

Program 6: Chapter 9 Binding of Global Variables During Subroutine Passing

Problem Description:

- The problem we are trying to figure out is whether JavaScript implements shallow, deep, or ad hoc binding of variables. To solve this problem, I implemented the code from the textbook and added a call to `sub1()` then ran it on my mac. Once I finished implementing the code, I realized I didn't have the NodeJS Runtime Environment downloaded on to my laptop so I couldn't run the program. After downloading it and running it, I got the value of `x` to print in the terminal window by using `console.log()` within the program instead of `alert()` like the textbook uses.

Conclusion:

- Based on the output of the program for `x` being 1, we can conclude that JavaScript uses deep binding. In the code, we can see that `x = 1` in `sub1()`'s environment. This means that when we call `sub2()`, it is referencing the environment of `sub1()`. So, the '`x`' referenced in `sub2()` is bound to '`x`' of `sub1()`, therefore outputting a 1 in the print statement.

JavaScript Code & Output:

```
1  /*
2  * Name: Tony Maldonado
3  * Date: October 26, 2020
4  * Input: None
5  * Output: The output of alert() which is the value of x
6  * Precondition: None
7  * Postcondition: None
8  */
9
10 // Run function sub1()
11 sub1();
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13 function sub1() {
14     var x;
15     function sub2() {
16         // Creates a dialog box with the value of x
17         console.log("The value of x is: " + x);
18     }
19     function sub3() {
20         var x;
21         x = 3;
22         sub4(sub2);
23     }
24     function sub4(subx) {
25         var x;
26         x = 4;
27         subx();
28     }
29     x = 1;
30     sub3();
31 }
```

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Tonys-MacBook-Pro:Program 6 m21tony$ node program6.js
The value of x is: 1
Tonys-MacBook-Pro:Program 6 m21tony$
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