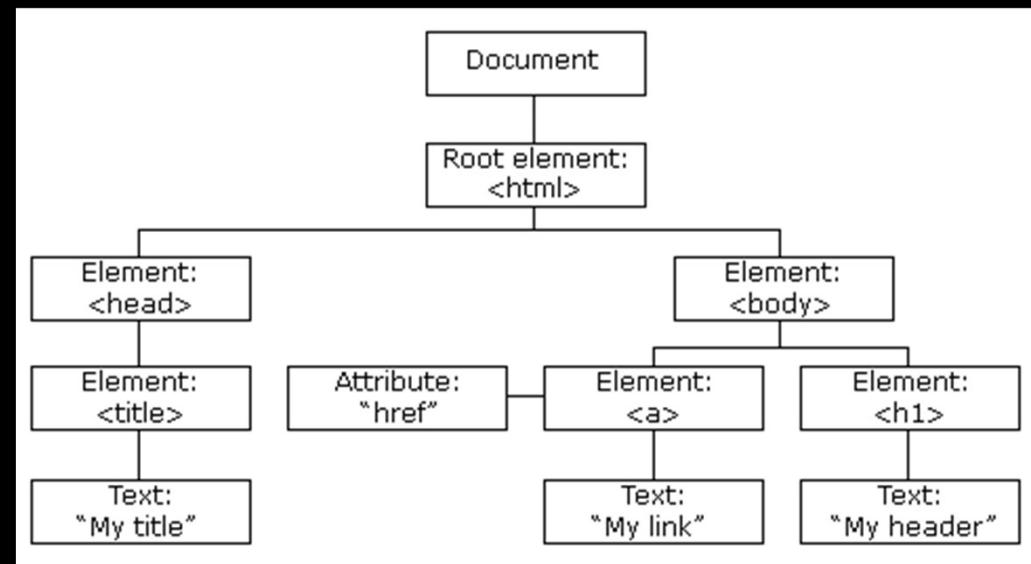
**DOM Nodes:** According to the W3C **HTML DOM** standard, everything in an **HTML document** is a **node**.

The entire document is a **document node**. Every **HTML element** is an **element node**. The text inside **HTML elements** are **text nodes**. Every **HTML attribute** is an **attribute node** (deprecated). All comments are **comment nodes**.

With the **HTML DOM**, all **nodes** in the **node tree** can be accessed by **JavaScript**.

New **nodes** can be created, and all **nodes** can be modified or deleted.

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[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_htmldom.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_htmldom.asp)



The **HTML DOM (Document Object Model)**

When a web page is loaded, the browser creates a **Document Object Model** of the page.

The **HTML DOM** model is constructed as a tree of **Objects**.

# HTML DOM Navigation 2

## Node Relationships:

The **nodes** in the **node tree** have a hierarchical relationship to each other.

The terms **parent**, **child**, and **sibling** are used to describe the relationships.

In a **node tree**, the **top node** is called the root (or **root node**).

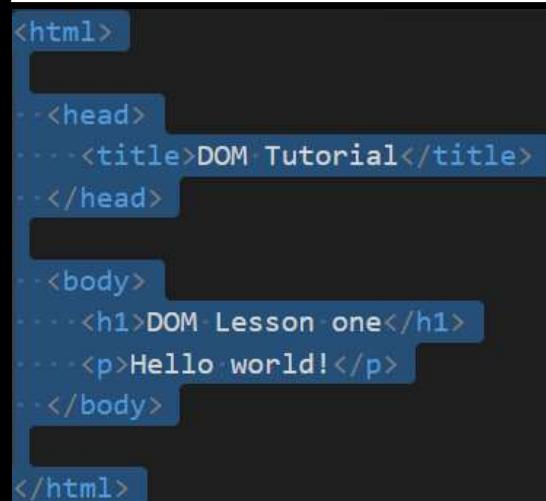
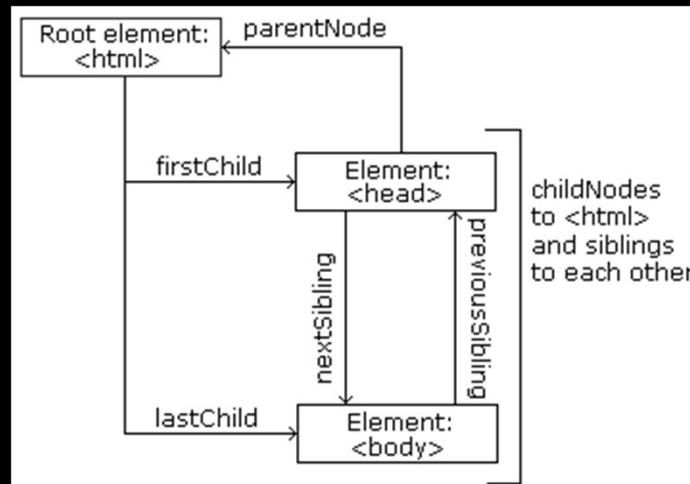
Every **node** has exactly one **parent**, except the **root** (which has no **parent**).

A **node** can have a number of **children**.

**Siblings** (brothers or sisters) are **nodes** with the same **parent**.

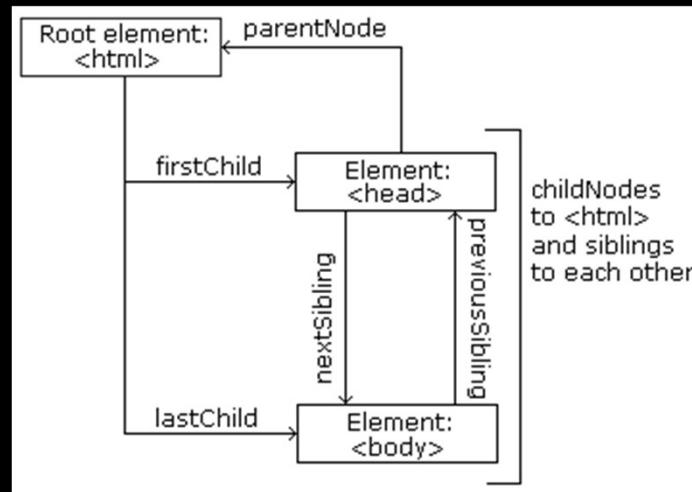
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[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_dom\\_navigation.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_dom_navigation.asp)



# HTML DOM Navigation 3

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>DOM Tutorial</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>DOM Lesson one</h1>
    <p>Hello world!</p>
  </body>
</html>
```



From the html above you can read: `<html>` is the **root node**/`<html>` has no **parents** /`<html>` is the **parent** of `<head>` and `<body>`/`<head>` is the first **child** of `<html>`/`<body>` is the last **child** of `<html>`.

and:

| `<head>` has one **child**: `<title>`/`<title>` has one **child** (a text node): "DOM Tutorial"/`<body>` has two **children**: `<h1>` and `<p>`/`<h1>` has one **child**: "DOM Lesson one"/`<p>` has one **child**: "Hello world!"/`<h1>` and `<p>` are **siblings**.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_htmldom\\_navigation.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_htmldom_navigation.asp)

# HTML DOM Navigation 4

Navigating Between **Nodes**:

You can use the following **node** properties to navigate between **nodes** with **JavaScript**:

**parentNode**

**childNodes[nodenumber]**

**firstChild**

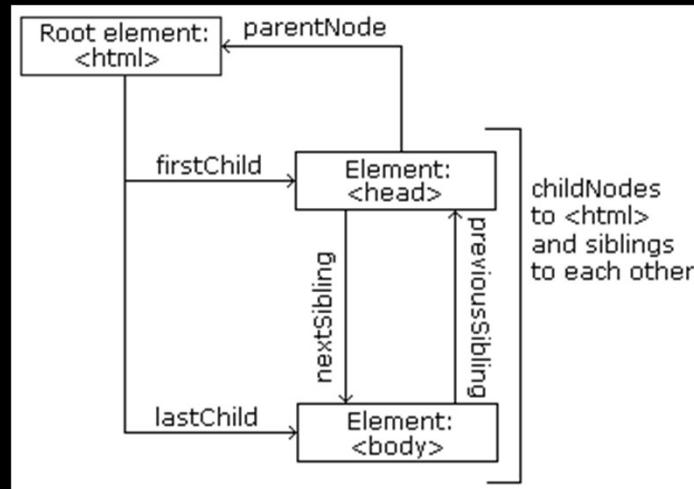
**lastChild**

**nextSibling**

**previousSibling**

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_dom\\_navigation.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_dom_navigation.asp)



```
<html>
  ...
  -> <head>
    -> <title>DOM Tutorial</title>
    -> </head>
    ...
    -> <body>
      -> <h1>DOM Lesson one</h1>
      -> <p>Hello world!</p>
      -> </body>
  ...
</html>
```

# HTML DOM: Element Interface

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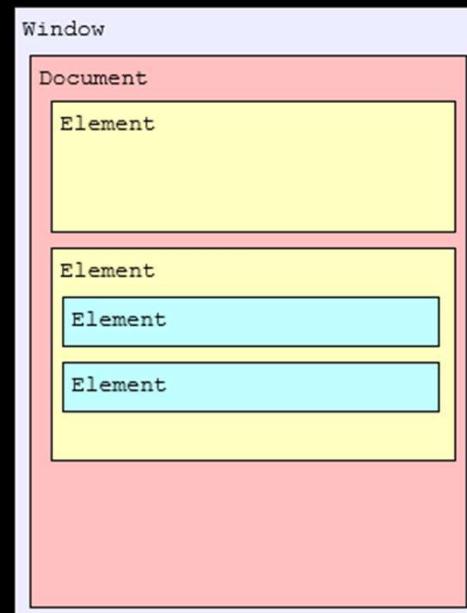
Nodes do not have any concept of including the content that is actually displayed in the document. They are empty vessels.

The fundamental notion of a **node** that can represent visual content is introduced by the **Element interface**.

An **Element object instance** represents a single **element** in a document created using either **HTML** or an **XML** vocabulary such as **SVG**.

For example, consider a document with two **elements**, one of which has two more **elements** nested inside it:

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/HTML\\_DOM\\_API](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/HTML_DOM_API)



While the **Document interface** is defined as part of the **DOM** specification, the **HTML** specification significantly enhances it to add information specific to using the **DOM** in the context of a web browser, as well as to using it to represent **HTML** documents specifically.

# HTML DOM: HTML Element Interface

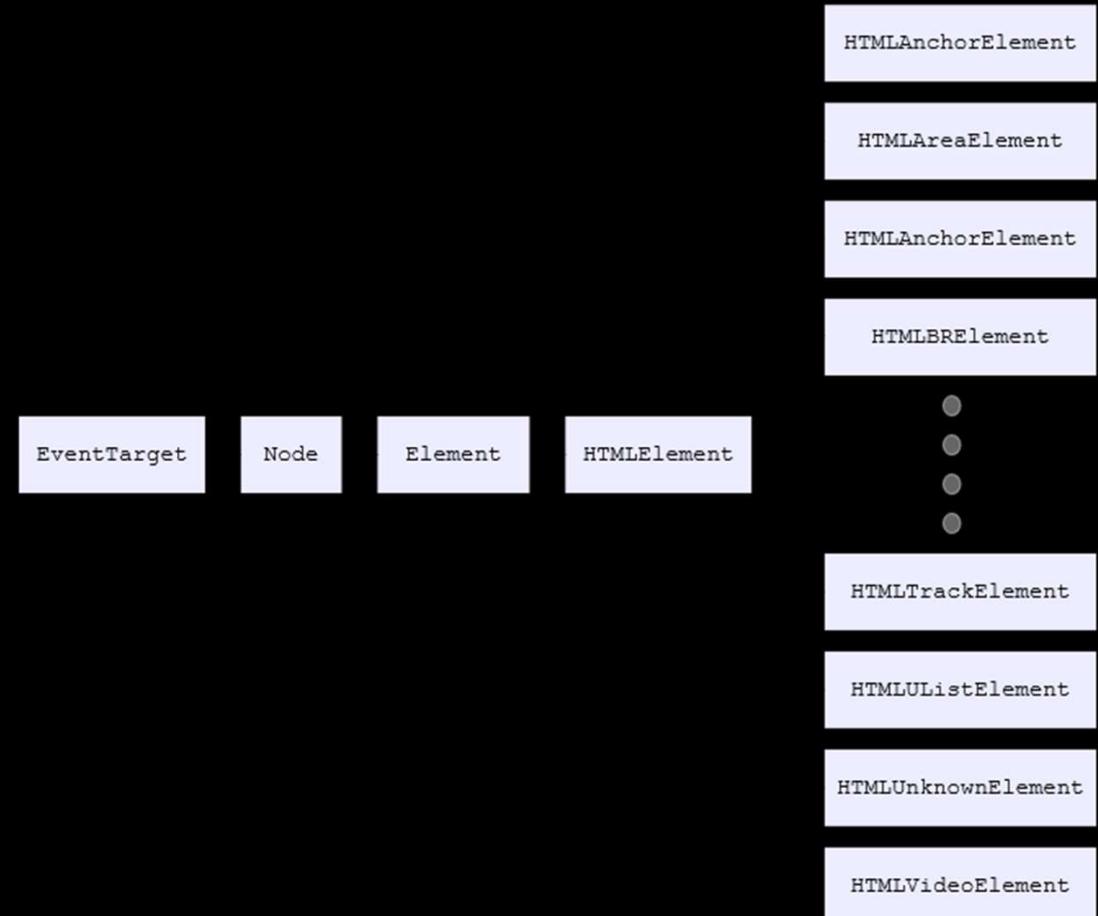
In order to expand upon the functionality of the core `HTMLElement` interface to provide the features needed by a specific `element`, the `HTMLElement` class is subclassed to add the needed properties and methods.

For example, the `<canvas>` element is represented by an object of type `HTMLCanvasElement`.

`HTMLCanvasElement` augments the `HTMLElement` type by adding properties such as height and methods like `getContext()` to provide `canvas-specific` features.

The overall inheritance for `HTML` element classes looks like this:

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/HTML\\_DOM\\_API](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/HTML_DOM_API)



# HTML DOM Methods

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HTML DOM methods are actions you can perform (on HTML Elements).

HTML DOM properties are values (of HTML Elements) that you can set or change.

The HTML DOM can be accessed with JavaScript (and with other programming languages).

In the DOM, all HTML elements are defined as objects.

The programming interface is the properties and methods of each object.

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_dom\\_methods.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_dom_methods.asp)

A property is a value that you can get or set (like changing the content of an HTML element).

A method is an action you can do (like add or deleting an HTML element).

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <h2>My First Page</h2>
5 <p id="demo"></p>
6 <script>
7 document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Hello World!";
8 </script>
9 </body>
10 </html>
```

The above example changes the content (the innerHTML) of the <p> element with id="demo":

In the example above, getElementById is a method, while innerHTML is a property.

# HTML DOM Events

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An **HTML event** can be something the browser does, or something a user does.

Here are some examples of **HTML events**:

- HTML web page has finished loading
- HTML input field was changed
- HTML button was clicked

Often, when **events** happen, you may want to do something. **JavaScript** lets you execute code when events are detected.

Sources:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_events.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_events.asp) and  
[https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Document\\_Object\\_Model/Introduction](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Document_Object_Model/Introduction)

HTML allows **event handler attributes**, with **JavaScript** code, to be added to HTML elements.

It is more common to see **event attributes** calling functions.

The **Event interface** represents an **event** which takes place in the **DOM**.

The **Document Object Model (DOM)** is a programming interface for **HTML** and **XML** documents. A Web page is a **document**.

This article offers a list of **events**:

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Events>

# HTML DOM Events 2

Event	Description
onchange	An HTML element has been changed
onclick	The user clicks an HTML element
onmouseover	The user moves the mouse over an HTML element
onmouseout	The user moves the mouse away from an HTML element
onkeydown	The user pushes a keyboard key
onload	The browser has finished loading the page

## Common HTML Events:

Here is a list of some common **HTML events**: **Event handlers** can be used to handle, and verify, user input, user actions, and browser actions. Many different methods can be used to let **JavaScript** work with **events**.

DOM **Events** are sent to notify code of interesting things that have taken place. Each **event** is represented by an **object** which is based on the **Event interface** and may have additional custom fields and/or functions used to get additional information about what happened.

**Events** can represent everything from basic user interactions to automated notifications of things happening in the **rendering model**. Some are **standard events** defined in official specifications, while others are **events** used internally by specific browsers.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_events.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_events.asp) and <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Events>

# HTML DOM Events 3

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```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <!-- In the following example, an onclick attribute (with code), is added to a <button> element: //-->
5 <button onclick="document.getElementById('demo').innerHTML=Date()">The time is?</button>
6 <!-- In the example above, the JavaScript code changes the content of the element with id="demo".>
7 In the next example, the code changes the content of its own element (using this.innerHTML): //-->
8 <button onclick="this.innerHTML=Date()">The time is?</button>
9 <!-- JavaScript code is often several lines long. It is more common to see<br>
10 event attributes calling functions: -->
11 <p>Click the button to display the date.</p>
12 <button onclick="displayDate()">The time is?</button>
13 <script>
14   ....function displayDate() {
15     .... document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = Date();
16   }
17 </script>
18 <p id="demo"></p>
19 </body>
20 </html>
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_events.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_events.asp)

# HTML DOM Events 4

The time is? The time is?

Click the button to display the date.

The time is?

The time is? The time is?

Click the button to display the date.

The time is?

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The time is? The time is?

Click the button to display the date.

The time is?

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Click the button to display the date.

The time is?

The time is? The time is?

Click the button to display the date.

The time is?

Click the button to display the date.

The time is?

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Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs\\_event\\_onclick](https://www.w3schools.com/js/tryit.asp?filename=tryjs_event_onclick)

# The Browser Object Model (BOM)

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There are no official standards for the **Browser Object Model (BOM)**.

The **window object** is supported by all browsers. It represents the **browser's window**. The **Document Object Model (DOM)** is an architecture that describes the structure of a **document**.

All global JavaScript **objects, functions**, and **variables** automatically become members of the **window object**.

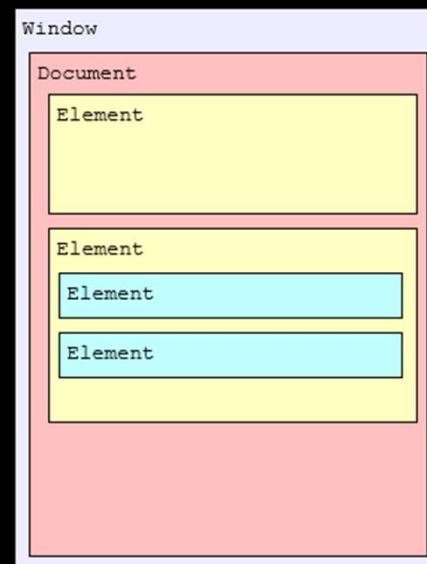
**Global variables** are properties of the **window object**.

**Global functions** are methods of the **window object**.

The **document object** (of the **HTML DOM**) is a property of the **window object**:

Source:  
[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_window.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_window.asp)

On the MDN Mozilla web pages **window** and **Web API** are used instead of **BOM** (**BOM** is not mentioned at all).



Sources: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Window> and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/HTML\\_DOM\\_API](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/HTML_DOM_API)

# The Browser Object Model (BOM) 2

BOM main task is to manage browser windows and enable communication between the windows.

Each HTML page which is loaded into a browser window becomes a **Document object** and **document object** is an **object** in the BOM.

You can say BOM is super set of DOM. BOM has many **objects**, **methods**, and **properties** that are not the part of the **DOM structure**. The important BOM **objects** and **methods** are as:

- document
- location
- history
- navigator
- screen
- frames

```
1 // The document object (of the HTML DOM)  
2 // is a property of the window object:  
3 window.document.getElementById("header");  
4 // is the same as:  
5 document.getElementById("header");  
6 // Many methods can be written  
7 // without the window prefix  
8 // like Popup Boxes window.alert(),  
9 // window.confirm() and window.prompt().  
10 alert("I am an alert box!");
```

- popup alert
- timing
- cookies

Sources: <https://www.dotnettricks.com/learn/javascript/dom-bom> and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_window.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_window.asp)

# Where to place Javascript

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en">
3 <head>
4   <meta charset="UTF-8">
5   <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
6   <title>Document</title>
7   <script src="javascript.js"></script>
8 </head>
9 <body>
10  <script>console.log("Hello World!")</script>
11 </body>
12 </html>
```

- ❑ Option 1 In HTML, JavaScript code must be inserted between `<script>` and `</script>` tags. Scripts can be placed in the `<body>`, or in the `<head>` section of an HTML page, or in both. Placing scripts at the bottom of the `<body>` element improves the display speed, because script interpretation slows down the display.
- ❑ Option 2 Scripts can also be placed in external files. JavaScript files have the file extension `.js`. To use an external script, put the name of the script file in the `src` (source) attribute of a `<script>` tag.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_whereto.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_whereto.asp)

# Modules

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JavaScript programs can be in separate **modules** being imported when needed. Node.js has had this ability for a long time, and there are a number of **JavaScript libraries** and **frameworks** that enable **module** usage (for example, other CommonJS and AMD-based **module** systems like **RequireJS**, and more recently **Webpack** and **Babel**).

Exporting **module** features: The first thing you do to get access to module features is export them. This is done using the **export** statement.

You can export functions, **var**, **let**, **const**, and **classes**. They need to be **top-level items**; you can't use **export** inside a function, for example.

A more convenient way of exporting all the items you want to export is to use a single **export** statement at the end of your **module file**, followed by a comma-separated list of the features you want to export wrapped in curly braces. For example:

```
export { name, draw, reportArea, reportPerimeter };
```

Importing features into your script

Once you've exported some features out of your **module**, you need to import them into your script to be able to use them. The simplest way to do this is as follows:

```
import { name, draw, reportArea, reportPerimeter } from  
'./modules/square.js';
```

You use the **import** statement, followed by a comma-separated list of the features you want to import wrapped in curly braces, followed by the keyword **from**, followed by the path to the **module file**.

We are using the dot **(.)** syntax to mean "the current location", followed by the path beyond that to the file we are trying to find. This is much better than writing out the entire relative path each time, as it is shorter, and it makes the URL portable.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Modules>

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## Applying the module to your [HTML](#)

Now we just need to apply the main.js module to our [HTML](#) page. This is very similar to how we apply a regular script to a page, with a few notable differences.

First of all, you need to include `type="module"` in the `<script>` element, to declare this script as a [module](#):

```
<script type="module" src="main.js"></script>
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Modules>

The script into which you import the [module features](#) basically acts as the [top-level module](#). If you omit it, Firefox for example gives you an error of "SyntaxError: import declarations may only appear at top level of a [module](#)".

You can only use import and export statements inside [modules](#); not regular scripts.

Note! You can also import [modules](#) into internal scripts, as long as you include `type="module"`, for example `<script type="module"> //include script here </script>`.

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Default exports versus named exports:

The functionality we've exported so far has been comprised of named exports — each item (be it a `function`, `const`, etc.) has been referred to by its name upon export, and that name has been used to refer to it on import as well.

There is also a type of export called the default export — this is designed to make it easy to have a default function provided by a `module`, and also helps `JavaScript modules` to interoperate with existing `CommonJS` and AMD `module systems`.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Modules>

Aside: `.mjs` versus `.js`

Throughout this article, we've used `.js` extensions for our `module files`, but in other resources you may see the `.mjs` extension used instead. `V8's` documentation recommends this, for example.

The reasons given are:

It is good for clarity, i.e. it makes it clear which files are `modules`, and which are regular `JavaScript`.

It ensures that your `module files` are parsed as a `module` by runtimes such as `Node.js`, and build tools such as `Babel`.

However, we decided to keep to using `.js`.

# Modules 4

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```
1 // Let's look at an example as we explain how it works.  
2 // In our basic-modules-square.js you can find a function  
3 // called randomSquare() that creates a square with a random color,  
4 // size, and position. We want to export this as our default,  
5 // so at the bottom of the file we write this:  
6 export default randomSquare;  
7 // Note the lack of curly braces. We could instead prepend export  
8 // default onto the function and define it as an anonymous function:  
9 export default function(ctx) {  
10   ...  
11 }  
12 // Over in our main.js file, we import the default function using  
13 // this line:  
14 import randomSquare from './modules/square.js';  
15 // Again, note the lack of curly braces. This is because there is  
16 // only one default export allowed per module, and we know that  
17 // randomSquare is it. The above line is basically shorthand for:  
18 import {default as randomSquare} from './modules/square.js';
```

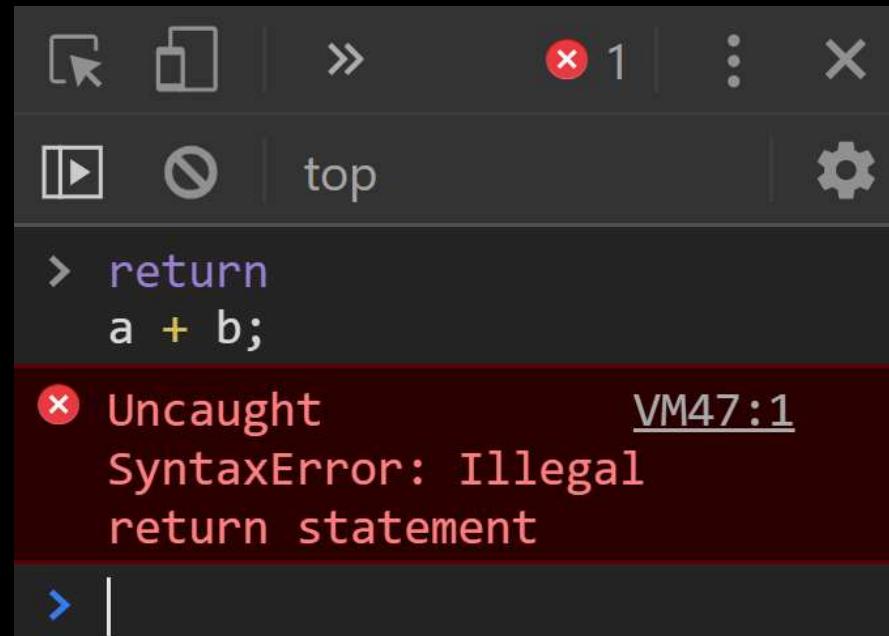
Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Modules>

# Automatic semicolon insertion (ASI)

```
1 // The return statement is affected by automatic
2 // semicolon insertion (ASI).
3 // No line terminator is allowed between
4 // the return keyword and the expression.
5 return
6 a + b;
7 // Under the hood return statement is transformed
8 // by ASI into:
9 return;
10 a + b;
11 // The console will throw an error
12 // To avoid this problem (to prevent ASI),
13 // you could use parentheses:
14 return (
15   a + b
16 );
```

On the line 9 a semi-colon is automatically inserted by ASI.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/return>



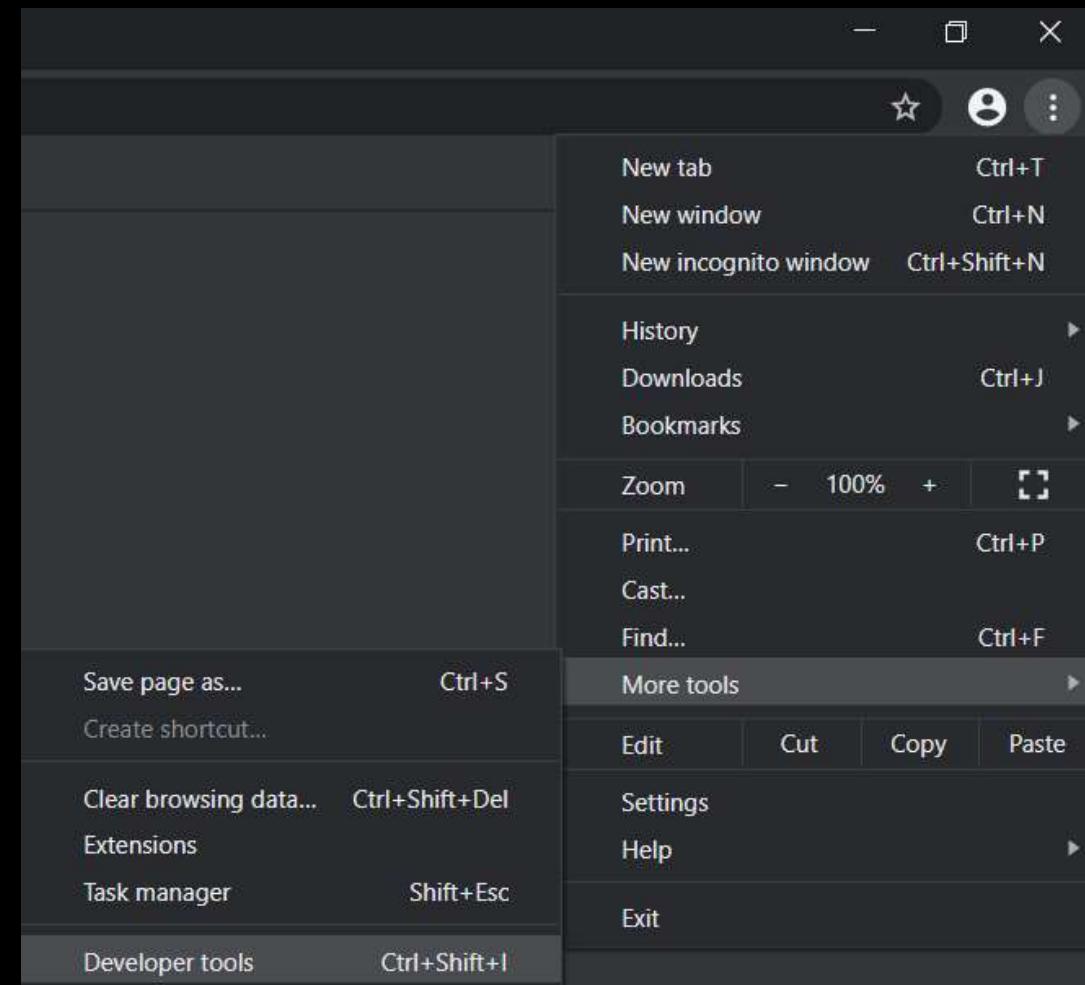
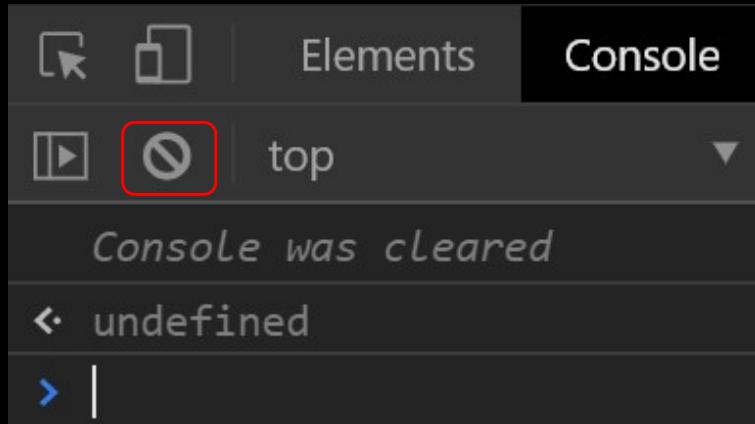
This is a Google Chrome web browser screenshot of a console.

It is recommended to use Google Chrome web browser over Edge or Internet Explorer browsers.

# Web Browser Console

You can access Google Chrome web browser console by opening the browser and selecting three dots from the upper right corner – more tools – developer tools or with a key combination **ctrl +shift+i** or with a **keystroke of F12**

You can clear the console by writing **clear()** to the console and press enter or by clicking the sign circled in red or with a key combination **Ctrl + L**.



# Web Browser Console 2

```
1 // Styling console output: You can use the %c directive
2 // to apply a CSS style to console output:
3 console.log("This is %cMy log", "color: yellow;background-color: blue;padding: 2px");
4 // The text before the directive will not be affected, but the text after the directive
5 // will be styled using the CSS declarations in the parameter.
6 // Note: The console message behaves like an inline element by default. To see the effects
7 // of padding, margin, etc. you should set it to for example display: inline-block.|> console.log("This is %cMy log", "color: yellow;background-color: blue;padding: 2px");
```

This is My log

↳ undefined

Anything you type into the `console` at the prompt will be evaluated as a `Javascript expression` and the results of the `expression` will be echoed beneath the command prompt. If an error occurs, the `stack trace` of the `error` will be output instead. If the `expression` doesn't `return` a value, the `console` will report `undefined`. It's just letting you know that the previous expression didn't return a `result`.

Sources: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Console> and <https://commandlinefanatic.com/cgi-bin/showarticle.cgi?article=art041>

# Web Browser Console 3

```
> console.log("This is the outer level");
  console.group("First group");
    console.log("In the first group");
    console.group("Second group");
      console.log("In the second group");
      console.warn("Still in the second group");
      console.groupEnd();
    console.log("Back to the first group");
    console.groupEnd();
  console.debug("Back to the outer level");

This is the outer level
```

## First group

In the first group

### Second group

In the second group

⚠️ ▶ Still in the second group

Back to the first group

↳ undefined

From left to right: Using groups in the `console`,  
using string substitutions, timers and `stack traces`.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/console>

```
> for (var i=0; i<5; i++) {
  console.log("Hello, %s. You've called me %d times.", "Bob", i+1);
}

Hello, Bob. You've called me 1 times.
Hello, Bob. You've called me 2 times.
Hello, Bob. You've called me 3 times.
Hello, Bob. You've called me 4 times.
Hello, Bob. You've called me 5 times.

< undefined
```

```
> console.time("answer time");
  alert("Click to continue");
  console.timeLog("answer time");
  alert("Do a bunch of other stuff...");
  console.timeEnd("answer time");

answer time: 2912.160888671875ms
answer time: 5076.694091796875ms

< undefined
```

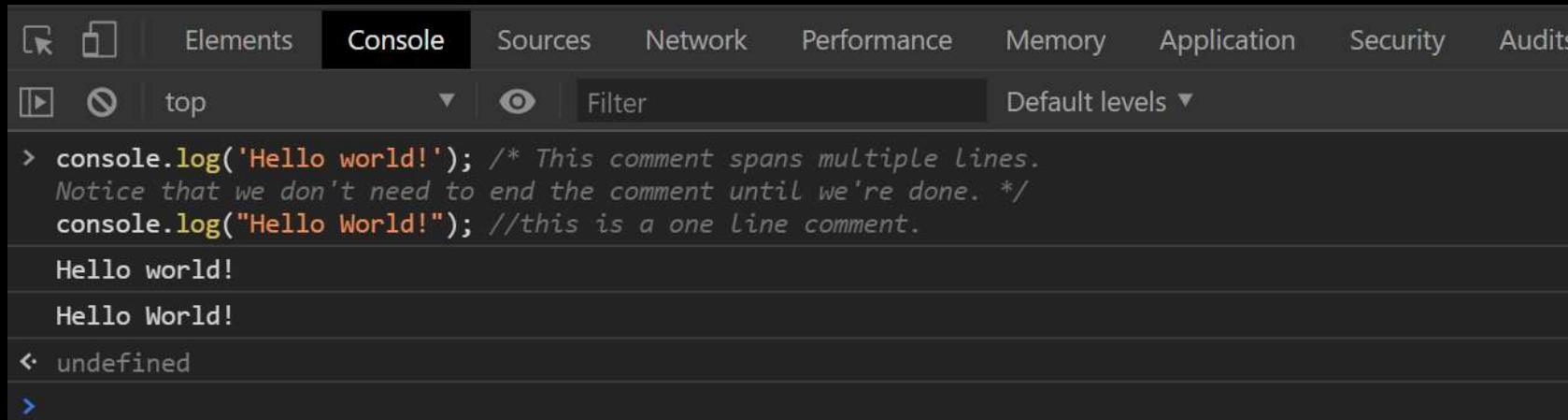
```
> function foo() {
  function bar() {
    console.trace();
  }
  bar();
}

foo();

▼ console.trace
  bar          @ VM41:3
  foo          @ VM41:5
  (anonymous) @ VM41:8

< undefined
```

# Console.log()



The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools interface with the 'Console' tab selected. The console output window displays the following:

```
> console.log('Hello world!'); /* This comment spans multiple Lines.  
Notice that we don't need to end the comment until we're done. */  
console.log("Hello World!"); //this is a one line comment.  
  
Hello world!  
Hello World!  
< undefined  
>
```

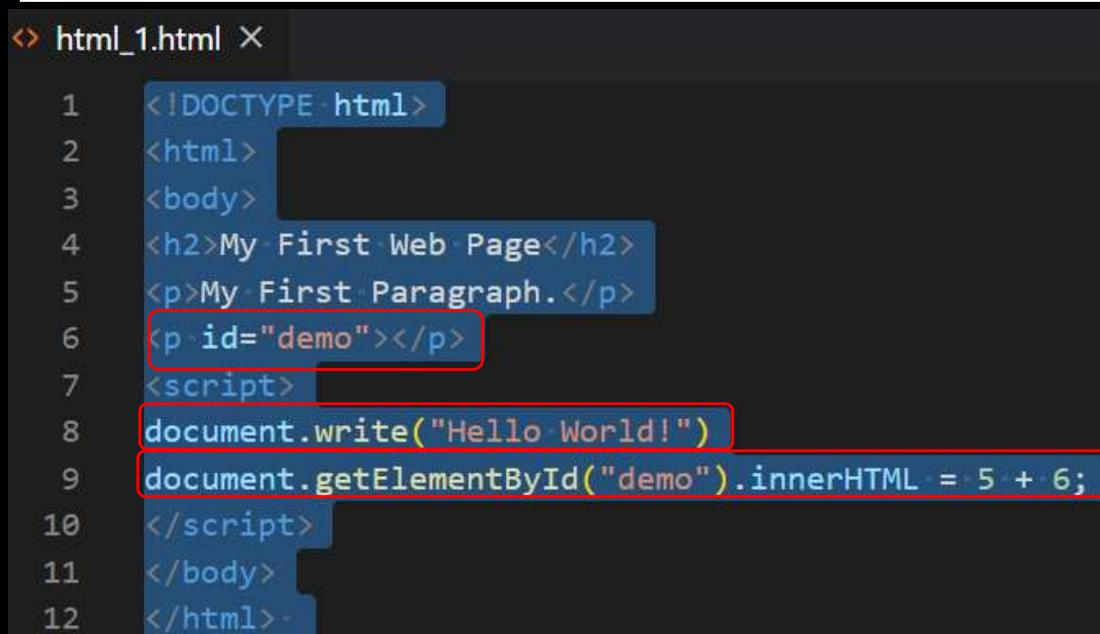
It is possible to test your **Javascript** by using **console.log()** in the browser console. At the end, **console.log()** always prints a newline. Therefore, if you call it with zero arguments, it just prints a newline.

**JavaScript** accepts both ‘double’ and ‘single’ quotes. You can use quotes inside a **string**, as long as they don't match the quotes surrounding the **string**. ”I am John 'the man'” and 'I am John ”the man”'.

**JavaScript** comments: **Single line comments** start with **//**. **JavaScript Block comments**: **Multi-line comments** start with **/\*** and end with **\*/**. Use single line comments. **Block comments** are often used for formal documentation.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_intro.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_intro.asp) and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_comments.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_comments.asp)

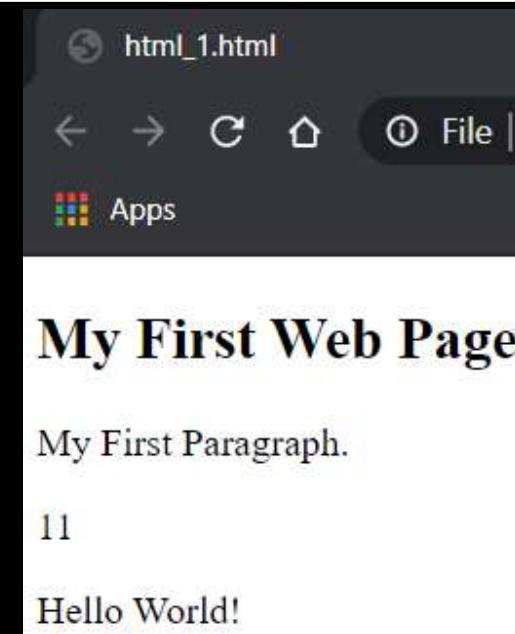
# Document.write() and Document.getElementById()



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <h2>My First Web Page</h2>
5 <p>My First Paragraph.</p>
6 <p id="demo"></p>
7 <script>
8 document.write("Hello World!")
9 document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = 5 + 6;
10 </script>
11 </body>
12 </html>
```

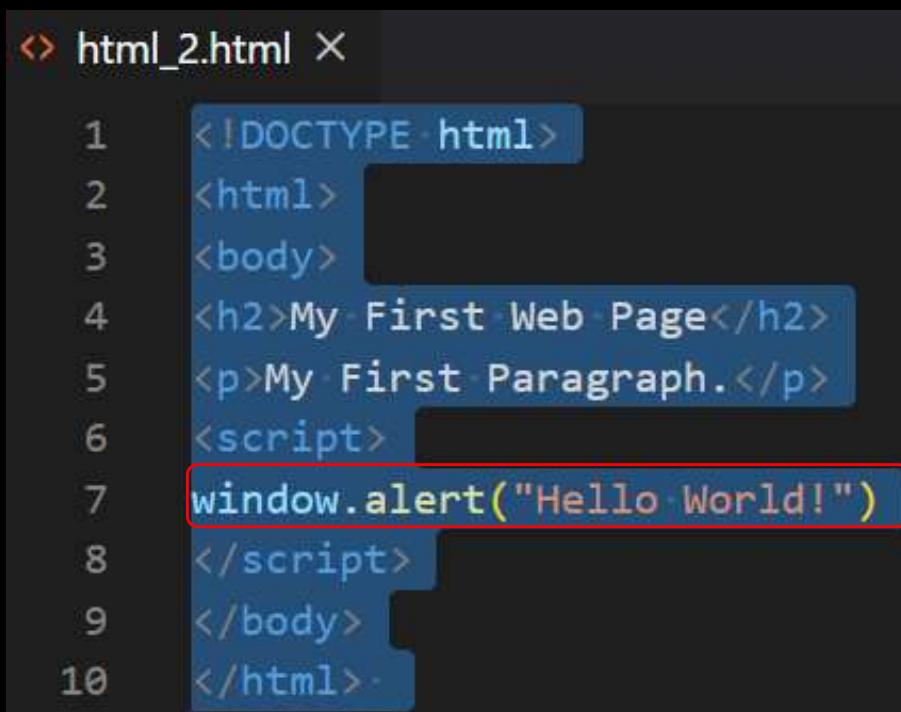
For testing purposes, it is convenient to use `document.write()`. **WARNING !** Using `document.write()` after an `HTML` document is loaded, will delete all existing `HTML`.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_output.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_output.asp)

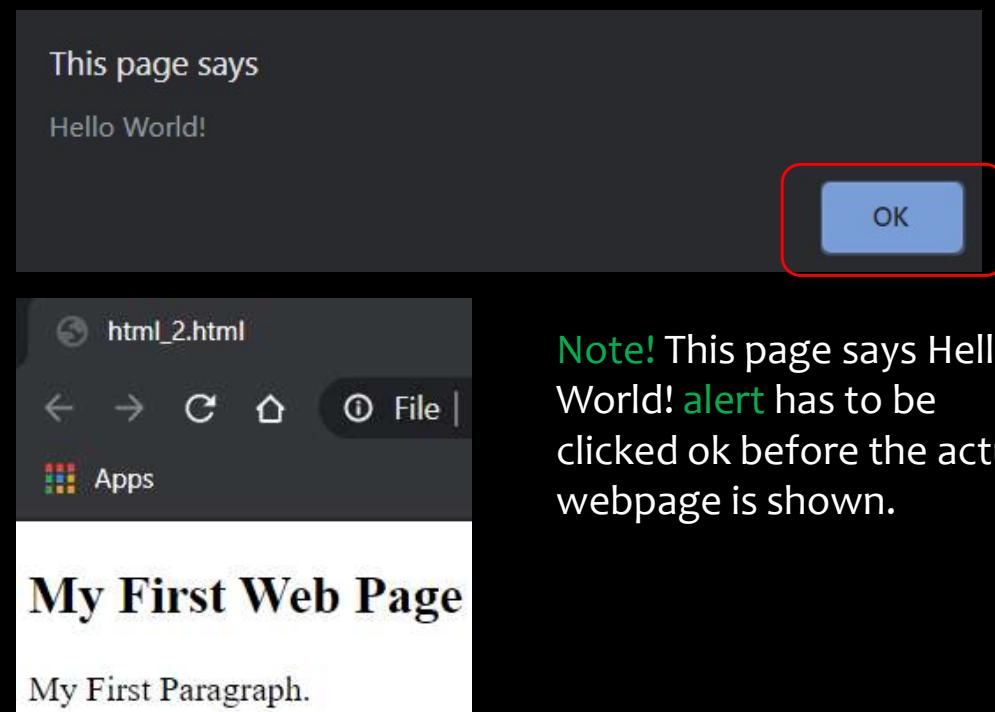


To access an `HTML` element, `JavaScript` can use the `document.getElementById(id)` method. The `id` attribute defines the `HTML` element. The `innerHTML` property defines the `HTML` content.

# Window.alert()



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <h2>My First Web Page</h2>
5 <p>My First Paragraph.</p>
6 <script>
7 window.alert("Hello World!")
8 </script>
9 </body>
10 </html>
```

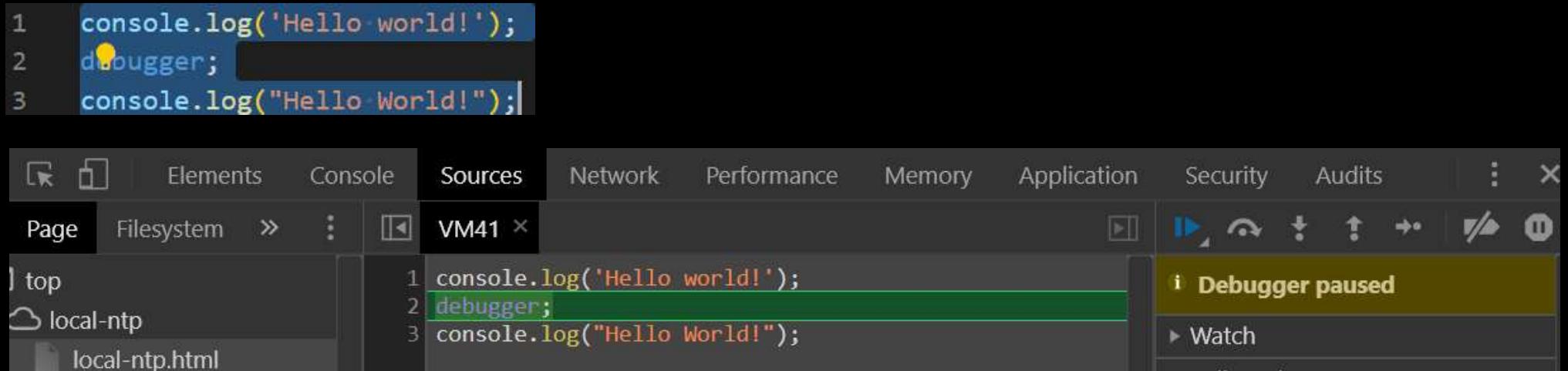


Note! This page says Hello World! `alert` has to be clicked ok before the actual webpage is shown.

The `alert()` method displays an `alert box` with a specified message and an `OK` button. An `alert box` is often used if you want to make sure information comes through to the user.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_output.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_output.asp)

# Debugger



Searching for (and fixing) errors in programming code is called code **debugging**. The first known computer bug was a real bug (an insect) stuck in the electronics. Errors are also called bugs.

The **debugger** keyword stops the execution of **JavaScript**, and calls (if available) the debugging function.

In the **debugger window**, you can set breakpoints in the **JavaScript** code. At each breakpoint, **JavaScript** will stop executing, and let you examine **JavaScript** values. After examining values, you can resume the execution of code (typically with a play button).

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_debugging.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_debugging.asp)

# V8 Javascript Engine

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V8 is Google's open source high-performance JavaScript and WebAssembly engine, written in C++.

It is used in Chrome and in Node.js, among others. It implements ECMAScript and WebAssembly, and runs on Windows 7 or later, macOS 10.12+, and Linux systems that use x64, IA-32, ARM, or MIPS processors.

V8 can run standalone or can be embedded into any C++ application.

V8 compiles and executes JavaScript source code, handles memory allocation for objects, and garbage collects objects it no longer needs. V8's stop-the-world, generational, accurate garbage collector is one of the keys to V8's performance.

JavaScript is commonly used for client-side scripting in a browser, being used to manipulate Document Object Model (DOM) objects for example. The DOM is not, however, typically provided by the JavaScript engine but instead by a browser.

The same is true of V8. Google Chrome provides the DOM. V8 does however provide all the data types, operators, objects and functions specified in the ECMA standard.

V8 enables any C++ application to expose its own objects and functions to JavaScript code. It's up to you to decide on the objects and functions you would like to expose to JavaScript.

Sources: <https://v8.dev/> and <https://v8.dev/docs>

# Browser Engine: Rendering Engines and Javascript Engines

Browser Engine comprises of two parts: Rendering Engine and Javascript Engine						
Browser	Crome	Internet Explorer	Firefox	Edge	Opera	Safari
Rendering Engine	Blink	Trident	Gecko	EdgeHTML	Blink	WebKit
Javascript Engine	V8	Chakra	SpiderMonkey	Chakra	V8	Nitro

A **browser engine** can be thought of as the heart of a browser, it helps to present the content of a website after you hit the URL of the web address you wish to visit. It does so by understanding the **HTML**, **CSS**, and **JavaScript** written on your web page.

A **browser engine** is responsible for everything from the text you see in the **HTML** code to the graphical presentation of that code on the browser with the help of **Javascript engine** and **rendering engine**.

**Browser engines** are uniquely designed for every browser leading to cross browser compatibility issues.

Source: <https://www.lambdatest.com/blog/browser-engines-the-crux-of-cross-browser-compatibility/>

# Memory Management

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JavaScript automatically allocates memory when objects are created and frees it when they are not used anymore (**garbage collection**).

**Memory life cycle:** Regardless of the programming language, the **memory life cycle** is pretty much always the same.

- ❑ Allocate the memory you need.
- ❑ Use the allocated memory (read, write).
- ❑ Release the allocated memory when it is not needed anymore.

The second part is explicit in all languages. The first and last parts are explicit in low-level languages but are mostly implicit in high-level languages like **JavaScript**.

JavaScript, utilize a form of automatic **memory management** known as **garbage collection (GC)**.

The purpose of a **garbage collector** is to monitor memory allocation and determine when a block of allocated memory is no longer needed and reclaim it.

This automatic process is an approximation since the general problem of determining whether or not a specific piece of memory is still needed is undecidable.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Memory\\_Management](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Memory_Management)

# Memory Management 2

```
1 // Value initialization: In order to not bother the programmer with allocations,
2 // JavaScript will automatically allocate memory when values are initially declared.
3 var n = 123; // allocates memory for a number
4 var s = 'azerty'; // allocates memory for a string
5 var o = {
6   a: 1,
7   b: null
8 }; // allocates memory for an object and contained values
9 // ~~~~~
10 // (like object) allocates memory for the array and contained values
11 var a = [1, null, 'abra'];
12 // ~~~~~
13 function f(a) {
14   return a + 2;
15 } // allocates a function (which is a callable object)
16 // ~~~~~
17 // function expressions also allocate an object
18 someElement.addEventListener('click', function() {
19   someElement.style.backgroundColor = 'blue';
20 }, false);
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Memory\\_Management](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Memory_Management)

# Syntax: Overview

```
1 // An Overview of the Syntax. A few examples of syntax:  
2 // Two slashes start single-line comments  
3 var x; // declaring a variable  
4 x = 3 + y; // assigning a value to the variable `x`  
5 foo(x, y); // calling function `foo` with parameters `x` and `y`  
6 obj.bar(3); // calling method `bar` of object `obj`  
7 // A conditional statement  
8 if (x === 0) { // Is `x` equal to zero?  
9   x = 123;  
10 }  
11 // Defining function `baz` with parameters `a` and `b`  
12 function baz(a, b) {  
13   return a + b;  
14 }  
15 // Note the two different uses of the equals sign: A single equals sign (=)  
16 // is used to assign a value to a variable. A triple equals sign (==)  
17 // is used to compare two values  
18 // ~~~~~  
19 // Compound Assignment Operators: There are compound assignment operators such as +=.  
20 // The following two assignments are equivalent:  
21 x += 1;  
22 x = x + 1;
```

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pL28CcEijU>

What the... JavaScript? | Kyle Simpson

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aX3ZA BCdC38>

dotJS 2017 A Brief History of JavaScript | Brendan Eich

Source: <http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html>

# Syntax: Trailing Commas

```
1 // Trailing commas in parameter definitions are now legal:  
2 function foo(  
3   param1,  
4   param2, ←  
5 ) {}  
6 // Similarly, trailing commas in function calls are now also legal:  
7 foo(  
8   'abc',  
9   'def', ←  
10 );  
11 // Trailing commas are ignored in object literals:  
12 let obj = {  
13   first: 'Jane',  
14   last: 'Doe', ←  
15 };  
16 // And they are also ignored in Array literals:  
17 let arr = [  
18   'red',  
19   'green',  
20   'blue', ←  
21 ];  
22 console.log(arr.length); // 3
```

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/es2016-es2017/ch\\_trailing-comma-parameters.html](https://exploringjs.com/es2016-es2017/ch_trailing-comma-parameters.html)

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fX5HhsINAhc>  
Promises, Generators, Async (JavaScript training) | Kyle Simpson

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rWoH5FvWeA>  
The Functional Programming Concept You Should be Using Right now | Bianca Gandolfo

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W6zoAmYVK8>  
JavaScript Fundamentals for Functional Programming (JavaScript training) | Bianca Gandolfo

# Syntax: Semicolons

```
1 // Rule of thumb for semicolons
2 // Each statement is terminated by a semicolon:
3 const x = 3; ←
4 someFunction('abc'); ←
5 i++; ←
6 // except statements ending with blocks:
7 function foo() {
8   // ...
9 } ←
10 if (y > 0) {
11   // ...
12 } ←
13 // The following case is slightly tricky:
14 const func = () => {}; // semicolon! ←
15 // The whole const declaration (a statement) ends with a semicolon, but inside it,
16 // there is an arrow function expression. That is, it's not the statement per se.
17 // that ends with a curly brace; it's the embedded arrow function expression.
18 // That's why there is a semicolon at the end.
```

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQVTIJBZook>  
JavaScript: The Good Parts | Douglas Crockford

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lil4YCCXRyc>  
Async Programming in ES7 JSConf US 2015 | Jafar Husain

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch\\_syntax.html#semicolons](https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch_syntax.html#semicolons)

# Syntax: Statements versus Expressions

```
1 // To understand JavaScript's syntax, you should know that it has two major syntactic categories: statements and expressions: Statements "do things." A program is a sequence of statements.
2 // Here is an example of a statement, which declares (creates) a variable foo:
3 var foo;
4
5 // Expressions produce values. They are function arguments, the right side of an assignment, etc.
6 // Here's an example of an expression:
7 3 * 7
8 // The distinction between statements and expressions is best illustrated by the fact that
9 // JavaScript has two different ways to do if-then-else-either as a statement:
10 var x;
11 if (y >= 0) {
12   x = y;
13 } else {
14   x = -y;
15 }
16 // or as an expression:
17 var x = y >= 0 ? y : -y;
18 // You can use the latter as a function argument (but not the former):
19 myFunction(y >= 0 ? y : -y)
20 // Finally, wherever JavaScript expects a statement, you can also use an expression; for example:
21 foo(7, 1);
22 // The whole line is a statement (a so-called expression statement),
23 // but the function call foo(7, 1) is an expression.
```

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qouPzSryggk>  
Netflix JavaScript Talks - Human Performance | Jem Young

Source: <http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html>

# Syntax: Statements versus expressions 2

```
1 // Statements: A statement is a piece of code that can be executed and  
2 // performs some kind of action. For example, if is a statement:  
3 let myStr;  
4 if (myBool) {  
5   myStr = 'Yes';  
6 } else {  
7   myStr = 'No';  
8 }  
9 // One more example of a statement: a function declaration.  
10 function twice(x) {  
11   return x + x;  
12 }  
13 // An expression is a piece of code that can be evaluated to produce a value.  
14 // For example, the code between the parentheses is an expression:  
15 let myStr = (myBool ? 'Yes' : 'No');  
16 // The operator _?:_ used between the parentheses is called the ternary operator.  
17 // It is the expression version of the if statement.  
18 // More examples of expressions. We enter expressions and the REPL evaluates them for us:  
19 'ab' + 'cd' // 'abcd'  
20 Number('123') // 123  
21 true || false // true
```

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch\\_syntax.html#an-overview-of-javascripts-syntax](https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch_syntax.html#an-overview-of-javascripts-syntax)

## Video Tip!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aGhZQkoFbQ>

What the heck is the event loop anyway? JSConf EU | Philip Roberts

# Syntax: Statements versus expressions 3

```
1 // The current location within JavaScript source code determines which
2 // kind of syntactic constructs you are allowed to use:
3 // The body of a function must be a sequence of statements:
4 function max(x, y) {
5   if (x > y) {
6     return x;
7   } else {
8     return y;
9   }
10 }
11 // The arguments of a function call or a method call must be expressions:
12 console.log('ab' + 'cd', Number('123'));
13 // However, expressions can be used as statements. Then they are called expression statements.
14 // The opposite is not true: when the context requires an expression, you can't use a statement.
15 // The following code demonstrates that any expression bar() can be either
16 // expression or statement - it depends on the context:
17 function f() {
18   console.log(bar()); // bar() is expression
19   bar(); // bar(); is (expression) statement
20 }
```

## Video Tip!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exrc\\_rLj5iw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exrc_rLj5iw)  
An Introduction to Functions,  
Execution Context and the Call Stack  
(FULL VIDEO - Parts 1-3) | Will Sentance

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch\\_syntax.html#an-overview-of-javascripts-syntax](https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch_syntax.html#an-overview-of-javascripts-syntax)

# Ambiguous Syntax

```
1 //·JavaScript has several programming constructs that are syntactically ambiguous:  
2 //·the same syntax is interpreted differently, depending on whether it is used  
3 //·in statement context or in expression context.  
4 //💡 Same syntax: function declaration and function expression  
5 A function declaration is a statement:  
6 function id(x) {  
7   return x;  
8 }  
9 //·A function expression is an expression (right-hand side of =):  
10 const id = function me(x) {  
11   return x;  
12 };  
13 //·Same syntax: object literal and block  
14 //·In the following code, {} is an object literal:  
15 //·an expression that creates an empty object.  
16 const obj = {};  
17 //·This is an empty code block (a statement):  
18 {  
19 }
```

## Video Tip!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv\\_5Zv5c-Ts](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv_5Zv5c-Ts)  
JavaScript: Understanding the Weird Parts - The First 3.5 Hours | Tony Alicea

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch\\_syntax.html#an-overview-of-javascripts-syntax](https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch_syntax.html#an-overview-of-javascripts-syntax)

# Syntax: The Temporal Dead Zone

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A `variable` declared by `let` or `const` has a so-called **temporal dead zone (TDZ)**: When entering its `scope`, it can't be accessed (got or set) until execution reaches the `declaration`. Let's compare the life cycles of `var-declared variables` (which don't have TDZs) and `let-declared variables` (which have TDZs).

The life cycle of `var-declared variables`: `var variables` don't have `temporal dead zones`. Their life cycle comprises the following steps:

When the `scope` (its surrounding function) of a `var` variable is entered, storage space (a binding) is created for it. The variable is immediately initialized, by setting it to `undefined`.

When the execution within the scope reaches the `declaration`, the `variable` is set to the value specified by the `initializer` (an `assignment`) – if there is one. If there isn't, the value of the variable remains `undefined`.

The life cycle of `let-declared variables`: `Variables declared` via `let` have `temporal dead` zones and their life cycle looks like this:

When the `scope` (its `surrounding block`) of a `let variable` is entered, storage space (a binding) is created for it. The `variable` remains uninitialized. Getting or setting an uninitialized variable causes a `ReferenceError`.

When the execution within the `scope` reaches the `declaration`, the `variable` is set to the value specified by the `initializer` (an `assignment`) if there is one. If there isn't then the value of the `variable` is set to `undefined`. `const variables` work similarly to `let variables`, but they must have an `initializer` (i.e., be set to a value immediately) and can't be changed.

Source:

[https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch\\_variables.html#sec\\_temporal-dead-zone](https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch_variables.html#sec_temporal-dead-zone)

# Syntax: The Temporal Dead Zone 2

```
1 // Examples: Within a TDZ, an exception is thrown if a variable is got or set:  
2 let tmp = true;  
3 if (true) { // enter new scope, TDZ starts. Uninitialized binding for `tmp` is created  
4   console.log(tmp); // ReferenceError  
5   let tmp; // TDZ ends, `tmp` is initialized with `undefined`  
6   console.log(tmp); // undefined  
7   tmp = 123;  
8   console.log(tmp); // 123  
9 }  
10 console.log(tmp); // true  
11 // If there is an initializer then the TDZ ends after the initializer was evaluated  
12 // and the result was assigned to the variable:  
13 let foo = console.log(foo); // ReferenceError  
14 // The following code demonstrates that the dead zone is really temporal (based on time)  
15 // and not spatial (based on location):  
16 if (true) { // enter new scope, TDZ starts  
17   const func = function () {  
18     console.log(myVar); // OK!  
19   }; // Here we are within the TDZ and accessing `myVar` would cause a `ReferenceError`  
20   let myVar = 3; // TDZ ends  
21   func(); // called outside TDZ  
22 }
```

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch\\_variables.html#sec\\_temporal-dead-zone](https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch_variables.html#sec_temporal-dead-zone)

# Syntax: Static versus Dynamic

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```
1 // There are two angles from which you can examine the workings of a program:  
2 // Statically (or lexically): You examine the program as it exists in source code,  
3 // without running it. Given the following code, we can make the static assertion  
4 // that function g is nested inside function f:  
5 function f() {  
6     function g() {  
7         ...  
8     }  
9 }  
10 // The adjective lexical is used synonymously with static, because both pertain to the lexicon  
11 // (the words, the source) of the program.  
12 // Dynamically: You examine what happens while executing the program ("at runtime").  
13 // Given the following code:  
14 function g() {  
15 }  
16 function f() {  
17     ...  
18     g();  
19 }  
20 // when we call f(), it calls g(). During runtime, g being called by f  
21 // represents a dynamic relationship.
```

Source: [http://speakingjs.com/es5/ch16.html#\\_declaring\\_a\\_variable](http://speakingjs.com/es5/ch16.html#_declaring_a_variable)

# Escape Characters

Code	Result	Description
\'	'	Single quote
\\"	"	Double quote
\\"\\	\	Backslash

Code	Result
\b	Backspace
\f	Form Feed
\n	New Line
\r	Carriage Return
\t	Horizontal Tabulator
\v	Vertical Tabulator

```
1 // The sequence \" inserts a double quote in a string:  
2 var x = "We are the so-called \"Vikings\" from the north."  
3 // The sequence \' inserts a single quote in a string:  
4 var x = 'It\'s alright.'  
5 // The sequence \\ inserts a backslash in a string:  
6 var x = "The character \\ is called backslash."  
7 // The string will be chopped to "We are the so-called".  
8 var x = "We are the so-called \"Vikings\" from the north.";
```

The **escape characters** above on the right were originally designed to control typewriters, teletypes, and fax machines. They do not make any sense in HTML.

Because **strings** must be written within quotes the text on the line 8 will be chopped to "We are the so-called".

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_strings.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_strings.asp)

# Reserved Keywords as of ECMAScript 2015

Reserved keywords			
abstract	arguments	await*	boolean
break	byte	case	catch
char	class*	const	continue
debugger	default	delete	do
double	else	enum*	eval
export*	extends*	false	final
finally	float	for	function
goto	if	implements	import*
in	instanceof	int	interface
let*	long	native	new
null	package	private	protected
public	return	short	static
super*	switch	synchronized	this
throw	throws	transient	true
try	typeof	var	void
volatile	while	with	yield

In **JavaScript** you cannot use **reserved keywords** as variables, labels, or function names.

Words marked with\* are new in **ECMAScript 5** and **ECMAScript 6**.

Additionally, the literals **null**, **true**, and **false** cannot be used as **identifiers** in **ECMAScript**.

In the year 2015 ECMA International published **ECMAScript 6** or **ES6** which was later renamed (**ECMAScript 2015**).

Since 2015, **ECMAScript-standard** has been updated and named by year. **ECMAScript 2020** is the newest version (<https://tc39.es/ecma262/>).

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# Operators

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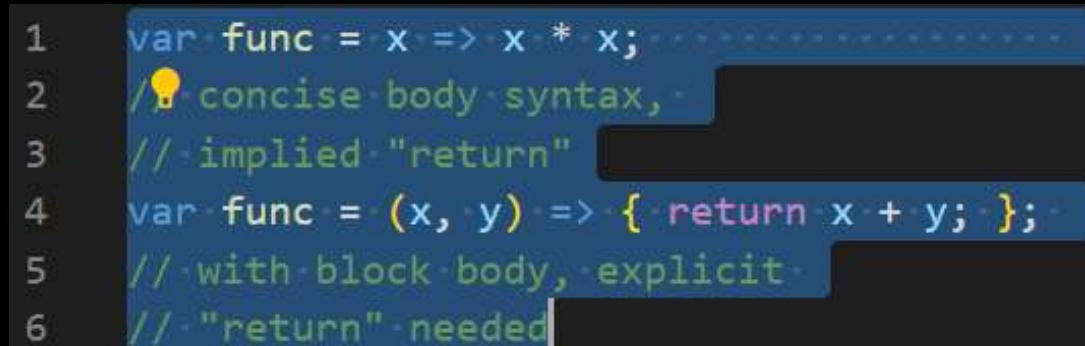
JavaScript has the following types of operators:

- ❑ Assignment operators
- ❑ Comparison operators
- ❑ Arithmetic operators
- ❑ Bitwise operators
- ❑ Logical operators

Note! `(=>)` is not an operator, but the notation for Arrow functions. Arrow functions can have either a "concise body" or the usual "block body".

In a concise body, only an expression is specified, which becomes the implicit return value. In a block body, you must use an explicit return statement.

- ❑ String operators
- ❑ Conditional (ternary) operator
- ❑ Comma operator
- ❑ Unary operators
- ❑ Relational operators



A screenshot of a code editor showing two snippets of JavaScript code. The first snippet shows a concise arrow function: `var func = x => x * x;`. A yellow lightbulb icon with the text "concise body syntax" is placed over the arrow function. The second snippet shows a block-based arrow function: `var func = (x, y) => { return x + y; };`. A similar yellow lightbulb icon with the text "implied 'return'" is placed over the block body. Below these, another snippet shows a block-based arrow function with an explicit return statement: `// with block body, explicit  
6 // "return" needed`.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Expressions\\_and\\_Operators](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Expressions_and_Operators)

# Arithmetic and Assignment Operators

Operator	Description	Operator	Example	Same As
+	Addition	=	$x = y$	$x = y$
-	Subtraction	$+=$	$x += y$	$x = x + y$
*	Multiplication	$-=$	$x -= y$	$x = x - y$
$**$	Exponentiation (ES2016)	$*=$	$x *= y$	$x = x * y$
/	Division	$/=$	$x /= y$	$x = x / y$
%	Modulus (Division Remainder)	$\%=$	$x \%= y$	$x = x \% y$
$++$	Increment	$***=$	$x ***= y$	$x = x ** y$
$--$	Decrement			

Arithmetic operators on the left are used to perform arithmetic on numbers. Assignment operators on the right assign values to JavaScript variables.

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# Arithmetic operators: Exponentiation operator (\*\*)

```
1  6 ** 2 // 36
2  // An infix operator for exponentiation
3  // ** is an infix operator for exponentiation:
4  x ** y
5  // produces the same result as
6  Math.pow(x, y)
7  // Examples normal use:
8  const squared = 3 ** 2; // 9
9  // Exponentiation assignment operator:
10 let num = 3;
11 num **= 2;
12 console.log(num); // 9
13 // Using exponentiation in a function (Pythagorean theorem):
14 function dist(x, y) {
15   return Math.sqrt(x**2 + y**2);
16 }
17 // Precedence: The exponentiation operator binds very strongly,
18 // more strongly than * (which, in turn, binds more strongly than +):
19 2**2 * 2 // 8
20 2 ** (2*2) // 16
```

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/es2016-es2017/ch\\_exponentiation-operator.html](https://exploringjs.com/es2016-es2017/ch_exponentiation-operator.html)

# Arithmetic Operators and Operands

Operand	Operator	Operand
100	+	50
a	*	b

```
1 var a = 4;  
2 var b = 2;  
3 console.log(a*b)  
4 // logs 8
```

Arithmetic operators perform arithmetic on numbers (literals or variables). The numbers (in an arithmetic operation) are called operands. Literal number operands are 100 and 50 (valuates to 150). Variable operands are a and b (valuates to 8). The operation (to be performed between the two operands) is defined by an operator. Operators are (+) and (\*).

```
1 // When used on strings, the + operator is called the concatenation operator.  
2 fn = "Esa", ln = "Ketonen",  
3 fullName = fn + " " + ln; // "Esa Ketonen"  
4 // The += assignment operator can also be used to add (concatenate) strings:  
5 var txt1 = "What a very ";  
6 txt1 += "nice day"; // "What a very nice day"  
7 // If you add a number and a string, the result will be a string!  
8 var y = "5" + 5;  
9 var z = "Hello" + 5;  
10 console.log(y, " ", z); // 55 Hello5
```

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# Arithmetic Operators

```
1 // - Remainder: The modulus operator (%) returns the division remainder.  
2 var x = 5;  
3 var y = 2;  
4 var z = x % y;  
5 console.log(z); // Result is 1  
6 // - Incrementing: The increment operator (++) increments numbers.  
7 var x = 5;  
8 x++;  
9 var z = x;  
10 console.log(z); // Result is 6  
11 // - Decrementing: The decrement operator (--) decrements numbers.  
12 var x = 5;  
13 x--;  
14 var z = x;  
15 console.log(z); // Result is 4  
16 // - Exponentiation - x ** y produces the same result as Math.pow(x,y):  
17 var x = 5;  
18 var z = Math.pow(x,2);  
19 console.log(z); // result is 25
```

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# Arithmetic Operator Precedence

Precedence	Operator type	Associativity	Individual operators
21	Grouping	n/a	( ... )
20	Member Access	left-to-right	... . ....
	Computed Member Access	left-to-right	... [ ... ]
	new (with argument list)	n/a	new ... ( ... )
	Function Call	left-to-right	... ( ... )

Operator precedence describes the order in which operations are performed in an arithmetic expression. Expressions in parentheses are computed before the value is used in the rest of the expression (value 21).

The precedence can be changed by using parentheses. When many operations have the same precedence (like addition and subtraction value 14), they are computed from left to right. (The highest precedence value is 21)

Multiplication (\*) and division (/) have higher precedence value 15 than addition (+) and subtraction (-) value 14.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_arithmetic.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_arithmetic.asp) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Operator\\_Precidence#Table](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Operator_Precidence#Table)

# Comparison, Logical, Typeof and Instanceof Operators

Operator	Description	Operator	Description
&&	logical and	==	equal to
	logical or	====	equal value and equal type
!	logical not	!=	not equal
Operator	Description	!==	not equal value or not equal type
typeof	Returns the type of a variable	>	greater than
instanceof	Returns true if an object is an instance of an object type	<	less than

Comparison and logical operators are used to test for true or false. You can use the typeof operator to find the data type of a JavaScript variable. The instanceof operator returns true if the specified object is an instance of the specified object.

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# Logical and Comparison Operators

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```
1 // Logical Operators: Logical operators are used to determine the logic between  
2 // variables or values.  
3 x = 6;  
4 y = 3;  
5 (x < 10 && y > 1); // true  
6 (x == 5 || y == 5); // false  
7 !(x == y); // true  
8 // Comparing Different Types: Comparing data of different types may give unexpected  
9 // results. When comparing a string with a number, JavaScript will convert the string  
10 // to a number when doing the comparison. An empty string converts to 0.  
11 // A non-numeric string converts to NaN which is always false.  
12 2 < 12 //true  
13 2 < "12" //true  
14 2 < "John" //false  
15 2 > "John" // false  
16 2 == "John" //false  
17 "2" < "12" //false  
18 "2" > "12" //true  
19 "2" == "12" //false  
20 // When comparing two strings, "2" will be greater than "12", because (alphabetically)  
21 // 1 is less than 2. To secure a proper result, variables should be converted to the  
22 // proper type before comparison.
```

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# Bitwise Operations

JavaScript Uses 32 bits Bitwise Operands

JavaScript stores numbers as 64 bits floating point numbers, but all bitwise operations are performed on 32 bits binary numbers.

Before a bitwise operation is performed, JavaScript converts numbers to 32 bits signed integers.

After the bitwise operation is performed, the result is converted back to 64 bits JavaScript numbers.

```
1 // - Converting Decimal to Binary:  
2 dec2bin(-5);  
3 function dec2bin(dec){  
4   return (dec >>> 0).toString(2);  
5 }  
6 // - returns "11111111111111111111111111011"  
7 // ~~~~~~  
8 // - Converting Binary to Decimal:  
9 bin2dec(101);  
10 function bin2dec(bin){  
11   return parseInt(bin, 2).toString(10);  
12 }  
13 // returns "5"
```

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# Bitwise Operations 2

Operator	Name	Description
&	AND	Sets each bit to 1 if both bits are 1
	OR	Sets each bit to 1 if one of two bits is 1
^	XOR	Sets each bit to 1 if only one of two bits is 1
~	NOT	Inverts all the bits
<<	Zero fill left shift	Shifts left by pushing zeros in from the right and let the leftmost bits fall off
>>	Signed right shift	Shifts right by pushing copies of the leftmost bit in from the left, and let the rightmost bits fall off
>>>	Zero fill right shift	Shifts right by pushing zeros in from the left, and let the rightmost bits fall off

JavaScript bitwise operators and examples.

The examples above uses 4 bits unsigned binary numbers. Because of this  $\sim 5$  returns 10. Since JavaScript uses 32 bits signed integers, it will not return 10. It will return -6.

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Operation	Result	Same as	Result
$5 \& 1$	1	$0101 \& 0001$	0001
$5   1$	5	$0101   0001$	0101
$\sim 5$	10	$\sim 0101$	1010
$5 << 1$	10	$0101 << 1$	1010
$5 ^ 1$	4	$0101 ^ 0001$	0100
$5 >> 1$	2	$0101 >> 1$	0010
$5 >>> 1$	2	$0101 >>> 1$	0010

# String Operators

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```
1 // The + operator can also be used to add (concatenate) strings.  
2 var txt1 = "John";  
3 var txt2 = "Doe";  
4 var txt3 = txt1 + " " + txt2;  
5 console.log(txt3); // John Doe  
6 // The += assignment operator can also be used to add (concatenate) strings:  
7 var txt1 = "What a very ";  
8 txt1 += "nice day"; // "What a very nice day"  
9 // When used on strings, the + operator is called the concatenation operator.  
10 // Adding two numbers, will return the sum, but adding a number and a string  
11 // will return a string:  
12 var x = 5 + 5;  
13 var y = "5" + 5;  
14 var z = "Hello" + 5;  
15 console.log(x,y,z); // 10 "55" "Hello5"  
16 // If you add a number and a string, the result will be a string!
```

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# Unary, Binary and Ternary Operators

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```
1 // JavaScript has both binary and unary operators,  
2 // and one special ternary operator, the conditional operator.  
3 // ~~~~~  
4 // A binary operator requires two operands,  
5 // one before the operator and one after the operator:  
6 3+4;  
7 x*y;  
8 // A unary operator requires a single operand,  
9 // either before or after the operator:  
10 x++;  
11 ++x;  
12 // The conditional operator is the only JavaScript operator  
13 // that takes three operands.  
14 // The operator can have one of two values based on a condition:  
15 var age = 49  
16 var status = (age >= 18) ? 'adult' : 'minor';  
17 console.log(status) // returns adult
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Expressions\\_and\\_Operators](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Expressions_and_Operators)

# Unary Operators: Void Operator

```
1 //·The·void·operator.·Here·are·some·examples:  
2 //·The·syntax·for·the·void·operator·is:·void·«expr»  
3 //·which·evaluates·expr·and·returns·undefined.  
4 void·0//·undefined  
5 void·(0)//·undefined  
6 void·4+7//·same·as·(void·4)+7//·NaN  
7 void·(4+7)//·undefined  
8 var·x;  
9 x·=·3//·3  
10 void·(x·=·5)  
11 undefined  
12 x//·5  
13 //·Thus,·if·you·implement·void·as·a·function,·it·looks·as·follows:  
14 function·myVoid(expr) {  
15     ···return·undefined;  
16 }  
17 //·The·void·operator·is·associated·closely·with·its·operand,  
18 //·so·use·parentheses·as·necessary.·For·example,·void·4+7·binds·as·(void·4)+7.  
19 //·if·you·want·to·open·a·new·window·without·changing·  
20 //·the·currently·displayed·content,·you·can·do·the·following:  
21 void·window.open("http://example.com/")
```

Source: speakingjs.com/es5/ch09.html#\_special\_operators

# Unary Operators: Typeof Operator

Typeof operator always returns a **string** (containing the type of the operand).

The data type of **Nan** is number

The data type of an **array** is object

The data type of a **date** is object

The data type of **null** is object

The data type of an **undefined** variable is undefined and a variable that has not been assigned a value is also undefined.

You cannot use **typeof** to determine if a **JavaScript** object is an **array** (or a **date**).

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[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_type\\_conversion.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_type_conversion.asp)

```
1 // The typeof operator returns the type of a
2 // variable, object, function or expression.
3 -·typeof "john" + "\n" +
4 -·typeof 3.14 + "\n" +
5 -·typeof NaN + "\n" +
6 -·typeof false + "\n" +
7 -·typeof [1,2,3,4] + "\n" +
8 -·typeof {name: 'john', age:34} + "\n" +
9 -·typeof new Date() + "\n" +
10 -·typeof function () {} + "\n" +
11 -·typeof myCar + "\n" +
12 -·typeof null;
13 // "string"
14 // number
15 // number
16 // boolean
17 // object
18 // object
19 // object
20 // function
21 // undefined
22 // object"
```

# Comma Operator and Conditional (Ternary) Operator ( ?: )

```
1 // The Comma Operator «left», «right»  
2 // The comma operator evaluates both operands and returns the result of right.  
3 // Roughly, it does for expressions what the semicolon does for statements.  
4 // This example demonstrates that the second operand becomes the result of the operator:  
5 123, 'abc' // 'abc'  
6 // This example demonstrates that both operands are evaluated:  
7 var x = 0;  
8 var y = (x++, 10);  
9 x // 1  
10 y // 10  
11 // The comma operator is confusing. It's better to not be clever and  
12 // to write two separate statements whenever you can.  
13 // ~~~~~  
14 // The Conditional Operator ( ?: )  
15 // The conditional operator is an expression:  
16 // «condition» ? «if_true» : «if_false»  
17 // If the condition is true, the result is if_true; otherwise, the result is if_false.  
18 // For example:  
19 var x = (obj ? obj.prop : null);  
20 // The parentheses around the operator are not needed, but they make it easier to read.
```

Source: [http://speakingjs.com/es5/ch09.html#\\_special\\_operators](http://speakingjs.com/es5/ch09.html#_special_operators)

# Relational Operators: instanceof

```
1 // The instanceof operator tests whether the prototype property of a constructor
2 // appears anywhere in the prototype chain of an object. The following code creates
3 // an object type Car and an instance of that object type, mycar. The instanceof
4 // operator demonstrates that the mycar object is of type Car and of type Object.
5 function Car(make, model, year) {
6   this.make = make;
7   this.model = model;
8   this.year = year;
9 }
10 let mycar = new Car('Honda', 'Accord', 1998)
11 let a = mycar instanceof Car // returns true
12 let b = mycar instanceof Object // returns true
13 // ~~~~~
14 // Not instanceof: To test if an object is not an instanceof a specific constructor, you can do
15 if (!(mycar instanceof Car)) {
16   // Do something, like:
17   // mycar = new Car(mycar)
18 }
19 // This is really different from:
20 if (!mycar instanceof Car) // This will always be false. (!mycar will be evaluated
21 // before instanceof, so you always try to know if a boolean is an instance of Car).
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/instanceof>

# Throw Errors

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When an error occurs, **JavaScript** will normally stop and generate an error message. The technical term for this is: JavaScript will **throw** an exception (**throw** an error).

JavaScript will actually create an Error object with two properties: name and message.

The **throw** Statement:

The **throw** statement allows you to create a custom error.

Technically you can **throw** an exception (throw an error).

The exception can be a **JavaScript** String, a Number, a Boolean or an Object:

The **console.error()** method writes an error message to the console. The console is useful for testing purposes.

```
> throw "Too big";
✖ ▶ Uncaught Too big
> throw 500;
✖ ▶ Uncaught 500
> var myObj = { firstname : "John", lastname : "Doe" };
  console.error(myObj);
✖ ▶▶ {firstname: "John", Lastname: "Doe"}
◀ undefined
> var myArr = [ "Orange", "Banana", "Mango" ];
  console.error(myArr);
✖ ▶▶ (3) ["Orange", "Banana", "Mango"]
```

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_errors.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_errors.asp)  
and  
[https://www.w3schools.com/Jsref/met\\_console\\_error.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/Jsref/met_console_error.asp)

# Errors

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Property	Description
name	Sets or returns an error name
message	Sets or returns an error message (a string)
Error Name	Description
EvalError	An error has occurred in the eval() function
RangeError	A number "out of range" has occurred
ReferenceError	An illegal reference has occurred
SyntaxError	A syntax error has occurred
TypeError	A type error has occurred
URIError	An error in encodeURI() has occurred

JavaScript has a built in **error object** that provides error information when an error occurs. The **error object** provides two useful properties: name and message. Six different values can be returned by the **error name property**.

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# Errors: Try Catch statement

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The `try statement` consists of a `try-block`, which contains one or more statements. `}` must always be used, even for single statements. At least one `catch-block`, or a `finally-block`, must be present. This gives us three forms for the `try statement`:

❑ `try...catch`

❑ `try...finally`

❑ `try...catch...finally`

A `catch-block` contains statements that specify what to do if an exception is thrown in the `try-block`. If any statement within the `try-block` (or in a function called from within the `try-block`) throws an exception, control is immediately shifted to the `catch-block`.

If no exception is thrown in the `try-block`, the `catch-block` is skipped.

The `finally-block` will always execute after the `try-block` and `catch-block(s)` have finished executing. It always executes, regardless of whether an exception was thrown or caught.

You can nest one or more `try statements`. If an inner `try statement` does not have a `catch-block`, the enclosing `try statement's catch-block` is used instead.

You can also use the `try statement` to handle `JavaScript exception`.

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# Errors: Try Catch statement

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## Nested try-blocks

Any given exception will be caught only once by the nearest enclosing **catch-block** unless it is rethrown.

Of course, any new exceptions raised in the "inner" block (because the code in **catch-block** may do something that throws), will be caught by the "outer" block.

Note! A **constructor Error** with **new keyword** is used **on the line 3**.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/try...catch>

```
> try {
    try {
        throw new Error('oops');
    }
    catch (ex) {
        console.error('inner', ex.message);
        throw ex;
    }
    finally {
        console.log('finally');
    }
}
catch (ex) {
    console.error('outer', ex.message);
}
```

✖ ▶ inner oops  
finally  
✖ ▶ outer oops

# Range and Reference Errors

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```
> var num = 1;
try {
  num.toPrecision(500);    // A number cannot have 500 significant digits
}
catch(err) {
  console.error(err);
}

✖ ▶ RangeError: toPrecision() argument must be between 1 and 100
    at Number.toPrecision (<anonymous>)
    at <anonymous>:3:7

< undefined

> var x;
try {
  x = y + 1;    // y cannot be referenced (used)
}
catch(err) {
  console.error(err);
}

✖ ▶ ReferenceError: y is not defined
    at <anonymous>:3:3
```

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# Syntax and Type errors

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```
> try {
    eval("alert('Hello)"); // Missing ' will produce an error
}
catch(err) {
    console.error(err);
}

✖ ▶SyntaxError: Invalid or unexpected token
      at <anonymous>:2:5

< undefined

> var num = 1;
try {
    num.toUpperCase(); // You cannot convert a number to upper case
}
catch(err) {
    console.error(err);
}

✖ ▶TypeError: num.toUpperCase is not a function
      at <anonymous>:3:7
```

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# URI and Eval Errors

```
> try {
    decodeURI("%%%"); // You cannot URI decode percent signs
}
catch(err) {
    console.error(err);
}

✖ ▶ URIError: URI malformed
    at decodeURI (<anonymous>)
    at <anonymous>:2:5
```

Warning ! `eval()` is a dangerous function, which executes the code it's passed with the privileges of the caller. If you run `eval()` with a string that could be affected by a malicious party, you may end up running malicious code on the user's machine with the permissions of your webpage / extension.

The `eval()` function evaluates `JavaScript` code represented as a string. Executing `JavaScript` from a string is an enormous security risk. It is far too easy for a bad actor to run arbitrary code when you use `eval()`. More importantly, a third-party code can see the scope in which `eval()` was invoked, which can lead to possible attacks in ways to which the similar Function is not susceptible.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_errors.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_errors.asp) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/eval](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/eval)

# URI(Identifier): URL(Location) URN(Name)

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## URL - Uniform Resource Locator

Web browsers request pages from web servers by using a URL.

The **URL** is the address of a web page, like:  
<https://www.w3schools.com>.

## URL Encoding (Percent Encoding)

URLs can only be sent over the Internet using the **ASCII character-set**.

Since **URLs** often contain characters outside the **ASCII set**, the **URL** has to be converted into a valid **ASCII format**.

URL encoding replaces unsafe **ASCII characters** with a **"%"** followed by two hexadecimal digits.

URLs cannot contain spaces. **URL** encoding normally replaces a space with a plus (+) sign or with **%20**.

## Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)

A **Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)** is a string of characters which identifies an Internet Resource.

The most common **URI is the Uniform Resource Locator (URL)** which identifies an Internet domain address. Another, not so common type of URI is the **Uniform Resource Name (URN)**.

URI	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_Resource_Identifier#examples">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_Resource_Identifier#examples</a>
URL	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">https://en.wikipedia.org</a>
URN	<a href="/wiki/Uniform_Resource_Identifier#examples">/wiki/Uniform_Resource_Identifier#examples</a>

## Sources:

[https://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref\\_urlencode.ASP](https://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref_urlencode.ASP),  
[https://www.w3schools.com/xml/xml\\_namespaces.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/xml/xml_namespaces.asp) and  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform\\_Resource\\_Identifier#examples](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniform_Resource_Identifier#examples)

# EncodeURIComponent() and DecodeURIComponent()

```
1 // The encodeURIComponent() function encodes a URI component.  
2 // This function encodes special characters. In addition,  
3 // it encodes the following characters: , / ? : @ & = + $ #  
4 var uri = "https://w3schools.com/my%20test.asp?name=st le&car=saab";  
5 var uri_enc = encodeURIComponent(uri);  
6 console.log(uri_enc);  
7 // logs https%3A%2F%2Fw3schools.com%2Fmy%20test.asp%3Fname%3Dst%C3%A5le%26car%3Dsaab  
8 // ~~~~~  
9 // The decodeURIComponent() function decodes a URI component.  
10 var uri_dec = decodeURIComponent(uri_enc);  
11 console.log(uri_dec);  
12 // logs https://w3schools.com/my%20test.asp?name=st le&car=saab
```

**ASCII Encoding** Reference : Your browser will encode input, according to the character-set used in your page. The default character-set in **HTML5** is **UTF-8**. The table below includes three first encodings.

Character	From Windows-1252	From UTF-8
space	%20	%20
!	%21	%21
"	%22	%22

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_encodeuricomponent.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_encodeuricomponent.asp), [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_decodeuricomponent.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_decodeuricomponent.asp) and [https://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref\\_urlencode.ASP](https://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref_urlencode.ASP)

# Javascript Engine

**Engine**: responsible for start-to-finish **compilation** and **execution** of our **JavaScript** program.

**Compiler**: handles all the dirty work of **parsing** and **code-generation**.

**Scope Manager**: collects and maintains a lookup list of all the declared variables/identifiers and enforces a set of rules as to how these are accessible to currently **executing** code.

`var students = [ .. ]` has a declaration and initialization-assignment parts.

We typically think of that as a single statement, but that's not how **Engine** sees it. In fact, **JS** treats these as two distinct operations, one which **Compiler** will handle during **compilation**, and the other which **Engine** will handle during **execution**.

```
1 var students = [
2   { id: 14, name: "Kyle" },
3   { id: 73, name: "Suzy" },
4   { id: 112, name: "Frank" },
5   { id: 6, name: "Sarah" }
6 ];
7
8 function getStudentName(studentID) {
9   for (let student of students) {
10     if (student.id == studentID) {
11       return student.name;
12     }
13   }
14 }
15
16 var nextStudent = getStudentName(73);
17
18 console.log(nextStudent);
19 // "Suzy"
```

Source: <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/blob/2nd-ed/scope-closures/ch2.md>

# Javascript Compiler

Processing of JS programs occurs in two phases: **parsing/compilation** first, then **execution**. (Code is first parsed [possibly to global memory/scope] and then executed [accessing global memory/scope if needed]).

Other than declarations, all occurrences of variables/identifiers in a program serve in one of two "roles": either they're the **target** of an assignment or they're the **source** of a value.

The terms "LHS" (aka, **target**) and "RHS" (aka, **source**) are used for these roles, respectively. As you might guess from the "L" and the "R", the acronyms mean "Left-Hand Side" and "Right-Hand Side", as in left and right sides of an **= assignment operator**.

However, assignment **targets** and **sources** don't always literally appear on the left or right of an **=**, so it's probably clearer to think in terms of **target / source** rather than left / right.

**Note!**  
Hoisting is done during parsing phase.

```
1 var students = [
2   { id: 14, name: "Kyle" },
3   { id: 73, name: "Suzy" },
4   { id: 112, name: "Frank" },
5   { id: 6, name: "Sarah" }
6 ];
7
8 function getStudentName(studentID) {
9   for (let student of students) {
10     if (student.id == studentID) {
11       return student.name;
12     }
13   }
14 }
15
16 var nextStudent = getStudentName(73);
17
18 console.log(nextStudent);
19 // "Suzy"
```

1

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Source: <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/blob/2nd-ed/scope-closures/ch1.md>

# Javascript Scope Manager

Bubble 1 (RED) encompasses the **global scope**, which holds three identifiers/variables: students (line 1), getStudentName (line 8), and nextStudent (line 16).

Bubble 2 (BLUE) encompasses the **scope** of the function getStudentName(..) (line 8), which holds just one identifier/variable: the parameter studentID (line 8).

Bubble 3 (GREEN) encompasses the **scope** of the for-loop (line 9), which holds just one identifier/variable: student (line 9).

Scope bubbles are determined during **compilation** based on where the **functions/blocks** of **scope** are written, the nesting inside each other, and so on. Each **scope** bubble is entirely contained within its parent **scope** bubble. A **scope** is never partially in two different **outer scopes**.

```
1 var students = [  
2   { id: 14, name: "Kyle" },  
3   { id: 73, name: "Suzy" },  
4   { id: 112, name: "Frank" },  
5   { id: 6, name: "Sarah" }  
6 ];  
7  
8 function getStudentName(studentID) {  
9   for (let student of students) {  
10     if (student.id == studentID) {  
11       return student.name;  
12     }  
13   }  
14 }  
15  
16 var nextStudent = getStudentName(73);  
17  
18 console.log(nextStudent);  
19 // "Suzy"
```

Source: <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/blob/2nd-ed/scope-closures/ch2.md>

# Lexical Scope

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We've demonstrated that JS's scope is determined at compile time; the term for this kind of scope is "lexical scope". "Lexical" is associated with the "lexing" stage of compilation.

The key idea of "lexical scope" is that it's controlled entirely by the placement of functions, blocks, and variable declarations, in relation to one another.

If you place a variable declaration inside a function, the compiler handles this declaration as it's parsing the function and associates that declaration with the function's scope. If a variable is block-scope declared (let / const), then it's associated with the nearest enclosing { .. } block, rather than its enclosing function (as with var).

A reference (target or source role) for a variable must be resolved as coming from one of the scopes that are lexically available to it; otherwise the variable is said to be "undeclared".

If the variable is not declared in the current scope, the next outer/enclosing scope will be consulted.

This process of stepping out one level of scope nesting continues until either a matching variable declaration can be found, or the global scope is reached.

Compilation doesn't do anything in terms of reserving memory for scopes and variables. None of the program has been executed yet.

Compilation creates a map of all the lexical scopes that lays out what the program will need while it executes.

While scopes are identified during compilation, they're not actually created until runtime, each time a scope needs to run.

Source: <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/blob/2nd-ed/scope-closures/ch1.md>

# Global Scope

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The **global scope** is where **JS** exposes its **built-ins**:

**primitives**: undefined, null, Infinity, NaN

**natives**: Date(), Object(), String(), etc.

**global functions**: eval(), parseInt(), etc.

**namespaces**: Math, Atomics, JSON

**friends of JS**: Intl, WebAssembly

The environment hosting the **JS engine** exposes its own **built-ins**:

**console** (and its methods)

the **DOM** (window, document, etc)

**timers** (setTimeout(..), etc)

**web platform APIs**: navigator, history, geolocation, WebRTC, etc.

The **global scope** is the “outermost” **scope** – it has no **outer scope**. Its environment is the global environment. Every environment is connected with the global environment via a chain of environments that are linked by outer environment references.

Different **JS** environments handle the **scopes** of your programs, especially the **global scope**, differently.

In a programming environment, the **global scope** is the **scope** that contains, and is visible in, all other **scopes**.

In client-side **JavaScript**, the **global scope** is generally the web page inside which all the code is being executed.

Sources: <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/blob/2nd-ed/scope-closures/ch4.md>,  
[https://exploringjs.com/deep-js/ch\\_global-scope.html](https://exploringjs.com/deep-js/ch_global-scope.html) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Global\\_scope](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Global_scope)

# Variables

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The names of **variables**, called **identifiers**, conform to certain rules.

A **JavaScript identifier** must start with a letter, underscore (\_), or dollar sign (\$). Subsequent characters can also be digits (0–9).

Because **JavaScript** is case sensitive, letters include the characters "A" through "Z" (uppercase) as well as "a" through "z" (lowercase).

Some examples of legal names are Number\_hits, temp99, \$credit, and \_name.

A **variable** declared using the **var** or **let** statement with no assigned value specified has the value of **undefined**.

An attempt to access an **undeclared variable** results in a **ReferenceError** exception being thrown.

```
1 var a;
2 console.log('The value of a is ' + a); // The value of a is undefined
3
4 console.log('The value of b is ' + b); // The value of b is undefined
5 var b;
6 // This one may puzzle you until you read 'Variable hoisting'
```

Source:

[https://developer.mozilla.org/enUS/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Grammar\\_and\\_Types#Variables](https://developer.mozilla.org/enUS/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Grammar_and_Types#Variables)

# Initializing a Variable

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```
1 var a;  
2 console.log(a) // returns undefined  
3 a = "foo";  
4 console.log(a) // returns foo
```

Once you've **declared** a **variable**, you can **initialize** it with a value. You do this by typing the **variable** name, followed by **equals sign (=)**, followed by the value you want to give it.

In **JavaScript**, all code instructions should end with a **semi-colon (;)**. If you forget a **semi-colon** the **ASI** will add it.

A **variable** is a container for a value. But one special thing about **variables** is that their contained values can change.

**Variables** can also contain **strings**, **numbers**, **complex data** and even entire **functions**.

**Variables** aren't the values themselves; they are containers for values. Don't confuse a **variable** that exists but has not defined value with a **variable** that doesn't exist at all.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/First\\_steps/Variables](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/First_steps/Variables)

# JavaScript Primitive versus Reference Values

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In JavaScript, a variable may store two types of values: primitive and reference.

JavaScript provides six primitive types as undefined, null, boolean, number, string, and symbol , and a reference type object.

The size of a primitive value is fixed, therefore, JavaScript stores the primitive value on the stack.

On the other hand, the size of a reference value is dynamic so JavaScript stores the reference value on the heap.

When you assign a value to a variable, the JavaScript engine will determine whether the value is a primitive or reference value.

Source: <https://www.javascripttutorial.net/javascript-primitive-vs-reference-values/>

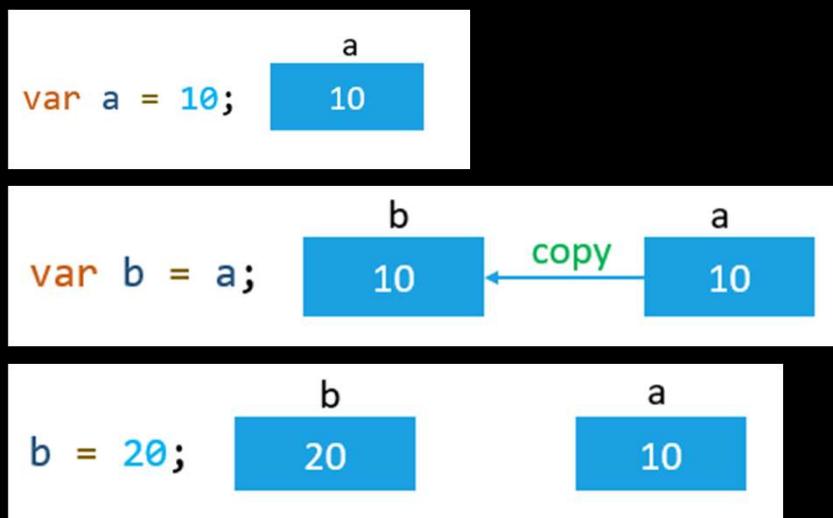
If the value is a primitive value, when you access the variable, you manipulate the actual value stored in that variable. In other words, the variable that stores a primitive value is accessed by value.

Unlike a primitive value, when you manipulate an object, you work on the reference of that object, rather than the actual object. It means a variable that stores an object is accessed by reference.

```
1 // To determine the type of a primitive value  
2 // you use the typeof operator.  
3 let x = 10;  
4 console.log(typeof(x)); // number  
5 // To find the type of a reference value,  
6 // you use the instanceof operator:  
7 let rgb = ['red','green','blue'];  
8 console.log(rgb instanceof Array); // true
```

# JavaScript Primitive versus Reference Values

Copying **primitive values**: When you assign a **variable** that stores a **primitive value** to another, the **value stored in the variable** is created and copied into the new **variable**.



Source:  
<https://www.javascripttutorial.net/javascript-primitive-vs-reference-values/>

```
1 // First, declare a variable a and
2 // initialize its value to 10.
3 var a = 10;
4 // Second, declare another variable b.
5 // and assign it a value of the variable a.
6 // Internally, JavaScript engine copies the
7 // value stored in a into the location of b.
8 var b = a;
9 // Third, assign the variable b
10 // new value 20.
11 b = 20;
12 // Since a and b have no relationship,
13 // when you change the value stored
14 // in the b variable, the value of
15 // the a variable doesn't change.
16 console.log(a); // 10;
17 console.log(b); // 20;
```

# JavaScript Primitive versus Reference Values

Copying **reference** values:

When you assign a **reference value** from one **variable** to another, the **value** stored in the **variable** is also copied into the location of the new **variable**.

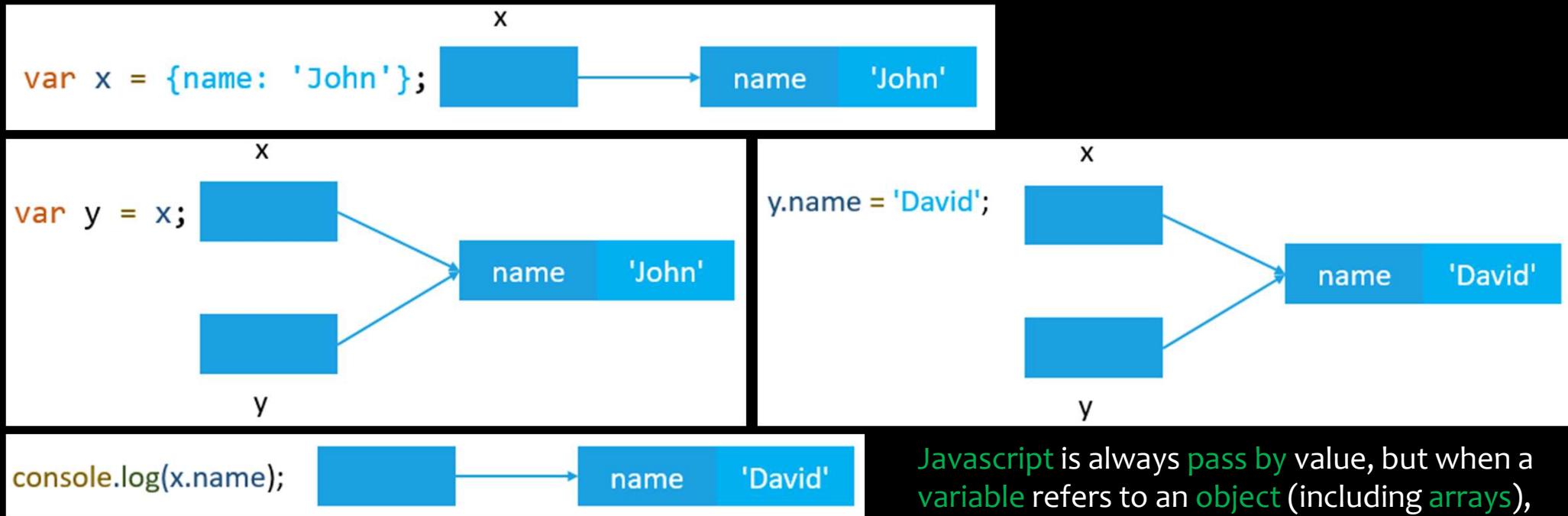
The difference is that the **values** stored in both **variables** now are the address of the actual **object** stored on the heap. As a result, both **variables** are **referencing** the same **object**.

```
1 // First, declare a variable x that holds an object whose name property is 'John'.
2 var x = {name: 'John'};
3 // Second, declare another variable y and assign the x variable to y. Both x and y are now referencing the same object on the heap.
4 var y = x;
5 // Third, modify the value stored in the name
6 // property of the object using the y variable.
7 y.name = 'David';
8 // Since both x and y are referencing the same
9 // object, the change is also reflected if you
10 // access the object using the x variable.
11 console.log(x.name); // 'David'
```



Source:  
<https://www.javascripttutorial.net/javascript-primitive-vs-reference-values/>

# JavaScript Primitive versus Reference Values



Sources: <https://www.javascripttutorial.net/javascript-primitive-vs-reference-values/> and <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6605640/javascript-by-reference-vs-by-value>

Javascript is always **pass by value**, but when a **variable** refers to an **object** (including **arrays**), the "value" is a **reference** to the **object**. Changing the **value** of a **variable** never changes the underlying **primitive** or **object**, it just points the **variable** to a new **primitive** or **object**. However, changing a **property** of an **object** **referenced** by a **variable** does change the underlying **object**.

# Hoisting

```
1 // Hoisting is JavaScript's default behavior of moving declarations to the top.
2 // In JavaScript, a variable can be declared after it has been used.
3 // In other words, a variable can be used before it has been declared.
4 x = 5; // Assign 5 to x
5 console.log(x); // logs 5
6 var x; // Declare x ←
7 // The first example gives the same result as the second example:
8 var x; // Declare x ←
9 console.log(x); // logs 5
10 x = 5; // Assign 5 to x
11 console.log(x);
12 // Hoisting is JavaScript's default behavior of moving all declarations to the top
13 // of the current scope (to the top of the current script or the current function).
14 // Variables and constants declared with let or const are not hoisted!
15 // ~~~~~
16 // JavaScript only hoists declarations, not initializations.
17 var x = 5; // Initialize x
18 var foo = x + " " + y; // Displays x and y
19 console.log(foo); // logs 5 undefined
20 var y = 7; // Initialize y
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_hoisting.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_hoisting.asp)

# Variable Hoisting

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The **variable** and **function declarations** are put into memory during the compile phase, but stay exactly where you typed them in your code. JavaScript only hoists **declarations**, not **initializations**.

```
1 console.log(num); // Returns undefined,  
2 // as only declaration was hoisted,  
3 // no initialization has happened at this stage  
4 var num; // declaration  
5 num = 6; // initialization
```

```
1 // Example below only has initialization.  
2 // No hoisting happens so trying to read the variable  
3 // results in ReferenceError: Num is not defined  
4 console.log(num); // throws ReferenceError exception  
5 num = 6; // initialization
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Hoisting>

# Using Variables : Var, Let and Const

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Values can be held in `variables`; think of `variables` as just containers for values. `Variables` have to be declared (created) to be used.

The `let` keyword has some differences to `var`, with the most obvious being that `let` allows a more limited access to the variable than `var`. This is called "block scoping" as opposed to `regular` or `function` scoping.

The attempt to access `age` outside of the `if statement` results in an error, because `age` was "block-scoped" to the `if`, whereas `myName` was not.

A third declaration form is `const`. It's like `let` but has an additional limitation that it must be given a value at the moment it's declared, and `const` cannot be re-assigned a different value later.

Source: <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/blob/2nd-ed/get-started/ch2.md>

```
1 var adult = true;
2
3 if (adult) {
4   var myName = "Esa";
5   let age = 49;
6   console.log("Ok!");
7 }
8
9 console.log(myName);
10 // Esa
11
12 console.log(age);
13 // Error!
```

# The difference between Var and Let

Back when JavaScript was first created, there was only `var`.

`Let` and `const` were created in modern versions of JavaScript.

If you write a multiline JavaScript program that declares and initializes a `variable`, you can actually declare a `variable` with `var` after you initialize it and it will still work.

This works because of `hoisting`.

`Hoisting` no longer works with `let`. If we changed `var` to `let` in the example, it would fail with an error. This is a good thing.

```
1 myName = 'Esa';
2
3 function logName() {
4   console.log(myName);
5 }
6
7 logName(); //returns Esa
8
9 var myName;
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/First\\_steps/Variables](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/First_steps/Variables)

# The difference between Var, Let and Const

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When you use `var`, you can declare the same `variable` as many times as you like (lines 1 and 2)

With `let` you can not declare the value again, but you can give it a new value (lines 9 and 10)

`Const` works in exactly the same way as `let`, except that you can not give a `const` a new value (lines 13 and 14)

For these reasons and more, it is recommended that you use `let` and `const` as much as possible in your code, rather than `var`.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/First\\_steps/Variables](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/First_steps/Variables)

```
1 var myName = 'Chris';
2 var myName = 'Bob';
3 console.log(myName)
4 // returns Bob
5 let myName = 'Chris';
6 let myName = 'Bob';
7 // throws an error
8 // You'd have to do this instead
9 let myName = 'Chris';
10 myName = 'Bob';
11 console.log(myName)
12 // returns Bob
13 const myName = 'Chris';
14 myName = 'Bob';
15 // throws an error
```

# Statements

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A computer program is a list of "instructions" to be "executed" by a computer.

In a programming language, these programming instructions are called **statements**.

A JavaScript program is a list of programming **statements**.

The **statements** are executed, one by one (synchronously), in the same order as they are written.

JavaScript **statements** are composed of:

**Values, Operators, Expressions, Keywords, and Comments.**

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_statements.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_statements.asp)

Semicolons separate JavaScript **statements**.

Add a semicolon at the end of each executable **statement** (not required, but highly recommended).

JavaScript ignores multiple spaces. You can add white space to your script to make it more readable.

A good practice is to put spaces around **operators** (= + - \* / ).

JavaScript **statements** can be grouped together in **code blocks**, inside **curly brackets** {...}.

The purpose of **code blocks** is to define **statements** to be executed together.

JavaScript **keywords** are reserved words. Reserved words cannot be used as names for variables or functions.

# Variables, Literals, Expressions, Identifiers and Keywords

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The **JavaScript syntax** defines two types of values:  
fixed values and variable values.

Fixed values are called **literals**.

Variable values are called **variables**.

An **expression** is a combination of values,  
**variables**, and **operators**, which computes to a  
value.

The computation is called an **evaluation**.

The values can be of various types, such as  
**numbers** and **strings**.

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_syntax.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_syntax.asp)

**Identifiers** are names. **Identifiers** are used to name  
**variables** (**keywords**, **functions**, and **labels**).

Any **JavaScript identifier** that is not a **reserved keyword** is a **label**.

**JavaScript keywords** are used to identify actions  
to be performed. (**var**, **let** and **const** are among  
**reserved keywords**)

Lower Camel Case:

**JavaScript** programmers tend to use camel case  
that starts with a lowercase letter:

`firstName, lastName, masterCard, interCity.`

# Variables, Literals, Expressions, Identifiers and Keywords

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```
1 var x, y, z; // How to declare variables
2 x = 5; y = 6; // How to assign values
3 z = x + y; // How to compute values
4 // Numbers are written with or without decimals
5 10.50, 1001
6 // Strings are text, written within double or single quotes
7 "Esa", 'Esa'
8 // JavaScript uses arithmetic operators (+ - * /)
9 // to compute values
10 (5 + 6) * 10
11 // 5 * 10 evaluates to 50
12 5 * 10
13 // JavaScript uses an assignment operator (=)
14 // to assign values to variables
15 // The var keyword tells the browser to create variables
16 var x, y;
17 x = 5 + 6;
18 y = x * 10;
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_syntax.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_syntax.asp)

# Data Types

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In **JavaScript** there are 5 different **data types** that can contain values:

- string**
- number**
- boolean**
- object**
- function**

There are 2 **data types** that cannot contain values:

- null**
- undefined**

There are 6 types of **objects**:

- Object**
- Date**
- Array**
- String**
- Number**
- Boolean**

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_type\\_conversion.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_type_conversion.asp)

# Value Type Determination

Unit of information in a program is a **value**. Values are data. They're how the program maintains state.

Values come in two forms in Javascript:

**primitive**

or

**object**

Functions, like **arrays**, are a special kind (aka, subtype) of **object**.

Primitive values and object values behave differently when they're assigned or passed around.

For distinguishing **values**, the **typeof operator** tells you its **built-in type**, if primitive, or "object".

Source: <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/blob/2nd-ed/get-started/ch2.md>

```
1  typeof 42; // "number"
2  typeof "abc"; // "string"
3  typeof true; // "boolean"
4  typeof undefined; // "undefined"
5  typeof null; // "object" --- oops, bug!
6  typeof { "a": 1 }; // "object"
7  typeof [1,2,3]; // "object"
8  typeof function hello(){ }; // "function"
```

**WARNING !**

Typeof **null** unfortunately returns "object" instead of the expected "null".

Typeof returns the specific "**function**" for **functions**, but not the expected "**array**" for **arrays**.

# Primitive Data Types

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A primitive (primitive value, primitive data type) is data that is not an object and has no methods.

There are 6 primitive data types:

- string
- number
- bigint
- boolean
- undefined
- symbol (new in ECMAScript 2015)

There also is null, which is seemingly primitive, but indeed is a special case for every Object.

JavaScript has dynamic types. This means that the same variable can be used to hold different data types.

It is important not to confuse a primitive itself with a variable assigned a primitive value.

All primitives are immutable and cannot be directly altered. Instead of working primitives directly, we're working on a replaced copy, without affecting the original.

The variable may be reassigned a new value, but the existing value can not be changed in the ways that objects, arrays, and functions can be altered.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Primitive>

# Eight Data Types

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There are seven **data types** that are **primitives** and an **Object**:

- 1) **Boolean** True and false.
- 2) **Undefined** A top-level property whose value is not defined.
- 3) **Number** An integer or floating point number. For example: `42` (integer) or `3.14159` (floating point).
- 4) **BigInt** An integer with arbitrary precision. For example: `9007199254740992n`.

- 5) **String** A sequence of characters that represent a text value. For example: "Howdy"
- 6) **Symbol** (new in ECMAScript 2015) A data type whose instances are unique and immutable.
- 7) **Null** A special keyword denoting a null value.
- 8) **Object** including:

Object
Date
Array
String
Number
Boolean

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Grammar\\_and\\_types](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Grammar_and_types)

# Undefined and Null

```
1 // Most programming languages have values denoting missing information.  
2 // JavaScript has two such "nonvalues," undefined and null:  
3 // undefined means "no value." Uninitialized variables are undefined:  
4 var foo;  
5 foo  
6 undefined  
7 // Missing parameters are undefined:  
8 function f(x) { return x }  
9 f()  
10 undefined  
11 // If you read a nonexistent property, you get undefined:  
12 var obj = {};// empty object  
13 obj.foo  
14 undefined  
15 // null means "no object." It is used as a nonvalue whenever an object  
16 // is expected (parameters, last in a chain of objects, etc.).  
17 // Warning: undefined and null have no properties,  
18 // not even standard methods such as toString().
```

Source: <http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html>

# Strings

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```
1 // Normally, JavaScript strings are primitive values,  
2 // created from literals:  
3 var x = "John";  
4 typeof(x) // typeof x will return string  
5 // But strings can also be defined as objects  
6 // with the keyword new:  
7 var y = new String("John");  
8 typeof(y) // typeof y will return object
```

Strings are useful for holding data that can be represented in text form. A JavaScript string is zero or more characters written inside quotes. String Methods and String Properties: Primitive values, like "John Doe", cannot have properties or methods (because they are not objects).

But with JavaScript, methods and properties are also available to primitive values, because JavaScript treats primitive values as objects when executing methods and properties. Strings can also be defined as objects with the keyword new. **WARNING!** Don't create strings as objects. It slows down execution speed.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/String](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/String) and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_strings.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_strings.asp)

# String Methods and Properties

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```
1 // A string is converted to upper case with toUpperCase():
2 var text1 = "Hello World!"; // String
3 var text2 = text1.toUpperCase(); // text2 is text1 converted to upper
4 // A string is converted to lower case with toLowerCase():
5 var text1 = "Hello World!"; // String
6 var text2 = text1.toLowerCase(); // text2 is text1 converted to lower
7 // concat() joins two or more strings:
8 var text = "Hello" + " " + "World!";
9 var text = "Hello".concat(" ", "World!");
10 // The trim() method removes whitespace from both sides of a string:
11 var str = "      Hello World!      ";
12 alert(str.trim());
13 // The length property returns the length of a string:
14 var txt = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ";
15 var sln = txt.length;
```

All **string** methods return a new **string**. They don't modify the original **string**. Formally said: **strings** are immutable: **strings** cannot be changed, only replaced.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_string\\_methods.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_string_methods.asp)

# Converting a String to an Array

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```
1 // A string can be converted to an array with the split() method:  
2 var greetings = "Hello, Hi, Hola"; // String  
3 greetings.split(","); // Split on commas // logs ["Hello, Hi, Hola"]  
4 greetings.split(" "); // Split on spaces // logs ["Hello,", "Hi,", "Hola"]  
5 greetings.split("|"); // Split on pipe // logs ["Hello, Hi, Hola"] (Oops!)  
6 // If the separator is omitted, the returned array  
7 // will contain the whole string in index [0].  
8 var y = greetings.split()  
9 console.log(y)  
10 // logs ["Hello, Hi, Hola"]  
11 console.log(y[0]); // logs Hello, Hi, Hola  
12 console.log(y[1]); // logs undefined  
13 // If the separator is "", the returned array  
14 // will be an array of single characters:  
15 var x = greetings.split("")  
16 console.log(x)  
17 // logs ["H", "e", "l", "l", "o", ",", " ", "H", "i", " ", " ", "H", "o", "l", "a"]
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_string\\_methods.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_string_methods.asp)

# Template Literals (Template Strings)

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Template literals are **string literals** allowing **embedded expressions**. You can use multi-line strings and **string interpolation** features with them.

They were called "**template strings**" in prior editions of the ES2015 specification.

Template literals are enclosed by the backtick (`) (grave accent) character instead of double or single quotes.

Template literals can contain **placeholders**. These are indicated by the dollar sign and curly braces ( `${expression}` ). The **expressions** in the **placeholders** and the text between the backticks (`) get passed to a **function**.

The default function just concatenates the parts into a single string. If there is an expression preceding the **template literal** (tag here), this is called a **tagged template**. In that case, the **tag expression** (usually a **function**) gets called with the **template literal**, which you can then manipulate before outputting.

```
1 // - Syntax:
2 // - `string-text`
3 // - `string-text-line-1
4 // - `string-text-line-2` 
5 // - `string-text-${expression}-string-text` 
6 // - tag`string-text-${expression}-string-text` 
7 // - To escape a backtick in a template literal,
8 // - put a backslash (\) before the backtick.
9 `` === '' // --> true
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template\\_literals](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template_literals)

# Template Literals (Template Strings) 2

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```
1 // Multi-line strings: Any newline characters
2 // inserted in the source are part of the
3 // template literal.
4 // ~~~~~
5 // Using normal strings, you would have to use
6 // the following syntax in order to get
7 // multi-line strings:
8 console.log('string text line 1\n' +
9   'string text line 2');
10 // "string text line 1
11 // string text line 2"
12 // ~~~~~
13 // Using template literals, you can do
14 // the same like this:
15 console.log(`string text line 1
16   string text line 2`);
17 // "string text line 1
18 // string text line 2"
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template\\_literals](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template_literals)

# Template Literals (Template Strings) 3

```
1 // Expression interpolation: In order to embed expressions within normal
2 // strings, you would use the following syntax:
3 let a = 5;
4 let b = 10;
5 console.log('Fifteen is ' + (a + b) + ' and\nnot ' + (2 * a + b) + '.');
6 // "Fifteen is 15 and
7 // not 20."
8 // ~~~~~
9 // Now, with template literals, you are able to make use of the syntactic
10 // sugar, making substitutions like this more readable:
11 let a = 5;
12 let b = 10;
13 console.log(`Fifteen is ${a + b} and
14 not ${2 * a + b}.`);
15 // "Fifteen is 15 and
16 // not 20."
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template\\_literals](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template_literals)

# Template Literals (Template Strings) 4

```
1 // Tagged templates: A more advanced form of template literals are tagged templates. Tags allow you
2 // to parse template literals with a function. The first argument of a tag function contains an
3 // array of string values. The remaining arguments are related to the expressions.
4 let person = 'Mike';
5 let age = 28;
6 function myTag(strings, personExp, ageExp) {
7   let str0 = strings[0]; // "That "
8   let str1 = strings[1]; // " is a "
9   // There is technically a string after the final expression (in our example),
10  // but it is empty (""), so disregard.
11  let ageStr;
12  if (ageExp > 99){
13    ageStr = 'centenarian';
14  } else {
15    ageStr = 'youngster';
16  }
17  // We can even return a string built using a template literal
18  return `${str0}${personExp}${str1}${ageStr}`;
19 }
20 let output = myTag`That ${person} is a ${age}`;
21 console.log(output); // That Mike is a youngster
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template\\_literals](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template_literals)

# Template Literals (Template Strings) 5

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```
1 // - Raw strings: The special raw property, available on the first argument
2 // - to the tag function, allows you to access the raw strings as they were
3 // - entered, without processing escape sequences.
4 function tag(strings) {
5   console.log(strings.raw[0]);
6 }
7 tag`string text line 1 \n string text line 2`;
8 // logs "string text line 1 \n string text line 2",
9 // including the two characters '\n' and '\n'
10 // ~~~~~
11 // - In addition, the String.raw() method exists to create raw strings-
12 // - just like the default template
13 // - function and string concatenation would create.
14 let str = String.raw`Hi\n${2+3}!`;
15 // - "Hi\n5!"
16 str.length;
17 // - 6
18 str.split(')').join(',');
19 // - "H,i,\n,5,!"
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template\\_literals](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Template_literals)

# Numbers

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```
1 // JavaScript has only one type of number.  
2 // Numbers can be written with or without decimals.  
3 var x = 3.14; // A number with decimals  
4 var y = 3; // A number without decimals  
5 // Extra large or extra small numbers can be written  
6 // with scientific (exponent) notation:  
7 var x = 123e5; // 12300000  
8 var y = 123e-5; // 0.00123  
9 // Integers (numbers without a period or exponent notation)  
10 // are accurate up to 15 digits.  
11 var x = 999999999999999; // x will be 999999999999999  
12 var y = 999999999999999; // y will be 1000000000000000  
13 // The maximum number of decimals is 17,  
14 // but floating point arithmetic is not always 100% accurate:  
15 var x = 0.2 + 0.1; // x will be 0.3000000000000004
```

JavaScript **numbers** are always 64-bit floating point. JavaScript **numbers** are always stored as **double precision floating point numbers**, following the international IEEE 754 standard.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_numbers.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_numbers.asp)

# Base Systems of Numbers

```
1 // By default, JavaScript displays numbers as base 10 decimals.  
2 // But you can use the toString() method to output numbers from base 2 to base 36.  
3 // Hexadecimal is base 16. Decimal is base 10. Octal is base 8. Binary is base 2.  
4 // There is base 36 as well.  
5 var myNumber = 32;  
6 " Decimal " + myNumber.toString(10); // "Decimal 32"  
7 " Hexadecimal " + myNumber.toString(16); // "Hexadecimal 20"  
8 " Octal " + myNumber.toString(8); // "Octal 40"  
9 " Binary " + myNumber.toString(2); // "Binary 100000"  
10 // JavaScript interprets numeric constants as hexadecimal if they are preceded by 0x  
11 var x = 0xFF; // x will be 255  
12 // NaN is a JavaScript reserved word indicating that a number is not a legal number.  
13 // Trying to do arithmetic with a non-numeric string will result in NaN (Not a Number):  
14 var x = 100 / "Apple"; // x will be NaN (Not a Number)
```

**WARNING !** Never write a **number** with a leading zero (like 07). Some JavaScript versions interpret **numbers** as **octal** if they are written with a leading zero. **Octal number** syntax uses a leading zero.

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# Numbers: NaN

The global `NaN` property is a value representing Not-A-Number. `NaN` is a property of the global object.

The initial value of `NaN` is Not-A-Number — the same as the value of `Number.NaN`. In modern browsers, `NaN` is a non-configurable, non-writable property. Even when this is not the case, avoid overriding it.

It is rather rare to use `NaN` in a program. It is the returned value when Math functions fail (`Math.sqrt(-1)`) or when a function trying to parse a number fails (`parseInt("blabla")`).

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/NaN](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/NaN)

```
1 // Standard built-in objects -- NaN
2 function sanitise(x) {
3   if (isNaN(x)) {
4     return NaN;
5   }
6   return x;
7 }
8
9 console.log(sanitise('1'));
10 // expected output: "1"
11
12 console.log(sanitise('NotANumber'));
13 // expected output: NaN
```

# Numbers: NaN

```
1 // NaN compares unequal (via ==, !=, ===, and !==)  
2 // to any other value --- including to another NaN value.  
3 // Use Number.isNaN() or isNaN() to most clearly determine  
4 // whether a value is NaN. Or perform a self-comparison:  
5 // NaN, and only NaN, will compare unequal to itself.  
6 NaN === NaN; // false  
7 Number.NaN === NaN; // false  
8 isNaN(NaN); // true  
9 isNaN(Number.NaN); // true  
10 // ~~~~~  
11 function valueIsNaN(v) { return v !== v; }  
12 valueIsNaN(1); // false  
13 valueIsNaN(NaN); // true  
14 valueIsNaN(Number.NaN); // true  
15 // However, do note the difference between isNaN() and Number.isNaN():  
16 // the former will return true if the value is currently NaN, or if  
17 // it is going to be NaN after it is coerced to a number,  
18 // while the latter will return true only if the value is currently NaN:  
19 isNaN('hello world'); // true  
20 Number.isNaN('hello world'); // false
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/NaN](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/NaN)

# Regular Expressions

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A **regular expression** is a sequence of characters that forms a search pattern. The search pattern can be used for text search and text replace operations. Syntax: /pattern/modifiers;

```
1 var patt = /w3schools/i;
2 // ⚡ /w3schools/i · is · a · regular · expression · .
3 // · w3schools · is · a · pattern · (to · be · used · in · a · search) · .
4 // · i · is · a · modifier · (modifies · the · search · to · be · case-insensitive) · .
```

In JavaScript, **regular expressions** are also objects.

These patterns are used with the exec() and test() methods of **RegExp**, and with the match(), matchAll(), replace(), search(), and split() methods of **String**.

Parentheses around any part of the **regular expression** pattern “/d(b+)d/g” causes that part of the matched **substring** to be remembered. Once remembered, the **substring** can be recalled for other use.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_regexp.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_regexp.asp) and  
[https://developer.mozilla.org/enUS/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Regular\\_Expressions](https://developer.mozilla.org/enUS/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Regular_Expressions)

# Regular Expressions 2

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Methods that use regular expressions:

Method	Description
exec()	Executes a search for a match in a string. It returns an array of information or null on a mismatch.
test()	Tests for a match in a string. It returns true or false.
match()	Returns an array containing all of the matches, including capturing groups, or null if no match is found.
matchAll()	Returns an iterator containing all of the matches, including capturing groups.
search()	Tests for a match in a string. It returns the index of the match, or -1 if the search fails.
replace()	Executes a search for a match in a string and replaces the matched substring with a replacement substring.
split()	Uses a regular expression or a fixed string to break a string into an array of substrings.

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# Regular Expressions 3

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Special characters in [regular expressions](#) and [regular expression flags](#):

Characters / constructs	Corresponding article
\, ., \cX, \d, \D, \f, \n, \r, \s, \S, \t, \v, \w, \W, \o, \xhh, \uhhhh, \uhhhhh, [\b]	<a href="#">Character classes</a>
^, \$, x(?=y), x(?!=y), (?<=y)x, (?<!y)x, \b, \B	<a href="#">Assertions</a>
(x), (?:x), x y, [xyz], [^xyz], \Number	<a href="#">Groups and ranges</a>
*, +, ?, x{n}, x{n,}, x{n,m}	<a href="#">Quantifiers</a>
\p{UnicodeProperty}, \P{UnicodeProperty}	<a href="#">Unicode property escapes</a>

When the search for a match requires something more than a direct match, such as finding one or more b's, or finding white space, you can include [special characters](#) in the pattern. For example, to match a single "a" followed by zero or more "b"s followed by "c", you'd use the pattern /ab\*c/: the \* after "b" means "o or more occurrences of the preceding item." In the [string](#) "cbbabbbbcdebc", this pattern will match the [substring](#) "abbbb". If you need to use any of the [special characters](#) literally (actually searching for a "\*", for instance), you must [escape](#) it by putting a backslash in front of it.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Regular\\_Expressions](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Regular_Expressions)

# Regular Expressions 4

Flag	Description	Corresponding property
g	Global search.	RegExp.prototype.global
i	Case-insensitive search.	RegExp.prototype.ignoreCase
m	Multi-line search.	RegExp.prototype.multiline
s	Allows . to match newline characters. (Added in ES2018, not yet supported in Firefox).	RegExp.prototype.dotAll
u	"unicode"; treat a pattern as a sequence of unicode code points.	RegExp.prototype.unicode
y	Perform a "sticky" search that matches starting at the current position in the target string. See sticky.	RegExp.prototype.sticky

Regular expressions have six optional flags that allow for functionality like global and case insensitive searching. These flags can be used separately or together in any order and are included as part of the regular expression. To include a flag with the regular expression, use this syntax: `var re = /pattern flags/`; or `var re = new RegExp('pattern', 'flags')`. Note that the flags are an integral part of a regular expression. They cannot be added or removed later.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Regular\\_Expressions](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Regular_Expressions)

# Booleans

A JavaScript Boolean represents one of two values: true or false.

Very often, in programming, you will need a data type that can only have one of two values, like

- YES / NO
- ON / OFF
- TRUE / FALSE

Boolean conditionals true and false are often used to decide which sections of code to execute (such as in if statements) or repeat (such as in for loops).

The Boolean value is named after English mathematician George Boole, who pioneered the field of mathematical logic.

```
1 // You can use the Boolean() function  
2 // to find out  
3 // if an expression (or a variable)  
4 // is true or false:  
5 Boolean(10 > 9) // returns true  
6 (10 > 9) // also returns true  
7 10 > 9 // also returns true  
8 9 > 10 // returns false
```

The Boolean value of an expression is the basis for all JavaScript comparisons and conditions.

Sources:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_booleans.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_booleans.asp) and  
<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Boolean>

# Booleans

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```
1 // Everything With a "Value" is True
2 var b1 = Boolean(100);
3 var b2 = Boolean(3.14);
4 var b3 = Boolean(-15);
5 var b4 = Boolean("Hello");
6 var b5 = Boolean('false');
7 var b6 = Boolean(1 + 7 + 3.14);
8 // Everything Without a "Value" is False
9 var b7 = Boolean(0); // The Boolean value of 0 (zero) is false
10 var b8 = Boolean(-0); // The Boolean value of -0 (minus zero) is false
11 var b9 = Boolean(""); // The Boolean value of "" (empty string) is false
12 var b10 = Boolean(x); // The Boolean value of undefined is false
13 var b11 = Boolean(null); // The Boolean value of null is false
14 var b12 = Boolean(false); // The Boolean value of false is (you guessed it) false
15 var x = 10 / "H";
16 var b13 = Boolean(x); // The Boolean value of NaN is false
```

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# Booleans: Truthy and Falsy

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Whenever **JavaScript** expects a **boolean** value (e.g., for the condition of an **if statement**), any value can be used. It will be interpreted as either true or false. The following values are interpreted as false:

- ❑ **undefined**, **null**
- ❑ **Boolean**: **false**
- ❑ **Number**: **0**, **NaN**
- ❑ **String**: “ ”

All other values (including all **objects**!) are considered true. Values interpreted as false are called **falsy**, and values interpreted as true are called **truthy**. **Boolean()**, called as a **function**, converts its **parameter** to a **boolean**.

The primitive **boolean type** comprises the values **true** and **false**. The following **operators** produce **booleans**:

- ❑ Binary logical operators: **&&** (And), **||** (Or)
- ❑ Prefix logical operator: **!** (Not)
- ❑ Comparison operators:
- ❑ Equality operators: **==**, **!=**, **==**, **!=**
- ❑ Ordering operators (for **strings** and **numbers**): **>**, **>=**, **<**, **<=**

Sources:

[http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html#basic\\_truthy\\_falsy](http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html#basic_truthy_falsy) and <http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html>

# Symbol

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Symbols are guaranteed to be unique. Even if we create many symbols with the same description, they are different values. A symbol may be used as an object property.

```
1 // Here are two symbols with the same description:  
2 let Sym1 = Symbol("Sym")  
3 let Sym2 = Symbol("Sym")  
4 console.log(Sym1 === Sym2) // returns "false"  
5 // Symbols don't "Auto-Convert" to strings  
6 let Sym = Symbol("Sym")  
7 alert(Sym) // TypeError: Cannot convert a Symbol value to a string  
8 // If you really want to show a symbol, we need to call .toString() on it.  
9 let Sym = Symbol("Sym")  
10 alert(Sym.toString()) // Symbol(Sym), now it works  
11 // Or you can use the symbol.description property to get its description:  
12 let _Sym = Symbol("Sym");  
13 alert(_Sym.description); // Sym
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Symbol>

# Symbol 2

```
1 // Symbols are tokens that serve as unique IDs. You create symbols via the factory function
2 // Symbol() (which is loosely similar to String returning strings if called as a function):
3 const symbol1 = Symbol();
4 console.log(symbol1); // Symbol()
5 // Symbol() has an optional string-valued parameter that lets you give the newly created
6 // Symbol a description. That description is used when the symbol is converted to
7 // a string (via toString() or String()):
8 const symbol2 = Symbol('symbol2');
9 String(symbol2); // 'Symbol(symbol2)'
10 // Every symbol returned by Symbol() is unique, every symbol has its own identity:
11 Symbol() === Symbol(); // false
12 // You can see that symbols are primitive if you apply the typeof operator to one of them --
13 // it will return a new symbol-specific result:
14 typeof Symbol(); // 'symbol'
15 // The function Symbol(Symbol(description?)) :: symbol
16 // Creates a new symbol. The optional parameter description allows you to give the symbol
17 // a description. The only way to access the description is to convert the symbol to a string
18 // (via toString() or String()). The result of such a conversion is 'Symbol('+description+')':
19 const sym = Symbol('hello');
20 String(sym); // 'Symbol(hello)'
21 // Symbol is can't be used as a constructor -- an exception is thrown if you invoke it via new.
```

Source: [https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch\\_symbols.html#sec\\_overview-symbols](https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch_symbols.html#sec_overview-symbols)

# The Typeof Operator

```
1  typeof "John" ..... // Returns "string"
2  typeof 3.14 ..... // Returns "number"
3  typeof NaN ..... // Returns "number"
4  typeof false ..... // Returns "boolean"
5  typeof [1,2,3,4] ..... // Returns "object"
6  typeof {name:'John', age:34} ..... // Returns "object"
7  typeof new Date() ..... // Returns "object"
8  typeof function () {} ..... // Returns "function"
9  typeof myCar ..... // Returns "undefined" *
10 typeof null ..... // Returns "object"
```

You can use the `typeof` operator to find the data type of a `JavaScript` variable. You cannot use `typeof` to determine if a `JavaScript` object is an array (or a date). `Typeof` operator always returns a string (containing the type of the operand).

The data type of an `undefined` variable is `undefined`. The data type of a variable that has not been assigned a value is also `undefined`.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_type\\_conversion.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_type_conversion.asp)

# Type Conversion

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```
1 5 + null // returns 5 because null is converted to 0
2 "5" + null // returns "5null" because null is converted to "null"
3 "5" + 2 // returns "52" because 2 is converted to "2"
4 "5" - 2 // returns 3 because "5" is converted to 5
5 "5" * "2" // returns 10 because "5" and "2" are converted to 5 and 2
```

JavaScript **variables** can be converted to a new **variable** and another **data type**.

By the use of a JavaScript **function**. (**Implicit** or **explicit conversion**). **Number()** converts to a **Number**, **String()** converts to a **String**, **Boolean()** converts to a **Boolean**.

Automatically by JavaScript itself. (**Implicit coercion**)

When JavaScript tries to operate on a "wrong" **data type**, it will try to convert the value to a "right" **data type**.

The result is not always what you expect:

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_type\\_conversion.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_type_conversion.asp)

# Type Conversion versus Type Coersion

```
1 "5" * "5" // returns 25 because "5"  
2 // is automatically or implicitly coerced to 5  
3 // due to the use of arithmetic operator (*)  
4 Boolean(5) // returns explicitly converted true  
5 // due to the use of Boolean() function
```

Type coercion is the automatic or implicit conversion of values from one data type to another (such as strings to numbers).

Type conversion is similar to type coercion because they both convert values from one data type to another with one key difference: type coercion is implicit whereas type conversion can be either implicit or explicit.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Type\\_coercion](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Type_coercion) and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_type\\_conversion.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_type_conversion.asp)

# Type Conversion

Original Value	Converted to Number	Converted to String	Converted to Boolean	Original Value	Converted to Number	Converted to String	Converted to Boolean
false	0	"false"	false	"20"	20	"20"	true
true	1	"true"	true	"twenty"	NaN	"twenty"	true
0	0	"0"	false	[ ]	0	""	true
1	1	"1"	true	[20]	20	"20"	true
"0"	0	"0"	true	[10,20]	NaN	"10,20"	true
"ooo"	0	"ooo"	true	["twenty"]	NaN	"twenty"	true
"1"	1	"1"	true	["ten","twenty"]	NaN	"ten,twenty"	true
NaN	NaN	"NaN"	false	function(){} {} null undefined	NaN	"function(){}" "[object Object]" "null" "undefined"	true true false false
Infinity	Infinity	"Infinity"	true				
-Infinity	-Infinity	"-Infinity"	true				
""	0	""	false				

Note! Red values indicate values with unexpected results.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_type\\_conversion.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_type_conversion.asp)

# Automatic String Conversion

```
1 // Automatic String Conversion: JavaScript automatically calls the variable's
2 // toString() function when you try to "output" an object or a variable:
3 myVar = {name: "Fjohn"} // toString converts to "[object Object]"
4 myVar1 = [1,2,3,4] // toString converts to "1,2,3,4"
5 myVar2 = new Date() // toString converts to "Sun Apr 26 2020 11:54:59 GMT+0300
6 // (Eastern European Summer Time)"
7 // Numbers and booleans are also converted, but this is not very visible:
8 myVar3 = 123 // toString converts to "123"
9 myVar4 = true // toString converts to "true"
10 myVar5 = false // toString converts to "false"
11 document.write(myVar + ", " + myVar1 + ", " + myVar2 + ", " + myVar3 + ", " + myVar4 + ", " + myVar5 + ");
```

```
[object Object] 1,2,3,4 Sun Apr 26 2020 11:54:59 GMT+0300 (Eastern European
Summer Time) 123 true false
```

JavaScript type conversion: JavaScript variables can be converted to a new variable and another data type: By the use of a JavaScript function or automatically by JavaScript itself.

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# Strict Mode

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JavaScript was designed to be easy for novice developers and that is why **default mode, non-strict mode** is referred to as "**sloppy mode**". This isn't an official term.

**Strict mode** is declared by adding "**use strict**"; to the beginning of a script or a function.

Declared at the beginning of a script, it has **global scope** (all code in the script will execute in **strict mode**).

Declared inside a **function**, it has **local scope** (only the code inside the **function** is in **strict mode**).

**Strict mode** makes several changes to normal **JavaScript semantics**.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_strict.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_strict.asp) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Strict\\_mode](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Strict_mode)

Eliminates some JavaScript silent errors by changing them to **throw errors**.

Fixes mistakes that make it difficult for JavaScript engines to perform optimizations: **strict mode code** can sometimes be made to run faster than identical code that's not **strict mode**.

Prohibits some **syntax** likely to be defined in future versions of **ECMAScript**.

**Strict mode code** and **non-strict mode code** can coexist, so scripts can opt into **strict mode** incrementally.

**Strict mode** helps you to write cleaner code.

**Strict mode** changes previously accepted "**bad syntax**" into real errors.

With **strict mode** it is impossible to accidentally create a **global variable**.

## Strict Mode 2

```
1 // Declared at the beginning of a script, it has global scope
2 // (all code in the script will execute in strict mode):
3 "use strict";
4 myFunction();
5 function myFunction() {
6   y = 3.14; // This will cause an error because y is not declared
7 }
8 // Declared inside a function, it has local scope
9 // (only the code inside the function is in strict mode):
10 x = 3.14; // This will not cause an error.
11 myFunction();
12 function myFunction() {
13   "use strict";
14   y = 3.14; // This will cause an error
15 }
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_strict.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_strict.asp)

# Strict Mode 3

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```
1 "use strict";
2 // Using a variable, without declaring it, is not allowed:
3 x = 3.14; ..... // This will cause an error
4 // Using an object, without declaring it, is not allowed:
5 x = {p1:10, p2:20}; ..... // This will cause an error
6 // Deleting a variable (or object) is not allowed.
7 var x = 3.14;
8 delete x; ..... // This will cause an error
9 // Deleting a function is not allowed.
10 function x(p1, p2) {};
11 delete x; ..... // This will cause an error
12 // Duplicating a parameter name is not allowed:
13 function x(p1, p1) {}; ..... // This will cause an error
14 // Octal numeric literals are not allowed:
15 var x = 010; ..... // This will cause an error
16 // Octal escape characters are not allowed:
17 var x = "\010"; ..... // This will cause an error |
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_strict.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_strict.asp)

# This Keyword

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The **JavaScript** `this` keyword refers to the **object** it belongs to.

It has different values depending on where it is used:

- ❑ In a **method**, `this` refers to the **owner object**.
- ❑ Alone, `this` refers to the **global object**.
- ❑ In a **function**, `this` refers to the **global object**.
- ❑ In a **function**, in strict mode, `this` is **undefined**.
- ❑ In an **event**, `this` refers to the **element** that received the **event**.
- ❑ Methods like `call()`, `apply()` and `bind()` can refer `this` to any **object**.

```
1 // This in a Method
2 // In an object method,
3 // this refers to the "owner" of the method.
4 // this refers to the person object.
5 var person = {
6   firstName : "John",
7   lastName : "Doe",
8   id : 5566,
9   myFunction : function() {
10     return this;
11   }
12 };
13 document.write(person);
14 // In the browser window this refers
15 // to the person object.[object Object]
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_this.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_this.asp)

## This Keyword 2

```
1 // In an object method, this refers to the "owner" of the method.  
2 // In the example, this refers to the person object.  
3 // The person object is the owner of the fullName method.  
4 var person = {  
5   firstName: "John",  
6   lastName : "Doe",  
7   id       : 5566,  
8   fullName : function(){  
9     return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
10  }  
11};  
12 console.log(person);  
13 // logs {firstName: "John", lastName: "Doe", id: 5566, fullName: f}  
14 console.log(person.fullName); // logs f () {  
15 // return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
16 // }  
17 console.log(person.fullName()); // logs John Doe
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_this.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_this.asp)

# This Keyword 3

```
1 //·this·Alone:·When·used·alone,·the·owner·is·the·Global·object,·  
2 //·so·this·refers·to·the·Global·object.  
3 //·In·a·browser·window·the·Global·object·is·[object·Window]:  
4 var·x·=·this;  
5 document.write(x);  
6 //·In·strict·mode·("use·strict"),·when·used·alone,  
7 //·this·also·refers·to·the·Global·object·[object·Window]:  
8 //~~~~~  
9 //·this·in·a·Function·(Default):In·a·JavaScript·function,  
10 //·the·owner·of·the·function·is·the·default·binding·for·this.  
11 //·So,·in·a·function,·this·refers·to·the·Global·object·[object·Window].  
12 //·[object·Window]function·myFunction(){·return·this;·}  
13 function·myFunction(){  
14     ···return·this;  
15 }  
16     ···document.write(myFunction);  
17 //·Strict·mode·("use·strict"),·does·not·allow·default·binding.  
18 //·So,·when·used·in·a·function,·in·strict·mode,·this·is·undefined.  
19 //·function·myFunction(){·return·this;·}|
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_this.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_this.asp)

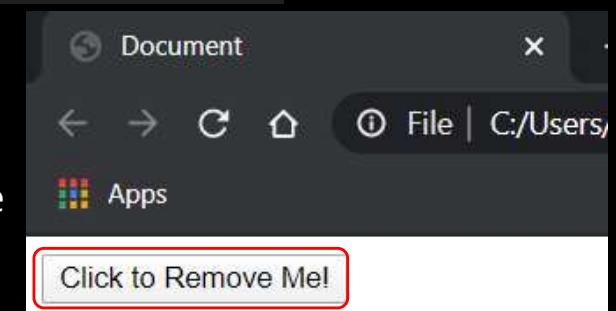
# This Keyword 4

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en">
3 <head>
4   <meta charset="UTF-8">
5   <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
6   <title>Document</title>
7 </head>
8 <body>
9   <button onclick="this.style.display='none'">Click to Remove Me!</button>
10 </body>
11 </html>
12 <!--this is Event Handlers: In HTML event handlers,
13     this refers to the HTML element that received the event:-->
```

In **HTML event handlers**, **this** refers to the **HTML element** that received the event which is **button** in this case.

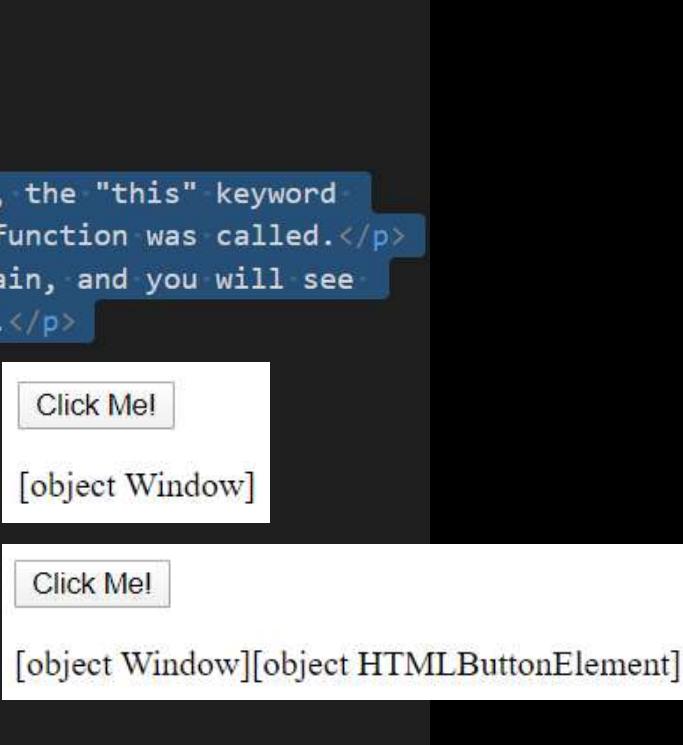
Elements in **HTML** are mostly "**inline**" or "**block**" elements: An **inline element** has floating content on its left and right side. A **block element** fills the entire line, and nothing can be displayed on its left or right side. If you set **display:none**, it hides the entire **element**, while **visibility:hidden** means that the contents of the **element** will be invisible, but the **element** stays in its original position and size.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_this.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_this.asp) and [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/prop\\_style\\_display.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/prop_style_display.asp)



# This Keyword 5

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <h2>JavaScript "this"</h2>
5 <p>This example demonstrate that in a regular function, the "this" keyword
6 ... represents different objects depending on how the function was called.</p>
7 <p>Click the button to execute the "hello" function again, and you will see
8 ... that this time "this" represents the button object.</p>
9 <button id="btn">Click Me!</button>
10 <p id="demo"></p>
11 <script>
12 var hello;
13 hello = function() {
14   document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML += this;
15 }
16 //The window object calls the function:
17 window.addEventListener("load", hello);
18 //~~~~~A button object calls the function:
19 //A button object calls the function:
20 document.getElementById("btn").addEventListener("click", hello);
21 </script>
22 </body>
```



Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_arrow\\_function.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_arrow_function.asp)

# This Keyword with Call() and Apply()

```
1 // Explicit Function Binding: The call() and apply() methods are predefined JavaScript methods.  
2 // They can both be used to call an object method with another object as argument.  
3 // when calling person1.fullName with person2 as argument, this will refer to person2,  
4 // even if it is a method of person1:  
5 var person1 = {  
6   ... fullName: function(){  
7     return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
8   }  
9 }  
10 var person2 = {  
11   firstName: "John",  
12   lastName: "Doe",  
13 }  
14 person1.fullName.call(person2); // Will return "John Doe"
```

The JavaScript **call()** method: The **call()** method is a predefined JavaScript **method**. It can be used to **invoke** (**call**) a **method** with an owner object as an **argument (parameter)**.

With **call()**, an **object** can use a **method** belonging to **another object**.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_this.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_this.asp) and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_call.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_call.asp)

# This Keyword with Call() and Apply()

```
1 // With the apply() method, you can write a method that can be used on different objects.  
2 // In this example the fullName method of person is applied on person1:  
3 var person = {  
4     fullName: function(city, country) {  
5         return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName + ", " + city + ", " + country;  
6     }  
7 }  
8 var person1 = {  
9     firstName: "Mary",  
10    lastName: "Doe"  
11 }  
12 person.fullName.apply(person1); // Returns "Mary Doe,undefined,undefined"  
13 // The apply() method takes arguments as an array.  
14 person.fullName.apply(person1, ["Oslo", "Norway"]);  
15 // returns "Mary Doe,Oslo,Norway"  
16 // The call() method takes arguments separately.  
17 person.fullName.call(person1, "Oslo", "Norway");  
18 // returns "Mary Doe,Oslo,Norway"
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_apply.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_apply.asp)

# This Keyword with Bind()

```
1 // -bind() enables you to do partial evaluation, you can create new functions by
2 // filling in parameters of an existing function:
3 function add(x, y) {
4     return x + y;
5 }
6 const plus1 = add.bind(undefined, 1);
7 // With an arrow function:
8 const plus1 = y => add(1, y);
9 // ~~~~~
10 // func.bind() produces a function whose name is 'bound' + func.name:
11 function foo(x) {
12     return x;
13 }
14 const bound = foo.bind(undefined, 123);
15 console.log(bound.name); // logs bound foo
```

The `bind()` method creates a new function that, when called, has its `this` keyword set to the provided value, with a given sequence of arguments preceding any provided when the new function is called.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Function/bind](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Function/bind) and [https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch\\_arrow-functions.html#sec\\_arrow-func-vs-bind](https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch_arrow-functions.html#sec_arrow-func-vs-bind) and [https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch\\_callables.html#sec\\_ifes-in-es6](https://exploringjs.com/es6/ch_callables.html#sec_ifes-in-es6)

# Objects

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In **JavaScript**, almost "everything" is an **object**.

**Booleans** can be objects (if defined with the **new keyword**)

**Numbers** can be objects (if defined with the **new keyword**)

**Strings** can be objects (if defined with the **new keyword**)

**Dates** are always objects

**Maths** are always objects

**Regular expressions** are always objects

**Arrays** are always objects

**Functions** are always objects

**Objects** are always objects

All **JavaScript** values, except **primitives**, are **objects**.

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_object\\_definition.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_object_definition.asp)

A **primitive value** is a value that has no **properties** or **methods**.

A **primitive data type** is data that has a **primitive value**.

**JavaScript** defines 6 types of **primitive data types**:

**string**

**number**

**boolean**

**null**

**undefined**

**symbol** (new in ECMAScript 2015)

**Primitive values** are immutable (they are hardcoded and therefore cannot be changed).

| if `x = 3.14`, you can change the value of `x`. But you cannot change the value of `3.14`.

# Object Methods

```
> var object = {};
object.length = 3;
console.log(object);
```

```
▼ {length: 3} ⓘ
  length: 3
  ▼ __proto__:
    ▼ constructor: f Object()
      arguments: (...)
```

⋮

```
▶ assign: f assign()
  caller: (...)

  ▶ create: f create()
  ▶ defineProperties: f defineProperties()
  ▶ defineProperty: f defineProperty()
  ▶ entries: f entries()
  ▶ freeze: f freeze()
  ▶ fromEntries: f fromEntries()
  ▶ getOwnPropertyDescriptor: f getOwnPropertyDescriptor()
  ▶ getOwnPropertyDescriptors: f getOwnPropertyDescriptors()
  ▶ getOwnPropertyNames: f getOwnPropertyNames()
  ▶ getOwnPropertySymbols: f getOwnPropertySymbols()
  ▶ getPrototypeOf: f getPrototypeOf()
  ▶ is: f is()
  ▶ isExtensible: f isExtensible()
```

**WARNING!** `Object` doesn't have a `length` property. Only `string` and arrays have a `length` property. Use `Object.keys(object).length` to get the length of an `object`.

Source: <https://dev.to/samanthaming/how-to-get-an-object-length-30pd>

**Note!** By expanding the arrow you get more options

```
▶ isFrozen: f isFrozen()
  ▶ isSealed: f isSealed()
  ▶ keys: f keys()
    length: 1
    name: "Object"
  ▶ preventExtensions: f preventExtensions()
  ▶ prototype: {constructor: f, __defineGetter__: ...}
  ▶ seal: f seal()
  ▶ setPrototypeOf: f setPrototypeOf()
  ▶ values: f values()
  ▶ __proto__: f ()
  ▶ [[Scopes]]: Scopes[0]
  ▶ hasOwnProperty: f hasOwnProperty()
  ▶ isPrototypeOf: f isPrototypeOf()
  ▶ propertyIsEnumerable: f propertyIsEnumerable()
  ▶ toLocaleString: f toLocaleString()
  ▶ toString: f toString()
  ▶ valueOf: f valueOf()
  ▶ __defineGetter__: f __defineGetter__()
  ▶ __defineSetter__: f __defineSetter__()
  ▶ __lookupGetter__: f __LookupGetter__()
  ▶ __lookupSetter__: f __LookupSetter__()
  ▶ get __proto__: f __proto__()
  ▶ set __proto__: f __proto__()
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Object](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Object)

# Object: Properties and Methods

The name: value pairs in JavaScript objects are called **properties**:

You define (and create) a JavaScript **object** with an **object literal**:

Object literal: `var person = { }`

Objects can also have **methods**.

Methods are **actions** that can be performed on objects.

Methods are stored in properties as function definitions.

```
1 var person = {  
2   firstName: "James",  
3   lastName: "Bond",  
4   fullName: function() {  
5     return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  }};
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_objects.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_objects.asp)

# Objects

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```
1 // Objects are mutable: They are addressed by reference, not by value.  
2 // If person is an object, the following statement will not create a copy of person:  
3 var x = person; // This will not create a copy of person.  
4 // The object x is not a copy of person. It is person. Both x and person are the same object.  
5 // Any changes to x will also change person, because x and person are the same object.  
6 var person = {firstName:"John", lastName:"Doe", age:50}  
7 var x = person;  
8 x.age = 10; // This will change both x.age and person.age  
9 // Displaying a JavaScript object will output [object Object].  
10 // The properties of an object can be displayed as a string:  
11 var displayperson = person.firstName + ", " + person.age;  
12 console.log(displayperson); // logs John,10  
13 // The properties of an object can be collected in a loop:  
14 var txt = "";  
15 for (x in person) {  
16     txt += person[x] + " "  
17 }; // logs "John Doe 10"  
18 // Any JavaScript object can be converted to an array using Object.values():  
19 var myArray = Object.values(person);  
20 console.log(myArray); // logs ["John", "Doe", 10]
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_object\\_display.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_object_display.asp)

# Objects: Getters and Setters

```
1 // Getters and setters allow you to define Object Accessors (Computed Properties). Getters and setters
2 // allow you to get and set properties via methods. This example uses a lang property to get the value
3 // of the language property. JavaScript Getter (The get Keyword)
4 var person = {
5   firstName: "John",
6   language : "en",
7   get lang() {
8     return this.language;
9   }
10 };
11 console.log(person.lang); // logs en
12 // JavaScript Setter (The set Keyword)
13 var person = {
14   firstName: "John",
15   language : "",
16   set lang(lang) {
17     this.language = lang;
18   }
19 };
20 // Set an object property using a setter:
21 person.lang = "en"; // logs "en"
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_object\\_accessors.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_object_accessors.asp)

# Objects: Delete and In operators

```
1 // The delete operator deletes a property from an object:  
2 var person = {firstName:"John", lastName:"Doe", age:50};  
3 delete person.age; // or delete person["age"];  
4 console.log(person); // logs {firstName: "John", lastName: "Doe"}  
5 // The delete operator deletes both the value of the property  
6 // and the property itself. After deletion, the property cannot be used  
7 // before it is added back again. The delete operator is designed to be used  
8 // on object properties. It has no effect on variables or functions.  
9 // Note: The delete operator should not be used on predefined  
10 // JavaScript object properties. It can crash your application.  
11 // ~~~~~  
12 // The in operator returns true if the specified property is  
13 // in the specified object, otherwise false:  
14 // Objects  
15 var person = {firstName:"John", lastName:"Doe", age:50};  
16 "firstName" in person // Returns true  
17 "age" in person // Returns true  
18 // Predefined objects  
19 "PI" in Math // Returns true  
20 "NaN" in Number // Returns true  
21 "length" in String // Returns true
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_operators.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_operators.asp)

# Object.entries, Object.keys and Object.values

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```
> var person = {firstName:"John", lastName:"Doe", age:50};
  console.log(Object.entries(person)); // [Array(2), Array(2), Array(2)]
  console.log(Object.keys(person)); // ["firstName", "lastName", "age"]
  console.log(Object.values(person)); // ["John", "Doe", 50]

  ▶ (3) [Array(2), Array(2), Array(2)] ⓘ
    ▶ 0: (2) ["firstName", "John"]
    ▶ 1: (2) ["lastName", "Doe"]
    ▶ 2: (2) ["age", 50]
      length: 3
    ▶ __proto__: Array(0)

  ▶ (3) ["firstName", "lastName", "age"] ⓘ
    0: "firstName"
    1: "lastName"
    2: "age"
    length: 3
    ▶ __proto__: Array(0)

  ▶ (3) ["John", "Doe", 50] ⓘ
    0: "John"
    1: "Doe"
    2: 50
    length: 3
    ▶ __proto__: Array(0)
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Object](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Object)

# Destructuring Objects

```
1 // Basic assignment
2 const user = {
3   id: 42,
4   is_verified: true
5 };
6 const {id, is_verified} = user;
7 console.log(id); // 42
8 console.log(is_verified); // true
9 // Assignment without declaration: A variable can be assigned its value
10 // with destructuring separate from its declaration.
11 let a, b;
12 ({a, b} = {a: 1, b: 2});
13 // Notes: The parentheses (....) around the assignment statement are required
14 // when using object literal destructuring assignment without a declaration.
15 // {a, b} = {a: 1, b: 2} is not valid stand-alone syntax, as the {a, b}
16 // on the left-hand-side is considered a block and not an object literal.
17 // However, ({a, b} = {a: 1, b: 2}) is valid, as is const {a, b} = {a: 1, b: 2}
18 // Your (....) expression needs to be preceded by a semicolon or it
19 // may be used to execute a function on the previous line.
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Destructuring\\_assignment](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Destructuring_assignment)

# Destructuring Objects 2

```
1 // Assigning to new variable names: A property can be unpacked from an object
2 // and assigned to a variable with a different name than the object property.
3 const o = {p: 42, q: true};
4 const {p: foo, q: bar} = o;
5 console.log(foo); // 42
6 console.log(bar); // true
7 // Here, for example, const {p: foo} = o takes from the object o the property
8 // named p and assigns it to a local variable named foo.
9 // Default values: A variable can be assigned a default, in the case that
10 // the value unpacked from the object is undefined.
11 const {a = 10, b = 5} = {a: 3};
12 console.log(a); // 3
13 console.log(b); // 5
14 // Assigning to new variables names and providing default values: A property
15 // can be both 1) unpacked from an object and assigned to a variable with
16 // a different name and 2) assigned a default value in case the unpacked
17 // value is undefined.
18 const {a: aa = 10, b: bb = 5} = {a: 3};
19 console.log(aa); // 3
20 console.log(bb); // 5
```

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# Destructuring Objects 3

```
1 // Unpacking fields from objects passed as function parameter:
2 const user = {
3   id: 42,
4   displayName: 'jdoe',
5   fullName: {
6     firstName: 'John',
7     lastName: 'Doe'
8   }
9 };
10 function userId({id}) {
11   return id;
12 }
13 function whois({displayName, fullName: {firstName: name}}) {
14   return `${displayName} is ${name}`;
15 }
16 console.log(userId(user)); // 42
17 console.log(whois(user)); // "jdoe is John"
18 // This unpacks the id, displayName and firstName from the user object and prints them.
```

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# Destructuring Objects 4

```
1 // Setting a function parameter's default value:  
2 function drawChart({size = 'big', coords = {x: 0, y: 0}, radius = 25} = {}) {  
3   console.log(size, coords, radius); // do some chart drawing  
4 }  
5 drawChart(  
6   coords: {x: 18, y: 30},  
7   radius: 30  
8 );  
9 // In the function signature for drawChart above, the destructured left-hand  
10 // side is assigned to an empty object literal on the right-hand side:  
11 // {size = 'big', coords = {x: 0, y: 0}, radius = 25} = {}. You could have also  
12 // written the function without the right-hand side assignment. However, if you  
13 // leave out the right-hand side assignment, the function will look for at least  
14 // one argument to be supplied when invoked, whereas in its current form,  
15 // you can simply call drawChart() without supplying any parameters. The current  
16 // design is useful if you want to be able to call the function without supplying  
17 // any parameters, the other can be useful when you want to ensure an object  
18 // is passed to the function.
```

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# Destructuring Objects 5

```
1 // Nested object and array destructuring
2 const metadata = {
3   title: 'Scratchpad',
4   translations: [
5     {
6       locale: 'de',
7       localization_tags: [],
8       url: '/de/docs/Tools/Scratchpad',
9       title: 'JavaScript-Umgebung'
10    }
11  ],
12  url: '/en-US/docs/Tools/Scratchpad'
13 };
14 let {
15   title: englishTitle, // rename
16   translations: [
17     {
18       title: localeTitle, // rename
19     },
20   ],
21 } = metadata;
22 console.log(englishTitle); // "Scratchpad"
23 console.log(localeTitle); // "JavaScript-Umgebung"
```

```
1 // For-of iteration and destructuring
2 const people = [
3   {
4     name: 'Mike Smith',
5     family: {
6       mother: 'Jane Smith',
7       father: 'Harry Smith'
8     }
9   },
10  {
11    name: 'Tom Jones',
12    family: {
13      mother: 'Norah Jones',
14      father: 'Richard Jones'
15    }
16  }
17 ];
18 for (const {name: n, family: {father: f}} of people) {
19   console.log(`Name: ${n}, Father: ${f}`);
20 }
21 // "Name: Mike Smith, Father: Harry Smith"
22 // "Name: Tom Jones, Father: Richard Jones"
```

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# Destructuring Objects 6

```
1 // Computed object property names and destructuring:  
2 // Computed property names, like on object literals, can be used with destructuring.  
3 let key = 'z';  
4 let {[key]: foo} = {z: 'bar'};  
5 console.log(foo); // "bar"  
6 // Rest-in-Object-Destructuring:  
7 // The Rest/Spread-Properties for ECMAScript proposal (stage 4) adds the rest syntax  
8 // to destructuring. Rest properties collect the remaining own enumerable property  
9 // keys that are not already picked off by the destructuring pattern.  
10 let {a, b, ...rest} = {a: 10, b: 20, c: 30, d: 40}  
11 a; // 10  
12 b; // 20  
13 rest; // {c: 30, d: 40}  
14 // Invalid JavaScript identifier as a property name:  
15 // Destructuring can be used with property names that are not valid JavaScript  
16 // identifiers by providing an alternative identifier that is valid.  
17 const foo = {'fizz-buzz': true};  
18 const {'fizz-buzz': fizzBuzz} = foo;  
19 console.log(fizzBuzz); // "true"
```

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# Destructuring Objects 7

```
1 // Combined Array and Object Destructuring:  
2 // Array and Object destructuring can be combined. Say you want the third element  
3 // in the array props below, and then you want the name property in the object,  
4 // you can do the following:  
5 const props = [  
6   { id: 1, name: 'Fizz' },  
7   { id: 2, name: 'Buzz' },  
8   { id: 3, name: 'FizzBuzz' }  
9 ];  
10 const [, , { name }] = props;  
11 console.log(name); // "FizzBuzz"  
12 // The prototype chain is looked up when the object is deconstructed:  
13 // When deconstructing an object, if a property is not accessed in itself, it will  
14 // continue to look up along the prototype chain.  
15 let obj = {self: '123'};  
16 obj.__proto__.prot = '456';  
17 const {self, prot} = obj;  
18 // self "123"  
19 // prot "456" (Access to the prototype chain)
```

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# Object Constructors

```
1 // JavaScript Object Constructors. It is considered good practice to name  
2 // constructor functions with an upper-case first letter.  
3 function Person(first, last, age) {  
4     this.firstName = first;  
5     this.lastName = last;  
6     this.age = age;  
7 }  
8 // Object Types (Blueprints) (Classes)  
9 // Sometimes we need a "blueprint" for creating many objects of the same "type".  
10 // The way to create an "object type", is to use an object constructor function.  
11 // In the example above, function Person() is an object constructor function.  
12 // Objects of the same type are created by calling the constructor function with the new keyword:  
13 var myFather = new Person("John", "Doe", 50);  
14 var myMother = new Person("Sally", "Rally", 48);  
15 // In JavaScript, the thing called this is the object that "owns" the code.  
16 // The value of this, when used in an object, is the object itself.  
17 // In a constructor function this does not have a value. It is a substitute for the new object.  
18 // The value of this will become the new object when a new object is created.  
19 // Note that this is not a variable. It is a keyword. You cannot change the value of this.
```

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# Object Constructors 2

```
1 // continues from the previous slide
2 // Adding a new property to an existing object is easy:
3 myFather.nationality = "English";
4 // The property will be added to myFather. Not to myMother. (Not to any other person objects).
5 // Adding a new method to an existing object is easy:
6 myFather.name = function () {
7   ... return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;
8 }
9 // The method will be added to myFather. Not to myMother. (Not to any other person objects).
10 // You cannot add a new property to an object constructor
11 // the same way you add a new property to an existing object:
12 Person.nationality = "English"; // The nationality of my father is undefined
13 // To add a new property to a constructor, you must add it to the constructor function:
14 function Person(first, last, age, eyecolor) {
15   ... this.firstName = first;
16   ... this.lastName = last;
17   ... this.age = age;
18   ... this.nationality = "English";
19 }
20 // This way object properties can have default values.
```

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# Object Constructors 3

```
1 // continues from the previous slide
2 // Adding a Method to a Constructor. Your constructor function can also define methods:
3 function Person(first, last, age, eyecolor) {
4     this.firstName = first;
5     this.lastName = last;
6     this.age = age;
7     this.name = function() {return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;};
8 }
9 // You cannot add a new method to an object constructor the same way you add a new method
10 // to an existing object. Adding methods to an object constructor must be done
11 // inside the constructor function:
12 function Person(firstName, lastName, age, eyeColor) {
13     this.firstName = firstName;
14     this.lastName = lastName;
15     this.age = age;
16     this.changeName = function (name) {
17         this.lastName = name;
18     };
19 }
20 // The changeName() function assigns the value of name to the person's lastName property.
21 myMother.changeName("Doe");
22 // JavaScript knows which person you are talking about by "substituting" this with myMother.
```

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# Built-in Object Constructors

```
1 // Built-in JavaScript Constructors.  
2 // JavaScript has built-in constructors for native objects:  
3 var x1 = new Object(); // A new Object object  
4 var x2 = new String(); // A new String object  
5 var x3 = new Number(); // A new Number object  
6 var x4 = new Boolean(); // A new Boolean object  
7 var x5 = new Array(); // A new Array object  
8 var x6 = new RegExp(); // A new RegExp object  
9 var x7 = new Function(); // A new Function object  
10 var x8 = new Date(); // A new Date object  
11 // The Math() object is not in the list. Math is a global object.  
12 // The new keyword cannot be used on Math. As you can see above,  
13 // JavaScript has object versions of the primitive data types  
14 // String, Number, and Boolean. But there is no reason  
15 // to create complex objects. Primitive values are much faster.  
16 var x1 = {};// new object  
17 var x2 = "";// new primitive string  
18 var x3 = 0;// new primitive number  
19 var x4 = false;// new primitive boolean  
20 var x5 = [];// new array object  
21 var x6 = /()// new regexp object  
22 var x7 = function(){}; // new function object
```

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# Objects: Prototype Inheritance

All **JavaScript objects** inherit properties and methods from a **prototype**:

Date **objects** inherit from **Date.prototype**

Array **objects** inherit from **Array.prototype**

Person **objects** inherit from **Person.prototype**

Date **objects**, Array **objects**, and Person **objects** inherit from **Object.prototype**.

Sometimes you want to add new properties (or methods) to all existing **objects** of a given type.

Sometimes you want to add new properties (or methods) to an **object constructor**.

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```
1 // Using the prototype Property. The JavaScript
2 // prototype property allows you to add new
3 // properties to object constructors:
4 function Person(first, last, age, eyecolor) {
5   this.firstName = first;
6   this.lastName = last;
7   this.age = age;
8 }
9 Person.prototype.nationality = "English";
10 // The JavaScript prototype property also allows
11 // you to add new methods to objects constructors:
12 function Person(first, last, age, eyecolor) {
13   this.firstName = first;
14   this.lastName = last;
15   this.age = age;
16 }
17 Person.prototype.name = function() {
18   return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;
19 };
```

# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain

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JavaScript is dynamic and does not provide a `class` implementation per se (the `class` keyword is introduced in [ES2015](#), but is [syntactical sugar](#), JavaScript remains [prototype-based](#)).

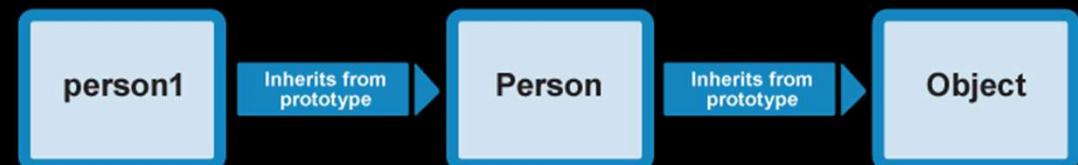
When it comes to inheritance, JavaScript only has one construct: [objects](#). Each object has a private property which holds a link to another object called its [prototype](#). That [prototype object](#) has a [prototype](#) of its own, and so on until an object is reached with [null](#) as its [prototype](#). By definition, [null](#) has no [prototype](#), and acts as the final link in this [prototype chain](#).

Nearly all objects in JavaScript are [instances](#) of [Object](#) which sits on the top of a [prototype chain](#).

While this confusion is often considered to be one of [JavaScript's](#) weaknesses, the [prototypal](#) inheritance model itself is, in fact, more powerful than the [classic model](#).

## Inheriting properties:

JavaScript objects are dynamic "bags" of properties (referred to as own properties). [JavaScript objects](#) have a link to a [prototype object](#). When trying to access a [property](#) of an [object](#), the [property](#) will not only be sought on the [object](#) but on the [prototype](#) of the [object](#), the [prototype](#) of the [prototype](#), and so on until either a [property](#) with a matching name is found or the end of the [prototype chain](#) is reached.

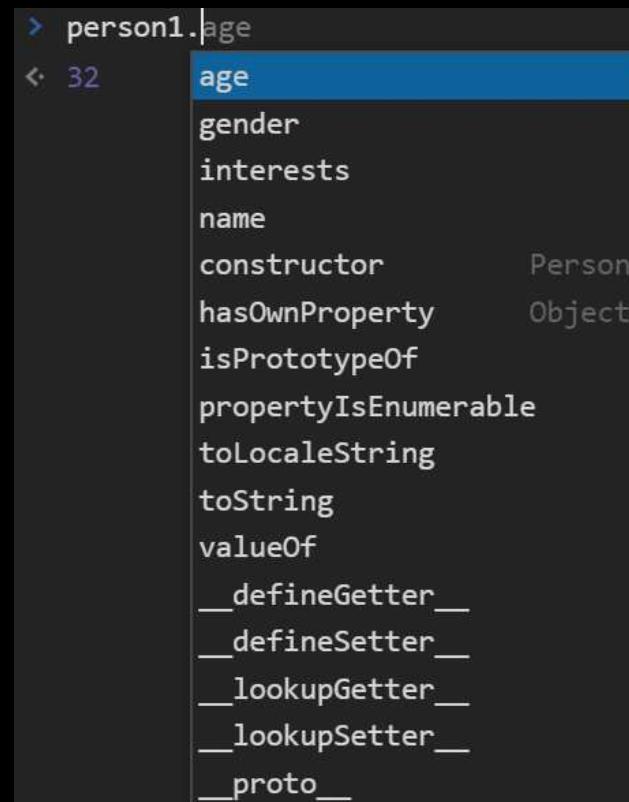


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# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain 2

Following the [ECMAScript](#) standard, the notation `someObject.[[Prototype]]` is used to designate the prototype of `someObject`. Since [ECMAScript 2015](#), the `[[Prototype]]` is accessed using the accessors `Object.getPrototypeOf()` and `Object.setPrototypeOf()`. This is equivalent to the JavaScript property `__proto__` which is non-standard but de-facto implemented by many browsers.

It should not be confused with the `func.prototype` property of functions, which instead specifies the `[[Prototype]]` to be assigned to all `instances` of `objects` created by the given function when used as a `constructor`. The `Object.prototype` property represents the `Object` prototype object.



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# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain 3

```
1 // We have defined a constructor function
2 function Person(first, last, age, gender, interests) {
3     // property and method definitions
4     this.name = {
5         'first': first,
6         'last' : last
7     };
8     this.age = age;
9     this.gender = gender;
10    this.interests = interests;
11 }
12 // We have then created an object instance like this:
13 let person1 = new Person('Bob', 'Smith', 32, 'male', ['music', 'skiing']);
```



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# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain 4

```
> function Person(first, last, age, gender, interests) {  
  // property and method definitions  
  this.name = {  
    'first': first,  
    'last' : last  
  };  
  this.age = age;  
  this.gender = gender;  
  this.interests = interests;  
}  
// We have then created an object instance like this:  
let person1 = new Person('Bob', 'Smith', 32, 'male', ['music', 'skiing']);  
// What happens if you call a method on person1, which is actually defined on Object?  
For example:  
person1.valueOf()  
< ▼Person {name: {...}, age: 32, gender: "male", interests: Array(2)} ⓘ  
  age: 32  
  gender: "male"  
  ▶ interests: (2) ["music", "skiing"]  
  ▶ name: {first: "Bob", last: "Smith"}  
  ▶ __proto__: Object
```

```
> person1.age  
< 32  
age  
gender  
interests  
name  
constructor Person  
hasOwnProperty Object  
isPrototypeOf  
propertyIsEnumerable  
toLocaleString  
toString  
valueOf  
__defineGetter__  
__defineSetter__  
__lookupGetter__  
__lookupSetter__  
__proto__
```

If you type "person1." into your **JavaScript** console, you should see the browser try to auto-complete this with the member names available on this **object**:

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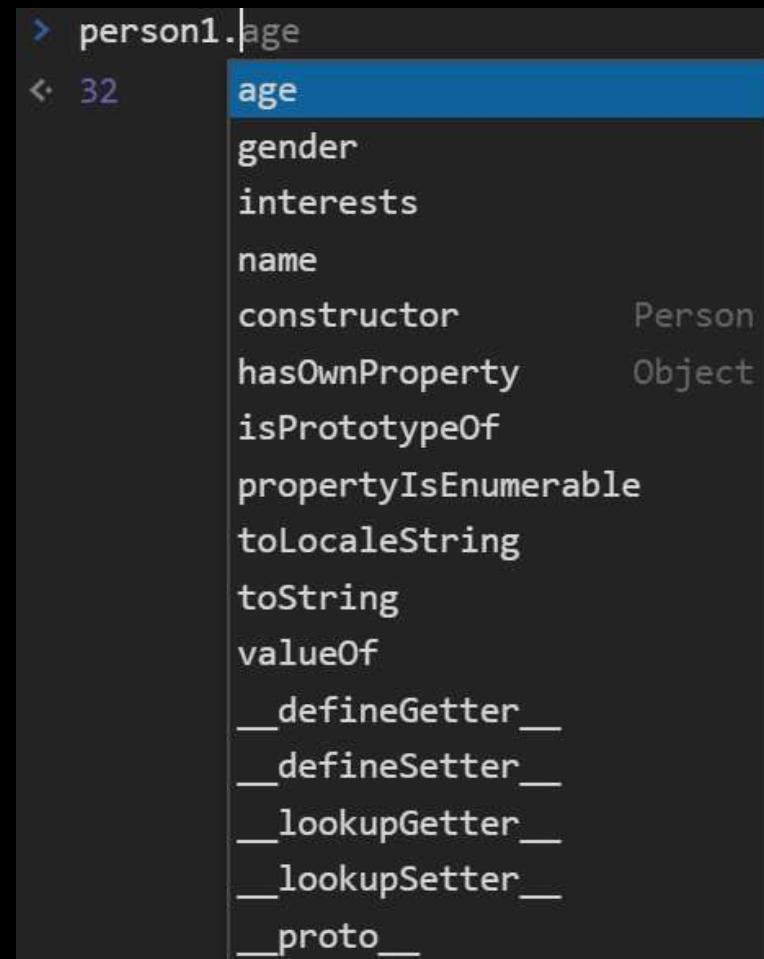
Understanding **prototype objects**:

Here we'll go back to the example in which we finished writing our `Person()` **constructor**.

If you type "person1." into your **JavaScript** console, you should see the browser try to auto-complete this with the member names available on this **object**:

In this list, you will see the members defined on `person1`'s **constructor** — `Person()` — name, age, gender and interests. You will however also see some other members — `toString`, `valueOf`, etc — these are defined on `Person()` 's **constructor's prototype object**, which is **Object**.

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A screenshot of a JavaScript developer tool's object inspector. It shows the properties of the `person1` object. The `age` property is selected, highlighted with a blue background. Other properties listed include `gender`, `interests`, `name`, `constructor` (with a value of `Person`), `hasOwnProperty` (with a value of `Object`), `isPrototypeOf`, `propertyIsEnumerable`, `toLocaleString`, `toString`, `valueOf`, and several methods starting with `__` like `__defineGetter__`, `__defineSetter__`, `__lookupGetter__`, `__lookupSetter__`, and `__proto__`.

# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain 6

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```
person1.valueOf()
< ▼Person {name: {...}, age: 32, gender: "male", interests: Array(2)}
  age: 32
  gender: "male"
  ► interests: (2) ["music", "skiing"]
  ► name: {first: "Bob", last: "Smith"}
  ► __proto__: Object
```

This method — `Object.valueOf()` is inherited by `person1` because its `constructor` is `Person()`, and `Person()`'s prototype is `Object()`. `valueOf()` returns the value of the `object` it is called on — try it and see! In this case, what happens is:

The browser initially checks to see if the `person1` object has a `valueOf()` method available on it, as defined on its `constructor`, `Person()`.

It doesn't, so the browser then checks to see if the `Person()` `constructor's prototype object (Object())` has a `valueOf()` method available on it. It does, so it is called, and all is good!

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# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain 7

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```
> person1.__proto__
< ▶ {constructor: f} ⓘ
  ► constructor: f Person(first, last, age, gender, interests)
  ► __proto__: Object

> person1.__proto__.__proto__
< ▶ {constructor: f, __defineGetter__: f, __defineSetter__: f, hasOwnProperty: f, __lookupGetter__: f, ...} ⓘ
  ► constructor: f Object()
  ► hasOwnProperty: f hasOwnProperty()
  ► isPrototypeOf: f isPrototypeOf()
  ► propertyIsEnumerable: f propertyIsEnumerable()
  ► toLocaleString: f toLocaleString()
  ► toString: f toString()
  ► valueOf: f valueOf()
  ► __defineGetter__: f __defineGetter__()
  ► __defineSetter__: f __defineSetter__()
  ► __lookupGetter__: f __lookupGetter__()
  ► __lookupSetter__: f __lookupSetter__()
  ► get __proto__: f __proto__()
  ► set __proto__: f __proto__()
```

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# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain 8

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```
> Person.prototype
< ▾ {constructor: f} ⓘ
  ► constructor: f Person(first, last, age, gender, interests)
  ► __proto__: Object

> Object.prototype
< ▾ {constructor: f, __defineGetter__: f, __defineSetter__: f, hasOwnProperty: f, __lookupGetter__: f, ...} ⓘ
  ► constructor: f Object()
  ► hasOwnProperty: f hasOwnProperty()
  ► isPrototypeOf: f isPrototypeOf()
  ► propertyIsEnumerable: f propertyIsEnumerable()
  ► toLocaleString: f toLocaleString()
  ► toString: f toString()
  ► valueOf: f valueOf()
  ► __defineGetter__: f __defineGetter__()
  ► __defineSetter__: f __defineSetter__()
  ► __lookupGetter__: f __lookupGetter__()
  ► __lookupSetter__: f __lookupSetter__()
  ► get __proto__: f __proto__()
  ► set __proto__: f __proto__()
```

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# Inheritance and the Prototype Chain 9

```
1 // Modifying prototypes: Let's have a look at an example
2 // of modifying the prototype property of a constructor
3 // Function methods added to the prototype are then
4 // available on all object instances created from the
5 // constructor. At this point we'll finally add
6 // something to our Person() constructor's prototype.
7 // Below the existing JavaScript, add the following code,
8 // which adds a new method to the constructor's
9 // prototype property:
10 Person.prototype.farewell = function() {
11   alert(this.name.first + ' has left the building!');
12 }
13 // Save the code and load the page in the browser,
14 // and try entering the following into the text input:
15 person1.farewell();
16 // You should get an alert message displayed, featuring
17 // the person's name as defined inside the constructor.
18 // This is really useful, but what is even more useful
19 // is that the whole inheritance chain has updated
20 // dynamically, automatically making this new method
21 // available on all object instances derived from
22 // the constructor.
```

An embedded page at local-ntp says

Bob has left the building!

OK

```
> person1.constructor
< f Person(first, last, age, gender, interests) {
  // property and method definitions
  this.name = {
    'first': first,
    'last' : last
  };
  this.age = age;
  this.gender = gender;
  this.interest...
```

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# Classes

```
1 // A class is a type of function, but instead of using the keyword function to initiate it,  
2 // we use the keyword class, and the properties are assigned inside a constructor() method.  
3 // Class Definition: Use the keyword class to create a class, and always add the constructor() method.  
4 // The constructor method is called each time the class object is initialized.  
5 // ~~~~~  
6 // Methods: The constructor method is special, it is where you initialize properties, it is called  
7 // automatically when a class is initiated, and it has to have the exact name "constructor", in fact,  
8 // if you do not have a constructor method, JavaScript will add an invisible and empty constructor method.  
9 // You are also free to make your own methods: Create a method named "present":  
10 class Car {  
11     constructor(brand) {  
12         this.carname = brand;  
13     }  
14     present(x) {  
15         return x + ", I have a " + this.carname;  
16     }  
17 }  
18 // Now you can create objects using the Car class:  
19 mycar = new Car("Ford");  
20 // The constructor method is special, it is where you initialize properties, it is called automatically  
21 // when a class is initiated, and it has to have the exact name "constructor", in fact, if you do not  
22 // have a constructor method, JavaScript will add an invisible and empty constructor method.  
23 console.log(mycar.present("Hello")); // Hello, I have a Ford
```

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# Classes 2

```
1 // Static Methods: Static methods are defined on the class itself, and not on the prototype.  
2 // That means you cannot call a static method on the object (mycar), but on the class (Car);  
3 class Car {  
4     constructor(brand) {  
5         this.carname = brand;  
6     }  
7     static hello() {  
8         return "Hello!!";  
9     }  
10    static hi(x) {  
11        return "Hi!! " + x.carname;  
12    }  
13 }  
14 mycar = new Car("Ford");  
15 // Call 'hello()' on the class Car:  
16 console.log(Car.hello()); // Hello!!  
17 // If you want to use the mycar object inside the static method, you can send it as a parameter:  
18 console.log (Car.hi(mycar)); // Hi!! Ford  
19 // Do not Call 'hello()' on the 'mycar' object:  
20 console.log (mycar.hello()); // TypeError: mycar.hello is not a function  
21 // this would raise an error.
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_classes.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_classes.asp)

# Classes 3

```
1 // Inheritance: To create a class inheritance, use the extends keyword.  
2 // A class created with a class inheritance inherits all the methods from another class:  
3 class Car {  
4     constructor(brand) {  
5         this.carname = brand;  
6     }  
7     present() {  
8         return 'I have a ' + this.carname;  
9     }  
10 }  
11 class Model extends Car {  
12     constructor(brand, mod) {  
13         super(brand);  
14         this.model = mod;  
15     }  
16     show() {  
17         return this.present() + ', it is a ' + this.model;  
18     }  
19 }  
20 mycar = new Model("Ford", "Mustang");  
21 console.log(mycar.show()); // I have a Ford, it is a Mustang  
22 // The super() method refers to the parent class. By calling the super() method in the constructor  
23 // method, we call the parent's constructor method and gets access to the parent's properties and methods.
```

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# Classes 4

```
1 // Getters and Setters: Classes also allows you to use getters and setters. It can be  
2 // smart to use getters and setters for your properties, especially if you want to do  
3 // something special with the value before returning them, or before you set them.  
4 // To add getters and setters in the class, use the get and set keywords.  
5 // ~~~~~  
6 // The name of the getter/setter method cannot be the same as the name of the property,  
7 // in this case carname. // Many programmers use an underscore character _ before the  
8 // property name to separate the getter/setter from the actual property:  
9 class Car {  
10     constructor(brand) {  
11         this._carname = brand;  
12     }  
13     get carname() {  
14         return this._carname;  
15     }  
16     set carname(x) {  
17         this._carname = x;  
18     }  
19 }  
20 mycar = new Car("Ford");  
21 console.log(mycar.carname); // Ford
```

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# Classes 5

```
1 // To use a setter, use the  
2 // same syntax as when  
3 // you set a property value,  
4 // without parentheses:  
5 class Car {  
6   constructor(brand) {  
7     this._carname = brand;  
8   }  
9   get carname() {  
10    return this._carname;  
11  }  
12  set carname(x) {  
13    this._carname = x;  
14  }  
15 }  
16 mycar = new Car("Ford");  
17 mycar.carname = "Volvo";  
18 console.log(mycar.carname);  
19 // Volvo
```

```
1 // Hoisting: Unlike functions, and other  
2 // JavaScript declarations, class declarations  
3 // are not hoisted. That means that you must  
4 // declare a class before you can use it:  
5 // ~~~~~  
6 // You cannot use the class yet.  
7 // mycar = new Car("Ford")  
8 // This would raise an error.  
9 class Car {  
10   constructor(brand) {  
11     this.carname = brand;  
12   }  
13 }  
14 // Now you can use the class:  
15 mycar = new Car("Ford")
```

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# Date Objects

Date objects are static. The computer time is ticking, but date objects are not.

By default, JavaScript will use the browser's time zone and display a date as a full text string.

A JavaScript date is fundamentally specified as the number of milliseconds that have elapsed since midnight on January 1, 1970, UTC (Zero time). This date and time is the same as the UNIX epoch, which is the predominant base value for computer-recorded date and time values.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_dates](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_dates) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Date](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Date)

```
1 // new Date() creates a new date object
2 // with the current date and time:
3 var d = new Date();
4 console.log(d);
5 // logs: Tue Mar 31 2020 23:33:26 GMT+0300
6 // (Eastern European Summer Time)
7 // new Date(year, month, ...) creates a new
8 // date object with a specified date and time.
9 // 7 numbers specify year, month, day, hour,
10 // minute, second, and millisecond (in that order):
11 var d = new Date(2018, 11, 24, 10, 33, 30, 0);
12 console.log(d);
13 // Logs: Mon Dec 24 2018 10:33:30 GMT+0200
14 // (Eastern European Standard Time)
15 // Note: JavaScript counts months from 0 to 11.
16 // January is 0. December is 11.
17 // Note: In JavaScript, the first day
18 // of the week (0) means "Sunday", even if some
19 // countries in the world consider the first
20 // day of the week to be "Monday"
```

# Date Objects 2

```
1 let today = new Date() // 7 numbers specify year, month, day, hour, minute, second,  
2 // and millisecond (in that order)  
3 let birthday = new Date(1995, 11, 17) // Commas are ignored. Names are case insensitive:  
4 let birthday = new Date(1995, 11, 17, 3, 24, 0, 0) // the month is 0-indexed  
5 // The ISO 8601 syntax (YYYY-MM-DD) is the preferred JavaScript date format:  
6 let birthday = new Date('2015-03-25')  
7 // ISO dates can be written with added hours, minutes, and seconds (YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ):  
8 let birthday = new Date('2015-03-25T12:00:00Z')  
9 // Date and time is separated with a capital T. UTC time is defined with a capital letter Z.  
10 // ~~~~~  
11 // Short dates are written with an "MM/DD/YYYY" syntax like this:  
12 let birthday = new Date('03/25/2015')  
13 // Long dates are most often written with a "MMM DD YYYY" syntax like this:  
14 let birthday = new Date('Mar 25 2015')  
15 // If you have a valid date string, you can use the Date.parse() method to convert it to milliseconds.  
16 // Date.parse() returns the number of milliseconds between the date and January 1, 1970:  
17 // You can then use the number of milliseconds to convert it to a date object:  
18 var msec = Date.parse('March 21, 2012');  
19 console.log(msec); // logs 1332280800000  
20 var d = new Date(msec);  
21 console.log(d); // logs Wed Mar 21 2012 00:00:00 GMT+0200 (Eastern European Standard Time)
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_date\\_formats.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_date_formats.asp)

# Object and Array rules

## DOT NOTATION . You can use dot with strings

```
1 var person = {} //is an empty object  
2 person.name = "Esa";  
3 var person = {  
4   "name" : "Esa"  
5 };
```

- strings
- numbers
- quotations
- weird characters
- expressions

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## BRACKETS [ ] You can use brackets with all forms

```
1 var person = [] // [ ] is an empty array  
2 person.name = "Esa";  
3 person[0] = "I drink milk";
```

“quotes required”

- “strings”
- numbers
- variables
- “weird characters”
- expressions

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# Arrays

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An **array** can hold many values under a single name, and you can access the values by referring to an **index number**.

Array **indexes** start with **0**.

**[0]** is the first element. **[1]** is the second element.

Arrays are a special type of **objects**. The **typeof** operator in JavaScript returns "**object**" for arrays.

The **length** property of an **array** returns the length of an **array** (the number of **array** elements).

The **length** property is always one more than the highest **array index**.

```
1 var fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
2 fruits.length; // the length of fruits is 4
3 var first = fruits[0]; // logs "Banana"
4 var last = fruits[fruits.length - 1]; // logs "Mango"
```

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_arrays.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_arrays.asp)

# Array Methods

```
> var numbers = [];
  numbers.length = 3;
  console.log(numbers); // [undefined, undefined, undefined]

▼ (3) [empty × 3] ⓘ
  length: 3
  ▼ __proto__: Array(0)
    ► concat: f concat()
    ► constructor: f Array()
    ► copyWithin: f copyWithin()
    ► entries: f entries()
    ► every: f every()
    ► fill: f fill()
    ► filter: f filter()
    ► find: f find()
    ► findIndex: f findIndex()
    ► flat: f flat()
    ► flatMap: f flatMap()
    ► forEach: f forEach()
    ► includes: f includes()
    ► indexOf: f indexOf()

    ► join: f join()
    ► keys: f keys()
    ► lastIndexOf: f lastIndexOf()
      length: 0
    ► map: f map()
    ► pop: f pop()
    ► push: f push()
    ► reduce: f reduce()
    ► reduceRight: f reduceRight()
    ► reverse: f reverse()
    ► shift: f shift()
    ► slice: f slice()
    ► some: f some()
    ► sort: f sort()
    ► splice: f splice()
    ► toLocaleString: f toLocaleString()
    ► toString: f toString()
    ► unshift: f unshift()
    ► values: f values()
    ► Symbol(Symbol.iterator): f values()
    ► Symbol(Symbol.unscopables): {copyWithin:
    ► __proto__: Object
```

Note! By expanding the arrow you get more options

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Array/length](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array/length)

## Array Methods 2

```
1 let fruits = ['Apple', 'Banana'];
2 // ["Apple", "Banana"]
3 // Add to the end of an Array
4 let newLength = fruits.push('Orange') // add to the end
5 // ["Apple", "Banana", "Orange"]
6 // Remove from the end of an Array
7 let last = fruits.pop() // remove Orange (from the end)
8 // ["Apple", "Banana"]
9 // Remove from the front of an Array
10 let first = fruits.shift() // remove Apple from the front
11 // ["Banana"]
12 // Add to the front of an Array
13 let newLength = fruits.unshift('Strawberry') // add to the front
14 // ["Strawberry", "Banana"]
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Array](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array)

# Array Methods 3

```
1 let fruits = ['Apple', 'Banana', 'Mango'];
2 // Remove an item by index position
3 // this is how to remove an item and optionally replace it
4 let removedItem = fruits.splice(1, 1, 'Orange')
5   console.log(removedItem) // ['Banana']
6   console.log(fruits) // logs ['Apple', 'Orange', 'Mango']
7 // splice(index, count_to_remove, addElement1, addElement2, ...)
8 // removes elements from an array and (optionally) replaces them.
9 // It returns the items which were removed from the array.
10 // ~~~~~
11 let shallowCopy = fruits.slice(0,2) // this is how to make a copy
12   console.log(shallowCopy) // logs ['Apple', 'Mango']
13 // slice(start_index, upto_index) extracts a section of an array
14 // and returns a new array.
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Array](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array)

# Array Methods 4

```
1 let fruits = ['Apple', 'Banana', 'Mango'];
2 // To Loop over an Array
3 fruits.forEach(function(item, index, array) {
4   console.log(item, index)
5   // Apple 0
6   // Banana 1
7   // Mango 2
8   // ~~~~~
9   // Find the index of an item in the Array
10 let pos = fruits.indexOf('Banana')
11   console.log(pos)
12   // 1
13   // ~~~~
14   // reverse() transposes the elements of an array, in place:
15   // the first array element becomes the last and the last becomes the first.
16   // It returns a reference to the array.
17 fruits.reverse()
18   console.log(fruits)
19   // ["Mango", "Banana", "Apple"]
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Indexed\\_collections](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Indexed_collections)

# Array Methods 5

```
1 let fruits = ['Kiwi', 'Banana', 'Mango'];
2 // sort() sorts the elements of an array in place,
3 // and returns a reference to the array.
4 fruits.sort()
5 console.log(fruits) // ["Banana", "Kiwi", "Mango"]
6 // concat() joins two or more arrays and returns a new array.
7 let cars = ['Mazda', 'BMW', 'Volvo']
8 fruits = fruits.concat(cars)
9 console.log(fruits) // ["Banana", "Kiwi", "Mango", "Mazda", "BMW", "Volvo"]
10 // join(delimiter = ',') joins all elements of an array into a string.
11 let list = cars.join('-')
12 console.log(list) // Mazda-BMW-Volvo
13 // The typeof operator returns a string indicating
14 // the type of the unevaluated operand.
15 typeof(list) // "string"
16 // The Array.isArray() method determines whether the passed value is an Array.
17 Array.isArray(cars) // true
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Indexed\\_collections](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Indexed_collections)

# Array Methods 6: Array.reduce() and Array.reduceRight()

Both methods reduces the array to a single value.

The `reduce()` method executes a provided function for each value of the array (from left-to-right). The `reduceRight()` method executes a provided function for each value of the array (from right-to-left).

The return value of both methods of the function are stored in an `accumulator` (result/total).

**Note!** Both methods do not execute the function for array elements without values. Both methods do not change the original array.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Array/Reduce](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array/Reduce) and [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_reduce.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_reduce.asp)

Parameter	Description
<code>function(total,currentValue, index,arr) or function(Accumulator, Current Value, Current Index, Source Array)</code>	Required. A function to be run for each element in the array.  Function arguments:
Argument	Description
<code>Total or Accumulator (acc)</code>	Required. The <code>initialValue</code> , or the previously returned value of the function
<code>CurrentValue or Current Value (cur)</code>	Required. The value of the current element
<code>CurrentIndex or Current Index (idx)</code>	Optional. The array index of the current element
<code>Arr or Source Array (src)</code>	Optional. The array object the current element belongs to
<code>initialValue</code>	Optional. A value to be passed to the function as the initial value

# Array Methods 7: Array.reduce() and ReduceRight()

```
1 // - The reduce() method executes a provided function
2 // - for each value of the array (from left-to-right).
3 var numbers = [175, 50, 25];
4 function myFunc(total, num) {
5   return total - num;
6 }
7 numbers.reduce(myFunc); // logs 100
8 // - The reduceRight() method executes a provided function
9 // - for each value of the array (from right-to-left).
10 numbers.reduceRight(myFunc); // logs -200
11 // - The reduce() method executes a provided function
12 // - for each value of the array (from left-to-right).
13 var numbers = [2, 45, 30, 100];
14 function getSum(total, num) {
15   return total - num;
16 }
17 numbers.reduce(getSum, 1); // logs -176 (with initialValue of 1)
18 // - The reduceRight() method executes a provided function
19 // - for each value of the array (from right-to-left).
20 numbers.reduceRight(getSum, 47); // logs -130 (with initialValue of 47)
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_reduce.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_reduce.asp) and [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_reduceright.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_reduceright.asp)

# Array Methods 8: Array.map() and Array.filter()

```
1 // The map() method creates a new array by performing a function on each array element.
2 // The map() method does not execute the function for array elements without values.
3 // The map() method does not change the original array.
4 var numbers1 = [45, 4, 9, 16, 25];
5 var numbers2 = numbers1.map(myFunction);
6 function myFunction(value, index, array) {
7   return value * 2;
8 }
9 console.log(numbers2); // logs [90, 8, 18, 32, 50]
10 // When a callback function uses only the value parameter,
11 // the index and array parameters can be omitted:
12 // ~~~~~
13 // The filter() method creates a new array with array elements that passes a test.
14 // This example creates a new array from elements with a value larger than 18:
15 var numbers = [45, 4, 9, 16, 25];
16 var over18 = numbers.filter(myFunction);
17 function myFunction(value, index, array) {
18   return value > 18;
19 }
20 console.log(over18); // logs [45, 25]
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_array\\_iteration.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_array_iteration.asp)

# Array Methods 9

```
1 // The every() method check if all array values pass a test.  
2 // This example check if all array values are larger than 18:  
3 var numbers = [45, 4, 9, 16, 25];  
4 var allOver18 = numbers.every(myFunction);  
5 function myFunction(value, index, array) {  
6   return value > 18;  
7 }  
8 console.log(allOver18); // logs false  
9 // The some() method check if some array values pass a test.  
10 // This example check if some array values are larger than 18:  
11 var numbers = [45, 4, 9, 16, 25];  
12 var someOver18 = numbers.some(myFunction);  
13 function myFunction(value, index, array) {  
14   return value > 18;  
15 }  
16 console.log(someOver18); // logs true  
17 // The indexOf() method searches an array for an element value and returns its position.  
18 var fruits = ["Apple", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];  
19 var a = fruits.indexOf("Apple");  
20 console.log(a); // logs 0  
21 // Syntax: array.indexOf(item, start). Array.indexOf() returns -1 if the item is not found.  
22 // If the item is present more than once, it returns the position of the first occurrence.
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_array\\_iteration.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_array_iteration.asp)

# Array Methods 10

```
1 // Array.lastIndexOf() is the same as Array.indexOf(),
2 // but returns the position of the last occurrence of the specified element.
3 var fruits = ["Apple", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
4 var a = fruits.lastIndexOf("Apple");
5 console.log(a); // logs 2
6 // The find() method returns the value of the first array element that passes a test function.
7 // This example finds (returns the value of) the first element that is larger than 18:
8 var numbers = [4, 9, 16, 25, 29];
9 var first = numbers.find(myFunction);
10 function myFunction(value, index, array) {
11   return value > 18;
12 }
13 console.log(first); // logs 25
14 // The findIndex() method returns the index of the first array element that passes a test function.
15 // This example finds the index of the first element that is larger than 18:
16 var numbers = [4, 9, 16, 25, 29];
17 var first = numbers.findIndex(myFunction);
18 function myFunction(value, index, array) {
19   return value > 18;
20 }
21 console.log(first); // logs 3
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_array\\_iteration.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_array_iteration.asp)

# Array: Adding Elements with High Indexes

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```
1 const fruits = ['Apple', 'Banana'];
2 fruits[5] = 'mango'
3 console.log(fruits[5]) ..... // "mango"
4 console.log(Object.keys(fruits)) .. // ['0', '1', '5']
5 console.log(fruits.length) ..... // 6
6 console.log(fruits) // ["Apple", "Banana", empty × 3, "mango"]
```

**WARNING !** Adding **elements** with high indexes can create undefined “empty holes” in an **array**. When setting a **property** on a JavaScript **array** when the **property** is a valid **array index** and that **index** is outside the current bounds of the **array**, the engine will update the array’s length property accordingly:

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_arrays.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_arrays.asp) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Array](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array)

# Increasing and Decreasing the Length of an Array

```
1 const cars = ['Volvo', 'Mazda'];
2 cars.length = 10 // Increasing the length.
3 console.log(Object.keys(cars)) // ['0', '1',]
4 console.log(cars.length) // 10
5 console.log(cars) // ['Volvo', 'Mazda', empty × 8,]
6 cars.length = 1 // Decreasing the length does delete items
7 console.log(Object.keys(cars)) // ['0']
8 console.log(cars.length) // 1
9 console.log(cars) // ['Volvo']
```

Note! JavaScript arrays are **zero-indexed**: the first element of an **array** is at index 0, and the last element is at the index equal to the value of the **array's** length property minus 1. Using an invalid index number returns undefined. A **JavaScript array's** length property and numerical properties are connected. Several of the built-in array methods (e.g., join(), slice(), indexOf(), etc.) take into account the value of an **array's** length property when they're called.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Array](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array)

# 4 Ways to Empty an Array in JavaScript

```
1 // Suppose you have the following array and want to remove all of its elements:  
2 let a = [1,2,3];  
3 // The following shows you several methods to make an array empty. 1) Assigning it to a  
4 // new empty array. This is the fastest way to empty an array:  
5 a = [];  
6 // This code assigned the array a to a new empty array. It works perfectly if you do not  
7 // have any references to the original array. See the following example:  
8 let b = a;  
9 a = [];  
10 console.log(b); // [1,2,3]  
11 // In this example, first, the b variable references the array a. Then, the a is assigned  
12 // to an empty array. The original array still remains unchanged. 2) Setting its length to zero  
13 // The second way to empty an array is to set its length to zero:  
14 a.length = 0;  
15 // The length property is read/write property of an Array object. When the length property is set  
16 // to zero, all elements of the array are automatically deleted. 3) Using splice()  
17 // The third way to empty an array is to remove all of its elements using the splice() method as  
18 // shown in the following example:  
19 a.splice(0,a.length);  
20 // In this solution, the splice() method removed all the elements of the a array and returned the  
21 // removed elements as an array. 4) Using pop() method. The fourth way to empty an array is to  
22 // remove each element of the array one by one using the while loop and pop() method:  
23 while(a.length > 0) {  
24     a.pop();  
25 }  
26 // This solution is quite trivial and is the slowest one in terms of performance.
```

Source: <https://www.javascripttutorial.net/array/4-ways-empty-javascript-array/>

# Destructuring Arrays

```
1 // The object and array literal expressions provide an easy way to create ad hoc packages of data.
2 const x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
3 // The destructuring assignment uses similar syntax, but on the left-hand side of the assignment
4 // to define what values to unpack from the source variable.
5 const x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
6 const [y, z] = x;
7 console.log(y); // 1
8 console.log(z); // 2
9 // Array destructuring: Basic variable assignment
10 const foo = ['one', 'two', 'three'];
11 const [red, yellow, green] = foo;
12 console.log(red); // "one"
13 console.log(yellow); // "two"
14 console.log(green); // "three"
15 // Assignment separate from declaration
16 // A variable can be assigned its value via destructuring separate from the variable's declaration.
17 let a, b;
18 [a, b] = [1, 2];
19 console.log(a); // 1
20 console.log(b); // 2
```

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# Destructuring Arrays 2

```
1 // Default values: A variable can be assigned a default, in the case that the
2 // value unpacked from the array is undefined.
3 let a, b;
4 [a=5, b=7] = [1];
5 console.log(a); // 1
6 console.log(b); // 7
7 // Swapping variables: Two variables values can be swapped in one destructuring expression.
8 // Without destructuring assignment, swapping two values requires a temporary variable
9 // (or, in some low-level languages, the XOR-swap trick).
10 let a = 1;
11 let b = 3;
12 [a, b] = [b, a];
13 console.log(a); // 3
14 console.log(b); // 1
15 // ~~~~~
16 const arr = [1,2,3];
17 [arr[2], arr[1]] = [arr[1], arr[2]];
18 console.log(arr); // [1,3,2]
```

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# Destructuring Arrays 3

```
1 // Parsing an array returned from a function: It's always been possible to return an array
2 // from a function. Destructuring can make working with an array return value more concise.
3 // In this example, f() returns the values [1, 2] as its output, which can be parsed in
4 // a single line with destructuring.
5 function f() {
6   return [1, 2];
7 }
8 let a, b;
9 [a, b] = f();
10 console.log(a); // 1
11 console.log(b); // 2
12 // Ignoring some returned values: You can ignore return values that you're not interested in:
13 function f() {
14   return [1, 2, 3];
15 }
16 const [a, , b] = f();
17 console.log(a); // 1
18 console.log(b); // 3
19 // You can also ignore all returned values:
20 [, , ] = f();
```

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## Destructuring Arrays 4

```
1 // Assigning the rest of an array to a variable:  
2 // When destructuring an array, you can unpack and assign  
3 // the remaining part of it to a variable using the rest pattern:  
4 const [a, ...b] = [1, 2, 3];  
5 console.log(a); // 1  
6 console.log(b); // [2, 3]  
7 // Be aware that a SyntaxError will be thrown if a trailing comma  
8 // is used on the left-hand side with a rest element:  
9 const [a, ...b,] = [1, 2, 3];  
10 // SyntaxError: rest element may not have a trailing comma  
11 // Always consider using rest operator as the last element |
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Destructuring\\_assignment](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Destructuring_assignment)

# Destructuring Arrays 5

```
1 // Unpacking values from a regular expression match: When the regular
2 // expression exec() method finds a match, it returns an array containing
3 // first the entire matched portion of the string and then the portions of
4 // the string that matched each parenthesized group in the regular expression.
5 // Destructuring assignment allows you to unpack the parts out of this array
6 // easily, ignoring the full match if it is not needed.
7 function parseProtocol(url) {
8   const parsedURL = /^(\w+):\/\/([^\//]+)\/(.*)$/.exec(url);
9   if (!parsedURL) {
10     return false;
11   }
12   console.log(parsedURL);
13   // ["https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/Web/JavaScript",
14   // "https", "developer.mozilla.org", "en-US/Web/JavaScript"]
15   const [, protocol, fullhost, fullpath] = parsedURL;
16   return protocol;
17 }
18 console.log(parseProtocol('https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/Web/JavaScript'));
19 // "https"
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Destructuring\\_assignment](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/Destructuring_assignment)

# Loops and Iteration

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A **for loop** repeats until a specified condition evaluates to false.

The JavaScript **for loop** is similar to the Java and C **for loop**.

A for statement looks as follows:

```
for ([initialExpression]; [condition];
[incrementExpression])
```

statement

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Loops\\_and\\_iteration](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Loops_and_iteration)

The **statements for loops** provided in JavaScript are:

- ❑ for statement
- ❑ do...while statement
- ❑ while statement
- ❑ labeled statement
- ❑ break statement
- ❑ continue statement
- ❑ for...in statement
- ❑ for...of statement

# Loops and Iteration 2

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- **Step 1** When a `for loop` executes, the following occurs:

The initializing expression `initialExpression`, if any, is executed.

This expression usually initializes one or more `loop counters`.

- **Step 2** The `condition expression` is evaluated. If the `value of condition` is true, the `loop statements` execute.

If the `value of condition` is false, the `for loop` terminates.

(If the `condition expression` is omitted entirely, the `condition` is assumed to be true.)

- **Step 3** The `statement` executes. To execute multiple statements, use a `block statement` (`{ ... }`) to group those `statements`.

If present, the `update expression` `incrementExpression` is executed.

- **Step 4** Control returns to Step 2.

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# For Loop and For In Loop

```
1 const cities = ["Seattle", "San Francisco"];
2 // In for loop, we're using that i control variable which gets incremented each loop.
3 // We use that i to access each item in the array on each iteration of the loop.
4 // We have the loop stop when i gets equal to the length of cities.
5 for (let i = 0; i < cities.length; i++) {
6   console.log(cities[i]);
7 }
8 // logs:
9 // Seattle
10 // San Francisco
11 // ~~~~~
12 // The JavaScript for/in statement loops through the properties of an object:
13 var person = {fname: "John", lname: "Doe"};
14 var quotes = "";
15 var x;
16 for (x in person) {
17   quotes += person[x] + " ";
18 }
19 // logs: "John Doe"
```

Source: <https://btholt.github.io/intro-to-web-dev-v2/objects-and-arrays>

# For Of Loops

```
1 // The JavaScript for/of statement loops through the values of an iterable objects
2 // for/of lets you loop over data structures that are iterable such as
3 // - Arrays, - Strings, - Maps, - NodeLists, and more. Looping over an Array:
4 var cars = ['BMW', 'Volvo'];
5 var x;
6 for (x of cars) {
7   console.log(x + "\n");
8 }
9 // logs:
10 // BMW
11 // Volvo
12 // ~~~~~
13 // Looping over a String:
14 var txt = 'OK';
15 var x;
16 for (x of txt) {
17   console.log(x + "\n");
18 }
19 // logs:
20 // O
21 // K
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_loop\\_for.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_loop_for.asp)

# While Loop

```
1 // The while loop loops through a block of code as long as a specified condition is true.
2 // The following while loop iterates as long as n is less than three.
3
4 var n = 0;
5 var x = 0;
6
7 while (n < 3) {
8     n++;
9     x += n;
10 }
11 // Each iteration, the loop increments n and adds it to x.
12 // Therefore, x and n take on the following values:
13 // After the first pass: n = 1 and x = 1
14 // After the second pass: n = 2 and x = 3
15 // After the third pass: n = 3 and x = 6
16 // After completing the third pass, the condition
17 // n < 3 is no longer true, so the loop terminates.
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/while>

# Do While Loop

```
1 // The do...while statement creates a loop  
2 // that executes a specified statement  
3 // until the test condition evaluates to false.  
4 // The condition is evaluated  
5 // after executing the statement, resulting in  
6 // the specified statement executing at least once.  
7 let result = "";  
8 let i = 0;  
9 do {  
10   i = i + 1;  
11   result = result + i;  
12 } while (i < 5);  
13 console.log(result); // results 12345
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/do...while>

# Break and Continue

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The `break` and the `continue` statements are the only JavaScript statements that can "jump out of" a code block.

A code block is a **block of code between { and }.**

The `continue` statement (with or without a `label reference`) can only be used to skip one loop iteration.

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_break.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_break.asp)

The `break` statement, `without a label reference`, can only be used to jump out of a `loop` or a `switch`.

With a `label reference`, the `break` statement can be used to jump out of any code block.

To label `JavaScript` statements you precede the statements with a `label name` and a `colon`.

`label:`  
statements

`break labelname;`  
`continue labelname;`

# Break and Continue 2

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```
1 const cities = ["Seattle", "San Francisco", "Salt Lake City"];
2
3 for (let i = 0; i < cities.length; i++) {
4   if (i === 1) {continue;}
5   console.log(cities[i]);
6 }
7 // results:
8 // Seattle
9 // Salt Lake City
```

```
1 const cities = ["Seattle", "San Francisco", "Salt Lake City"];
2
3 for (let i = 0; i < cities.length; i++) {
4   if (i === 1) {break;}
5   console.log(cities[i]);
6 }
7 // results:
8 // Seattle
```

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_break.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_break.asp) and <https://btholt.github.io/intro-to-web-dev-v2/objects-and-arrays/>

# Infinite Loops

```
1 // WARNING! Avoid infinite loops.  
2 // Make sure the condition in a loop  
3 // eventually becomes false—otherwise,  
4 // the loop will never terminate!  
5 // The statements in the following  
6 // while loop execute forever  
7 // because the condition never becomes false:  
8 while (true) {  
9     ... console.log('Hello, world!');  
10 }  
11 // Infinite loops are bad!
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Loops\\_and\\_iteration](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Loops_and_iteration)

# Conditionals: If Else and Else If and Switch

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Conditional statements are used to perform different actions based on different conditions.

In JavaScript we have the following conditional statements:

Use **if** to specify a block of code to be executed, if a specified condition is true.

Use **else** to specify a block of code to be executed, if the same condition is false.

Use **else if** to specify a new condition to test, if the first condition is false.

Use **switch** to specify many alternative blocks of code to be executed.

Note! that **if** is in lowercase letters. Uppercase letters (If or IF) will generate a JavaScript error.

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_if\\_else.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_if_else.asp)

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <h2>My Greeting</h2>
5 <script>
6 function myFunction() {
7     var time = new Date().getHours();
8     var greeting;
9     if (time < 10) {
10         greeting = "Good morning";
11     } else if (time < 20) {
12         greeting = "Good day";
13     } else {
14         greeting = "Good evening";
15     }
16     document.write(greeting);
17 }
18 myFunction();
19 </script>
20 </body>
21 </html>
```

# Switch Statement

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```
1 var Animal = 'Giraffe';
2 switch(Animal) {
3   case 'Cow':
4   case 'Giraffe':
5   case 'Dog':
6   case 'Pig':
7     console.log('This animal will go on Noah\'s Ark.');
8     break;
9   case 'Dinosaur':
10    console.log('Left behind.');
11    break;
12  default:
13    console.log('This animal will not.');
14 } // results This animal will go on Noah's Ark.
```

The **switch statement** is used to perform different actions based on different conditions. The **switch expression** is evaluated once. The **value of the expression** is compared with the values of each **case**. If there is a match, the associated **block of code** is executed. When JavaScript reaches a **break keyword**, it breaks out of the **switch block**. This will stop the execution of inside the **block**.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_switch.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_switch.asp) and <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/switch>

# Switch Statement 2

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```
1 var Animal = 'Fish';
2 switch (Animal) {
3     case 'Cow':
4     case 'Giraffe':
5     case 'Dog':
6     case 'Pig':
7         console.log('This animal will go on Noah\'s Ark.');
8         break;
9     case 'Dinosaur':
10        console.log('Left behind.');
11        break;
12    default:
13        console.log('This animal will not.');
14 } // results This animal will not.
```

If multiple **switch cases** matches a **case** value, the first **case** is selected. If no matching **switch cases** are found, the program continues to the **default label**. If no **default label** is found, the program continues to the **statement(s)** after the **switch**. **Switch cases use strict comparison (==).**

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# Functions

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A **function definition** (also called a **function declaration**, or **function statement**) consists of the **function keyword**, followed by:

The **name of the function**.

A list of **parameters** to the function, enclosed in parentheses and separated by commas.

The JavaScript **statements** that define the **function**, enclosed in **curly brackets { ... }**.

Sources: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Functions> and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_functions.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_functions.asp)

The code inside the **function** will execute when "something" **invokes** (calls) the **function**:

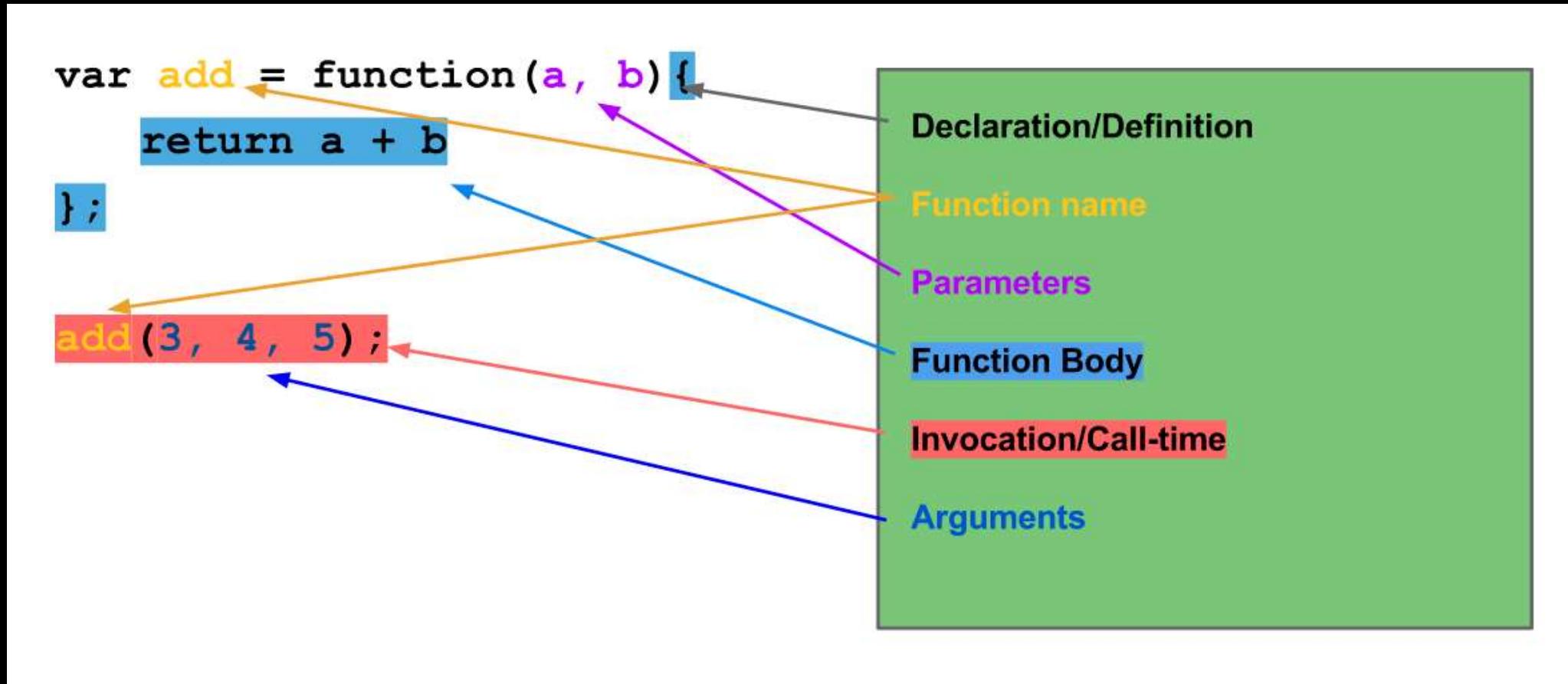
When an **event** occurs (when a user clicks a button)

When it is **invoked** (called) from **JavaScript** code

Automatically (**self invoked**)

```
1 function toCelsius(fahrenheit) {  
2   return (5/9) * (fahrenheit-32);  
3 }  
4 var x = toCelsius(100);  
5 console.log(x)  
6 // 37.77777777777778
```

# Anatomy of Functions



Source: <https://slides.com/bgando/f2f-final-day-1#/0/1>

# Terms related to Functions

Definitions

Fn Names

Invocations

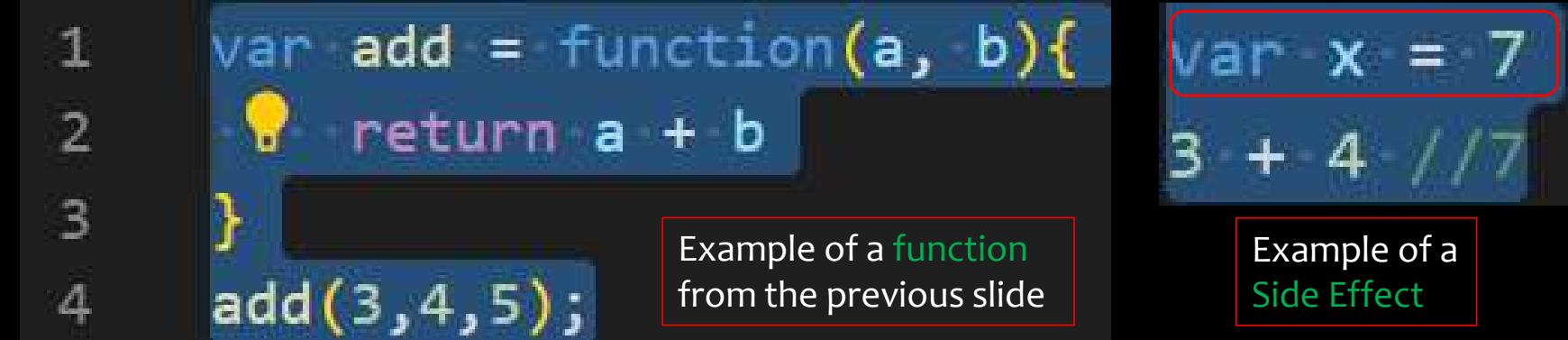
Arguments

Parameteres

Fn Bodies

Return  
Values

Side Effects



Example of a function  
from the previous slide

Example of a  
Side Effect

Sources: <https://slides.com/bgando/f2f-final-day-1#/0/1>, [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_functions.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_functions.asp) and

[https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Expressions\\_and\\_Operators](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Expressions_and_Operators)

# Higher-order Functions versus First-order Functions

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In computer science, a **higher-order function** is a function that does at least one of the following:

Takes one or more functions as arguments

Returns a function as its result.

All other functions are **first-order functions**.

Taking an other **function** as an **argument** is often referred as a **callback function**, because it is called back by the **higher-order function**. This is a concept that **Javascript** uses a lot.

Sources: <https://dev.to/damcosset/higher-order-functions-in-javascript-4j8b> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Higher-order\\_function](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Higher-order_function)

The map function is one of the many **higher-order functions** built into the language.

Sort, reduce, filter, forEach are other examples of **higher-order functions** built into the language.

```
1 // For example, the map function on
2 // arrays is a higher order function.
3 // The map function takes a function
4 // as an argument.
5 const double = n => n * 2
6 [1, 2, 3, 4].map(double)
7 // [2, 4, 6, 8]
```

We can create smaller **functions** that only take care of one piece of logic. Then, we compose more complex functions by using different smaller **functions**.

# Functions: Hoisting

```
1 // In the case of functions,  
2 // only function declarations are hoisted  
3 // but not the function expressions.  
4 // Function declaration  
5 foo();  
6 function foo() {  
7   console.log('bar'); // logs bar  
8 }  
9 // Function expression  
10 baz();  
11 var baz = function() {  
12   console.log('bar2');  
13 };  
14 // logs TypeError: baz is not a function
```

Note! The **function** on the line 11 is actually **an anonymous function** (a **function** without a name). **Functions** stored in **variables** do not need **function** names. They are always invoked (called) using the **variable** name.

Hoisting is JavaScript's default behavior of moving declarations to the top. Only **function declarations** are hoisted—but not the **function expressions**. (the same is with **variables**)

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Grammar\\_and\\_types](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Grammar_and_types) and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_definition.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_definition.asp)

# Functions: Return Statement

```
1 function myFunction() {  
2     return Math.PI;  
3 }  
4 myFunction();  
5 // returns the value of PI: 3.141592653589793  
6 var x = myFunction(4, 3);  
7 function myFunction(a, b) {  
8     return a * b;  
9 }  
10 console.log(x);  
11 // Function is called on line 6, return value will end up in x  
12 // Function returns the product of a and b which is 12
```

The **return statement** ends function execution and specifies a value to be returned to the **function caller**.

Syntax: **return** value; If value is omitted, **return** returns undefined.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref\\_return.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/jsref/jsref_return.asp) and <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/return>

# Function Invocation

```
1 // Invoking a Function as a Function:  
2 function myFunction(a, b) {  
3   return a * b;  
4 }  
5 myFunction(10, 2); // Will return 20  
6 // The function above does not belong to any object.  
7 // But in JavaScript there is always a default global object.  
8 // In HTML the default global object is the HTML page itself,  
9 // so the function above "belongs" to the HTML page.  
10 // In a browser the page object is the browser window.  
11 // The function above automatically becomes a window function.  
12 // myFunction() and window.myFunction() is the same function:
```

Invoking a **JavaScript function**. The code inside a **function** is not executed when the **function** is defined. The code inside a **function** is executed when the **function** is invoked. It is common to use the term "call a **function**" instead of "invoke a **function**". It is also common to say "call upon a **function**", "start a **function**", or "execute a **function**".

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_invocation.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_invocation.asp)

# Functions: Arguments and Parameters

A JavaScript **function** does not perform any checking on **parameter** values (**arguments**).

Function **parameters** are the names listed in the **function definition**.

Function **arguments** are the real values **passed to** (and received by) the function.

Parameter rules:

- ❑ JavaScript **function definitions** do not specify data types for **parameters**.
- ❑ JavaScript functions do not perform type checking on the passed **arguments**.
- ❑ JavaScript functions do not check the number of **arguments** received.

```
1 function toCelsius(fahrenheit) {  
2   return (5/9) * (fahrenheit-32);  
3 }  
4 toCelsius(100); // 37.77777777777778
```

```
1 function toCelsius(fahrenheit) {  
2   return (5/9) * (fahrenheit-32);  
3 }  
4 var x = toCelsius(100);  
5 console.log(x)  
6 // 37.77777777777778
```

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# Functions: Arguments and Parameters

```
1 // You can call any function in JavaScript with an arbitrary amount of arguments;
2 // the language will never complain. It will, however, make all parameters
3 // available via the special variable arguments. arguments looks like an array,
4 // but has none of the array methods:
5 function f() { return arguments; }
6 var args = f('a', 'b', 'c');
7 args.length // 3
8 args[0] // 'a'
9 // Let's use the following function to explore how too many or too few parameters
10 // are handled in JavaScript
11 function f(x, y) {
12   console.log(x, y);
13   return toArray(arguments);
14 }
15 // Additional parameters will be ignored (except by arguments):
16 f('a', 'b', 'c') // a b // ['a', 'b', 'c']
17 // Missing parameters will get the value undefined:
18 f('a') // a undefined // ['a']
19 f() // undefined undefined // []
```

Source: <http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho1.html>

# Functions: Default and Rest Parameters

```
1 // Parameter Defaults: If a function is called with missing arguments (less than declared),  
2 // the missing values are set to: undefined. // Sometimes this is acceptable, but sometimes  
3 // it is better to assign a default value to the parameter:  
4 function myFunction(x, y) {  
5   if (y === undefined) {  
6     y = 0;  
7   }  
8 }  
9 // ECMAScript 2015 allows default parameter values in the function declaration:  
10 function yourFunction(a=1, b=1) {  
11   "function code"  
12 }  
13 // The rest parameter syntax allows us to represent an indefinite number of arguments as an array.  
14 // In the following example, the function multiply uses rest parameters to collect arguments from  
15 // the second one to the end. The function then multiplies these by the first argument.  
16 function multiply(multiplier, ...theArgs) {  
17   return theArgs.map(x => multiplier * x);  
18 }  
19 var arr = multiply(2, 1, 2, 3);  
20 console.log(arr); // [2, 4, 6]
```

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_parameters.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_parameters.asp) and <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Functions>

# Functions: Default Parameters and Arity

```
1 // The following is a common pattern for assigning default values to parameters:
2 function pair(x, y) {
3     x = x || 0; // (1)
4     y = y || 0;
5     return [x, y];
6 }
7 // In line (1), the || operator returns x if it is truthy (not null, undefined, etc.).
8 // Otherwise, it returns the second operand:
9 pair() // [0, 0]
10 pair(3) // [3, 0]
11 pair(3, 5) // [3, 5]
12 // If you want to enforce an arity (a specific number of parameters),
13 // you can check arguments.length:
14 function pair(x, y) {
15     if (arguments.length !== 2) {
16         throw new Error('Need exactly 2 arguments');
17     }
18 }
19 pair(6,7,8); // 'Need exactly 2 arguments'
```

Source: <http://speakingjs.com/es5/ch01.html>

# Functions: Arguments Object

```
1 // The arguments object: You can refer to a function's arguments within the function by using the arguments object.
2 // arguments: An array-like object containing the arguments passed to the currently executing function.
3 // arguments.callee: The currently executing function.
4 // arguments.caller: The function that invoked the currently executing function.
5 // arguments.length: The number of arguments passed to the function.
6 // ~~~~~
7 // Using the arguments object: The arguments of a function are maintained in an array-like object. Within a function,
8 // you can address the arguments passed to it as follows: arguments[i] where i is the ordinal number of the argument,
9 // starting at 0. So, the first argument passed to a function would be arguments[0]. The total number of arguments
10 // is indicated by arguments.length. Using the arguments object, you can call a function with more arguments than
11 // it is formally declared to accept. This is often useful if you don't know in advance how many arguments will be
12 // passed to the function. You can use arguments.length to determine the number of arguments actually passed to the
13 // function, and then access each argument using the arguments object.
14 function myConcat(separator) {
15     var result = ''; // initialize list
16     var i;
17     for (i = 1; i < arguments.length; i++) { // iterate through arguments
18         result += arguments[i] + separator;
19     }
20     return result;
21 }
22 myConcat(', ', 'red', 'orange', 'blue'); // returns "red, orange, blue,"
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions>

# Functions: Recursion

```
1 // A function can refer to and call itself. There are three ways within the function body
2 // for a function to refer to itself:
3 // The function's name, arguments.callee and an in-scope variable that refers to the function
4 // A function that calls itself is called a recursive function. In some ways,
5 // recursion is analogous to a loop. Both execute the same code multiple times, and both require
6 // a condition (to avoid an infinite loop, or rather, infinite recursion in this case).
7 function foo(i) {
8   if (i < 0)
9     return;
10  console.log('begin: ' + i);
11  foo(i - 1); // the recursive call inside the function
12  console.log('end: ' + i);
13}
14 foo(1); // the normal call outside the function
15 // logs:
16 // begin: 1
17 // begin: 0
18 // end: 0
19 // end: 1
20 // In fact, recursion itself uses a stack: the function stack.
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Functions>

# Functions: Local and Global Scope

```
1 // In JavaScript there are two types of scope: Local scope and Global scope
2 // JavaScript has function scope: Each function creates a new scope.
3 // Scope determines the accessibility (visibility) of these variables.
4 // Variables defined inside a function are not accessible (visible) from outside the function.
5 // Variables declared within a JavaScript function, become LOCAL to the function.
6 // Local variables have Function scope: They can only be accessed from within the function.
7 // ~~~~~
8 // code here can NOT use carName
9 function myFunction() {
10   var carName = "Volvo";
11   // code here CAN use carName
12 }
13 // Since local variables are only recognized inside their functions,
14 // variables with the same name can be used in different functions.
15 // Local variables are created when a function starts, and deleted when the function is completed.
16 // ~~~~~
17 // A variable declared outside a function, becomes GLOBAL.
18 // A global variable has global scope: All scripts and functions on a web page can access it.
19 var carName = "Volvo";
20 // code here can use carName
21 function myFunction() {
22   // code here can also use carName
23 }
```

Note! We keep track of the functions being called in JavaScript with a Call stack. One global execution context, multiple function contexts.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_scope.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_scope.asp) and [https://drive.google.com/file/d/18e2nJUf2QC3JZ\\_3No7vRSy8G8xvvjA1X/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18e2nJUf2QC3JZ_3No7vRSy8G8xvvjA1X/view)

# Functions: Local versus Global memory

As soon as we start running our code, we create a **global execution context**

**Thread of execution** (parsing and executing the code line after line)

Live memory of variables with data (known as a **Global Variable Environment**)

When you execute a function you create a new **execution context** comprising:

1. The **thread of execution** (we go through the code in the function line by line)
2. A **local memory ('Variable environment')** where anything defined in the function is stored

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```
1 const num = 3;
2 function multiplyBy2(inputNumber){
3     const result = inputNumber*2;
4     return result;
5 }
6 const name = "Will";
7 const output = multiplyBy2(4);
8 const newOutput = multiplyBy2(10);
```

1. Javascript executes/compiles (runs) the code: **Global Execution Context and Global Variable Environment** Lines 1, 2 and 5 are saved globally.
2. Running/calling/invoking a function: **Local Execution Context and Local Variable Environment** Line 6 Local Execution Context is created and when done then popped off the stack.
3. Running/calling/invoking a function: **Local Execution Context and Local Variable Environment** Line 7 Another Local Execution Context is created.

# Functions: Passed by Value versus Passed by Reference

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## Arguments are Passed by Value

The **parameters**, in a **function call**, are the function's **arguments**.

JavaScript **arguments** are passed by **value**. The function only gets to know the values, not the **argument's** locations.

If a function changes an **argument's value**, it does not change the **parameter's original value**.

Changes to **arguments** are not visible (reflected) outside the function.

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_parameters.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_parameters.asp)

## Objects are Passed by Reference

In **JavaScript**, **object references** are values.

Because of this, **objects** will behave like they are **passed by reference**:

If a function changes an **object property**, it changes the original value.

Changes to **object properties** are visible (reflected) outside the function.

## Functions: Passed by Value versus Passed by Reference 2

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```
1 function square(number) {  
2   return number * number;  
3 }  
4 // Primitive parameters (such as a number) are passed to functions by value;  
5 // the value is passed to the function, but if the function changes the value  
6 // of the parameter, this change is not reflected globally or in the calling function.  
7 // ~~~~~  
8 // If you pass an object (i.e. a non-primitive value, such as Array or a user-defined object)  
9 // as a parameter and the function changes the object's properties, that change is visible  
10 // outside the function, as shown in the following example:  
11 function myFunc(theObject) {  
12   theObject.make = 'Toyota';  
13 }  
14 var mycar = {make: 'Honda', model: 'Accord', year: 1998};  
15 var x, y;  
16 x = mycar.make; // x gets the value "Honda"  
17 myFunc(mycar);  
18 y = mycar.make; // y gets the value "Toyota"  
19 // (the make property was changed by the function)
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Guide/Functions>

# Functions: Closure

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Minimize the use of **global variables**. This includes all data types, objects, and functions. **Global variables** and functions can be used (and overwritten) by all scripts in the page (and in the window).

In a web page, **global variables** belong to the window object. Global variables live until the page is discarded, like when you navigate to another page or close the window.

Use **local variables** instead and learn how to use **closures**.

**JavaScript variables** can belong to the **local** or **global scope**. **Global variables** can be made local (private) with **closures**.

**Local variables** have short lives. They are created when the function is invoked and deleted when the function is finished.

A **local variable** can only be used inside the function where it is defined. It is hidden from other functions and other scripting code.

**Global** and **local variables** with the same name are different **variables**. Modifying one, does not modify the other.

A **closure** is a function having access to the **parent scope**, even after the parent function has closed.

**JavaScript Nested Functions:**

All functions have access to the **global scope**.

In fact, in **JavaScript**, all functions have access to the **scope** "above" them.

**JavaScript** supports nested functions. Nested functions have access to the **scope** "above" them.

Sources:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_best\\_practices.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_best_practices.asp) and

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_closures.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_closures.asp)

# Functions: Closure 2

## Recipe

1. create your parent function

ex. the checkscope function

2. define some variables in the parent's local scope (this can be accessed by the child function)

ex. var innerVar = "local scope"

3. define a function inside the parent function. We call this a child.

ex. the innerFunc function

4. return that function from inside the parent function

ex. where it says 'return innerFunc'

```
function checkscope() {  
  var innerVar = "local  
  scope";  
  
  function innerFunc() {  
    return innerVar;  
  }  
  
  return innerFunc;  
};
```

Source: <https://slides.com/bgando/f2f-final-day-2#/>

# Functions: Closure 3

1. Run parent function and save to a **variable**. This **variable** will hold whatever that **function** RETURNS.

```
8 var test = checkscope();
```

2. Optional: Check what that **variable** hold as its value. (Hint: It should be the **inner function**)

```
10 // f innerFunc(){  
11 //   return innerVar;  
12 // }
```

3. Run the **inner function**

```
13 test(); // "local scope"
```

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```
1 function checkscope(){  
2   var innerVar = "local scope";  
3   function innerFunc(){  
4     return innerVar;  
5   };  
6   return innerFunc;  
7 };  
8 var test = checkscope();  
9 test;  
10 // f innerFunc(){  
11 //   return innerVar;  
12 // }  
13 test(); // "local scope"
```

# Arrow Function

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An **arrow function expression** is a syntactically compact alternative to a **regular function expression**.

It does not own bindings to the **this**, **arguments**, **super**, or **new.target** keywords.

**Arrow function expressions** are ill suited as **methods**, and they cannot be used as **constructors**.

Since **arrow functions** do not have their own **this**, the methods **call()** and **apply()** can only pass in **parameters**. Any **this argument** is ignored.

An **arrow function** cannot contain a line break between its **parameters** and its arrow.

An empty **arrow function** returns **undefined**.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Arrow\\_functions](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Arrow_functions) and

What About **this keyword**?

The handling of **this** is also different in **arrow functions** compared to regular **functions**.

In short, with **arrow functions** there are no binding of **this**.

In **regular functions** the **this keyword** represented the **object** that called the **function**, which could be the window, the document, a button or whatever.

With **arrow functions** the **this keyword** always represents the object that defined the **arrow function**.

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_arrow\\_function.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_arrow_function.asp)

# Arrow Function with this

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <h2>JavaScript "this"</h2>
5 <p>This example demonstrate that in Arrow Functions, the "this" keyword represents
6 the object that owns the function, no matter who calls the function.</p>
7 <p>Click the button to execute the "hello" function again, and you will see that
8 "this" still represents the window object.</p>
9 <button id="btn">Click Me!</button>
10 <p id="demo"></p>
11 <script>
12 var hello;
13 hello = () => {
14   document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML += this;
15 }
16 // The window object calls the function:
17 window.addEventListener("load", hello);
18 // ~~~~~
19 // A button object calls the function:
20 document.getElementById("btn").addEventListener("click", hello);
21 </script>
22 </body>
```



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# Arrow Function 2

```
1 // Arrow functions can have either a "concise body" or the usual "block body".  
2 // In a concise body, only an expression is specified,  
3 // which becomes the implicit return value.  
4 // In a block body, you must use an explicit return statement.  
5 var func = x => x * x;  
6 // concise body syntax, implied "return"  
7 var func = (x, y) => { return x + y; };  
8 // with block body, explicit "return" needed  
9 // Arrow functions allow us to write shorter function syntax:  
10 hello = () => {  
11   return "Hello World!";  
12 }  
13 // If the function has only one statement, and the statement returns a value,  
14 // you can remove the brackets and the return keyword:  
15 hello = () => "Hello World!";  
16 // If you have parameters, you pass them inside the parentheses:  
17 hello = (val) => "Hello " + val;  
18 // In fact, if you have only one parameter, you can skip the parentheses as well:  
19 hello = val => "Hello " + val;
```

Note! Arrow Functions Return Value by Default: This works only if the function has only one statement.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Arrow\\_functions](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Arrow_functions) and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_arrow\\_function.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_arrow_function.asp)

# Arrow Function 3

```
1 // More examples:  
2 // An empty arrow function returns undefined  
3 let empty = () => {};  
4 // ~~~~~  
5 () => 'foobar'();  
6 // Returns "foobar"  
7 // (this is an Immediately-Invoked Function Expression)  
8 var simple = a => a > 15 ? 15 : a;  
9 simple(16); // 15  
10 simple(10); // 10  
11 // ~~~~~  
12 let max = (a, b) => a > b ? a : b;  
13 // ~~~~~  
14 // Easy array filtering, mapping, ...  
15 var arr = [5, 6, 13, 0, 1, 18, 23];  
16 var sum = arr.reduce((a, b) => a + b);  
17 // 66  
18 var even = arr.filter(v => v % 2 == 0);  
19 // [6, 0, 18]  
20 var double = arr.map(v => v * 2);  
21 // [10, 12, 26, 0, 2, 36, 46]
```

```
1 // More examples:  
2 // More concise promise chains  
3 promise.then(a => {  
4     // ...  
5 }).then(b => {  
6     // ...  
7 });  
8 // Parameterless arrow functions  
9 // that are visually easier to parse  
10 setTimeout(() => {  
11     console.log('I happen sooner');  
12     setTimeout(() => {  
13         // deeper code  
14         console.log('I happen later');  
15     }, 1);  
16 }, 1);
```

Note! Line breaks:

An arrow function cannot contain a line break between its parameters and its arrow.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Arrow\\_functions](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Functions/Arrow_functions)

# Functions: IIFE

An **IIFE** (Immediately Invoked Function Expression) is a JavaScript **function** that runs as soon as it is defined.

## Self-Invoking Functions

**Function expressions** can be made "self-invoking".

A **self-invoking expression** is invoked (started) automatically, without being called.

**Function expressions** will execute automatically if the **expression** is followed by **()**.

You cannot self-invoke a **function declaration**.

You have to add parentheses around the **function** to indicate that it is a **function expression**.

```
1 (function () {  
2   var x = "Hello!!";  
3   return x;  
4 })();  
5 // returns "Hello!!"  
6 // The function above  
7 // is actually an anonymous  
8 // self-invoking function  
9 // (function without name)
```

Assigning the **IIFE** to a **variable** stores the **function's** return value, not the **function definition** itself.

**Variable** **x** is not accessible from the outside scope

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/IIFE> and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_function\\_definition.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_definition.asp)

# Functions Callstack: Concurrency Model and Event Loop

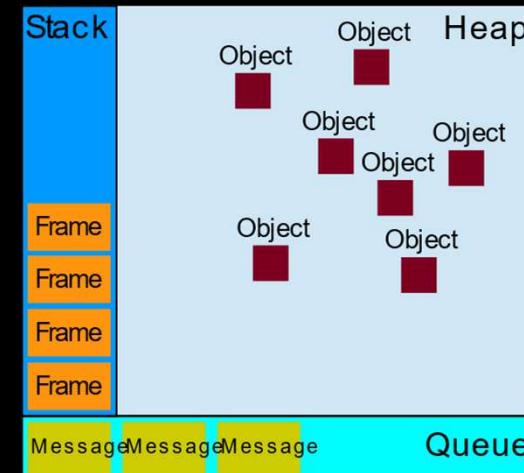
JavaScript has a **concurrency model** based on an **event loop**, which is responsible for executing the code, collecting and processing **events**, and executing queued sub-tasks.

| **Stack:** Function calls form a **stack of frames**.

| **Heap:** Objects are allocated in a **heap** which is just a name to denote a large (mostly unstructured) region of memory.

| **Queue:** A **JavaScript runtime** uses a **message queue**, which is a list of messages to be processed. Each message has an associated function which gets called in order to handle the message.

At some point during the **event loop**, the **runtime** starts handling the messages on the **queue**, starting with the oldest one. The message is removed from the **queue** and its corresponding **function** is called with the message as an input **parameter**.



Calling a **function** creates a new **stack frame** for that **function's** use.

The processing of functions continues until the **stack** is once again empty. Then, the **event loop** will process the next message in the **queue** (if there is one).

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/EventLoop>

# Event Loop Runtime Concepts

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"Run-to-completion": Each message is processed completely before any other message is processed.

This offers some nice properties when reasoning about your program, including the fact that whenever a **function** runs, it cannot be pre-empted and will run entirely before any other code runs (and can modify data the **function** manipulates).

A downside of this model is that if a message takes too long to complete, the **web application** is unable to process user interactions like click or scroll. The browser mitigates this with the "a script is taking too long to run" dialog. A good practice to follow is to make message processing short and if possible cut down one message into several messages.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/EventLoop>

Adding messages: In web browsers, messages are added anytime an **event** occurs and there is an **event listener** attached to it. If there is no **listener**, the **event** is lost. So a click on an element with a click **event handler** will add a message—likewise with any other **event**.

Several runtimes communicating together : A **web worker** or a **cross-origin iframe** has its own **stack**, **heap**, and **message queue**. Two distinct runtimes can only communicate through sending messages via the **postMessage** method. This method adds a message to the other runtime if the latter listens to message events.

Never blocking: A very interesting property of the **event loop model** is that **JavaScript**, unlike a lot of other languages, never blocks.

# Event Loop Runtime Concepts: setTimeout()

```
1 // The function setTimeout is called with 2 arguments: a message to add to the queue,  
2 // and a time value (optional; defaults to 0). The time value represents the (minimum) delay  
3 // after which the message will actually be pushed into the queue. If there is no other message  
4 // in the queue, and the stack is empty, the message is processed right after the delay.  
5 // However, if there are messages, the setTimeout message will have to wait for other messages to be  
6 // processed. For this reason, the second argument indicates a minimum time—not a guaranteed time.  
7 const s = new Date().getSeconds();  
8 setTimeout(function() {  
9   // prints out "2", meaning that the callback is not called immediately after 500 milliseconds.  
10  console.log("Ran after " + (new Date().getSeconds() - s) + " seconds");  
11 }, 500)  
12 while (true) {  
13   if (new Date().getSeconds() - s >= 2) {  
14     console.log("Good, looped for 2 seconds")  
15     break;  
16   }  
17 }  
18 // logs:  
19 // Good, looped for 2 seconds  
20 // Ran after 2 seconds
```

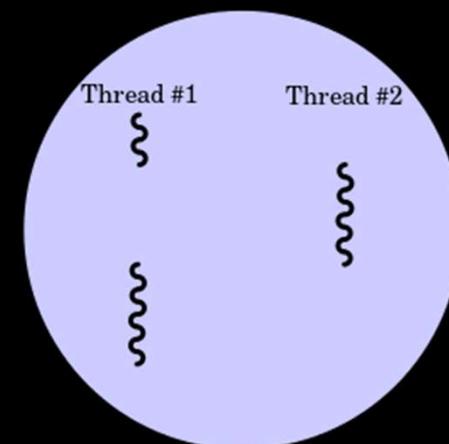
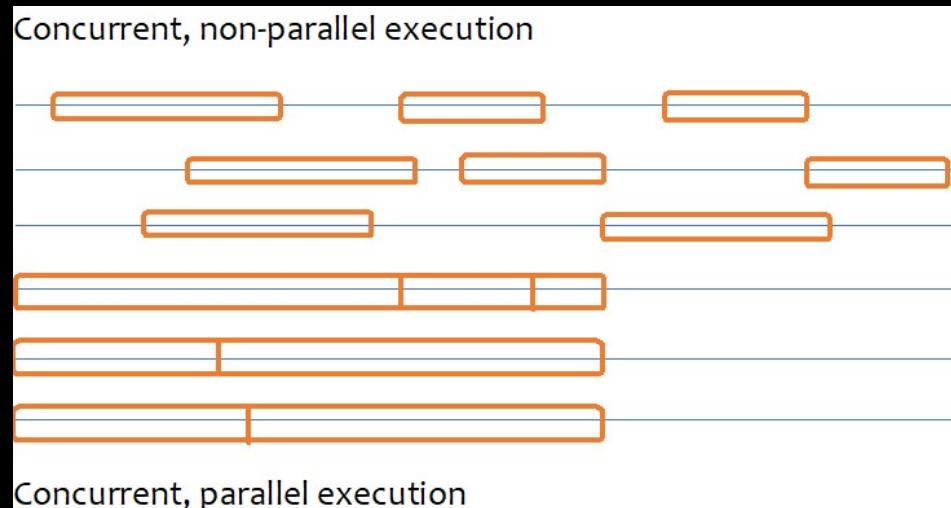
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# Event Loop Runtime Concepts: setTimeout() 2

```
1 // Zero delay doesn't actually mean the call-back will fire-off after zero milliseconds.
2 // ⚠️ Calling setTimeout with a delay of 0 (zero) milliseconds doesn't execute the
3 // callback function after the given interval. The execution depends on the number of waiting
4 // tasks in the queue. In the example below, the message "this is just a message"
5 // will be written to the console before the message in the callback gets processed,
6 // because the delay is the minimum time required for the runtime to process the request
7 // (not a guaranteed time). Basically, the setTimeout needs to wait for all the code for queued
8 // messages to complete even though you specified a particular time limit for your setTimeout.
9 (function() {
10   ... console.log('this is the start');
11   ... setTimeout(function cb() {
12     ... console.log('Callback 1: this is a msg from call-back');
13   }); // has a default time value of 0
14   ... console.log('this is just a message');
15 })();
16 // "this is the start"
17 // "this is just a message"
18 // "Callback 1: this is a msg from call-back"
```

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/EventLoop>

# Concurrency



**Concurrency** is the ability of different parts or units of a program, algorithm, or problem to be executed out-of-order or in partial order, without affecting the final outcome.

**Multithreading** is the ability of a central processing unit (CPU) (or a single core in a multi-core processor) to provide multiple **threads** of execution **concurrently**, supported by the operating system.

Sources: [https://books.google.ie/books/about/Introduction\\_to\\_Concurrency\\_in\\_Programmi.html?id=J5-ckoCgc3IC&redir\\_esc=y](https://books.google.ie/books/about/Introduction_to_Concurrency_in_Programmi.html?id=J5-ckoCgc3IC&redir_esc=y), [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multithreading\\_\(computer\\_architecture\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multithreading_(computer_architecture)) and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concurrency\\_\(computer\\_science\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concurrency_(computer_science))

# JavaScript is Single Threaded

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A **thread** is basically a single process that a program can use to complete tasks. Each **thread** can only do a single task at once:

Task A --> Task B --> Task C

Each task will be run sequentially; a task has to complete before the next one can be started.

Many computers now have multiple cores, so cores can do multiple things at once. Programming languages that can support multiple **threads** can use multiple cores to complete multiple tasks simultaneously:

Thread 1: Task A --> Task B

Thread 2: Task C --> Task D

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Concepts>

JavaScript is **single threaded**:

JavaScript is traditionally **single-threaded**. Even with multiple cores, you could only get it to run tasks on a **single** thread, called the **main thread**.

After some time, JavaScript gained some tools to help with such problems.

**Web workers** allow you to send some of the JavaScript processing off to a separate **thread**, called a **worker**, so that you can run multiple JavaScript chunks simultaneously.

You'd generally use a **worker** to run expensive processes off the **main thread** so that user interaction is not blocked.

Main thread: Task A --> Task C

Worker thread: Expensive task B

# Asynchronous Javascript

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Asynchronous code:

Web workers are pretty useful, but they do have their limitations. A major one is they are not able to access the DOM — you can't get a worker to directly do anything to update the UI. We couldn't render our 1 million blue circles inside our worker; it can basically just do number crunching.

The second problem is that although code run in a worker is not blocking, it is still basically synchronous. This becomes a problem when a function relies on the results of multiple previous processes to function. Consider the following thread diagrams:

Main thread: Task A --> Task B

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Concepts>

In this case, let's say Task A is doing something like fetching an image from the server and Task B then does something to the image like applying a filter to it. If you start Task A running and then immediately try to run Task B, you'll get an error, because the image won't be available yet.

Main thread: Task A --> Task B --> |Task D|

Worker thread: Task C -----> | |

In this case, let's say Task D makes use of the results of both Task B and Task C. If we can guarantee that these results will both be available at the same time, then we might be OK, but this is unlikely. If Task D tries to run when one of its inputs is not yet available, it will throw an error.

# Asynchronous Javascript 2

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Browsers allow us to run certain operations asynchronously. Features like **promises** allow you to set an operation running (e.g. the fetching of an image from the server), and then wait until the result has returned before running another operation:

Main thread: Task A                    Task B

Promise: |\_\_async operation\_\_|

Since the operation is happening somewhere else, the **main thread** is not blocked while the **async** operation is being processed.

Source: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Concepts>

**Blocking** code:

**Asynchronous** techniques are very useful, particularly in web programming.

When a web app runs in a browser and it executes an intensive chunk of code without returning control to the browser, the browser can appear to be frozen.

This is called **blocking**; the browser is **blocked** from continuing to handle user input and perform other tasks until the web app returns control of the processor.

Modern software design increasingly revolves around using **asynchronous** programming, to allow programs to do more than one thing at a time.

# Web Worker

## What is a Web Worker?

A **web worker** is a **JavaScript** running in the background, without affecting the performance of the page.

When executing scripts in an **HTML** page, the page becomes unresponsive until the script is finished.

A **web worker** is a **JavaScript** that runs in the background, independently of other scripts, without affecting the performance of the page.

You can continue to do whatever you want: clicking, selecting things, etc., while the **web worker** runs in the background.

```
1 // -Create - a - Web - Worker - File: - Let's - create -  
2 // -our - web - worker - in - an - external - JavaScript.  
3 // -We - create - a - script - that - counts. - The - script -  
4 // -is - stored - in - the - "demo_workers.js" - file:  
5 var i = 0;  
6 function timedCount() {  
7   i = i + 1;  
8   postMessage(i);  
9   setTimeout("timedCount()",500);  
10 }  
11 timedCount();  
12 // -The - important - part - of - the - code - above - is - the -  
13 // -postMessage() - method - - which - is - used - to -  
14 // -post - a - message - back - to - the - HTML - page. - Note: -  
15 // -Normally - web - workers - are - not - used - for - such -  
16 // -simple - scripts, - but - for - more - CPU - intensive - tasks.
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/html/html5\\_webworkers.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/html/html5_webworkers.asp)

# Web Worker 2

```
1 // Create a Web Worker Object: Now that we have the web worker file, we need to call  
2 // it from an HTML page. // The following lines checks if the worker already exists,  
3 // if not -- it creates a new web worker object and runs the code in "demo_workers.js":  
4 if (typeof(w) == "undefined") {  
5   w = new Worker("demo_workers.js");  
6 }  
7 // Then we can send and receive messages from the web worker.  
8 // Add an "onmessage" event listener to the web worker.  
9 w.onmessage = function(event){  
10   document.getElementById("result").innerHTML = event.data;  
11 };  
12 // When the web worker posts a message, the code within the event listener is executed.  
13 // The data from the web worker is stored in event.data.  
14 // ~~~~~  
15 // Terminate a Web Worker: When a web worker object is created, it will continue to listen  
16 // for messages (even after the external script is finished) until it is terminated.  
17 // To terminate a web worker, and free browser/computer resources, use the terminate() method:  
18 w.terminate();  
19 // ~~~~~  
20 // Reuse the Web Worker: If you set the worker variable to undefined, after it has been  
21 // terminated, you can reuse the code:  
22 w = undefined;
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/html/html5\\_webworkers.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/html/html5_webworkers.asp)

# Web Worker 3

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <body>
4 <p>Count numbers: <output id="result"></output></p>
5 <button onclick="startWorker()">Start Worker</button>
6 <button onclick="stopWorker()">Stop Worker</button>
7 <script>
8 var w;
9 function startWorker() {
10   if (typeof(Worker) !== "undefined") {
11     if (typeof(w) === "undefined") {
12       w = new Worker("demo_workers.js");
13     }
14     w.onmessage = function(event) {
15       document.getElementById("result").innerHTML = event.data;
16     };
17   } else {
18     document.getElementById("result").innerHTML = "Sorry! No Web Worker support.";
19   }
20 }
21 function stopWorker() {
22   w.terminate();
23   w = undefined;
24 }
25 </script>
26 </body>
27 </html>
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/html/html5\\_webworkers.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/html/html5_webworkers.asp)

Count numbers:

Start Worker

Stop Worker

Note ! Chrome or Firefox don't let you load web workers when running scripts from a local file and the counting will not work. Open the html file with Edge and then the counting works fine.

Count numbers: 10

Start Worker

Stop Worker

# Promises

A **promise** is an **object** that represents an intermediate state of an operation — in effect, a **promise** that a result of some kind will be returned at some point in the future. There is no guarantee of exactly when the operation will complete and the result will be returned, but there *is* a guarantee that when the result is available, or the **promise** fails, the code you provide will be executed in order to do something else with a successful result, or to gracefully handle a failure case.

You are less interested in the amount of time an **async operation** will take to return its result and more interested in being able to respond to it being returned, whenever that is. And of course, it's nice that it doesn't block the rest of the code execution.

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Promises#Promise\\_terminology\\_recap](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Promises#Promise_terminology_recap)

```
1 // At their most basic, promises are similar
2 // to event listeners, but with a few differences:
3 // A promise can only succeed or fail once. It cannot
4 // succeed or fail twice and it cannot switch from
5 // success to failure or vice versa once the operation
6 // has completed. If a promise has succeeded or failed
7 // and you later add a success/failure callback,
8 // the correct callback will be called, even though
9 // the event took place earlier.
10 chooseToppings()
11   .then(function(toppings) {
12     return placeOrder(toppings);
13   })
14   .then(function(order) {
15     return collectOrder(order);
16   })
17   .then(function(pizza) {
18     eatPizza(pizza);
19   })
20   .catch(failureCallback);
```

# Promises 2

When a **promise** is created, it is neither in a success or failure state. It is said to be **pending**.

When a **promise** returns, it is said to be **resolved**.

A successfully **resolved promise** is said to be **fulfilled**. It returns a value, which can be accessed by chaining a `.then()` block onto the end of the promise chain. The executor function inside the `.then()` block will contain the **promise's** return value.

An **unsuccessful resolved promise** is said to be **rejected**. It returns a **reason**, an error message stating why the **promise** was rejected. This reason can be accessed by chaining a `.catch()` block onto the end of the **promise chain**.

Sources: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Promises> and .../Web/API/Fetch\_API/Using\_Fetch

```
1 // A basic fetch request is really simple
2 // to set up. Have a look at the following code:
3 fetch('http://example.com/movies.json')
4   .then((response) => {
5     return response.json();
6   })
7   .then((data) => {
8     console.log(data);
9   });
10 // Here we are fetching a JSON file across
11 // the network and printing it to the console.
```

Here we are fetching a JSON file across the network and printing it to the console. The simplest use of `fetch()` takes one argument — the path to the resource you want to fetch — and returns a **promise** containing the response (a **response object**). This is just an **HTTP response**, not the actual **JSON**.

# The basics of Async/Await

```
1 // The async keyword: First of all we have the async keyword, which you put in front of
2 // a function declaration to turn it into an async function. An async function is a
3 // function which knows how to expect the possibility of the await keyword being used
4 // to invoke asynchronous code. Type the following lines into your browser's JS console:
5 function hello() { return "Hello" };
6 hello(); // The function returns "Hello" -- nothing special, right?
7 // But what if we turn this into an async function? Try the following:
8 async function hello() { return "Hello" };
9 hello(); // Invoking the function now returns a promise. This is one of the traits
10 // of async functions -- their return values are guaranteed to be converted to promises.
```

> `function hello() { return "Hello"`

< `hello();`

< "Hello"

> `async function hello() { return "Hello"`

< `hello();`

< ► `Promise {<resolved>: "Hello"}`

> `async function hello() { return "Hello" };`

`hello();`

< ▼ `Promise {<resolved>: "Hello"}` ⓘ

► `__proto__: Promise`

`[[PromiseStatus]]: "resolved"`

`[[PromiseValue]]: "Hello"`

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Async\\_await](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Async_await)

# The basics of Async/Await

```
1 // The await keyword: The real advantage of async functions becomes  
2 // apparent when you combine it with the await keyword -- in fact,  
3 // await only works inside async functions. This can be put in front of  
4 // any async promise-based function to pause your code on that line until  
5 // the promise fulfills, then return the resulting value. In the meantime,  
6 // other code that may be waiting for a chance to execute gets to do so.  
7 // You can use await when calling any function that returns a Promise,  
8 // including web API functions.  
9 // Here is a trivial example:  
10 async function hello() {  
11   return greeting = await Promise.resolve("Hello");  
12 }  
13 hello().then(alert);
```

An embedded page at local-ntp says

Hello

OK

```
> async function hello() {  
    return greeting = await Promise.resolve("Hello");  
};  
hello().then(alert);  
< ▾ Promise {<resolved>: undefined} ⓘ
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Async\\_await](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Async_await)

# Callbacks

```
1 // Callbacks are used in the implementation of languages such as JavaScript,  
2 // including support of JavaScript functions as callbacks through js-ctypes  
3 // and in components such as addEventListener. A native example of a callback  
4 // can be written without any complex code:  
5 function calculate(num1, num2, callbackFunction) {  
6     return callbackFunction(num1, num2);  
7 }  
8 function calcProduct(num1, num2) {  
9     return num1 * num2;  
10 }  
11 function calcSum(num1, num2) {  
12     return num1 + num2;  
13 }  
14 alert(calculate(5, 15, calcProduct)); // alerts 75, the product of 5 and 15  
15 alert(calculate(5, 15, calcSum)); // alerts 20, the sum of 5 and 15  
16 // First a function calculate is defined with a parameter intended for callback:  
17 // callbackFunction. Then a function that can be used as a callback to calculate  
18 // is defined, calcProduct. Other functions may be used for callbackFunction,  
19 // like calcSum. In this example, calculate() is invoked twice, once with calcProduct  
20 // as a callback and once with calcSum. The functions return the product and sum,  
21 // respectively, and then the alert will display them to the screen.
```

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Callback\\_\(computer\\_programming\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Callback_(computer_programming))

# Promises versus Callback Hell

Promises are essentially a [returned object](#) to which you attach [callback functions](#). Promises are specifically made for handling [async operations](#).

You can chain multiple [async operations](#) together using multiple `.then()` operations, passing the result of one into the next one as an input. Using [callbacks](#) ends up with a messy "pyramid of doom" ([a callback hell](#)).

Promise callbacks are always called in the strict order they are placed in the event queue. All errors are handled by a single `.catch()` block at the end of the block.

Promises avoid inversion of control when passing a [callback](#) to a third-party library.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Callback\\_function](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Callback_function) and [.../Learn/JavaScript/Asynchronous/Introducing](https://learn.jquery.com/using-jquery-core/introducing-jquery/)

```
1 // A callback function is a function passed
2 // into another function as an argument,
3 // which is then invoked inside the outer function
4 // to complete some kind of routine or action.
5 // This example is a synchronous callback,
6 // as it is executed immediately.
7 function greeting(name) {
8   alert('Hello ' + name);
9 }
10 function processUserInput(callback) {
11   var name = prompt('Please enter your name.');
12   callback(name);
13 }
14 processUserInput(greeting);
15 // callbacks are often used to continue code
16 // execution after an asynchronous operation has
17 // completed -- these are called asynchronous
18 // callbacks. A good example is the callback
19 // functions executed inside a .then() block
20 // chained onto the end of a promise after that
21 // promise fulfills or rejects. This structure
22 // is used in many modern web APIs, such as fetch().
```

## Functions: Callstack 2

A **call stack** is a mechanism for an interpreter (like the **JavaScript** interpreter in a web browser) to keep track of its place in a script that calls multiple functions — what function is currently being run and what functions are called from within that function, etc.

When a script calls a function, the interpreter adds it to the **call stack** and then starts carrying out the function.

Any functions that are called by that function are added to the **call stack** further up and run where their calls are reached.

When the current function is finished, the interpreter takes it off the **stack** and resumes execution where it left off in the last code listing.

If the **stack** takes up more space than it had assigned to it, it results in a "**stack overflow**" error.

```
1 // -function · greeting() · {  
2   ... // - [1] · Some · codes · here  
3   ... sayHi();  
4   ... // - [2] · Some · codes · here  
5 }  
6 function · sayHi() · {  
7   ... return · "Hi!";  
8 }  
9 // - Invoke · the · `greeting` · function  
10 greeting();  
11 // - [3] · Some · codes · here
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Call\\_stack](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Call_stack)

# Functions: Callstack 3

```
1 // The code from previous page would be executed like this:  
2 // Ignore all functions, until it reaches the  
3 // greeting() function invocation.  
4 // Push the greeting() function to the call stack list.  
5 // ~~~~~  
6 // Execute all lines of code inside the greeting() function.  
7 // Get to the sayHi() function invocation.  
8 // Push the sayHi() function to the call stack list.  
9 // ~~~~~  
10 // Execute all lines of code inside the sayHi() function,  
11 // until reaches its end. Return execution to the line  
12 // that invoked sayHi() and continue executing the rest  
13 // of the greeting() function. Pop the sayHi() function  
14 // from our call stack list.  
15 // ~~~~~  
16 // When everything inside the greeting() function return to  
17 // its invoking line to continue executing the rest  
18 // of the JS code. Pop the greeting() function  
19 // from the call stack list.
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Call\\_stack](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Call_stack)

```
1 /* Call stack list:  
2 - greeting */  
3 // ~~~~~  
4 /* Call stack list:  
5 - greeting  
6 - sayHi */  
7 // ~~~~~  
8 /* Call stack list:  
9 - greeting */  
10 // ~~~~~  
11 /* Call stack list:  
12 EMPTY */
```

# Functions: Callstack 4

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The order in which elements come off a **stack** gives rise to its alternative name, **LIFO (last in, first out)**.

push	push	pop	pop
greeting()	sayHi()	sayHi()	greeting()
to callstack	to callstack	from callstack	from callstack
Callstack	Callstack	Callstack	Callstack
greeting()	sayHi()	greeting()	EMPTY
main()	greeting()	main()	
	main()		

In computer science, a **stack** is an abstract data type that serves as a collection of elements, with two principal operations: **push**, which adds an element to the collection and **pop**, which removes the most recently added element that was not yet removed. When the script runs, the **JavaScript engine** places the **global execution context** (denoted by **main()** or **global()**) function on the call stack.

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Call\\_stack](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/Call_stack),  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stack\\_\(abstract\\_data\\_type\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stack_(abstract_data_type)) and  
<https://www.javascripttutorial.net/javascript-call-stack/>

# Other Technologies Complementing JavaScript

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There are more technologies than just [HTML5](#) that complement [JavaScript](#) and make the language more useful:

## Libraries:

[JavaScript](#) has an abundance of libraries, which enable you to complete tasks ranging from parsing [JavaScript](#) (via [Esprima](#)) to processing and displaying [PDF](#) files (via [PDF.js](#)).

## Node.js:

The [Node.js](#) platform lets you write server-side code and shell scripts (build tools, test runners, etc.).

## NoSQL databases:

(such as [CouchDB](#) and [MongoDB](#))

These databases tightly integrate [JSON](#) and [JavaScript](#).

Source: <http://speakingjs.com/es5/cho2.html>

## JSON (JavaScript Object Notation):

[JSON](#) is a data format rooted in [JavaScript](#) that has become popular for exchanging data on the Web (e.g., the results of web services).

## Javascript tools:

[JavaScript](#) is getting better build tools (e.g., [Grunt](#)) and test tools (e.g., [mocha](#)). [Node.js](#) makes it possible to run these kinds of tools via a shell (and not only in the browser).

The complexity and dynamism of web development make this space a fertile ground for innovation. Two open source examples are [Brackets](#) and [Light Table](#).

There is much [JavaScript](#)-related innovation (e.g., the [asm.js](#) and [ParallelJS](#), Microsoft's [TypeScript](#), etc.).

The [Javascript](#) language is evolving steadily.

# JSON

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## JavaScript Object Notation

JSON is a syntax for storing and exchanging data.

JSON is text, written with JavaScript object notation.

## Exchanging Data:

When exchanging data between a browser and a server, the data can only be text.

JSON is text, and we can convert any JavaScript object into JSON, and send JSON to the server.

We can also convert any JSON received from the server into JavaScript objects.

This way we can work with the data as JavaScript objects, with no complicated parsing and translations.

The JSON syntax is a subset of the JavaScript syntax.

JSON syntax is derived from JavaScript object notation syntax:

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

JSON names require double quotes. JavaScript names do not. The file type for JSON files is ".json".

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_json\\_intro.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json_intro.asp)

# JSON

```
1 // This JSON syntax defines an employees object: an array of 2 employee records (objects):
2 // JSON arrays are written inside square brackets. Just like in JavaScript,
3 // an array can contain objects:
4 {
5     "employees": [
6         {"firstName": "John", "lastName": "Doe"},
7         {"firstName": "Anna", "lastName": "Smith"} ...
8     ]
9 }
10 // The JSON format is syntactically identical to the code for creating JavaScript objects.
11 // Because of this similarity, a JavaScript program can easily convert JSON data
12 // into native JavaScript objects.
13 // JSON data is written as name/value pairs, just like JavaScript object properties.
14 // A name/value pair consists of a field name (in double quotes), followed by a colon,
15 // followed by a value:
16 "firstName": "John"
17 // JSON objects are written inside curly braces.
18 // Just like in JavaScript, objects can contain multiple name/value pairs:
19 {"firstName": "John", "lastName": "Doe"} |
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_json.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json.asp)

# JSON Data Types

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JSON values must be one of the following data types:

- a string
- a number
- an object (JSON object)
- an array
- a boolean
- Null

Objects and Arrays: Property names must be double-quoted strings; trailing commas are forbidden.

JSON values **cannot** be one of the following data types:

- a function
- a date
- undefined

Numbers: Leading zeros are prohibited. A decimal point must be followed by at least one digit. NaN and Infinity are unsupported.

Sources:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_json\\_datatypes.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json_datatypes.asp) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/JSON](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/JSON)

# JSON Data Types

```
1 // Valid Data Types:  
2 // JSON Strings: Strings in JSON must be written in double quotes.  
3 { "name": "John" }  
4 // JSON Numbers: Numbers in JSON must be an integer or a floating point.  
5 { "age": 30 }  
6 // JSON Objects: Values in JSON can be objects.  
7 {  
8     "employee": { "name": "John", "age": 30, "city": "New York" }  
9 }  
10 // JSON Arrays: Values in JSON can be arrays.  
11 {  
12     "employees": [ "John", "Anna", "Peter" ]  
13 }  
14 // JSON Booleans: Values in JSON can be true/false.  
15 { "sale": true }  
16 // JSON null: Values in JSON can be null.  
17 { "middlename": null }
```

Source: [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_json\\_datatypes.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json_datatypes.asp)

# JSON.parse()

```
1 // The JSON.parse() method parses a JSON string, constructing the JavaScript value
2 // or object described by the string. An optional reviver function can be provided
3 // to perform a transformation on the resulting object before it is returned.
4 const json = '{"result":true, "count":42}';
5 const obj = JSON.parse(json);
6 console.log(obj.count); // expected output: 42
7 console.log(obj.result); // expected output: true
8 // Syntax: JSON.parse(text[, reviver])
9 JSON.parse('{}'); // {}
10 JSON.parse('true'); // true
11 JSON.parse('"foo"'); // "foo"
12 JSON.parse('[1, 5, "false"]'); // [1, 5, "false"]
13 JSON.parse('null'); // null
14 // JSON.parse() does not allow trailing commas
15 JSON.parse('[1, 2, 3, 4, ]'); //will throw a SyntaxError
16 // JSON.parse() does not allow single quotes
17 JSON.parse("{'foo': 1}"); // will throw a SyntaxError
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/JSON\(parse](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/JSON(parse)

# JSON.parse()

```
> JSON.parse("{"foo": 1});  
✖ Uncaught SyntaxError: missing ) after argument list  
> JSON.parse({"'foo': 1});  
✖ ►Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token ' in JSON at position 1  
    at JSON.parse (<anonymous>)  
    at <anonymous>:1:6  
> JSON.parse('{"foo": 1}');  
< {foo: 1}
```

Test conclusion:

JSON from a server is a string with single quotes (the bottom working example). Double quotes are not allowed (the top not working example).

JSON.parse() does not allow single quotes (the middle not working example).

# JSON.stringify()

```
1 // The JSON.stringify() method converts a JavaScript object or value to a JSON string,  
2 // optionally replacing values if a replacer function is specified  
3 // or optionally including only the specified properties if a replacer array is specified.  
4 var obj = { name: "John", age: 30, city: "New York" };  
5 var myJSON = JSON.stringify(obj);  
6 console.log(myJSON); // logs {"name": "John", "age": 30, "city": "New York"}  
7 // Syntax: JSON.stringify(value[, replacer[, space]])  
8 JSON.stringify({}); // '{}'  
9 JSON.stringify(true); // 'true'  
10 JSON.stringify('foo'); // '"foo"'  
11 JSON.stringify([1, 'false', false]); // '[1,"false",false]'  
12 JSON.stringify([NaN, null, Infinity]); // '[null,null,null]'  
13 JSON.stringify({ x: 5 }); // '{"x":5}'  
14 // Properties of non-array objects are not guaranteed  
15 // to be stringified in any particular order.  
16 // Do not rely on ordering of properties within the same object within the stringification.
```

Source: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/JSON/stringify](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/JSON/stringify) and [https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_json\\_stringify.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json_stringify.asp)

# JSON versus XML

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Both **JSON** and **The Extensible Markup Language (XML)** can be used to receive data from a web server. The biggest difference is: **XML** has to be parsed with an **XML parser**. **JSON** can be parsed by a standard **JavaScript** function.

**XML** is much more difficult to parse than **JSON**. **JSON** is parsed into a ready-to-use **JavaScript object**.

**JSON** is Like **XML** because:

Both **JSON** and **XML** are "self describing" (human readable)

Both **JSON** and **XML** are hierarchical (values within values)

Both **JSON** and **XML** can be parsed and used by lots of programming languages

Both **JSON** and **XML** can be fetched with an **XMLHttpRequest**

**JSON** is Unlike **XML** because:

**JSON** doesn't use end tag. **JSON** is shorter. **JSON** is quicker to read and write. **JSON** can use arrays.

For **AJAX** applications, **JSON** is faster and easier than **XML**:

Using **XML**:

Fetch an **XML** document. Use the **XML DOM** to loop through the document. Extract values and store in **variables**.

Using **JSON**:

Fetch a **JSON** string. **JSON.parse** the **JSON** string.

Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_json\\_xml.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_json_xml.asp)

# AJAX

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**AJAX** = **A**synchronous **J**ava**S**cript and **X**ML. **AJAX** is not a programming language. **AJAX** just uses a combination of:

A browser built-in **XMLHttpRequest object** (to request data from a web server).

**JavaScript** and **HTML DOM** (to display or use the data)

**AJAX** is a developer's dream, because you can:

Read data from a web server - after the page has loaded

Update a web page without reloading the page

Send data to a web server - in the background

**AJAX** is a misleading name. **AJAX** applications might use **XML** to transport data, but it is equally common to transport data as plain text or **JSON** text.

**AJAX** is an approach to using a number of existing technologies together, including **HTML** or **XHTML**, **CSS**, **JavaScript**, **DOM**, **XML**, **XSLT**, and most importantly the **XMLHttpRequest object**.

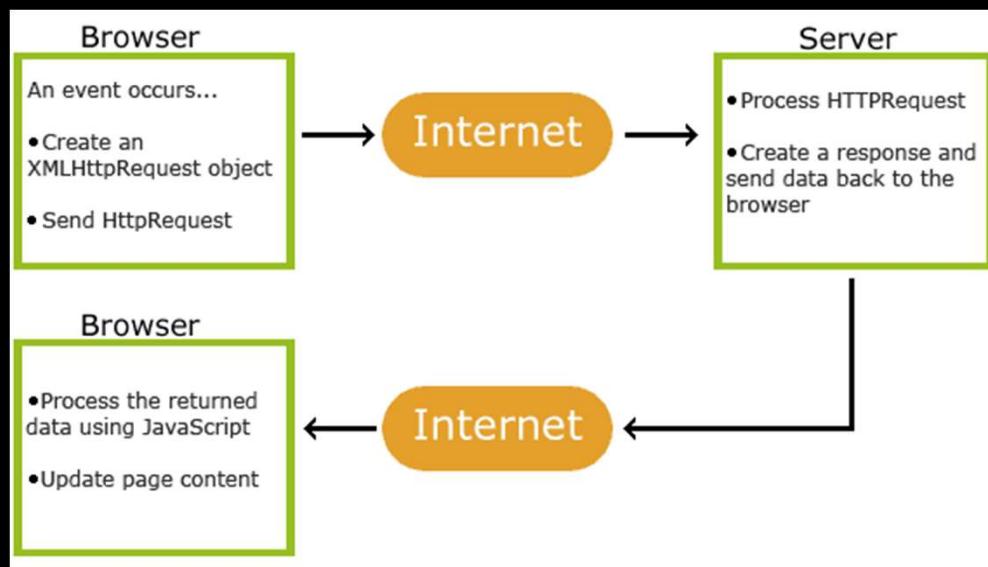
Although X in **AJAX** stands for XML, **JSON** is used more than **XML** nowadays because of its many advantages such as being lighter and a part of **JavaScript**.

Both **JSON** and **XML** are used for packaging information in the **AJAX** model.

Sources:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_ajax\\_intro.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_ajax_intro.asp) and  
<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Guide/AJAX>

## AJAX 2



### How **AJAX** Works:

**AJAX** allows web pages to be updated asynchronously by exchanging data with a web server behind the scenes. This means that it is possible to update parts of a web page, without reloading the whole page.

### Source:

[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_ajax\\_intro.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_ajax_intro.asp)

1. An event occurs in a web page (the page is loaded, a button is clicked)
2. An XMLHttpRequest object is created by JavaScript
3. The XMLHttpRequest object sends a request to a web server
4. The server processes the request
5. The server sends a response back to the web page
6. The response is read by JavaScript
7. Proper action (like page update) is performed by JavaScript

# Full Stack JavaScript versus Full Stack

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The idea of "Full Stack JavaScript" is that all software in a web application, both client side and server side, should be written using JavaScript only.

## Server-side software (Back End):

PHP, ASP, C++, C#, Java, Python, Ruby, REST, GO, SQL, MongoDB, Firebase.com, Sass, Less, Parse.com and PaaS (Azure and Heroku).

## Client-side software (Front End):

HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, W3.CSS, JavaScript, ES5, HTML DOM, JSON, XML, jQuery, Angular, React, Backbone.js, Express.js, Ember.js, Redux, Storybook, GraphQL, Meteor.js, Grunt and Gulp

A full stack web developer is a person who can develop both client and server software.

In addition to mastering HTML and CSS, he/she also knows how to:

- Program a browser (like using JavaScript, jQuery, Angular, or Vue)
  - Program a server (like using PHP, ASP, Python, or Node.js)
  - Program a database (like using SQL, SQLite, or MongoDB)
- Source:  
[https://www.w3schools.com/whatis/whatis\\_fullstack\\_js.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/whatis/whatis_fullstack_js.asp)

# Full Stack

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Popular **stacks** related to **full stack**:

LAMP stack: JavaScript - Linux - Apache - MySQL - PHP

WAMP stack: JavaScript - Windows - Apache - MySQL - PHP

LEMP stack: JavaScript - Linux - Nginx - MySQL - PHP

MEAN stack: JavaScript - MongoDB - Express - AngularJS - Node.js

Django stack: JavaScript - Python - Django - MySQL

Ruby on Rails: JavaScript - Ruby - SQLite - Rails

**Front end:** It is the visible part of website or web application which is responsible for user experience.

**Back end:** It refers to the server-side development of web application or website with a primary focus on how the website works.

Sources: [https://www.w3schools.com/whatis/whatis\\_fullstack.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/whatis/whatis_fullstack.asp) and  
<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/what-is-full-stack-development/>

# Node.js

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**Node.js** is a cross-platform open-source **JavaScript** runtime environment that allows developers to build server-side and network applications with **JavaScript**.

**Node.js** runs the **V8 JavaScript engine**, the core of Google Chrome, outside of the browser. This allows **Node.js** to be very performant.

**V8** is Google's open source high-performance **JavaScript** and **WebAssembly** engine, written in **C++**. It is used in Chrome and in **Node.js**, among others.

**Node.js** runs on various platforms (**Windows**, **Linux**, **Unix**, **Mac OS X**, etc.)

**Node.js** files have extension **".js"**. The official **Node.js** website (<https://nodejs.org>) has installation instructions for **Node.js**.

The following **Javascript** concepts are key to understand asynchronous programming, which is one fundamental part of **Node.js**:

Asynchronous programming, callbacks, timers, promises, async and await, closures and the event loop.

**REPL** stands for **read-eval-print loop** and basically means command line. To use it, you must first start **Node.js** from an operating system command line, via the command **node**.

Sources: <https://nodejs.dev/>, <https://v8.dev/>, <https://developer.mozilla.org/fi/docs/WebAssembly/Concepts> (...docs/Glossary/Node.js) , [https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/nodejs\\_intro.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/nodejs_intro.asp) and [https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch\\_console.html#trying-out-code](https://exploringjs.com/impatient-js/ch_console.html#trying-out-code)

# Node.js and MongoDB

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Node.js can be used in database applications. One of the most popular NoSQL database is MongoDB.

To access a MongoDB database with Node.js. Download and install the official MongoDB driver, open the Command Terminal and execute the following:

```
C:\Users\Your Name>npm install mongodb
```

Now you have downloaded and installed a mongodb database driver.

Node.js can use this module to manipulate MongoDB databases:

```
var mongo = require('mongodb');
```

Sources: <https://www.mongodb.com/> and [https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/nodejs\\_mongodb.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/nodejs/nodejs_mongodb.asp)

MongoDB is a document database, which means it stores data in JSON-like documents. Is much more expressive and powerful than the traditional row/column model.

Rich JSON Documents:

Supports arrays and nested objects as values.

Allows for flexible and dynamic schemas.

Powerful query language

Allows you to filter and sort by any field, no matter how nested it may be within a document.

Support for aggregations and other modern use-cases such as geo-based search, graph search, and text search.

Queries are themselves JSON. No more concatenating strings to dynamically generate SQL queries.

# Libraries

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The ECMAScript Internationalization API helps with tasks related to internationalization: collation (sorting and searching strings), number formatting, and date and time formatting.

Underscore.js complements JavaScript's relatively sparse standard library with tool functions for arrays, objects, functions, and more. As Underscore predates ECMAScript 5, there is some overlap with the standard library.

Lo-Dash is an alternative implementation of the Underscore.js API, with a few additional features.

XRegExp is a regular expression library with several advanced features such as named captures and free-spacing. (which allows you to spread out a regular expression across multiple lines and document per line).

Source: <http://speakingjs.com/es5/ch30.html>

## Shims Versus Polyfills:

Shims and polyfills are libraries that retrofit newer functionality on older JavaScript engines:

A shim is a library that brings a new API to an older environment, using only the means of that environment.

A polyfill is a shim for a browser API. It typically checks if a browser supports an API. If it doesn't, the polyfill installs its own implementation. That allows you to use the API in either case. The term polyfill comes from a home improvement product; according to Remy Sharp:

Polyfilla is a UK product known as Spackling Paste in the US. With that in mind: think of the browsers as a wall with cracks in it. These [polyfills] help smooth out the cracks and give us a nice smooth wall of browsers to work with.

# jQuery Library versus JavaScript

```
1 $(document).ready(function(){
2     alert("Hello World!");
3     $("#blackBox").hide();
4 });
5 // The above jQuery code carries out the same
6 // function as the following Javascript code:
7 window.onload = function() {
8     alert("Hello World!");
9     document.getElementById("blackBox").style.display = "none";
10};
```

jQuery was created in 2006 by John Resig. It was designed to handle browser incompatibilities and to simplify HTML DOM manipulation, event handling, animations, and Ajax. jQuery has been the most popular JavaScript library in the world. It is possible to only use vanilla (basic) Javascript instead of jQuery.

jQuery uses a format, `$(selector).action()` to assign an element(s) to an event. To explain it in detail, `$(selector)` will call `jQuery` to select selector element(s) and assign it to an `event API` called `.action()`.

Sources: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/jQuery> and  
[https://www.w3schools.com/js/js\\_jquery\\_selectors.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_jquery_selectors.asp)

# API (Application Programming Interface)

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An API (Application Programming Interface) is a set of features and rules that exist inside the application enabling interaction with it through software . The API can be seen as a simple contract (the interface) between the application offering it and other items, such as third party software or hardware.

In Web development, an API is generally a set of code features (e.g. methods, properties, events, and URLs) that a developer can use in their apps for interacting with components of a user's web browser, or other software/hardware on the user's computer, or third party websites and services.

Sources: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/API>, ... [en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Client-side\\_web\\_APIs/Introduction](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript/Client-side_web_APIs/Introduction) and ... [/en-US/docs/Web/API](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API)

Web APIs are typically used with JavaScript, although this doesn't always have to be the case.

## Common browser APIs:

APIs for manipulating documents: [DOM API](#)

APIs that fetch data from the server: [Fetch API](#)

APIs for drawing and manipulating graphics: [WebGL API](#)

Audio and Video APIs:  [GetUserMedia API](#),  
[HTMLMediaElement](#)

Device APIs: [Vibration API](#), [Notifications API](#)

Client-side storage APIs: [Web Storage API](#), [IndexedDB API](#)

## Common third-party APIs:

[Twitter API](#), [Google Maps API](#) , [YouTube API](#)

# Fetch API versus AJAX

The **Fetch API** provides a **JavaScript** interface for accessing and manipulating parts of the HTTP pipeline, such as requests and responses. It also provides a global **fetch()** method that provides an easy, logical way to fetch resources asynchronously across the network.

This kind of functionality was previously achieved using **AJAX XMLHttpRequest**. **Fetch** provides a better alternative that can be easily used by other technologies such as **Service Workers**. **Fetch** also provides a single logical place to define other HTTP-related concepts such as Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (**CORS**) and **extensions to HTTP**.

```
1 // A basic fetch request is really simple
2 // to set up. Have a look at the following code:
3 fetch('http://example.com/movies.json')
4   .then((response) => {
5     return response.json();
6   })
7   .then((data) => {
8     console.log(data);
9   });
10 // Here we are fetching a JSON file across
11 // the network and printing it to the console.
```

Sources: [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch\\_API](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch_API) and [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch\\_API/Using\\_Fetch](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch_API/Using_Fetch)

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Source: <http://willsentance.com/>

Douglas Crockford popularized the data format [JSON \(JavaScript Object Notation\)](#) and has developed various [JavaScript](#) related tools such as [JSLint](#) and [JSMin](#). Frontend Masters teacher

Learn [Javascript](#) and watch videos:  
<https://www.crockford.com/2020.html>

Sources:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas\\_Crockford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_Crockford) and  
<https://github.com/douglascrockford?tab=repositories>

# Brian Holt and Bianca Gandolfo

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Frontend Masters teacher. You can find a lot of his talks about programming in Youtube.

Source: <https://btholt.github.io/intro-to-web-dev-v2/>



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Sources:

<https://btholt.github.io/intro-to-web-dev-v2/>

<https://slides.com/bgando/f2f-final-day-2#/>

# Jem Young and Jafar Husain

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You can find a lot of his talks about **Javascript** programming in Youtube.

Ducking in Subways: <https://blog.jemyoung.com/>  
<https://frontendhappyhour.com/>

Sources: <https://github.com/young>,  
<https://jemyoung.com/about/> and  
<https://twitter.com/JemYoung>



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You can find a lot of his talks about **Javascript** asynchronous programming in Youtube.

A highly-rated speaker. He has trained hundreds of developers to build event-driven systems in **Javascript**.

Sources: <https://github.com/jhusain>,  
<https://twitter.com/jhusain> and  
<https://egghead.io/instructors/jafar-husain>

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Source: <http://dr-axel.de/>



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He writes, speaks, teaches, and contributes to OSS (Open-source software). Learn [Javascript: You Don't Know JS Yet](#) online books at <https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/>

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Source: <https://github.com/getify>

# Learn more Javascript

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## | Search Youtube JS videos with these names:

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Gandolfo, Axel Rauschmeyer, Will Sentence, Douglas  
Crockford, Jem Young, Bucky Robert, Jafar Husain  
and Caleb Curry.

## | Search in Youtube these channels with JS:

Caleb Curry, Certified fresh events, Codesmith,  
JSConf, thenewBoston, Tony Alicea and Telusko.

## | Read online books:

You Don't Know JS Yet online books at  
<https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS/>

Speaking Javascript online books at  
<https://exploringjs.com/>

## | Study online tutorials:

W3Schools Online Web Tutorials

<https://www.w3schools.com/js/default.asp>

Mozilla Developer Network (MDN) web docs which is  
the official source for Javascript.

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript>

## | Look answers to Javascript questions from:

Stackoverflow <https://stackoverflow.com/>

## | Study blogs:

[www.2ality.com](http://www.2ality.com)

## | Study the latest version of Javascript:

<https://tc39.es/ecma262>