



4. JavaScript

4.1 Tooling

If you had any problems with this, we can look at them during one of the evening sessions!

4.2 Syntax

4.2.1 Data Types

JavaScript

```
1 console.log(  
2   (typeof undefined)  
3   + ", " + (typeof true)  
4   + ", " + (typeof "foo")  
5   + ", " + (typeof 42)  
6   + ", " + (typeof 12345678901234567890n)  
7   + ", " + (typeof { a: true })  
8   + ", " + (typeof null)  
9   + ", " + (typeof Symbol("foo"))  
10 )
```

Did you notice that the type of `null` is stated to be `object`? By many, that's considered a "bug". They tried to change it, but had to roll back (see [here](http://wiki.ecmascript.org/doku.php?id=harmony:typeof_null)^a if you're *really* interested).

^ahttp://wiki.ecmascript.org/doku.php?id=harmony:typeof_null

4.2.2 Data Structures

4.2.2.1 Constants and Variables

JavaScript

```
1 const a = "it's";
2 let b = "hi! ";
3 let c = 37;
4 const d = 42;
5 b = a; // ok
6 // a = b; // fails, saying "TypeError: Assignment to constant variable"
7 c = d; // ok
8 d = c; // fails, saying "TypeError: Assignment to constant variable"
9 b = d; // ok, b now holds a number
10 c = a; // ok, c now holds a string
```

4.2.2.2 Objects

JSON

```
1 {
2   "forenames": ["Christoph", "Emanuel"],
3   "knownas": "Chris",
4   "surname": "Zwicker",
5   "dob": "1981-03-15T00:00:00.000-00:01",
6   "family": [
7     {
8       "knownas": "Michelle"
9     },
10    {
11      "knownas": "Philippe"
12    },
13    {
14      "knownas": "Alex"
15    }
16  ]
17 }
```

Here's a possible good find about JSON dates on [StackOverflow](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/10286204/what-is-the-right-json-date-format) ¹

4.2.2.3 Arrays & Maps

JavaScript

```
1 const urls = ["www.stackoverflow.com", "www.yahoo.com", "www.twitter.com"];
2 const passwords = ["wer92klc;.asdf", "934ldfg92;/sk34"];
3 const pw4url = { 0: 1, 1: 0, 2: 1};
```

¹<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/10286204/what-is-the-right-json-date-format>

4.2.3 Control Structures

4.2.3.1 Conditions

What was missing in the exercise description? If `x` or `y` are **exactly** 10, and the other variable is greater than 5, there was no execution path to take. We've solved this here by defining that case to be a "fit".

JavaScript

```
1 let x = 5;
2 let y = 9;
3 if (x > 10 || y > 10) {
4   console.log("out of bounds");
5 } else {
6   if (x * y < 50) {
7     console.log("uncomfortable");
8   } else {
9     console.log("fits!");
10  }
11 }
```

4.2.3.2 Case Matching

JavaScript

```
1 let x = undefined;
2 // let x = true;
3 // let x = "da, da, da";
4 // let x = 99;
5 // let x = 23489123982489123n;
6 // let x = { a: 9, b: "out of ten"};
7 // let x = null;
8 // let x = Symbol("foo");
9
10 if (typeof x === "symbol") {
11   console.log("symbol: " + String(x) + "; how symbolic ;-");
12 } else {
13   // toString has to be called explicitly: symbol doesn't allow implicit conversion
14   let result = (typeof x) + ": " + x + "; ";
15   switch(typeof x) {
16     case "undefined":
17       console.log("undefined; what's that supposed to mean?");
18       break;
19     case "boolean":
20       console.log(result + "always be true to yourself");
21       break;
22     case "string":
23       console.log(result + "just stringing along?");
24       break;
25     case "number":
26       console.log(result + "is there any but 42?");
27       break;
28     case "bigint":
29       console.log(result + "now you're exaggerating!");
30       break;
31     case "object":
32       if (x === null) {
33         console.log("null; or did you think it was 'object'?");
34       } else {
35         console.log("object: " + JSON.stringify(x) + "; now that's impressive..");
36       }
37       break;
38   }
39 }
```

4.2.3.3 Loops

JavaScript

```

1 const input = [6,1,29,-4,4,13,0];
2 let step = 1;
3 let sorted;
4 let temp;
5 console.log("Initial: " + JSON.stringify(input));
6 do {
7   sorted = true;
8   for(let i = 0; i < input.length - 1; i++) {
9     if (input[i] > input[i + 1]) {
10      sorted = false;
11      temp = input[i];
12      input[i] = input[i + 1];
13      input[i + 1] = temp;
14    }
15  }
16  if(!sorted) {
17    console.log("Step " + step++ + ": " + JSON.stringify(input));
18  }
19 } while (!sorted);

```

4.2.4 Program Structures

4.2.4.1 Methods

JavaScript

```

1 const pointInsideBox = (point, box) => {
2   const point1 = box[0];
3   const point2 = box[1];
4
5   return point.x > Math.min(point1.x, point2.x)
6     && point.x < Math.max(point1.x, point2.x)
7     && point.y > Math.min(point1.y, point2.y)
8     && point.y < Math.max(point1.y, point2.y)
9     && point.z > Math.min(point1.z, point2.z)
10    && point.z < Math.max(point1.z, point2.z)
11  ;
12 }

```

- Search for e.g. `[javascript] "arrow function" return object` and look at e.g. [this](https://stackoverflow.com/a/28770578/7159043)² answer.
- Searching for e.g. `[javascript] property same name shorthand` leads to e.g. [this](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/50179669/shorthand-for-arrow-functions-for-object-property-names)³, which contains the answer to our question in the question asked.

²<https://stackoverflow.com/a/28770578/7159043>

³<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/50179669/shorthand-for-arrow-functions-for-object-property-names>

4.3 Language Features

4.3.1 Template Strings & Spread Operator

JavaScript

```
1 const me = JSON.parse(`
2   {
3     "forenames": ["Christoph", "Emanuel"],
4     "knownas": "Chris",
5     "surname": "Zwicker",
6     "dob": "1981-03-15T00:00:00.000-00:01",
7     "family": [
8       {
9         "knownas": "Michelle"
10      },
11      {
12        "knownas": "Philippe"
13      },
14      {
15        "knownas": "Alex"
16      }
17    ]
18  }`
19 )
20 const meNow = {
21   currentActivity: "Teaching JS",
22   currentStateOfMind: "concentrated"
23 };
24 console.log(JSON.stringify({ ...me, ...meNow }));
```

4.3.2 Variable as Property Key

JavaScript

```
1 const getProperty = (key, person) => {
2   if (
3     ![
4       "forenames",
5       "knownas",
6       "surname",
7       "dob",
8       "family",
9       "currentActivity",
10      "currentStateOfMind"
11    ].includes(key)
12  ) {
13    return `Unknown property: ${key}`;
14  }
15  if (person[key] === undefined || person[key] === null) {
16    return `Missing property: ${key}`;
17  }
18  return person[key];
19 }
20 console.log(getProperty("wolfpack", {}));
21 console.log(getProperty("currentStateOfMind", {}));
22 console.log(getProperty("knownas", { knownas: "Chris" }));
```

4.4 Algorithms

4.4.1 Searching

JavaScript

```
1 const retainEven = (input) => input.filter(e => e % 2 === 0);  
2 console.log(retainEven([1,2,5,17,30]));
```

4.4.2 Sorting

JavaScript

```
1 const sortAlpha = (input) => input.sort();  
2 const sortNumeric = (input) => input.sort((a,b) => a - b);  
3 console.log(sortAlpha([1,5,30,17,2]));  
4 console.log(sortNumeric([1,5,30,17,2]));
```

4.4.3 Mapping

JavaScript

```
1 const toCoordinate = (input) => input.map(e => ({ x: e[0], y: e[1], z: e[2] }));  
2 console.log(toCoordinate([[1,3,17], [-2, 1, 6], [100, -27, -8]]));
```

4.4.4 Aggregating

JavaScript

```
1 function objectify(names) {  
2   return names.reduce((previous, current) => ({ ...previous, [current]:  
3     current.length}), {});  
4 }  
5 console.log(objectify(["an", "apple", "must", "be", "red"]));  
6 // => { "an": 2, "apple": 5, "must": 4, "be": 2, "red": 3 }
```