

The Joys of JavaScript

Break ~7:35 PM (15 mins)

Web Development
Lesson 3.1



Today's Class

Class Objectives

In today's class, we will introduce:



JavaScript Definitions



JavaScript Basics:



Variables



Logging, alerting, prompting



Arrays



If/else statements



JavaScript

Prepare to become
true coders!



How to Learn JavaScript

Your Brain on JavaScript





Take notes and practice!
And practice!
And practice!



And Stay Organized!

Learning JavaScript

Follow these general tips:



Review classwork immediately.



Redo class activities at home.



Come to office hours and keep asking questions.



Do not fear—you will get this!





Group Activity: Code Dissection

A big part of being a developer is learning on the fly!

Instructions sent via Slack

Suggested Time:
10 minutes



Group Activity: Code Dissection

01

Find `01-CodeDissection` in the class repository.

02

Open it in Chrome and observe what happens.

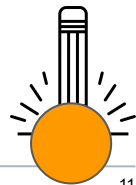
03

With your group, try to explain how the code connects to the events that happen on the page.



When downloading code from Slack, make sure you choose **Download**.
If you copy and paste directly from Slack, your code will not work!




Suggested Time: 10 minutes



What Is JavaScript?

JavaScript Definition

JavaScript is one of the three fundamental programming languages of the modern web (the others are HTML and CSS).

HTML	CSS	JavaScript
Used to write content.	Used to format content.	Used to create dynamic web applications that take in user inputs, change what's displayed to users, animate elements, and much more.
HTML 	CSS 	JS 

Variables

Variables



The *nouns* of programming



Numbers, strings, Booleans, etc.



Made up of a **name** and a **value**

```
var name = "Snow White";  
var dwarfCount = 7;  
var isSleeping = true;
```

Variable Basics: Syntax

Var keyword	Variable name	Assignment	Value	Termination
<i>var</i>	name	=	"Snow White"	;

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Be sure to notice the quotes (""), which convey that Snow White is a string.

Single quotes (') also work



Instructor Demonstration

Variables





Activity: Variables

In this activity, you will fill in the missing JavaScript code to create variables.

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Suggested Time:
10 minutes



Activity: Variables

01

Using the instructions in the file sent to you, fill in the missing JavaScript code to create variables.

02

When you are done, open the file in Chrome and check the output.

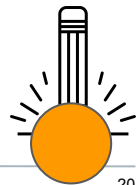
03

If you successfully complete the activity, you will see a series of pop-up windows with text inside.

04

Finally, look at the rest of the code and try to figure out why the text displayed the way it did.

Suggested Time: 10 minutes





Time's Up! Let's Review.



Console Log



Instructor Demonstration

Console Log



Console.log

`console.log` is a quick expression that prints content to the console — very useful during development and debugging!

```
var quick = "Fox";  
var slow = "Turtle";  
var numbers = 121;  
  
// The console.log() method is used to display data in the the browser's console.  
// We can log strings, variables, and even equations.  
  
console.log("Teacher");  
console.log(quick);  
console.log(slow);  
console.log(numbers + 15);
```


How do you comfort a **JavaScript bug**?



How do you comfort a **JavaScript bug**?
You "console" it!





Activity: Console Log

Instructions sent via Slack

Suggested Time:
5 minutes



Activity: Console Log

01

Using the file sent to you as a guide, modify the code so that it uses `console.log` instead of `alert` to display messages.

02

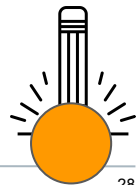
Then open the file in the browser and open up Chrome Developer Tools -> Console to confirm that the changes worked.

03

With a partner, discuss the difference between `console.log` and `alert`.

```
alert("Welcome: " + name);  
alert("Pizzas cost $5 each");  
alert("Your total is: $" + totalCost);  
alert("Still Hungry: " + isHungry);
```

Suggested Time: 5 minutes



Take a Break!



Break of 15 mins.

Alerts, Prompts, Confirms





Instructor Demonstration

Alerts, Prompts, Confirms

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Alerts, prompts, and confirms create a popup in the browser when run. These are also useful for development and debugging.

```
// Alert
alert("We definitely rock!");

// Confirm
var doYouRock = confirm("The question is, do *you* rock?");

// Prompt
var howMuchRock = prompt("How much do you rock?");
```

This page says:
We definitely rock!

OK

This page says:
The question is, do "you" rock?

☐ Prevent this page from creating additional dialogs.

OK

Cancel

This page says:
How much do you rock?

☐ Prevent this page from creating additional dialogs.

OK

Cancel





Activity: Alerts

Instructions sent via Slack

Suggested Time:
15 minutes



Activity: Alerts

Write JavaScript code that does the following:

01

Using a `confirm`, ask the user “Do you like ____?” and store their response in a variable.

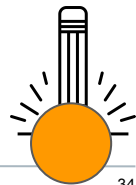
02

Using a `prompt`, ask the user: “What kind of ____ do you like?” and store their response in a variable.

03

`alert` both variables to the screen.

Suggested Time: 15 minutes





Time's Up! Let's Review.



If/Else Statements



Instructor Demonstration

Conditionals



If/Else Statements Are Critical

Each statement is composed of an if, else-if, or else (keyword), a condition, and the resulting code in curly brackets {}.

```
// If the user likes sushi (confirmSushi === true), we run the following block of code.
if (confirmSushi) {
    alert("You like " + sushiType + "!");
}
// If the user likes ginger tea (confirmGingerTea === true), we run the following block of code.
else if (confirmGingerTea) {
    alert("You like ginger tea!!");
}
// If neither of the previous condition were true, we run the following block of code.
else {
    alert("You don't like sushi or ginger tea.");
}
```





Group Activity: If/Else Part 1

With your group, you will create a website (from scratch) that asks users if they eat steak.

Suggested Time:
15 minutes



Group Activity: If/Else Part 1

01

With your group, create a website (from scratch) that asks users if they eat steak.

02

If they respond with yes, alert the following to the page: *"Here's a Steak Sandwich!"*.

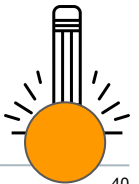
03

If they respond with no alert the following to the page: *"Here's a Tofu Stir-Fry!"*.



Bonus: Ask what the user's birth year is. If they are under 21, alert the following:
"No sake for you!"

Suggested Time: 15 minutes





Time's Up! Let's Review.





Activity: If/Else Part 2

As a class, we will go through and predict what the result of a conditional statement will be.

A prediction exercise... 😊

Suggested Time:
10 minutes



Arrays

The Zoo Pen

Array Name: zooAnimals

Zebra

Index 0

Rhino

Index 1

Giraffe

Index 2

Fox

Index 3

The Zoo Pen: Coded

Array Name: zooAnimals

Zebra

Index 0

Rhino

Index 1

Giraffe

Index 2

Fox

Index 3

Coded in JavaScript using an array:

```
// Our array of zoo animals.  
var zooAnimals = ["Zebra", "Rhino", "Giraffe", "Fox"];
```

Arrays



Arrays are a type of variable that are *collections*.



These collections can be made up of strings, numbers, Booleans, other arrays, objects ... anything.



Each element of the array is marked by an index. Indexes always start with 0.

```
var nickCharacters = ["Tommy", "Doug", "Oblina"];
```

```
var diceNumbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,];
```

```
var mixedArray = ["Zoo", 12, "Carrot", 3];
```

Arrays: Indices



To recover the value at any specific index, include the name of the array with a square bracket `[]` and inside the bracket is the element's index.



You can easily grab the number of elements in the array using the method `array.length`.

```
// Our array of zoo animals.  
var zooAnimals = ["Zebra", "Rhino", "Giraffe", "Fox"];  
  
// Prints 4 to the console because there are 4 items in our zooAnimals array.  
console.log(zooAnimals.length);  
  
// Prints Rhino to the console. Remember, the first item in an array has an index position of 0!  
console.log(zooAnimals[1]);  
  
// Prints undefined...because the last index ("Fox") is 3.  
console.log(zooAnimals[4]);
```



Instructor Demonstration

Arrays

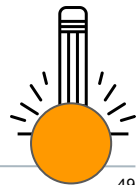


Group Activity: Code Dissection

With your group, take a few moments to look over the following code (instructions sent via Slack).

Above each `console.log()`, write a comment predicting what you think the output will be.

Suggested Time: 7 minutes



Questions?





Challenge: Favorite Band Array

In this challenge, you will create an array of your favorite bands.

Suggested Time:
15 minutes



Challenge: Favorite Band Array

Create a website that accomplishes the following:

01

Create an array of your favorite bands.

02

With a prompt, ask the user's favorite band.

03

If it's one of your favorites, alert: *"YEAH, I LOVE THEM!"*

04

If it's not, alert: *"Nah. They're pretty lame."*




Hint: You will need to research how to use `.indexOf()`

Hint: You will also need to research how to use `.toLowerCase()`

Suggested Time: 15 minutes



A black silhouette of a person standing on a jagged mountain peak, holding a flag aloft. A dashed white line on the mountain slope indicates a path or trail. The background is a light blue geometric pattern.

Challenge: Code Dissection (Re-examined)

Re-examine the file sent to you at the start of class.
See if you can better understand how it works after
having completed today's class.

Suggested Time:
12 minutes

