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# Webperformance, Debugging und Profiling

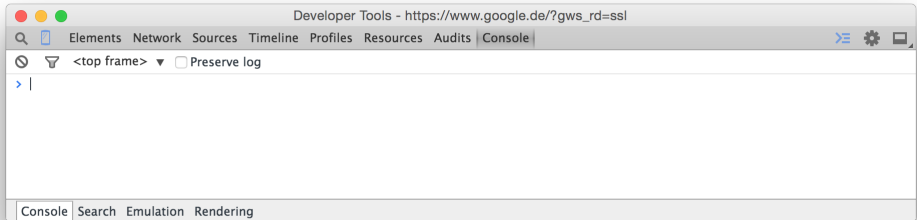
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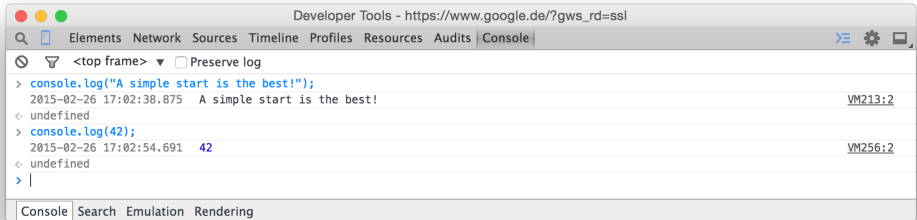
console.\*

# The Console



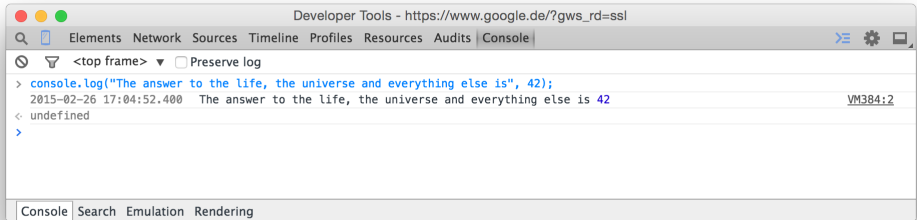
- The console is an integral part of the Developer Tools
- It can be programmatically accessed using the `console` object
- It is a lot more powerful, than you might think

# console.log



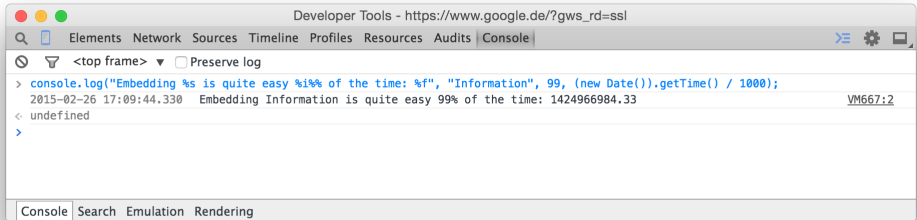
- `console.log(...)` is known to most developers
- It outputs arbitrary information to the dev-tools console

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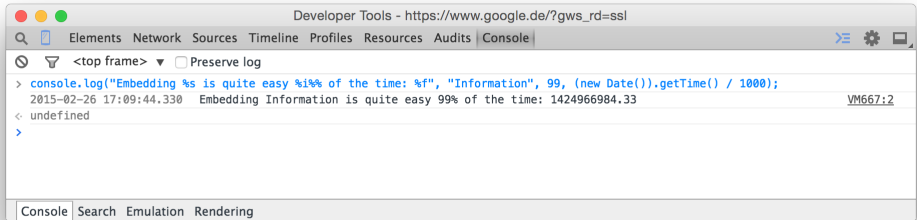
- An arbitrary amount of arguments is accepted
- Output is concatenated

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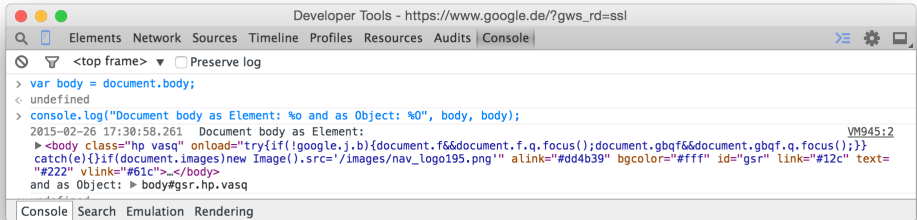
- Format strings may be used to embed output
- Different output formats are available

# console.log



- %s - Strings
- %i or %d - Integer values
- %f - Floating point Values

# console.log



- Objects and DOM elements may be embedded as well
- %o - Expandable DOM element
- %O - Expandable JavaScript Object



# console.log

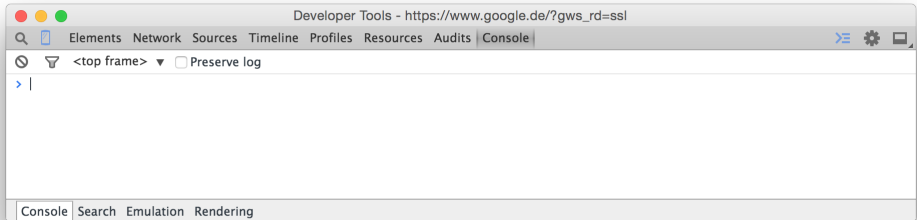


- The dev-tools are a webview as well
- Output maybe formatted using CSS

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console.info  
console.warn  
console.error

# info, warn and error



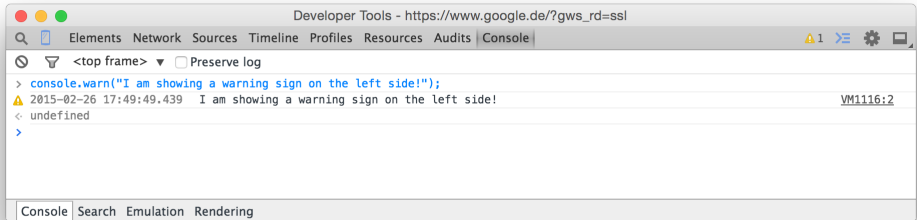
- Different log levels exist within the console object

# console.info



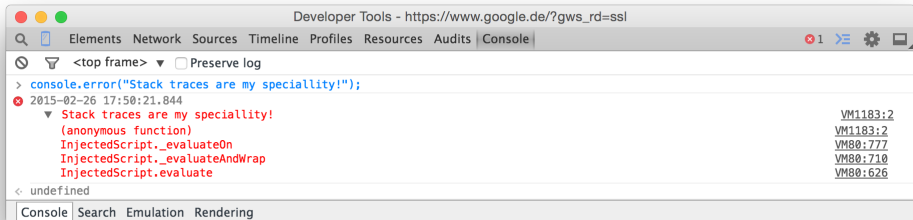
- `console.info` is an alias to `console.log`
- In addition it displays an info sign on the left side of the message

# console.warn



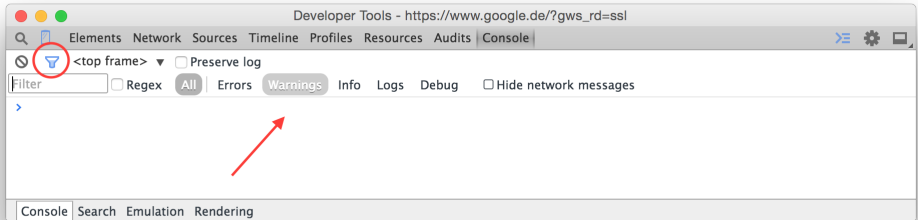
- `console.warn` behaves like `console.log`, but displays a warning sign left to the output
- Allows for easy highlighting of important messages

# console.error



- `console.error` is similar to `console.log` with an appended stack trace from where the method has been called
- Allows for easy backtracing the execution path, that caused an error

# console.error



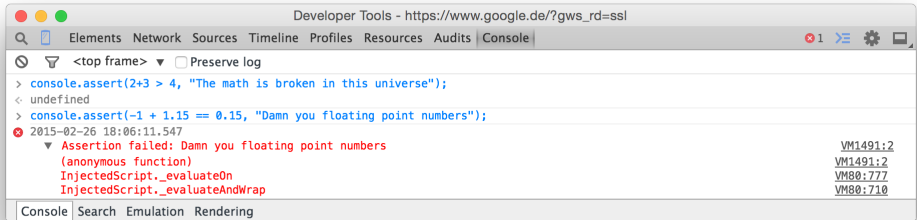
- Filtering for messages with a certain log level is possible

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# console.assert



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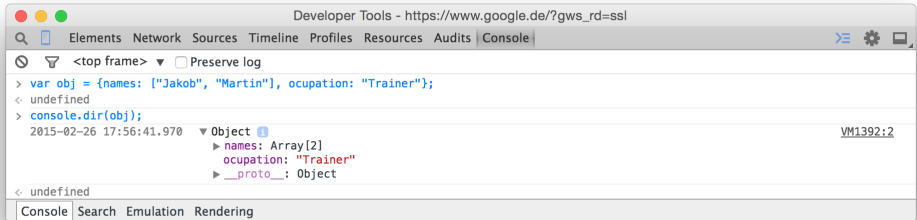


- `console.assert` is a conditional `console.error`
- A Stack trace as well as the error message is shown if the given expression is true

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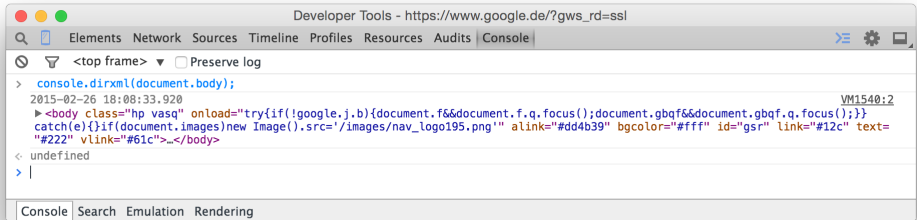


- Print an expandable version of a JavaScript object
- Identical to: `console.log("%0", object);`

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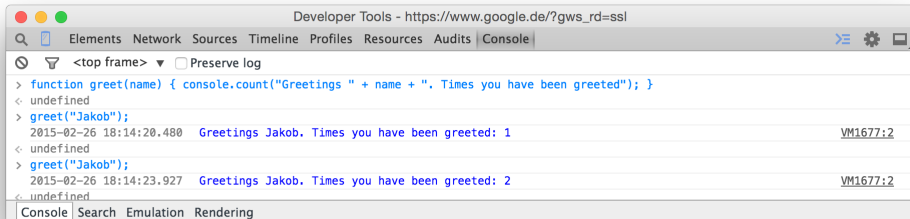


- Print an expandable version of a DOM Node
- Identical to: `console.log("%o", node);`

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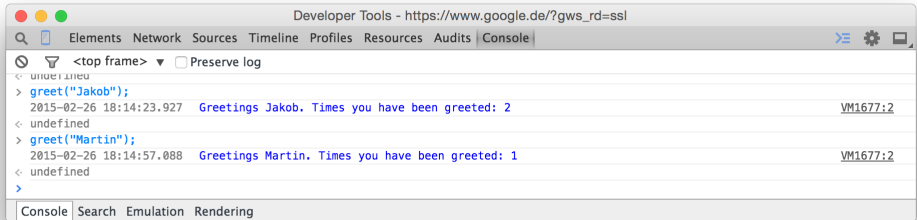
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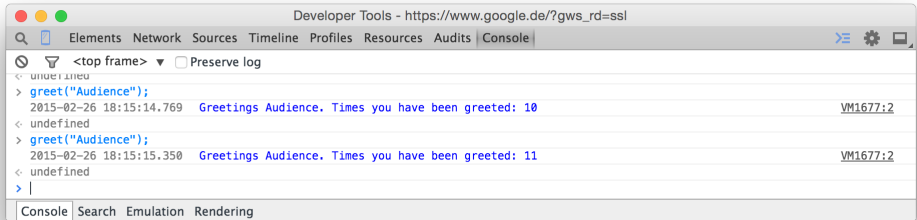
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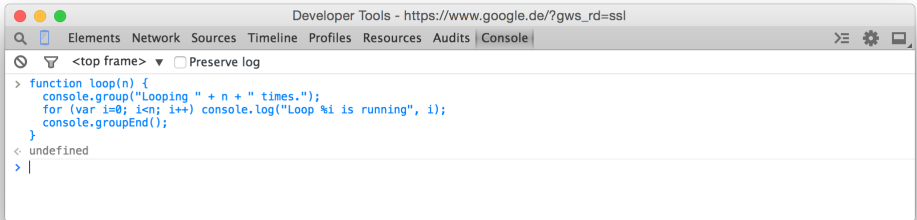


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console.groupEnd

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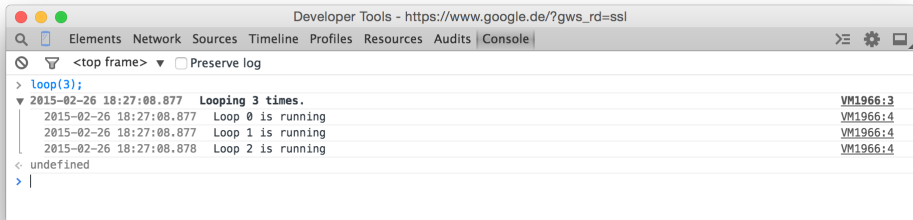


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "Developer Tools - https://www.google.de/?gws\_rd=ssl". The "Console" tab is selected in the top navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a filter icon, a dropdown menu showing "<top frame>", and a checkbox labeled "Preserve log". The console area contains the following code:

```
> function loop(n) {  
  console.group("Looping " + n + " times.");  
  for (var i=0; i<n; i++) console.log("Loop %i is running", i);  
  console.groupEnd();  
}  
< undefined  
> |
```

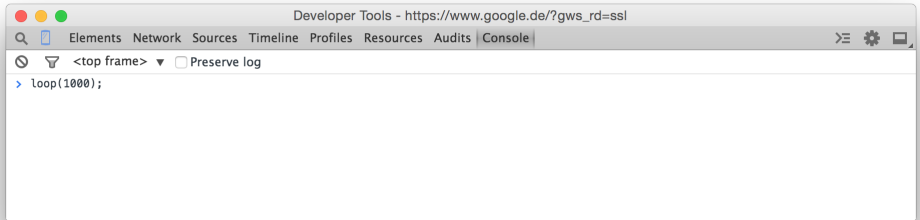
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# console.group



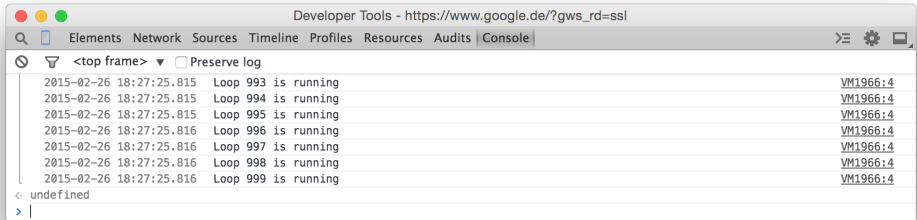
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# console.group



- Groups work with an arbitrary amount of messages

# console.group

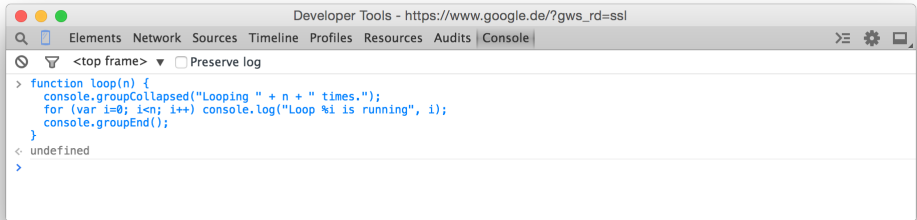


- With a lot of entries groups become as unreadable as simple log messages

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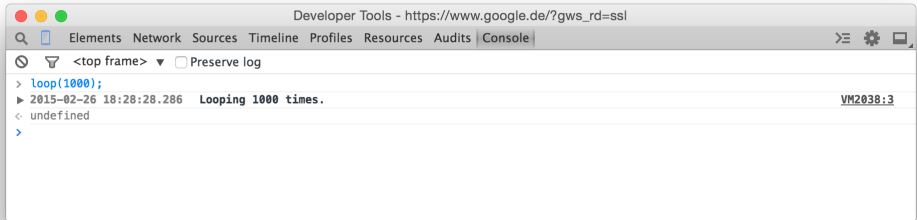
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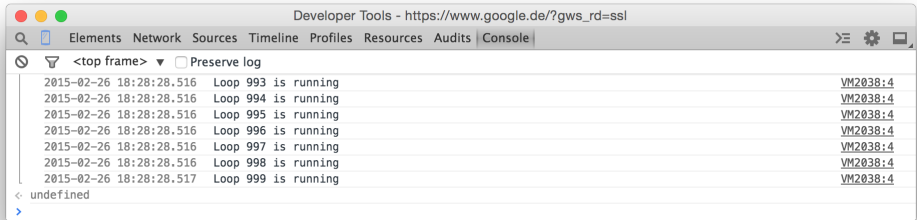


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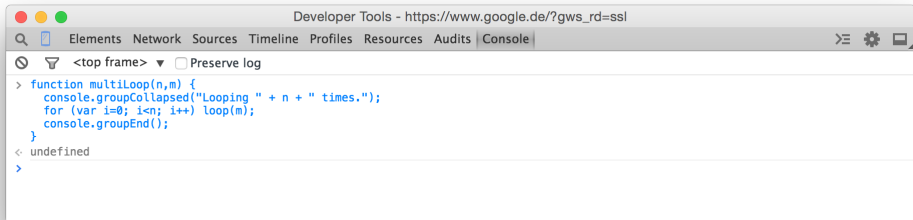


- Once the group is opened it is fully identical to a `console.group` output

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# Nesting Groups

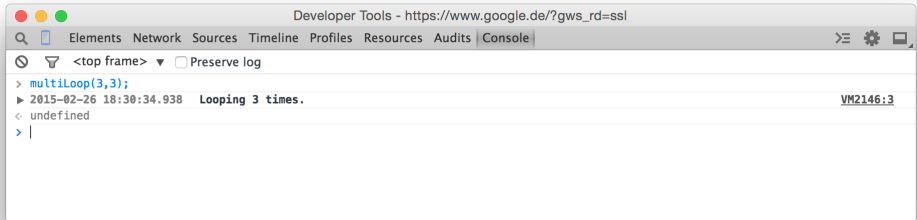
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The screenshot shows the Chrome Developer Tools Console. The top bar indicates the page is 'Developer Tools - https://www.google.de/?gws\_rd=ssl'. The 'Console' tab is selected. The filter is set to '<top frame>' and 'Preserve log' is unchecked. The log shows a function call: `> function multiLoop(n,m) { console.groupCollapsed("Looping " + n + " times."); for (var i=0; i<n; i++) loop(m); console.groupEnd(); }`. Below this, the return value is `< undefined`. The prompt `>` is visible at the bottom.

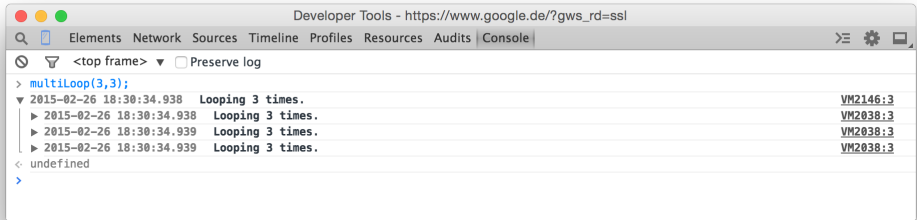
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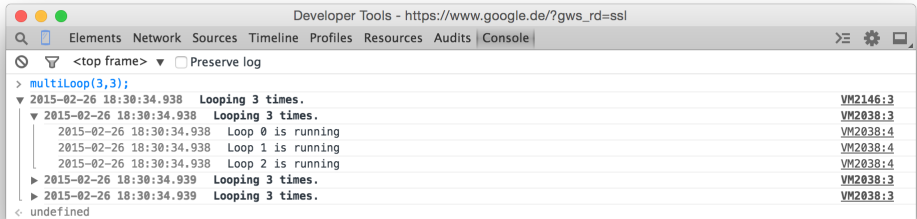
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<top frame> [x] Preserve log
> multiLoop(3,3);
└─ 2015-02-26 18:30:34.938 Looping 3 times. VM2146:3
   └─ 2015-02-26 18:30:34.938 Looping 3 times. VM2038:3
      └─ 2015-02-26 18:30:34.939 Looping 3 times. VM2038:3
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< undefined
>
```

The console log shows a function call `multiLoop(3,3);` which triggers a series of nested log entries. The first log entry is "Looping 3 times." with a timestamp of "2015-02-26 18:30:34.938" and a source of "VM2146:3". This is followed by three more nested log entries, each with a timestamp of "2015-02-26 18:30:34.938" or "2015-02-26 18:30:34.939" and a source of "VM2038:3". The final log entry is "undefined" with a timestamp of "2015-02-26 18:30:34.939" and a source of "VM2038:3".

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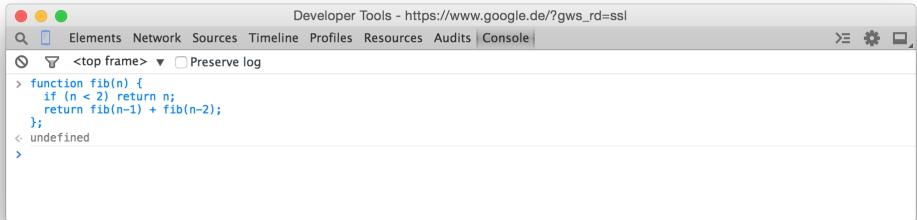
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console.time

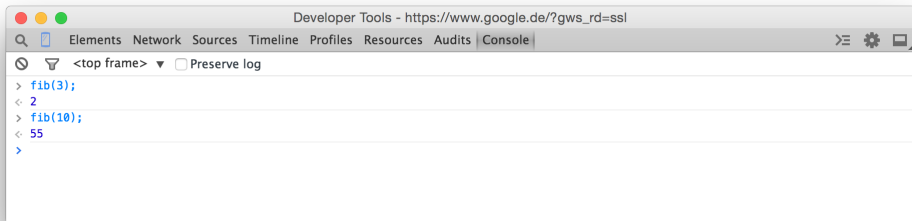


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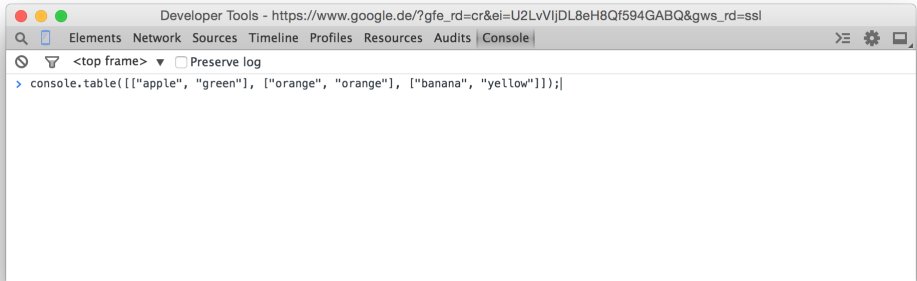
```
> timeFib(3);
2015-02-26 19:14:19.667 Timing Fibonacci for 3: 0.005ms VM99:6
< 2
> timeFib(10);
2015-02-26 19:14:21.314 Timing Fibonacci for 10: 0.021ms VM99:6
< 55
> |
```

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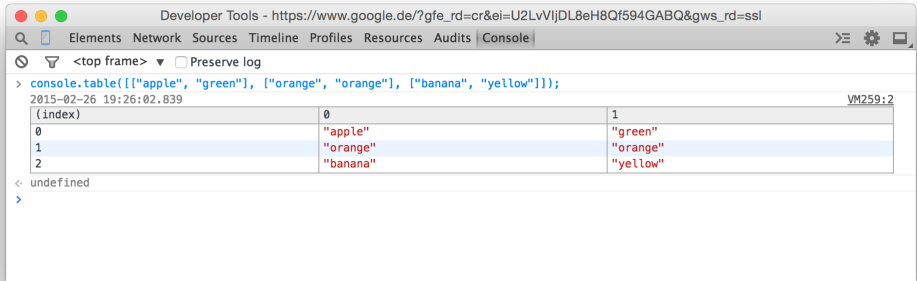
# console.table

# console.table, console.timeEnd



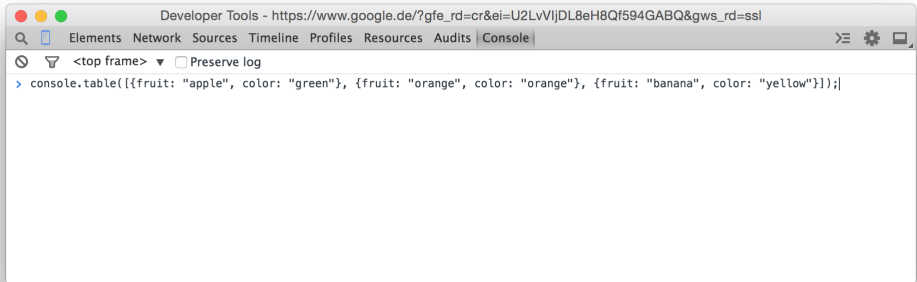
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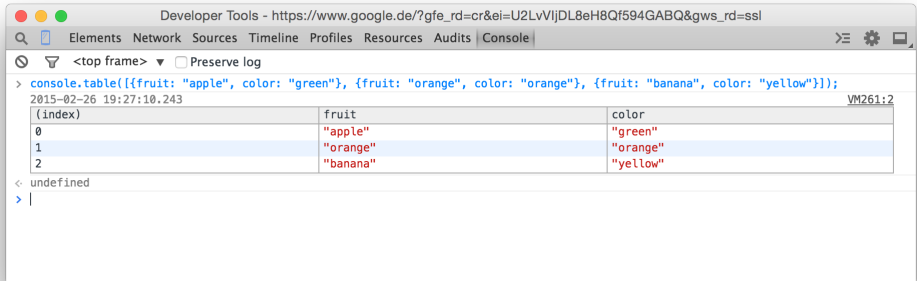
# console.table, console.timeEnd



- console.table can print arrays of objects

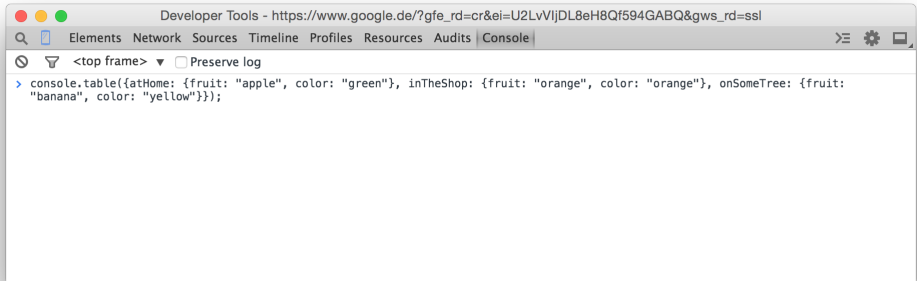


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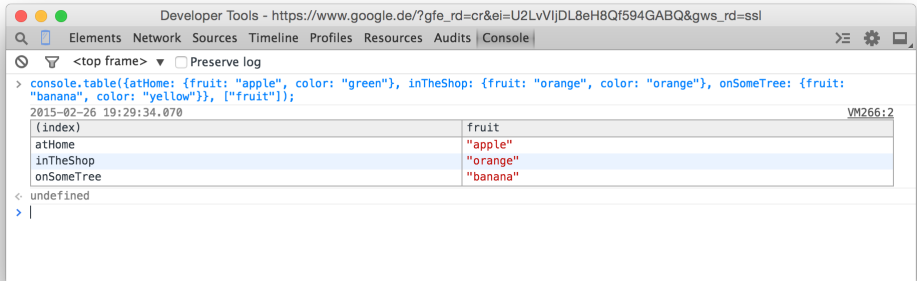
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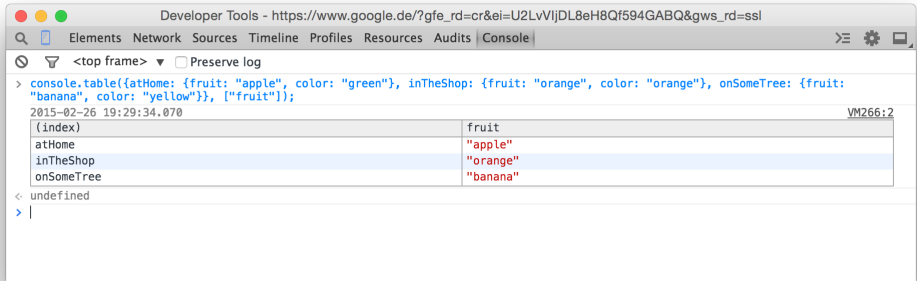
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# Other console.\* functions

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The following Methods will be explained in there corresponding chapter

- `console.profile(...)`
- `console.profileEnd(...)`
- `console.timeStamp(...)`

# Playtime

## Time to play

- 1 Change the directory to `Material/01_console/Public`
- 2 Open up your local webserver there
  - `$ http-server -c-1`
- 3 Open your Chrome (`http://localhost:8080`)
- 4 Open the Dev-Tools
- 5 Play around with the different `console.*` functions
  - CSS Format output with `console.log`
  - Utilize `console.table`
  - Try out `console.count`
  - Play with `console.group`
  - Make use of `console.time`
  - ...

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# Further Reading



# Further Reading: console.\*

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- Google Dev-Tools Console Documentation:  
<https://developer.chrome.com/devtools/docs/console-api>
- Mozilla Developer Network Console Documentation:  
<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Console>