

Web Programming

Lec 3: JavaScript



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Why Study JavaScript?

JavaScript is one of the **3 languages** all web developers **must** learn:

- 1. **HTML** to define the content of web pages
- 2. **CSS** to specify the layout of web pages
- 3. **JavaScript** to program the behavior of web pages

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8q8h6vqfkSVRNnlbUk-O9JJ0c9B7mqCp



JavaScript Can Change HTML Content

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>What Can JavaScript Do?</h2>

cp id="demo">JavaScript can change HTML content.
<button type="button" onclick="document.getElementById('demo').innerHTML = 'Hello JavaScript!'">Click Me!</button>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript JavaScript

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</button>
                                                           What Can JavaScript Do?
</body>
</html>
                                                           Hello JavaScript!
```

Click Me!

What Can JavaScript Do?

JavaScript Can Change HTML Content JavaScript in <body>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>JavaScript in Body</h2>
<script>
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "My First JavaScript";
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript in Body

My First JavaScript



```
JavaScript Can Change HTML Content
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<script>
function myFunction() {
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph changed.";
</script>
</head>
<body><h2>Demo JavaScript in Head</h2>
A Paragraph
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
</body>
</html>
```

```
JavaScript Can Change HTML Content
                                                                 Demo JavaScript in Body
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
                                                                 A Paragraph.
<h2>Demo JavaScript in Body</h2>
                                                                  Try it
A Paragraph.
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
<script>
                                                                  Demo JavaScript in Body
function myFunction() {
 document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph changed.";
                                                                  Paragraph changed.
</script>
                                                                   Try it
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Can Change HTML Content External JavaScript

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>Demo External JavaScript</h2>
A Paragraph.
<button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
This example links to "myScript.js".
(myFunction is stored in "myScript.js")
<script src="myScript.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

Demo External JavaScript

A Paragraph.

Try it

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JavaScript Can Change HTML Content

External JavaScript Advantages

Placing scripts in external files has some advantages:

- •It separates HTML and code
- •It makes HTML and JavaScript easier to read and maintain
- Cached JavaScript files can speed up page loads

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

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

```
<script src="https://www.w3schools.com/js/myScript.js"></script>
```

JavaScript Output

JavaScript Display Possibilities

JavaScript can "display" data in different ways:

- •Writing into an HTML element, using innerHTML.
- •Writing into the HTML output using document.write().
- •Writing into an alert box, using window.alert().
- •Writing into the browser console, using console.log().



JavaScript JavaScript

Using innerHTML

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:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>My First Web Page</h2>
My First Paragraph.
<script>
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = 5 + 6;
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

My First Web Page

My First Paragraph.

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Using document.write()

For testing purposes, it is convenient to use document.write():

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>My First Web Page</h2>
My first paragraph.
Never call document.write after the document has finished loading.
It will overwrite the whole document.
<script>
document.write(5 + 6);
                          My First Web Page
</script>
                          My first paragraph.
</body>
</html>
```

Never call document write after the document has finished loading. It will overwrite the whole document.

Using document.write() after an HTML document is loaded, will **delete all existing** HTML:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
                                                                Try it
<h2>My First Web Page</h2>
My first paragraph.
<button type="button" onclick="document.write(5 + 6)">Try it</button>
</body>
</html>
```

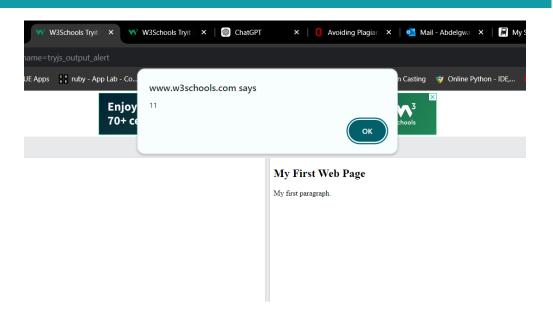
My First Web Page

My first paragraph.

Using window.alert()

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h2>My First Web Page</h2>
My first paragraph.
<script>
window.alert(5 + 6);
</script>
</body>
</html>
```



Using console.log()

For debugging purposes, you can call the console.log() method in the browser to display data.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<script>
console.log(5 + 6);
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

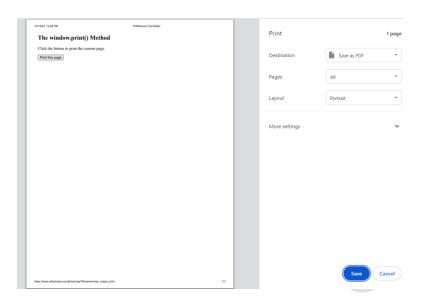
JavaScript Print

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>The window.print() Method</h2>
Click the button to print the current page.
<button onclick="window.print()">Print this page</button>
</body>
</html>
```

The window.print() Method

Click the button to print the current page.

Print this page



JavaScript Statements

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>JavaScript Statements</h2>
A <b>JavaScript program</b> is a list of <b>statements</b> to be executed by a computer.
<script>
let x, y, z; // Statement 1
x = 5; // Statement 2
y = 6; // Statement 3
z = x + y; // Statement 4
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML =
"The value of z is " + z + ".";
</script>
</body>
</html>
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JavaScript Statements

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The value of z is 11.



```
JavaScript Syntax

// How to create variables:
var x;
let y;

// How to use variables:
x = 5;
y = 6;
let z = x + y;
```

JavaScript Values

The JavaScript syntax defines two types of values:

```
Fixed values
                                         <script>

    Variable values

                                         document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = 10.50;
                                         </script>
Fixed values are called Literals.
                                         <script>
                                         document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = 'John Doe';
                                         </script>
                                           <script>
                                           let x;
                                           x = 6;
Variable values are called Variables
                                           document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = x;
                                           </script>
```

JavaScript JavaScript

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                                       JavaScript Expressions
<html>
<body>
                                                       Expressions compute to values.
<h2>JavaScript Expressions</h2>
                                                       John Doe
Expressions compute to values.
<script>
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "John" + " " + "Doe";
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Keywords

The let keyword tells the browser to create variables:

```
let x, y;
x = 5 + 6;
y = x * 10;
```

The var keyword also tells the browser to create variables:

```
var x, y;
x = 5 + 6;
y = x * 10;
```

JavaScript Comments

```
Not all JavaScript statements are "executed".

Code after double slashes // or between /* and */ is treated as a comment.

Comments are ignored, and will not be executed:

let x = 5; // I will be executed

// x = 6; I will NOT be executed
```

JavaScript JavaScript

JavaScript Identifiers / Names

A JavaScript name must begin with:

- •A letter (A-Z or a-z)
- •A dollar sign (\$)
- Or an underscore (_)

JavaScript is Case Sensitive

- •Names can contain letters, digits, underscores, and dollar signs.
- •Names must begin with a letter.
- •Names can also begin with \$ and _ (but we will not use it in this tutorial).
- •Names are case sensitive (y and Y are different variables).
- •Reserved words (like JavaScript keywords) cannot be used as names.

The variables lastName and lastname, are two different variables:

JavaScript Variables

Variables are Containers for Storing Data

JavaScript Variables can be declared in 4 ways:

- Automatically
- Using var
- •Using let
- Using const

```
x = 5;
y = 6;
z = x + y;
let x = 5;
let y = 6;
let z = x + y;
var x = 5;
var y = 6;
var z = x + y;
const x = 5;
const y = 6;
var z = x + y;
```

Mixed Example

```
const price1 = 5;
const price2 = 6;
let total = price1 + price2;
```

The two variables price1 and price2 are declared with the const keyword.
These are constant values and cannot be changed.
The variable total is declared with the let keyword.

The value total can be changed.

JavaScript JavaScript

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h1>JavaScript Variables</h1>
You can declare many variables in one statement.
<script>
let person = "John Doe", carName = "Volvo", price = 200;
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = carName;
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Variables

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Volvo



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h1>JavaScript Variables</h1>
The result of adding "5" + 2 + 3 is:
<script>
let x = "5" + 2 + 3;
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = x;
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Variables

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JavaScript Let

Block Scope

Variables declared with <a>let have **Block Scope**

Example

Variables declared inside a $\{\ \}$ block cannot be accessed from outside the block:

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

Global Scope

Variables declared with the var always have Global Scope.

Variables declared with the var keyword can NOT have block scope:

Example

Variables declared with var inside a { } block can be accessed from outside the

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



Cannot be Redeclared

Variables defined with let can not be redeclared.

You can not accidentally redeclare a variable declared with let .

```
With let you can not do this:

let x = "John Doe";

let x = 0;
```

Variables defined with var can be redeclared.

```
With var you can do this:

var x = "John Doe";

var x = 0;
```

Redeclaring Variables

Redeclaring a variable using the var keyword can impose problems.

Redeclaring a variable inside a block will also redeclare the variable outside the block:

Example

```
var x = 10;
// Here x is 10

{
  var x = 2;
// Here x is 2
}

// Here x is 2
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>Redeclaring a Variable Using var</h2>
<script>
var x = 10;
// Here x is 10
var x = 2;
// Here x is 2
// Here x is 2
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = x;
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

Redeclaring a Variable Using

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Redeclaring a variable using the let keyword can solve this problem.

Redeclaring a variable inside a block will not redeclare the variable outside the block:

Example

```
let x = 10;
// Here x is 10

{
let x = 2;
// Here x is 2
}

// Here x is 10
```

With let, redeclaring a variable in the same block is NOT allowed:

Example

```
var x = 2; // Allowed
let x = 3; // Not allowed
let x = 2; // Allowed
let x = 3; // Not allowed
let x = 2; // Allowed
var x = 3; // Not allowed
```

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

Example



JavaScript Const

Cannot be Reassigned

A variable defined with the const keyword cannot be reassigned:

Example

```
const PI = 3.141592653589793;
PI = 3.14; // This will give an error
PI = PI + 10; // This will also give an error
```

Must be Assigned

JavaScript const variables must be assigned a value when they are declared:

Correct

```
const PI = 3.14159265359;
```

Incorrect

```
const PI;
PI = 3.14159265359;
```

JavaScript Const

Constant Objects and Arrays

The keyword const is a little misleading.

It does not define a constant value. It defines a constant reference to a value.

Because of this you can NOT:

- Reassign a constant value
- Reassign a constant array
- Reassign a constant object

But you CAN:

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```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>JavaScript const</h2>
Declaring a constant array does NOT make the elements unchangeable:
<script>
                                         JavaScript const
// Create an Array:
const cars = ["Saab", "Volvo", "BMW"];
// Change an element:
cars[0] = "Toyota";
                                         Toyota, Volvo, BMW, Audi
// Add an element:
cars.push("Audi");
// Display the Array:
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = cars;
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

Declaring a constant array does NOT make the elements unchangeable:



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h2>JavaScript const</h2>
Declaring a constant object does NOT make the objects properties unchangeable:
JavaScript const
<script>
// Create an object:
const car = {type:"Fiat", model:"500", color:"white"};
                                                              Car owner is Johnson
// Change a property:
car.color = "red";
// Add a property:
car.owner = "Johnson";
// Display the property:
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Car owner is " + car.owner;
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

Declaring a constant object does NOT make the objects properties unchangeable:

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JavaScript Operators

Javascript operators are used to perform different types of mathematical and logical computations.

Examples:

The **Assignment Operator** = assigns values

The Addition Operator + adds values

The **Multiplication Operator** * multiplies values

The Comparison Operator > compares values

JavaScript Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators perform arithmetic on numbers (literals or variables).

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

JavaScript Assignment Operators

Assignment operators assign values to JavaScript variables.

Operator	Example	Same As
=	x = y	x = y
+=	x += y	x = x + y
-=	x -= y	x = x - y
*=	x *= y	x = x * y
/=	x /= y	x = x / y
9/ ₀ =	x %= y	x = x % y
**=	x **= y	x = x ** y



JavaScript Data Types

x = 16 + "Volvo"; Note"=:

When adding a number and a string, JavaScript will treat the number as a string.

JavaScript has 8 Datatypes

String

Number

Bigint

Boolean

Undefined

Null

Symbol

Object

The Object Datatype

The object data type can contain both built-in objects, and user defined objects:

Built-in object types can be:

objects, arrays, dates, maps, sets, intarrays, floatarrays, promises, and more.

Examples

```
// Numbers:
let length = 16;
let weight = 7.5;
// Strings:
let color = "Yellow";
let lastName = "Johnson";
// Booleans
let x = true;
let y = false;
// Object:
const person = {firstName:"John", lastName:"Doe"};
// Array object:
const cars = ["Saab", "Volvo", "BMW"];
// Date object:
const date = new Date("2022-03-25");
```

```
let x = 16 + 4 + "Volvo";
```

Result:

20Volvo

Try it Yourself »

JavaScript:

```
let x = "Volvo" + 16 + 4;
```

Result:

Volvo164

Try it Yourself »



JavaScript Types are Dynamic

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

```
Example
```

```
let x;  // Now x is undefined
x = 5;  // Now x is a Number
x = "John"; // Now x is a String
```



JavaScript Functions

A JavaScript function is a block of code designed to perform a particular task.

A JavaScript function is executed when "something" invokes it (calls it).

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h1>JavaScript Functions</h1>
Call a function which performs a calculation and returns the result:
<script>
function myFunction(p1, p2) {
 return p1 * p2;
let result = myFunction(4, 3);
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = result;
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

Function Invocation
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

Local Variables

Variables declared within a JavaScript function, become LOCAL to the function.

Local variables can only be accessed from within the function.

Example

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



JavaScript Objects

Real Life Objects

In real life, objects are things like: houses, cars, people, animals, or any other subjects.

Here is a car object example:

Car Object	Properties	Methods
	car.name = Fiat	car.start()
	car.model = 500	car.drive()
	car.weight = 850kg	car.brake()
	car.color = white	car.stop()