# Sofware Development with Scripting Languages: Browser Side Scripting

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## Javascript Syntax

- Standard name is ECMAscript
- C alike
- Semicolon; is optional for multiple lines
- Interpreter is embedded on browser
- Code can be embedded in HTML with <script> tag.
- Browsers provide a Javascript console

L Javascript Syntax

```
<head>
<!-- include a script file from URL -->
<script src="/libs/jquery/1.7.1/jquery.min.js">
</script>
</head>
<body>
<script>
var msg = 'hello'; var target='_world'
alert(msg + target) {
}
</script>
```

## Values and Types

- Very minimal set of types: string, number, object
- Literals 'Hello', "world", 3.454, 7, {name:'value',id:5}
- Type conversion is done as long as possible

```
a= "1"+4; a++; // a is 15
```

 Objects are created on the fly, in a way similar to Python dictionaries. Object method can access instance with this.

No type enforcement on objects.

## Objects and Arrays

- Object members student = { name: 'ali' } can be accessed in two ways:
  - student.name
  - student['name']
- Array is a builtin object type that implements integer indexed elements.

```
a = [7,18,23] ; a[0] = a[1] + a[2]
```

Some array methods work in place, modifies array:

```
a.sort() ; a.reverse()
a.push('hello') ; a.pop() ; a.unshift('hello') ; a.shift()
```

Some returns new values:

```
a.indexOf(3); a.join(":"); a.slice(2,4); a.length
a.filter(boolfunc); a.map(func); a.concat([3,4,5]);
```

## Manipulating Objects

Arbitrary members/methods can be added by assignments:

```
student = {} ; student.name='Ali'
student['no'] = 444 // { name: 'Ali', no: 444 }
```

Members can be deleted:

```
delete student.name // { no: 444}
```

Array elements can be deleted using splice(start,num):

```
a.splice(5,2) // delete a[5], a[6]
```

- Assignment is by reference. Copy can be done member by member.
- Testing for a member:

```
if ( student.hasOwnProperty('name')) or simply:
if (student.name)
```

## **Operators**

- Very similar to C. Most operators including increments, arithmetic assignments and conditional expression are works similar to C.
- '+' is concatenation unless both operands are numbers
- / is real division. Math.floor/celing/round()
- Numbers and strings are also objects. They have some conversion operators
- Math object contains more arithmetic functions.
- /regexp/ creates a regular expression object.
  /^[0-9]+\$/.test(mystring) returns true or false, match result of
  regular expression

## Conditionals and Loops

#### Similar to C:

```
if (cond) else if (cond2) else (cond3);
switch (val) { case num1:...; break; case "str1":...;...}
while (cond) { ... }
do { ... } while (cond)
for (i=0; i < n; i++) { ... }
Definite iteration on objects (a=[1,4,6,10]; b={x:3,y:4,z:5})
for (i in a) { ... a[i] ...} //i=0,1,2,3
for (i in b) { ... a[i] ...} //i='x','y','z'</pre>
```

### Exceptions

```
try {
    ...
} catch (excp) {
    ...
} finally {
    ... // optional, executed always
}
```

- throw statement can be used to raise an exception
- If not handled exceptions stop current script execution

## **Defining Functions**

```
function f(param1, param2, param3) {
    var x = ...

    if (param3 == undefined) param3 = 'default_uvalue'
        ...
    return val
}
// lambda like definition possible
a = [1,2,3,4]
b = a.map(function (x) { return x*x } // b= [1,4,9,16]
// following two are equivalent:
function add(x,y) { return x+y }
var add = function (x,y) { return x+y }
```

## Variable Scope and Lifetime

- Variables are global by default, regardless of their position of initialization
- var is used to create a variable in local scope.

```
var x; var y = 5 .
for (var i = 0; i < n ; i++) ...</pre>
```

- Using always var is a good practice. Otherwise using global scope causes confusions, especially in recursion.
- Variables used by an object can be hidden using scope:

Similar closures can be defined.

```
function multiplyby(x) {
    return function (y) {
        return x*y;
twice = multiplyby(2);
twice(4); // will return 8
function sortby(field) {
        function compare(a,b) {
                return (a[field] < b[field])? -1 : 1
        return function (arr) {
                arr.sort(compare)
        }
rlist = [{name: 'z', no:43}, {name: 'a', no:31}, {name: 'c', no:11}]
namesort = sortby('name') // a new function sorts by 'name'
nosort = sortby('no')  // a new function sorts by 'no'
namesort(rlist)
nosort(rlist)
```

## Assignment Semantics

- Share semantics
- Assignment copies reference, not data
- Object assignment creates two variables denoting same object
- Primitive values copied, objects shared (like Java)
- Parameters pass by value for primitives, reference for objects
- Copying requires special copy functions

- Objects can be created on the fly by {...}
- this denotes the current object inside the function members.
  {c:0. incr: function() { this.c++}}
- Classes can be created by class functions updating members of this and returning this.
- Updates on this updates a function prototype and when return this is executed this prototype instance is returned.
- New instances can be created as new classfunction().
- Define a binary search tree class BSTree such that:

```
function BSTree() {
   var root = undefined; // local scope, private
    this.insert = function (key, value) {
        if (root == undefined) {
            root = { node: {key: key , value: value},
                     left: new BSTree(), right: new BSTree() }
        } else if ( key < root.node.key )</pre>
            root.left.insert(kev. value)
        else if ( key > root.node.key )
            root.right.insert(key, value)
        else root.node.value = value:
   this.get = function (key) {
        if (root == undefined) return undefined
        else if (key < root.node.key) return root.left.get(key)</pre>
        else if (key > root.node.key) return root.right.get(key)
        else return root.node.value
    this for Each = function (func) {
        if (root == undefined) return
        root.left.forEach(func)
        func(root.node) // apply function to node content
        root.right.forEach(func)
```

Objects and Classes

Function Prototypes and Inheritance

## Function Prototype

- Repeating function definitions in each instance is inefficient.
- Javascript binding searches functionname.prototype object for missing members for the object. So that a single copy per function/class maintained

```
function Counter() { this.value = 0 }
Counter.prototype.get = function () { return this.value }
Counter.prototype.increment = function () { this.value++ }
c = new Counter() ; d = new Counter() ; e = new Counter()
c.incr()
console.log(c.get())
```

- c,d,e shares same prototype object of counter.
- prototype modifications after construction of an object affects the object

```
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```

Function Prototypes and Inheritance

#### BSTree class rewritten with prototype

```
function BSTree() {
   this.node = undefined;
}
BSTree.prototype.insert = function (key, value) {
    if (this.node == undefined) {
        this.node = {key: key , value: value}
        this.left = new BSTree(); this.right= new BSTree()
    } else if ( key < this.node.key )</pre>
        this.left.insert(key, value)
    else if ( key > this.node.key )
        this.right.insert(key, value)
    else this.node.value = value:
BSTree.prototype.get = function (key) {
    if (this node == undefined) return undefined
    else if (key < this.node.key) return this.left.get(key)</pre>
    else if (key > this.node.key) return this.right.get(key)
    else return this.node.value
BSTree.prototype.forEach = function (func) {
    if (this.node == undefined)
                                return
   this.left.forEach(func)
   func(this.node) // apply function to node content
    this.right.forEach(func)
```

Function Prototypes and Inheritance

#### Inheritance

Prototypes can be chained for inheritance.

Object.create(protobject) Creates an object with prototype protobject. If you set prototype of B as an object with same prototype with A, bindings of B will be chained to A, results in inheritance.

```
function Shape(x, y) { this.x = x ; this.y = y}
Shape.prototype.move = function (x,y) {
    this.draw('background'); this.x = x; this.y = y;
    this.draw('foreground') }

function Circle(x, y, r) {
    Shape.apply(this,[x,y]); this.r = r // Apply Shape constructor to this}
}
Circle.prototype = Object.create(Shape.prototype) // chain prototypes
Circle.prototype.constructor = Circle
Circle.prototype.draw = function (color) {
    console.log('drawing_circle_lat', this.x, this.y, this.r, 'in', color)}
c = new Circle(10,10,5); c.move(30,20)
```

```
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EcmaScript6 class
```

 Since EcmaScript 6 (2016) class definitions are implemented as syntactic sugar (maps code to old style prototype definitions)

```
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EcmaScript6 class
```

#### BSTree class with new syntax

```
class BSTree {
    constructor() { this.node = undefined}
    insert(key, value) {
        if (this.node == undefined) {
            this.node = {key: key , value: value}
            this.left = new BSTree(); this.right= new BSTree()
        } else if ( key < this.node.key ) this.left.insert(key, value)
        else if ( key > this.node.key ) this.right.insert(key, value)
        else this.node.value = value:
    get (kev) {
        if (this.node == undefined) return undefined
        else if (key < this.node.key) return this.left.get(key)</pre>
        else if (key > this.node.key) return this.right.get(key)
        else return this.node.value
   forEach (func) {
        if (this.node == undefined) return
        this.left.forEach(func)
        func(this.node) // apply function to node content
        this.right.forEach(func)
```

## Browser Objects

- window: an interface to browser. Loading a new page, etc.
- document: an interface to current document. Document Object Model members.
- console: Browser's Javascript console. console.log(message) can be used to write debugging outputs on console.
- document can be used to access and update current web page content dynamically.

#### Most important members of document are:

- document.head : Header, <head> element of current page.
- document.body : Body, <body> element
- document.forms: list of <form> elements in this document
- document.title : Page title.
- document.cookie: Cookies of current page.
- document.links: List of links of the document (as <a> elements).
- document.getElementById: searches and returns the element with given id=... attribute in the document.
- document.getElementsByClassName .getElementsByTagName: Searches and returns all elements with given class=... attribute and given HTML tag respectively.
- document.children[0]: Top element, <html> of the document.

An HTML document contains nested elements. Top element is <a href="html">html</a>. DOM element is a tree like representation of document structure. A DOM node named el has the following members:

- el.children: List of child HTML elements nested in this element. All <...></...> elements that are direct child of el.
- el.childNodes: List of child nodes including HTML elements and text.
- el.nodeType: Type of the node, 1 for element, 2 for attribute, 3 for text and 8 for comment node.
- el.getAttribute(attr): returns attribute value for a given attribute. For example if an image element, el.getAttribute('src') will give image URL.
- •1.id: Element id by id="..." attribute.
- el.className: element class by class="..." attribute

- el.innerHTML: HTML text content enclosed by element. Can be updated.
- el.outerHTML: HTML text content including the element. Can be updated. i.e. assigning it to '' deletes the element.
- el.attributes: Object to attributes. Attributes can be modified, inserted, removed.
- el.setAttribute('border','1'): sets an attribute of the element
- el.removeAttribute('border'): remove an attribute of the element
- el.insertBefore(newel, child): inserts an element as a child, before the child element.
  - el.inserBefore(newel, el.children[0]) inserts it as the first child.
- el.appendChild(newel): add element as the last child of the element.

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LDOM Elements
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## Example: Add a element to document at the end of the document body:

```
var li1 = document.createElement("LI")
var li2 = document.createElement("LI")
var li3 = document.createElement("LI")
li1.appendChild(document.createTextNode("apple"))
li2.appendChild(document.createTextNode("banana"))
li3.appendChild(document.createTextNode("orange"))
var ul = document.createElement("UL")
ul.appendChild(11)
ul.appendChild(12)
ul.appendChild(12)
document.body.appendChild(ul)
```

```
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DOM Elements
```

Example: Recursively traverse all elements and log the tag name and attributes:

#### **DOM Actions**

L DOM Actions

- HTML elements can have mouse, keyboard or other browsers events handler functions.
- Either defined as HTML attribute or set later on DOM:

```
<img .. onclick="JS_code_here">
el.addEventListener("onclick" , function () { ... })
```

Multiple event listeners can be added and remove on DOM:

```
el.removeEventListener("onclick" , function () { ... })
```

- onclick: mouse click
  - ondblclick: mouse double click
  - onmouseover: mouse pointer is over
  - onkeypress: keyboard key pressed (event object paramater)
  - onbeforeload: when object starts to be loaded
  - onload: when object is loaded

- Events for form elements:
  - onchange: when form element content changed
  - onselect: when form element is selected
  - onfocus: when form element gets focus
  - onblur: when form element loses focus
  - onsubmit: when form is submitted. Function should return true if default action (submit) should follow. Calling el.submit() will explicitly submit the form data.
- Form data can be validated through these events. Form elements give access to input elements with their names. document.forms[0].surname gives element: <input ... name="surname"...> of the first form.
- Keyboard events get an event object containing keyCode, ctrlKey, shiftKey, AltKey fields.
- Mouse events get an event object containing button, clientX, clientY fields.

```
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```

#### Form data validation example:

```
<script>
function checkname(fname) {
        var n = document.getElementById('myform')
        var m = document.getElementById(fname + 'msg')
        if ( /^[a-z A-Z]+$/.test(n[fname].value)) {
                m.textContent = "[OK]": return true
        } else {
                m.textContent = "[INVALID]": return false
        } }
function checkage(fname) {
        var n = document.getElementById('myform')
        var m = document.getElementById(fname + 'msg')
        if (n[fname].value > 0 && n[fname].value < 200) {
                m.textContent = "[OK]": return true
        } else {
                m.textContent = "[INVALID, 1-200]"; return false
        } }
function checkform() {
        return (checkname('Name') && checkname('Surname') &&
                checkAge('Age')) }
</script>
```

```
DOM Actions
```

#### Continued:

```
. . .
<form id="myform" action="..." method="post">
Name: <input type="text" name="Name"
              onblur="checkname('Name')"/>
      <span id="Namemsg"></span>
<br/>>
Surname: <input type="text" name="Surname"
                 onblur="checkname('Surname')"/>
         <span id="Surnamemsg"></span>
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Age: <input type="text" name="Age"
             onblur="checkage('Age')"/>
     <span id="Agemsg"></span>
<br/>>
<input type="submit" name="submit" value="Send"</pre>
       onclick="return_checkform()">
</form>
. . .
```

#### **Execution Model**

- Javascript executes in a single thread/process (thread per browser tab/thread per nodejs connection)
- Main interpreter code is an Event Loop where a queue of messages are processed one message at a time.
- Each message in the queue is a Javascript function pointer. A new stack frame is created and function is called.
- Browser pushes scripts in HTML code into the message queue on page load.
- Each message is run to the completion. Then next message is processed.
- Browser events, timed events and callbacks push new messages.

- Execution is never preempted. Infinite loops and long running functions should be avoided.
- Most I/O tasks works with call backs
- Callback hell. Example: chain 3 functions with callbacks and possible error values:

Run to completion is tricky:

```
function getsum(userinput) {
   var sum = 0
   for (c of userinput) { // userinput is a list of items user selected
        makedbquery(c, v => {
            sum += v
        }))}
   return sum
}
console.log(getsum(['a','b','c']); // WON'T WORK!!!
```

Solution: convert to callback style with recursion

#### **Promises**

 Promise is a class defining an asynchronous event returning a value in future. Initially in pending state. When value is available, calls the resolving action.

```
function findPerson(name) {
    return new Promise(resolve => {
        getidfromname(name, v => resolve(v))
    })
}
function getList(id) {
    return new Promise(resolve => {
            getclistfromid(id, v => resolve(v))
    })
}
findPerson('onursehitoglu')
    .then(getList)
    .then(lst => { console.log(lst) })
    .catch(err => { console.log(err)})
```

Promises give clear output

Execution Model

#### Independent promises

### AJAX

- Asynchronous Javascript And XML
- Browser script can make HTTP requests to web server to load/update data dynamically.
- XMLHttpRequest object does the job.
- Synchronous operation: block until request completed and result is taken. blocks interpreter!.
- Asynchronous operation: gets a callback function and function is called by browser when request status changes.
- open(method,path, async) method sets up the connection
- send() will initiate the request
- On success response contains the server response.
- If server sends XML document responseXML contains DOM of it.

```
function getFlights(depcity) {
   var req = new XMLHttpRequest()
   // assume getflights/city gives direct flights
   req.open('POST','/getflights/'+depcity, false) // syncronous
   req.send('id=all&nres=100') // blocks until response ready
   if (req.status == 200) { // success
        return req.responseXML // XML DOM of result
   } else
        return undefined
}
```

Server can return an XML DOM value of direct flights from city:

This DOM can be processed similar to HTML DOM.

Asynchronous operation handled by onreadystatechange event, called on different stages. readyState == 4 when connection is ended.

```
function getFlights(depcity, updatefunc) {
    var req = new XMLHttpRequest()
   req.open('POST','/getflights/'+depcity, true) // asyncronous
   req.onreadystatechange = function () {
        if (req.readyState != 4) return; // intermediate states
        if (req.status == 200) { // success
            updatefunc(req.responsXML)
        } else alert('request_failed:' + req.status)
    req.send('id=all&nres=10') // if POST, send form data here
}// no value returned. function will be called when ready
function updflight(xmldom) { // update <SELECT> with flights
    var flghts = xmldom.getElementsByTagName('flight')
    var selbox = document.getElementById('flightselect')
    selbox.innerHTML = ""
   for (var i in flghts) {
        var fno = flghts[i].getAttribute('no')
        var fdest = flghts[i].getAttribute('dest')
        var opt = document.createElement("OPTION")
        opt.setAttribute('fno', fno)
        opt.textContent = flghts[i].textContent
getFligths('ankara',updflight)
```

## **JSON**

LJSON

- JavaScript Object Notation
- Shorter and easier then XML for exchanging data. Similar to JavaScript.

All languages have libraries for JSON generation and parsing.

■ JSON is denoted by application/json in Content-type header.

- Server side can easily convert their objects into JSON strings.
- XMLHttpRequest object response member can be parsed directly into Javascript object.

```
result = JSON.parse(x.response)
```

Much more easier than traversing XML DOM.

## **JQuery**

- A Javascript library for easier Javascript development
  - Shorter and easy to use element selectors \$(".id")
  - Browser version abstraction. Same code support multiple browsers
  - Animations with stylesheet
  - Easy document manipulation and AJAX
  - Ready to use interactive widgets through JQuery-UI
  - Many contributed applications and widgets sets.
- You need to download a version from http://jquery.com and include in web page for example inside of <head></head>:

```
<script src="/jquery/jquery.min.js"></script>"
```

or Google hosted one:

```
<script src="//ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.9.1/jquery.min.js">
```

### Selectors

Selectors

- \$ is a shorthand for jQuery.
- Selector \$() is entry point of JQuery.
- Selector select a set of DOM elements. Returns a result object.

There are more in selector syntax and selectors can be combined:

```
$("table.plist_img[src_$=_jpg]") selects all img tags with src
attribute ends with jpg and that are contained in tables with
class plist.
```

 $\sqsubseteq$  Manipulation

# Manipulation

- Matched elements inner content can be changed. Operation is applied on all elements:
  - .html(content) replaces inner HTML.
  - .text(content) replaces inner text, HTML escaped.
  - append(content) add content as the last item inside
  - .before(content) add content as the first item inside
  - .wrapInner(content) enclose inner elements with content
- Matched elements surroundings can be changed:
  - .wrap(content) elements enclosed in content
  - .after(content) content inserted after elements
  - .before(content) content inserted before elements
- Elements can be removed or hidden
  - .remove() remove elements
  - .hide(), show(), toggle() hide, show, toggle visibility
- Attributes:
  - .addClass(cls), removeClass(cls)
  - .attr(attr,val), .removeAttr(attr) set/remove elements attribute

### Traversal

L Traversal

- .find(sel) apply filter on currenet elements
- .each(func) apply function to all elements
  \$("\*").each(function (i,e){console.log(i+el.tagName}))
  will print all element tags in document.
- .next() give sibling following each element
- .prev() give sibling preceding each element
- .children() give children of each element
- .parent() give parent of each element

#### **Events**

L Events

General form of setting an event handler:

```
.on("event", data, func (ev) {...})
data is passed as ev.data to handler.
.on("event", func (ev) {...}) is no data version
event Can be "click", "blur", "focus", "submit", "select",...
```

- All events are also provided as functions:
  - .click(func), .blur(funct), .submit(funct),...
- Cancelling event handlers: .off(), all handlers. .off("click"), all click handlers. .off("click",myfunc) only myfunc handler.
- .one() binds a one time only event handler.

- \$.post() and \$.get() can be used to make AJAX requests directly.
- \$.post(url, data, succfunc, datatype) is the full usage:
  - data is either a query string or an object. If object jQuery converts it into a query string using \$.param()
  - succfunc is a function to be called on success. It gets server response as parameter.
  - datatype is the type of serer response, xml,json,...
  - \$.post(...).fail(func(){..}) defines failure functions
- Form data can be converted on POST query string: \$('form').serialize()
- For detailed functionality, use \$.ajax().

#### Flights example with jQuery:

```
function getFlights(depcity, updatefunc) {
    $.get('/getflights/'+depcity, updflight)
     .fail(function() { alert('error')})
   // assume JSON response, jQuery automatically parse
   // and send object to success function
}
function updflight(resp) { // assume json respons
    $('#flightselect').html('')
    for (var i in resp.flights) {
        $('#flightselect').append('<option></option')</pre>
        // :last() select last child. methods can be cascaded
        $('#flightselect>:last()').attr('fno',resp.flights[i].fno)
                                   .text(resp.flights[i].city)
getFligths('ankara',updflight)
```

- Implement View on browser side
- Control on browser side call server side Control via AJAX
- Server side model updates are loaded in view on browser side.
- All server responses converted into XML or more practically JSON
- Javascript get responses and update web page.
- More dynamism achieved in HTML5 through web sockets.