

Introduction

JavaScript

JavaScript is a programming language that powers the dynamic behavior on most websites. Alongside HTML and CSS, it is a core technology that makes the web run.

`console.log()`

The `console.log()` method is used to log or print messages to the console. It can also be used to print objects and other info.

```
console.log('Hi there!');  
// Prints: Hi there!
```

Strings

Strings are a primitive data type. They are any grouping of characters (letters, spaces, numbers, or symbols) surrounded by single quotes `'` or double quotes `"`.

```
let single = 'Wheres my bandit hat?';  
let double = "Wheres my bandit hat?";
```

Numbers

Numbers are a primitive data type. They include the set of all integers and floating point numbers.

```
let amount = 6;  
let price = 4.99;
```

Booleans

Booleans are a primitive data type. They can be either `true` or `false`.

```
let lateToWork = true;
```

Null

Null is a primitive data type. It represents the intentional absence of value. In code, it is represented as `null`.

```
let x = null;
```

Arithmetic Operators

JavaScript supports arithmetic operators for:

- `+` addition
- `-` subtraction
- `*` multiplication
- `/` division
- `%` modulo

```
// Addition  
5 + 5  
// Subtraction  
10 - 5  
// Multiplication  
5 * 10  
// Division  
10 / 5  
// Modulo  
10 % 5
```

String .length

The `.length` property of a string returns the number of characters that make up the string.

```
let message = 'good nite';
console.log(message.length);
// Prints: 9

console.log('howdy'.length);
// Prints: 5
```

Methods

Methods return information about an object, and are called by appending an instance with a period `.`, the method name, and parentheses.

```
// Returns a number between 0 and 1
Math.random();
```

Data Instances

When a new piece of data is introduced into a JavaScript program, the program keeps track of it in an instance of that data type. An instance is an individual case of a data type.

Libraries

Libraries contain methods that can be called by appending the library name with a period `.`, the method name, and a set of parentheses.

```
Math.random();
// 🖐 Math is the library
```

Math.random()

The `Math.random()` function returns a floating-point, random number in the range from 0 (inclusive) up to but not including 1.

```
console.log(Math.random());
// Prints: 0 - 0.9
```

Math.floor()

The `Math.floor()` function returns the largest integer less than or equal to the given number.

```
console.log(Math.floor(5.95));
// Prints: 5
```

Single Line Comments

In JavaScript, single-line comments are created with two consecutive forward slashes `//`.

```
// This line will denote a comment
```

Multi-line Comments

In JavaScript, multi-line comments are created by surrounding the lines with `/*` at the beginning and `*/` at the end. Comments are good ways for a variety of reasons like explaining a code block or indicating some hints, etc.

```
/*  
The below configuration must be  
changed before deployment.  
*/  
  
let baseUrl =  
  'localhost/taxwebapp/country';
```

Learn Javascript: Variables

A variable is a container for data that is stored in computer memory. It is referenced by a descriptive name that a programmer can call to assign a specific value and retrieve it.

```
// examples of variables  
let name = "Tammy";  
const found = false;  
var age = 3;  
console.log(name, found, age);  
// Tammy, false, 3
```

const Keyword

A constant variable can be declared using the keyword `const`. It must have an assignment. Any attempt of re-assigning a `const` variable will result in JavaScript runtime error.

```
const numberOfColumns = 4;  
numberOfColumns = 8;  
// TypeError: Assignment to constant  
variable.
```

let Keyword

`let` creates a local variable in JavaScript & can be re-assigned. Initialization during the declaration of a `let` variable is optional. A `let` variable will contain `undefined` if nothing is assigned to it.

```
let count;  
console.log(count); // Prints: undefined  
count = 10;  
console.log(count); // Prints: 10
```

Undefined

`undefined` is a primitive JavaScript value that represents lack of defined value. Variables that are declared but not initialized to a value will have the value `undefined`.

```
var a;  
  
console.log(a);  
// Prints: undefined
```

Assignment Operators

An assignment operator assigns a value to its left operand based on the value of its right operand. Here are some of them:

- `+=` addition assignment
- `-=` subtraction assignment
- `*=` multiplication assignment
- `/=` division assignment

String Concatenation

In JavaScript, multiple strings can be concatenated together using the `+` operator. In the example, multiple strings and variables containing string values have been concatenated. After execution of the code block, the `displayText` variable will contain the concatenated string.

String Interpolation

String interpolation is the process of evaluating string literals containing one or more placeholders (expressions, variables, etc).

It can be performed using template literals: `text ${expression} text`.

Template Literals

Template literals are strings that allow embedded expressions, `${expression}`. While regular strings use single `'` or double `"` quotes, template literals use backticks instead.

```
let number = 100;

// Both statements will add 10
number = number + 10;
number += 10;

console.log(number);
// Prints: 120
```

```
let service = 'credit card';
let month = 'May 30th';
let displayText = 'Your ' + service + '
bill is due on ' + month + '.';

console.log(displayText);
// Prints: Your credit card bill is due
on May 30th.
```

```
let age = 7;

// String concatenation
'Tommy is ' + age + ' years old.';

// String interpolation
`Tommy is ${age} years old.`;
```

```
let name = "Codecademy";
console.log(`Hello, ${name}`);
// Prints: Hello, Codecademy

console.log(`Billy is ${6+8} years
old.`)
// Prints: Billy is 14 years old.
```

Variables

Variables are used whenever there's a need to store a piece of data. A variable contains data that can be used in the program elsewhere. Using variables also ensures code re-usability since it can be used to replace the same value in multiple places.

Declaring Variables

To declare a variable in JavaScript, any of these three keywords can be used along with a variable name:

- **var** is used in pre-ES6 versions of JavaScript.
- **let** is the preferred way to declare a variable when it can be reassigned.
- **const** is the preferred way to declare a variable with a constant value.

```
const currency = '$';  
let userIncome = 85000;  
  
console.log(currency + userIncome + ' is  
more than the average income.');
```

// Prints: \$85000 is more than the
average income.

```
var age;  
let weight;  
const numberOfFingers = 20;
```