

find all code at

<https://github.com/explorablesforsfi/js-d3-tutorial>

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# INTRO TO JS & D3

# HOW TO MAKE SOMETHING USABLE FOR THE WEB

- ▶ Arrange things



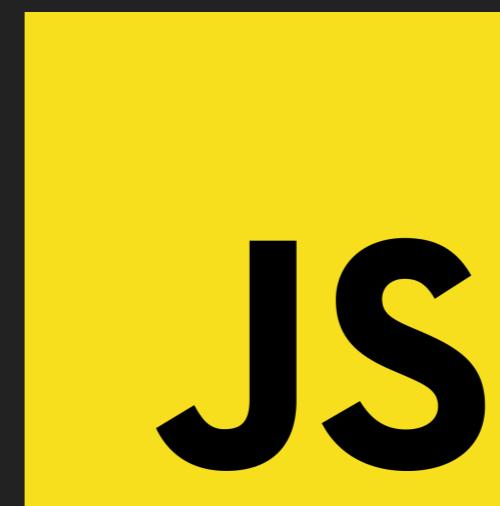
- ▶ style things



- ▶ Connect them to code



- ▶ code



# VARIABLES AND PRINTING

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4 </head>
5
6 <body>
7
8 <script>
9 "use strict";
10
11 let a = 0;
12 let b = null;
13 let c = [989, 34];
14 let d = {a: 0, b:c};
15
16 const yello = "yello";
17
18 console.log("a:", a);
19 console.log("b:", b);
20 console.log("c:", c);
21 console.log("c[0]:", c[0]);
22 console.log("c[2]:", c[2]);
23 console.log("d.a:", d.a);
24 console.log("d['a']:", d['a']);
25 console.log(yello,"world");
26
27 c[100] = 100;
28 console.log("c[100]:",c[100]);
29 console.log(c);
30 </script>
31
32 </body>
```

HTML basic skeleton

JS

Starting a JS segment

"use strict" is better for debugging (gives errors when variables are misused)

"null" is like "nullptr" in C++ or "None" in Python

"let" defines a variable within the current scope (use "var" for global variable)

console.log() is like an interactive print statement

You can add things to an arbitrary position of an array

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19 console.log("b:", b);
20 console.log("c:", c);
21 console.log("c[0]:", c[0]);
22 console.log("c[2]:", c[2]);
23 console.log("d.a:", d.a);
24 console.log("d['a']:", d['a']);
25 console.log(yello,"world");
26
27 c[100] = 100;
28 console.log("c[100]:",c[100]);
29 console.log(c);
30 </script>
31
32 </body>
```

### Output

```
a: 0
b: null
c: ▶ (2) [989, 34]
c[0]: 989
c[2]: undefined
d.a: 0
d['a']: 0
yello world
c[100]: 100
▶ (101) [989, 34, empty × 98, 100]
```

JS

# FUNCTIONS

## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4 </head>
5
6 <body>
7
8 <script src="function_example_1.js"></script>
9 <script src="function_example_2.js"></script>
10
11 </body>
```

load external scripts

JS

## function\_example\_1.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let print_text = "was asked to print the following:";
4
5 function print_simple(a) {
6   console.log(print_text, a);
7 }
8
9 const yello = "yello";
10
11 print_simple(yello);
```

`print\_text` will be available to all functions

define a function which puts stuff in the console

define a global constant

call the function

# FUNCTIONS

## index.html

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11 </body>
```

load external scripts

JS

## function\_example\_1.js

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3 let print_text = "was asked to print the following:";
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5 function print_simple(a) {
6   console.log(print_text, a);
7 }
8
9 const yello = "yello";
10
11 print_simple(yello);
```

output

```
was asked to print the following: yello
```

# FUNCTIONS

JS

## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4 </head>
5
6 <body>
7
8 <script src="function_example_1.js"></script>
9 <script src="function_example_2.js"></script>
10
11 </body>
```

## function\_example\_1.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let print_text = "was asked to print the following:";
4
5 function print_simple(a) {
6   console.log(print_text, a);
7 }
8
9 const yello = "yello";
10
11 print_simple(yello);
```

## function\_example\_2.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 function get_string_representation(a) {
4   return "" + a;
5 }
6
7 function print(a) {
8   console.log(get_string_representation(a));
9 }
10
11 // the variable `yello` is still declared
12 // from function_example_1.js
13 print(yello);
14
15 // print a number
16 let number = 2;
17 print(number);
18
19 print_simple(yello);
```

define a function which type-casts a variable to a `String` object

this function gets a String representation of a variable and prints it

This number is type-cast to a string and printed

This function is still available from `function\_example\_1.js`

# FUNCTIONS

JS

## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4 </head>
5
6 <body>
7
8 <script src="function_example_1.js"></script>
9 <script src="function_example_2.js"></script>
10
11 </body>
```

## function\_example\_1.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let print_text = "was asked to print the following:";
4
5 function print_simple(a) {
6   console.log(print_text, a);
7 }
8
9 const yello = "yello";
10
11 print_simple(yello);
```

## function\_example\_2.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 function get_string_representation(a) {
4   return "" + a;
5 }
6
7 function print(a) {
8   console.log(get_string_representation(a));
9 }
10
11 // the variable `yello` is still declared
12 // from function_example_1.js
13 print(yello);
14
15 // print a number
16 let number = 2;
17 print(number);
18
19 print_simple(yello);
```

## Output

```
yello
2
was asked to print the following: yello
```

> <code>2+"2"</code>	number + string -> string
< <code>"22"</code>	
> <code>"2"+2</code>	string + number -> string
< <code>"22"</code>	
> <code>+"2"+2</code>	+ string -> number + string + number -> number
< <code>4</code>	
> <code>+"2.2"+2</code>	
< <code>4.2</code>	

```
> 2+"2"  
< "22"  
  
> "2"+2  
< "22"  
  
> +"2"+2  
< 4  
  
> +"2.2"+2  
< 4.2
```

number + string -> string

string + number -> string

+ string -> number

+ string + number -> number

```
> console.log("see this typecast:" + 2 + 2 + " ... see?")  
see this typecast:22 ... see?  
< undefined  
> console.log("see this typecast:" + (2 + 2) + " ... see?")  
see this typecast:4 ... see?
```

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 console.log( Math.exp(1) ); // exp(1)
4 console.log( Math.exp(0) ); // 1
5 console.log( Math.sin(2*Math.PI) ); // 0
6 console.log( Math.floor(2323.23) ); // 2323
7 console.log( Math.pow(2,3) ); // 8
8
9 let a = [1,2,3];
10
11 console.log(a[0])
12 console.log(a[4 % 3]) // 4 mod 3 = 1 ==> a[1] -> 2
13 console.log(a[Math.floor(2.5)]) // a[2] -> 3
14 console.log(Math.random()) // random number [0,1)
```

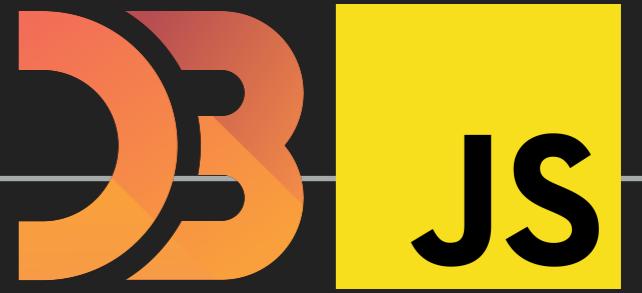
# FOR-LOOPS AND MAPS

JS

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let a = [1,2,3];
4
5 for(let i=0; i<a.length; ++i) {      print each element
6   console.log(a[i]);
7 }
8
9 a.forEach( function (element) {      for each element in the array, call a function which prints it
10   console.log(element);
11 });
12
13 let c = a.map(function (element) { return Math.sin(element*Math.PI/2) });
14 let d = a.map(element => Math.sin(element*Math.PI/2) );
15
16 console.log(c);
17 console.log(d);
```

for each element of the array, call a function, which manipulates it and returns the manipulation, then return an array of the whole manipulated array

# SELECT DOM OBJECTS WITH D3



## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4     <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script> <!-- load d3 -->
5 </head>
6
7 <body>
8     <div></div>
9     <script src="d3_example.js"></script>
10 </body>
```

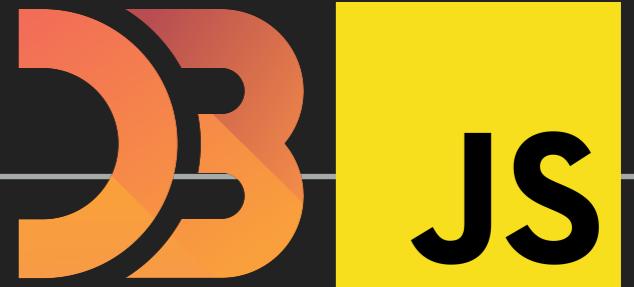
## d3\_example.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let this_div = d3.selectAll("div")
4     .text("hey");
5
6
7
8
9
10 let another_div = this_div.append("p");
11
12
13 another_div.text("ditto");
```

selectAll elements called "div"  
make "<div></div>" to "<div>hey</div>"  
"selectAll" is a function which does something  
and then returns the selection. "text" is a function  
which puts the text in the selection and then,  
again, returns the selection.

the selection can then further be manipulated

# SELECT DOM OBJECTS WITH D3



## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
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3 <head>
4     <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script> <!-- load d3 -->
5 </head>
6
7 <body>
8     <div></div>
9     <script src="d3_example.js"></script>
10 </body>
```

## d3\_example.js

```
1 "use strict";
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3 let this_div = d3.selectAll("div")
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12
13 another_div.text("ditto");
```

## output

A screenshot of a browser's developer tools showing the DOM tree. The tree starts with the &lt;html&gt; element, which contains a &lt;head&gt; and a &lt;body&gt;. The &lt;body&gt; contains a single &lt;div&gt; element. The &lt;div&gt; has its 'text' property set to 'hey'. Below it, there is a &lt;p&gt; element with the text 'ditto'. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the URL 'd3\_example.js'.

# CHAINING IN D3



index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4   <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
5 </head>
6
7 <body>
8   <p></p>
9   <script src="d3_chaining.js"></script>
10 </body>
```

d3\_chaining.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let p = d3.select("p")      select first <p> and return selection
4       .text("hey")    put text in
5       .attr("align", "center") give new attribute
6       .attr("style", "font-size: 30px; border: 1px solid black")
7 ;
```

Style with CSS

# CHAINING IN D3



## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4     <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
5 </head>
6
7 <body>
8     <p></p>
9     <script src="d3_chaining.js"></script>
10 </body>
```

## d3\_chaining.js

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1 "use strict";
2
3 let p = d3.select("p")
4     .text("hey")
5     .attr("align", "center")
6     .attr("style", "font-size: 30px; border: 1px solid black")
7 ;
```

output

The screenshot shows a browser's developer tools with the 'Elements' tab selected. On the left, there is a preview pane displaying a single 

element with the text "hey". On the right, the DOM tree is shown:

```
<html>
... <head> == $0
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
    <p align="center" style="font-size: 30px; border: 1px solid black">hey</p>
    <script src="d3_chaining.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

The `style="font-size: 30px; border: 1px solid black"` attribute is highlighted in blue, indicating it was added via JavaScript.

# TIMERS IN D3



## d3\_timers.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let p = d3.select("p")
4     .text("hey")
5     .attr("align", "center")
6     .attr("style", "font-size: 30px; border: 1px solid black")
7 ;
8
9 let timer = d3.interval(update, 1000); // call `update` every second
10
11
12 let state = 0;
13 let aligns = ["left", "center", "right"]
14
15 function update() {
16   p.attr("align", aligns[state % 3])
17
18   state++; // state = state + 1
19 }
```

# TIMERS IN D3



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3 let p = d3.select("p")
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7 ;
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18   state++; // state = state + 1
19 }
```

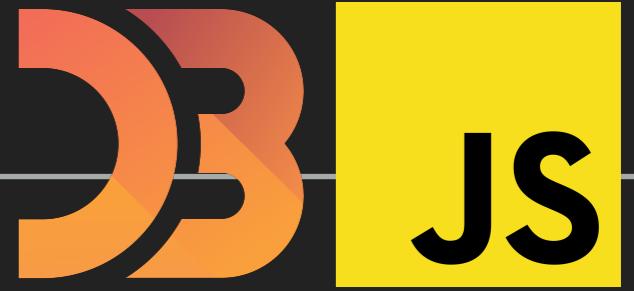
A screenshot of a browser's developer tools showing the DOM structure. The left pane displays the text "hey" inside a 

element. The right pane shows the DOM tree under the "Elements" tab:

```
<html>
  <head>...</head>
  <body>
    <p align="left" style="font-size: 30px; border: 1px solid black">hey</p>
    ... <script src="d3_timers.js"></script> == $0
  </body>
</html>
```

The `script` tag is highlighted with a blue selection bar.

## DRAWING ON CANVAS

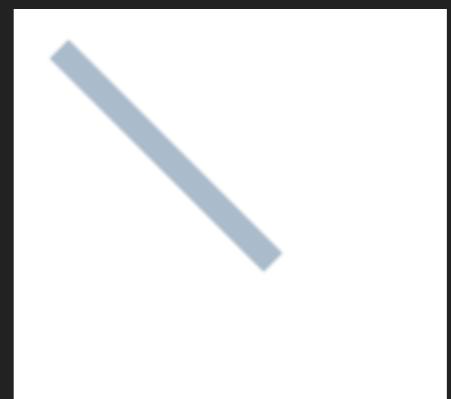


```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let width = 200, height = 200;
4
5 let canvas = d3.select("body")
6     .append("canvas");
7
8 canvas.attr("width",width).attr("height",height);
9
10 let context = canvas.node().getContext('2d');
11
12 context.lineWidth = 10;
13 context.strokeStyle = "#abc";
14 context.beginPath();
15 context.moveTo(10,10);
16 context.lineTo(90,90);
17 context.stroke();
```

append a `canvas` object  
to the body

context is for drawing

draw a 10px wide line from  
(10,10) to (90,90)



output

# A PLOT ON CANVAS

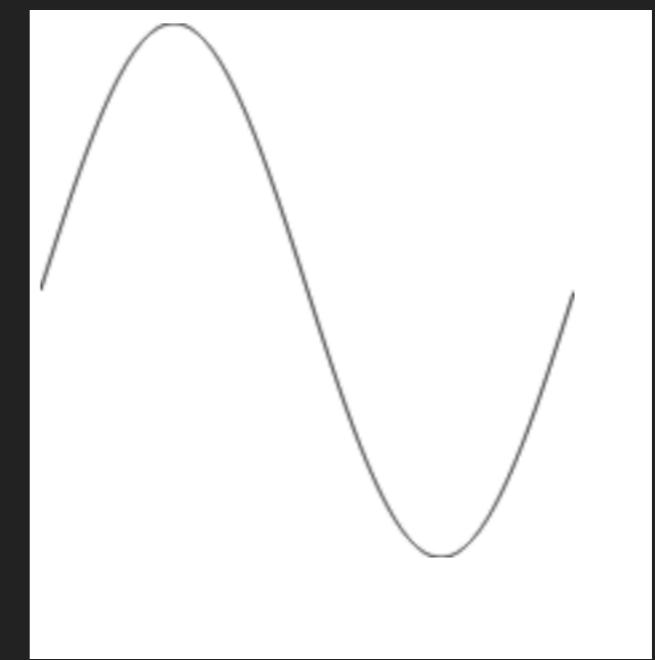


```
1 "use strict";
2
3 // create canvas
4 let width = 200, height = 200;
5 let canvas = d3.select("body").append("canvas")
6             .attr("width",width).attr("height",height);
7 let context = canvas.node().getContext('2d');
8
9 // a map function .. map [0,2pi] to the canvas [0,width]
10 let xScale = d3.scaleLinear().domain([0,2*Math.PI]).range([0,width]);
11
12 // a map function .. map [-1,1] to the canvas [height,0]
13 // (flip coordinate system)
14 let yScale = d3.scaleLinear().domain([-1,+1]).range([height,0]);
15
16 // create x values from 0 to 2pi
17 let N_values = 1000;
18 let x = d3.range(N_values).map( n => n/N_values*2*Math.PI);
19
20 // compute y = sin(x)
21 let y = x.map( _x => Math.sin(_x) );
22
23 // draw
24 context.lineWidth = 1;
25 context.strokeStyle = "#000";
26 context.beginPath();
27
28 context.moveTo(xScale(x[0]),yScale(y[0]));
29
30 for (let i=1; i<x.length; ++i)
31     context.lineTo(xScale(x[i]),yScale(y[i]));
32
33 context.stroke();
```

# A PLOT ON CANVAS



```
1 "use strict";
2
3 // create canvas
4 let width = 200, height = 200;
5 let canvas = d3.select("body").append("canvas")
6             .attr("width",width).attr("height",height);
7 let context = canvas.node().getContext('2d');
8
9 // a map function .. map [0,2pi] to the canvas [0,width]
10 let xScale = d3.scaleLinear().domain([0,2*Math.PI]).range([0,width]);
11
12 // a map function .. map [-1,1] to the canvas [height,0]
13 // (flip coordinate system)
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15
16 // create x values from 0 to 2pi
17 let N_values = 1000;
18 let x = d3.range(N_values).map( n => n/N_values*2*Math.PI);           output
19
20 // compute y = sin(x)
21 let y = x.map( _x => Math.sin(_x) );
22
23 // draw
24 context.lineWidth = 1;
25 context.strokeStyle = "#000";
26 context.beginPath();
27
28 context.moveTo(xScale(x[0]),yScale(y[0]));
29
30 for (let i=1; i<x.length; ++i)
31   context.lineTo(xScale(x[i]),yScale(y[i]));
32
33 context.stroke();
```



# ANIMATION ON CANVAS

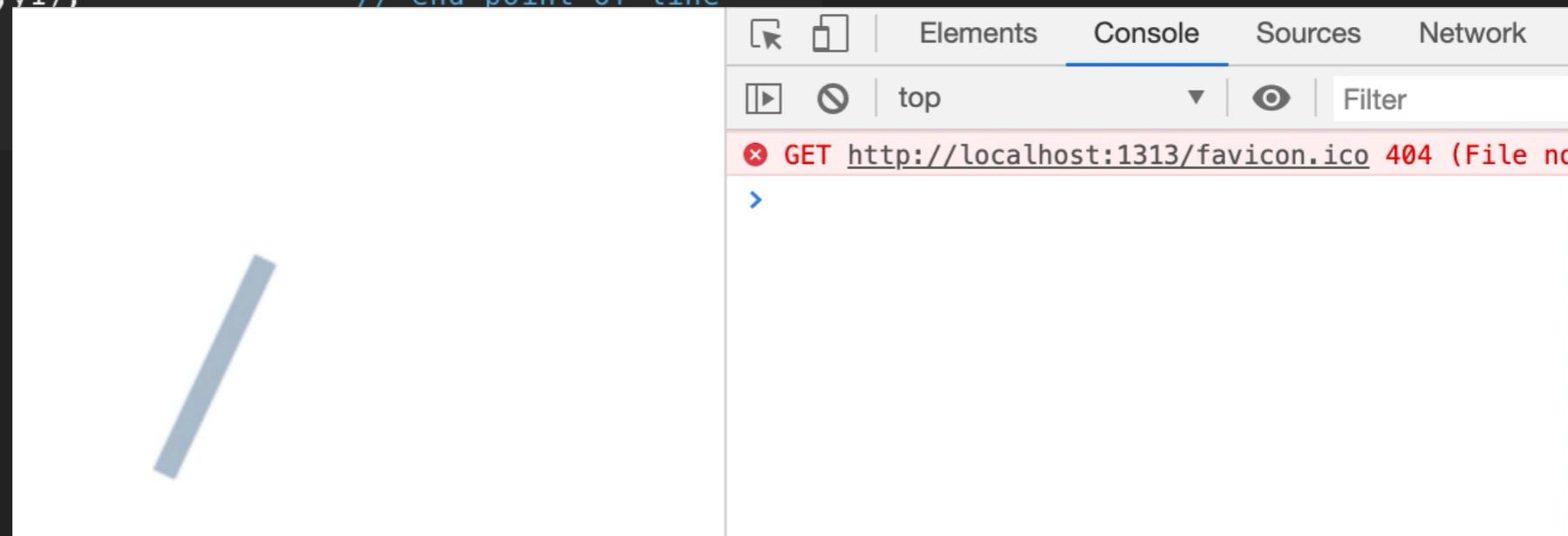


```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let width = 200, height = 200;
4 let canvas = d3.select("body").append("canvas")
5             .attr("width",width).attr("height",height);
6 let context = canvas.node().getContext('2d');
7 let timer = d3.interval(update,25) // update drawing every 25ms
8
9 context.lineWidth = 10;           // set drawing line styles
10 context.strokeStyle = "#abc";
11
12 let angle = 0;                // initial angle
13 let d_angle = Math.PI/25;     // increase angle by pi/25 per update
14 let x0 = width/2;             // origin
15 let y0 = height/2;
16 let radius = height/2;        // radius of line
17
18 function update ()
19 {
20   context.clearRect(0,0,width,height); // clear drawing
21   context.beginPath();               // start line
22   context.moveTo(x0,y0);           // move to origin
23
24   let x1 = radius * Math.cos(angle) + x0; // compute updated
25   let y1 = radius * Math.sin(angle) + y0; // position
26
27   context.lineTo(x1,y1);           // end point of line
28   context.stroke();               // draw
29
30   angle += d_angle;              // update angle
31 }
```

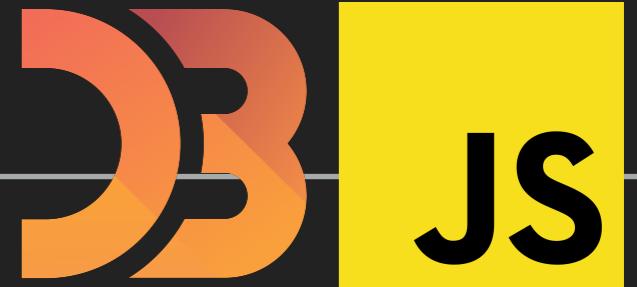
# ANIMATION ON CANVAS



```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let width = 200, height = 200;
4 let canvas = d3.select("body").append("canvas")
5         .attr("width",width).attr("height",height);
6 let context = canvas.node().getContext('2d');
7 let timer = d3.interval(update,25) // update drawing every 25ms
8
9 context.lineWidth = 10;          // set drawing line styles
10 context.strokeStyle = "#abc";
11
12 let angle = 0;                // initial angle
13 let d_angle = Math.PI/25;     // increase angle by pi/25 per update
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15 let y0 = height/2;
16 let radius = height/2;        // radius of line
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19 {
20     context.clearRect(0,0,width,height); // clear drawing
21     context.beginPath();                  // start line
22     context.moveTo(x0,y0);              // move to origin
23
24     let x1 = radius * Math.cos(angle) + x0; // compute updated
25     let y1 = radius * Math.sin(angle) + y0; // position
26
27     context.lineTo(x1,y1);              // end point of line
28     context.stroke();
29
30     angle += d_angle;
31 }
```



# INTERACTION



## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4     <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
5 </head>
6
7 <body>
8     <script src="animating_on_canvas.js"></script>
9     <script src="interaction.js"></script>
10 </body>
```

## interaction.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let button = d3.select("body")
4     .append("button")
5     .text("pause")
6     .on("click", function() {
7         if (button.text() == 'pause')
8         {
9             timer.stop();
10            button.text("play");
11        }
12        else
13        {
14            timer.restart(update);
15            button.text("pause");
16        }
17    });
18
```

same as in last slide

```
let timer = d3.interval(update, 25)
function update ()
{
```

add a button to the body which says "pause"

when clicked, run the following function

- \* `button.text()` is a context-sensitive function.
- \* when called without arguments it returns the value of the HTML-property
- \* when called with argument, it sets the HTML-property and returns the selection.

# INTERACTION



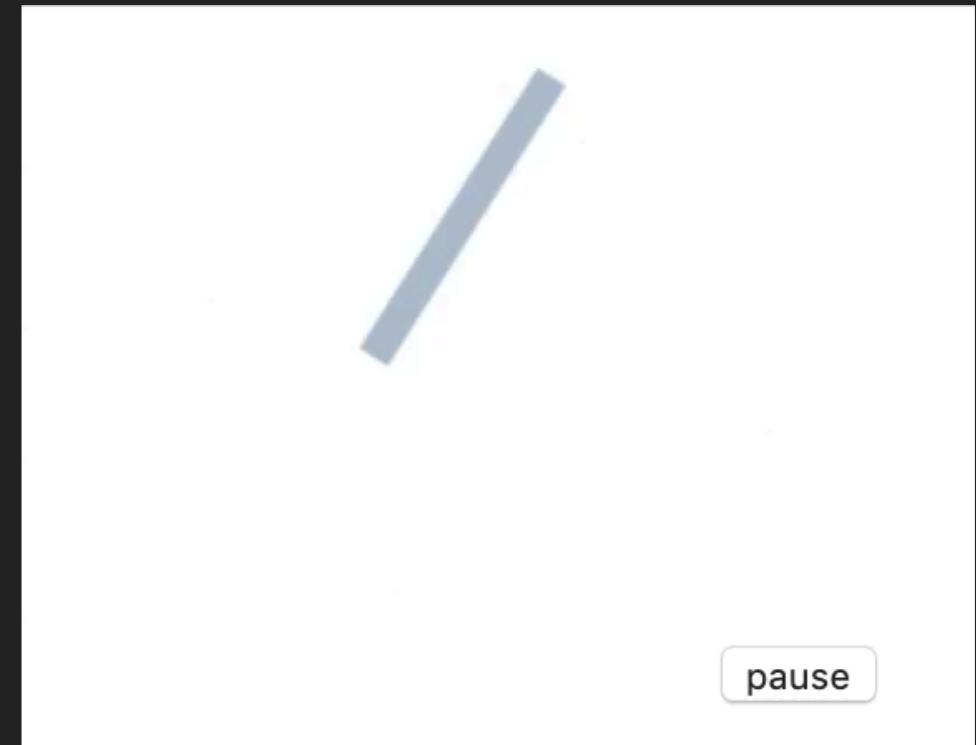
## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4   <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
5 </head>
6
7 <body>
8   <script src="animating_on_canvas.js"></script>
9   <script src="interaction.js"></script>
10 </body>
```

## interaction.js

```
1 "use strict";
2
3 let button = d3.select("body")
4   .append("button")
5   .text("pause")
6   .on("click", function() {
7     if (button.text() == 'pause')
8     {
9       timer.stop();
10      button.text("play");
11    }
12    else
13    {
14      timer.restart(update);
15      button.text("pause");
16    }
17  });
18
```

## output



# CLASSES



## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4   <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
5 </head>
6 <body>
7   <div id="container"></div>
8   <p>open the console and
9   type in 'hey.changeColor()'</p>
10  <script src="hey_div.js"></script>
11 </body>
```

we want to create the container DOM  
before we call the script

## hey\_div.js

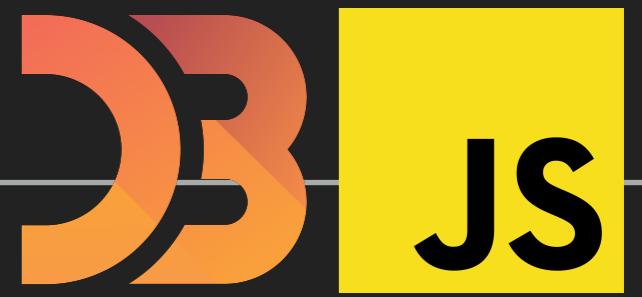
```
1 "use strict";
2
3 class heyDiv {
4
5   constructor(div_id)
6   {
7     this.div = d3.select(div_id);
8     this.div.text("hey");
9   }
10
11  changeColor()
12  {
13    this.div
14      .attr("style", "color: rgb(" + (255*Math.random()) +",
15            + (255*Math.random()) + ", "
16            + (255*Math.random())
17            +")"
18      );
19  }
20 }
21 let hey = new heyDiv("#container");
```

define class  
constructor is invoked upon creation  
construct a "div" and let it be a  
property of this object (this-keyword)

one method of this class will be that  
upon request it will change the  
font color

create the new object and save it to  
a variable

# CLASSES



## index.html

```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4   <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
5 </head>
6 <body>
7   <div id="container"></div>
8   <p>open the console and
9   type in 'hey.changecolor()'</p>
10  <script src="hey_div.js"></script>
11 </body>
```

## hey\_div.js

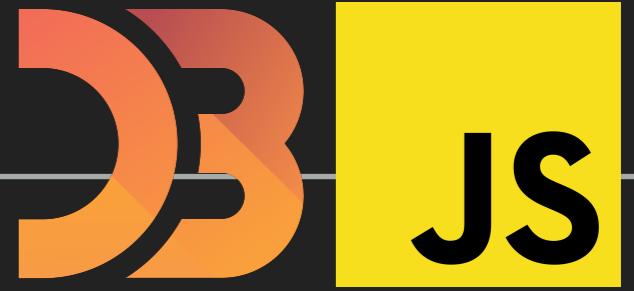
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## output

hey  
open the console and  
type in  
'hey.changecolor()'

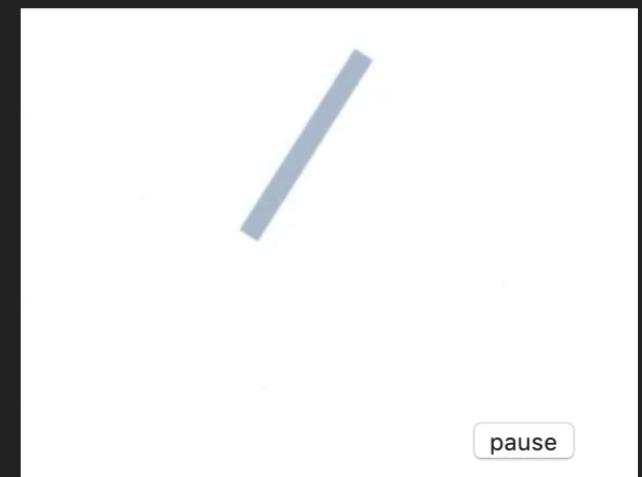


# A RATHER COMPLICATED CLASS

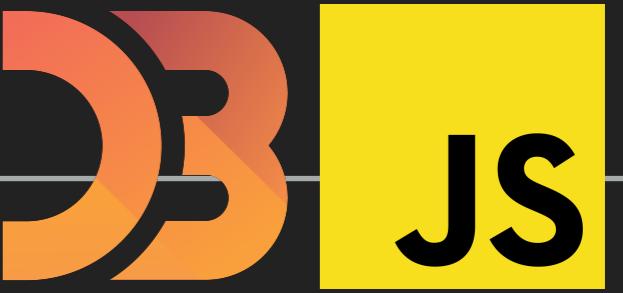


```
1 <meta charset="utf-8">
2
3 <head>
4   <script src="/libs/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
5   <script src="rotator.js"></script>
6 </head>
7
8 <body>
9   <script>
10
11   // define an array of any four elements
12   let a = [1,2,3,4];
13   let rotators = []; // an array which will contain the rotator objects
14
15   // for each element
16   a.forEach(function (element) {
17     // define the div id
18     let this_div_id = "div_" + element;
19
20     // create the div
21     d3.select("body")
22       .append("div")
23       .attr("id",this_div_id);
24
25     // create the rotator and push to other array
26     let rotator = new Rotator('#'+this_div_id, 200,200);
27     rotators.push(rotator);
28
29     // make the rotator go
30     rotator.playpause()
31
32     // note that we could've used `map` here instead of
33     // rotators = []
34     // and rotators.push()
35   });
36
37
38   // make the first rotator green
39   rotators[0].context.strokeStyle = "#afa";
40
41   // make the second rotator thinner
42   rotators[1].context.lineWidth = 3;
43
44   // make the third rotator go faster
45   rotators[2].d_angle = Math.PI/10;
46
47   // make the last rotator go in the other direction
48   rotators[3].d_angle *= -1;
49   </script>
50   </script>
51 </body>
```

idea: generalize the button-rotator concept and allow for individual manipulation of these objects

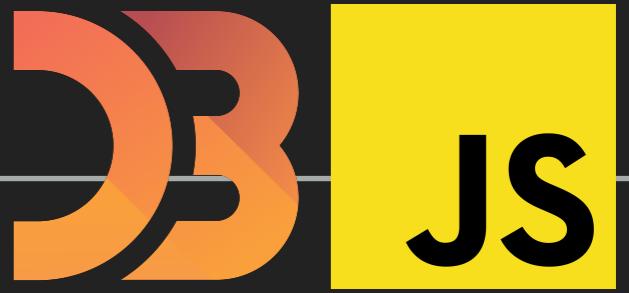


# A RATHER COMPLICATED CLASS



```
1 "use strict";
2
3 class Rotator {
4
5   constructor(div_id, width, height)
6   {
7     this.width = width;
8     this.height = height;
9     this.canvas = d3.select(div_id).append("canvas")
10       .attr("width",width).attr("height",height);
11
12    this.context = this.canvas.node().getContext('2d');
13    this.context.lineWidth = 10;      // set drawing line styles
14    this.context.strokeStyle = "#abc";
15
16    this.angle = 0;                // initial angle
17    this.d_angle = Math.PI/25;    // increase angle by pi/25 per update
18    this.x0 = this.width/2;        // origin
19    this.y0 = this.height/2;
20    this.radius = this.height/2;   // radius of line
21
22    // initial situation is that it is not running
23    this.is_running = false;
24
25    this.init_button(div_id);
26  }
27
28  init_button(div_id)
29  {
30    // `this` usually refers to the last defined function in the call stack,
31    // i.e. in this case to the class (which is syntactic sugar for a function
32    // we're saving this reference to the class in a local variable
33    let self = this;
34
35    this.button = d3.select(div_id)
36      .append("button")
37      .text("pause")
38      .on("click", function() {
39        // here, `this` would refer to the button and
40        // therefore we use `self` which we declared earlier
41        // and which refers to the Rotator class
42        console.log(this, self);
43        self.playpause(self);
44      });
45  }
46
47
48  playpause(self=null){
49
50    //if playpause is just called as playpause(), assume that the call came
51    //from within the class and as such, `this` refers to the class.
52    //otherwise, `self` is assumed to be explicitly given when called
53    //(e.g. when a button is pressed)
54    if (self === null)
55      self = this;
56
57    if (!self.is_running)
58    {
59      self.timer = d3.interval( function () {
60        // here, `this` would refer to the timer and
61        // therefore we use `self` which we declared earlier
62        // and which refers to the Rotator object
63        self.update(self);
64      },25); // update drawing every 25ms
65      self.button.text('pause');
66    }
67    else
68    {
69      self.button.text('play');
70      self.timer.stop();
71    }
72
73    // change running status
74    self.is_running = !self.is_running;
75  }
76
77  update(self=null)
78  {
79    //if playpause is just called as update(), assume that the call came
80    //from within the class and as such, `this` refers to the class.
81    //otherwise, `self` is assumed to be explicitly given when called
82    //(e.g. when the timer calls this function)
83    if (self === null)
84      self = this;
85
86    self.context.clearRect(0,0,self.width,self.height); // clear drawing
87    self.context.beginPath();                         // start line
88    self.context.moveTo(self.x0,self.y0);             // move to origin
89
90    let x1 = self.radius * Math.cos(self.angle) + self.x0; // compute updated
91    let y1 = self.radius * Math.sin(self.angle) + self.y0; // position
92
93    self.context.lineTo(x1,y1);                      // end point of line
94    self.context.stroke();                           // draw
95
96    self.angle += self.d_angle; // update angle
97  }
98
99 }
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