

JavaScript

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Agenda

- Introduction to JavaScript
- Lexical Structure
- Types, Values, Variables
- Expression & Operator
- Object
- Array
- Function

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Object-Oriented Programming

- OO Concepts
 - Object, method, property
 - Class
 - Encapsulation
 - Aggregation
 - Reusability/inheritance
 - Polymorphism

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Variables

- To use a variable:
 - Declare the variable.
 - Initialize it.
- ```
var a = 4;
var thisIsAVariable;
var _and_this_too;
var mix12three;
```
- Variable names are case-sensitive.

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## Primitive Data Types

- Number: floating point numbers & integers.
- String
- Boolean
- Undefined: a special value.
- null: another special data type.
- typeof Operator

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## Array

- Adding/Updating Array Elements

```
>>> var a = [];
>>> var a = [1,2,3];
>>> a[2] = 'three'; a
>>> a[6] = 'zoom'; a
```

- Deleting Elements
  - Arrays of arrays
- ```
>>> delete a[1];
>>> a[5] = [1,2,3] ; a
```

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Array

- An array is a data store.
- An array contains indexed elements.
- Indexes start from zero and increment by one for each element in the array.
- To access array elements, use the index in square brackets.
- An array can contain any type of data, including other arrays.

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Introduction to JS

- OO Language – goes well with HTML.
- The scripts are interpreted in the browser environment.
 - exists in source code form.
 - platform independent.

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Introduction to JS

- Object-oriented
 - Internal built-in objects (e.g. window)
 - Browser objects (e.g. document)
- Can run on both client side & server side.
- But, JavaScript != Java

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JavaScript and Java

- They are different languages, although both are OO.
 - JS : present in source code form & is interpreted .
 - JS : the language's focus is wrt display of content & user experience.
- Java : compiled into bytecode format & then interpreted.
- Java : as a language, is more powerful .

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Its Everywhere

- Integrated into Windows OS
- Every browser :
 - FF : SpiderMonkey / TraceMonkey
 - Chrome : V8
 - Safari : JavaScript Core
 - IE : Jscript / Chakra
 - Opera : Crank

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Applications

- Decision making
- Submitting forms
- Performing complex calculations – math / logical
- Data entry validations
- ...

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Bad Parts

- Global Variables
- "+" : adds & concatenates -> came from Java.
- Semicolon insertion -> came from "C" syntax.
- typeof -> object, array, ...
- Phoney arrays
- false, null, undefined, NaN

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Object Property

```
var myObj = {} ;
var value = myObj[name];
if (value == null) {
    alert ( ' object not found' );
}
```

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Object Property

The right way

```
var myObj = {} ;
var value = myObj[name];
if (value === undefined) {
    alert ( ' object not found' );
}
```

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Good Features That Interact Badly

- Objects can inherit from other objects.
- Functions can be members of objects -> methods.
- "for .. in" statement mixes inherited functions with the desired data members.

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Bad Heritage

- Blockless statements

```
if (foo)  
  doSomething();
```
- Floating point arithmetic

```
0.1 + 0.2 !== 0.3
```
- ++ and --
- switch : (fallthrough)

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Good Parts

- Lexical Scoping
- Dynamic Objects
- Loose Typing
- Object Literals -> key : value pair.

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Key concepts

- Mutable objects
- Closures – behaviour that carries data
- Everything is an object & has inbuilt map.
- Executes one step at a time.

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Lexical Structure

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Language Structure

- Case Sensitivity
 - tags and attribute names : lowercase.
- Optional Semicolons

```
var a
a
=
3
console.log(a)

=> var a; a = 3; console.log(a);
```

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Language Structure

- These statement termination rules lead to some surprising cases.

```
var y = x + f
(a+b).toString()
=> var y = x + f(a+b).toString(); // not intended.
```

```
var y = x + f // Semicolon omitted here
;(a+b).toString() ; // Defensive style
```

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Language Structure

```
x
++
y
```

=> It is parsed as x; ++y; , not as x++; y.

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Types, Values, Variables

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Variable Types

```
var x;
x = 1 ;
x = 0.2 ;
x = "hello" ;
x = true ;
x = null ;
var x ; <undefined>
```

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JavaScript's Types

- Primitive
- Object
- Types with & without methods.
- Mutable & immutable types.
 - Mutable
 - Objects, arrays.
 - Immutable
 - number, boolean, null, undefined, strings

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JavaScript's Types

- Variables are untyped.
- Lexical scoping
 - global scope
 - function scope
- null : special object value that indicates "no object".
- undefined : variables not initialized / void functions.

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Wrapper Objects

- The temporary objects created when you access a property of a string, number, or boolean are known as *wrapper objects*.
- There are not wrapper objects for the null and undefined values:
 - Any attempt to access a property of one of these values causes a `TypeError`.

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Wrapper Objects

```
var s = "test"; // Start with a string value.
s.len = 4; // Set a property on it.
var t = s.len; // Now query the property.
```

```
var s = "test";
var S = new String(s);
>>> typeof s;
>>> typeof S;
```

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Immutable Primitive Values & Mutable Object

```
var s = "hello"; // Start with some lowercase text
s.toUpperCase(); // Returns "HELLO", but doesn't alter s
> s // => "hello": the original string – unchanged.
```

```
var o = { x:1 }; // Start with an object
o.x = 2; // Mutate it by changing the value of a property
o.y = 3; // Mutate it again by adding a new property
```

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Type Conversions

```
10 + " objects"
"7" * "4"
```

```
var n = 1 - "x";
n + " objects"
```

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Conversions and Equality

```
null == undefined // These two values are treated as equal.
"0" == 0 // String converts to a number before comparing.
0 == false // Boolean converts to number before comparing.
"0" == false // Both operands convert to numbers before
               comparing.
```

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Variable Scope

```
var scope = "global"; // Declare a global variable

function checkscope() {
  var scope = "local"; // Declare a local var with the same
    name
  return scope; // Returns the local value, not the global one
}

>>> checkscope() // => "local" - effectively hide the global variable
```

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Variable Scope: Use of *var*

```
scope = "global"; // Declare a global variable, even without var.

function checkscope2() {
  scope = "local"; // no var used: Oops! changed the global variable.
  myscope = "local"; // This implicitly declares a new global variable.
  return [scope, myscope]; // Return two values.
}

>>> checkscope2() // => ["local", "local"]: has side effects!
>>> scope // => "local": global variable has changed.
>>> myscope // => "local": global namespace cluttered up.
```

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Variable Scope: Nesting

```
var scope = "global scope"; // A global variable

function checkscope() {
  var scope = "local scope"; // A local variable
  function nested() {
    var scope = "nested scope"; // A nested scope of local variable
    return scope; // Return the value in scope here
  }
  return nested();
}

>>> checkscope() // => "nested scope"
```

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Function Scope and Hoisting

- C-like programming languages : block scope.
 - JavaScript does *not* have it.
- JavaScript has *function scope*.
 - Therefore hoisting happens.
 - Variables are even visible before they are declared.

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Function Scope and Hoisting

```
var scope = "global";

function f() {
  console.log(scope);
  var scope = "local";
  console.log(scope);
}

>>> f()
```

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Hoisting

```
function test() {
  var i = 0;
  console.log(i);
  //console.log(j2);

  if (true) {
    var j = 0;
    for (var k=0; k < 10; k++) {
      console.log(k);
    }
    console.log("k = " + k);
  }
}
```

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Expressions and Operators

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Function Definition Expressions

- Defines a JavaScript function, and the value of such an expression is the newly defined function.

```
// This fn returns the square of the value passed.
var square = function(x) { return x * x; }
> square(4);
```

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Primary Expressions

- The simplest expressions
 - Those that stand alone.
- Primary expressions in JavaScript are constant or literal values, certain language keywords, and variable references.

```
1.23 // A number literal
"hello" // A string literal
/pattern/ // A regular expression literal
true // Evaluates to the Boolean true value
null // Evaluates to the null value
this // Evaluates to the "current" object
undefined // undefined is a global variable, not a keyword like null.
i // Evaluates to the value of the variable i.
```

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Object and Array Initializers

- These are expressions whose value is a newly created object or array.
- These initializer expressions are sometimes called "object literals" and "array literals."
- Array:
 - `[]` // An empty array
 - `[1+2,3+4]` // A 2-element array. First element is 3, second is 7
 - `var matrix = [[1,2,3], [4,5,6], [7,8,9]];`
 - `var sparseArray = [1,,,5];` // three undefined elements

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Object and Array Initializers

- Object:
 - `var p = { x:2.3, y:-1.2 };` // An object with 2 properties
 - `var q = {};` // An empty object with no properties
 - `q.x = 2.3; q.y = -1.2;` // Now q has the same properties as p
- Object literals can be nested.
 - `var rectangle = { upperLeft: { x: 2, y: 2 }, lowerRight: { x: 4, y: 5 } };`

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Function Definition Expression

- It defines a JavaScript function
- The value of such an expression is the newly defined function.

```
var square = function(x) { return x * x; }
function squareCalc (x) { return x * x; }
```

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Property Access Expressions

- `expression . identifier`
- `expression [expression]`

```
var o = {x:1,y:{z:3}}; // An example object
var a = [0,4,[5,6]]; // An example array that contains the object
o.x // => 1: property x of expression o
o.y.z // => 3: property z of expression o.y
o["x"] // => 1: property x of object o
a[1] // => 4: element at index 1 of expression a
a[2][1] // => 6: element at index 1 of expression a[2]
a[o].x // => 1: property x of expression a[o]
```

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Operators

- `3 - 2`
- `0.3 - 0.2`
- `3 + 2`
- `"3" + "2"`
- `3 + "2"`
- `"3" * "2"`
- `"two" == "three"`
- `"two" > "three"`
- `true == 1`
- `true === 1`

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Operators

- `true + true`
- `1 + 2 + " books";`
- `1 + (2 + " books");`
- `o / o`
- `x == x` -> (in all scenarios)

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Objects

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Everything's An Object

- {} is an instance of an Object
- [] is an instance of an Object
- function(){} instance of an Object

```
var d = new Date();
> d instanceof Date;
> d instanceof Object;
> d instanceof Number;
```

```
var a = [1, 2, 3]; // Create an array
> a instanceof Array; // Evaluates to true; a is an array
> a instanceof Object; // Evaluates to true; all arrays are objects
```

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Creating Objects

- “new” keyword
- Object.create() function

```
var obj1 = Object.create({x:1, y:2}); // obj1 inherits properties x and y.
```

- object literal

```
var point = { x:o, y:o };
```

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And its all Mutable !

```
var obj = {
  item: "value";
};
obj.item = "replacement";
//objects are runtime extensible by default.
obj.item2 = "another val" ;

//properties can even be removed
delete obj.item
console.log (obj.item) ; // undefined
```

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