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# Introduction to JavaScript

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(Slides adapted from Dan Phiffer's Intro to JavaScript)

# Introduction to me

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***Why program computers?***

everything is deeply intertwined. In an important sense there are no “subjects” at all; there is only all knowledge, since the cross-connections among the myriad topics of this world simply cannot be divided up neatly.”

—Ted Nelson, Computer Lib/Dream Machines

When human beings acquired language, we learned not just how to listen but how to speak. When we gained literacy, we learned not just how to read but how to write. And as we move into an increasingly digital reality, **we must learn not just how to use programs but how to make them.**”

—Douglas Rushkoff, Program or Be Programmed

he single most significant change in the politics  
cyberspace is the coming of age of this simple  
idea: The code is law. The architectures of  
cyberspace are as important as the law in defining  
and defeating the liberties of the Net.”

—Lawrence Lessig, The Code Is the Law

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***Learning a new language***



Code is **text**

Programming is  
typing

Programming is **very**  
**careful** typing

Programming is  
fast typing

Programming is  
figuring out why it  
broke

# Programming in general

- A series of **text files** that get compiled and executed
- Code is “digested,” going from human-readable to a hardware-ready form
- Ultimately programs run as assembly, low-level **instructions for your CPU**

# JavaScript

- Increasingly the **web page scripting** language
- Most likely the widest deployed runtime
- JavaScript has nothing to do with **Java**, except some syntax similarities

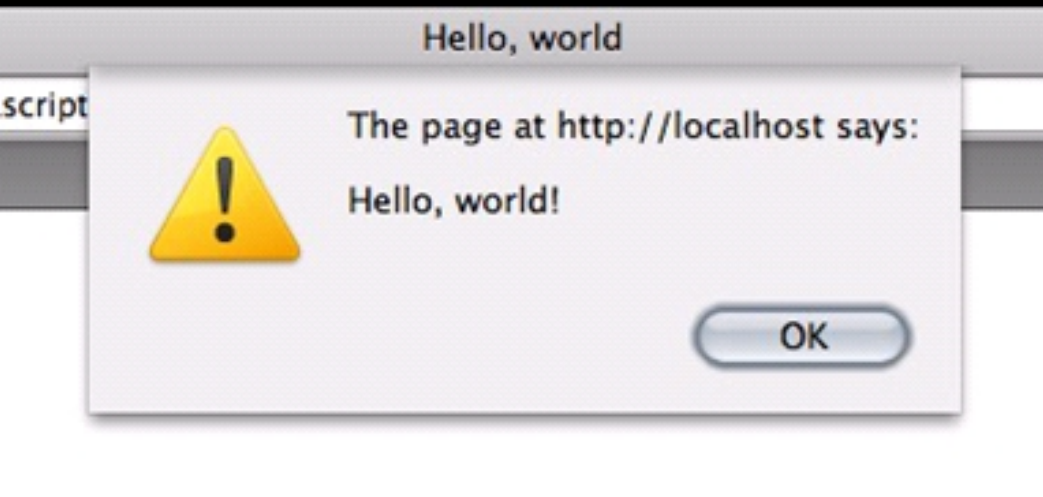
# How is this different from Rails?

- Rails is **server-side** – it runs on the machine that is hosting your webpage
- JavaScript is **client-side** – it runs on the browser that is viewing your webpage
- JavaScript lets you mess with how things look/behave on the page



# A simple line of code

```
alert("Hello, world!");
```



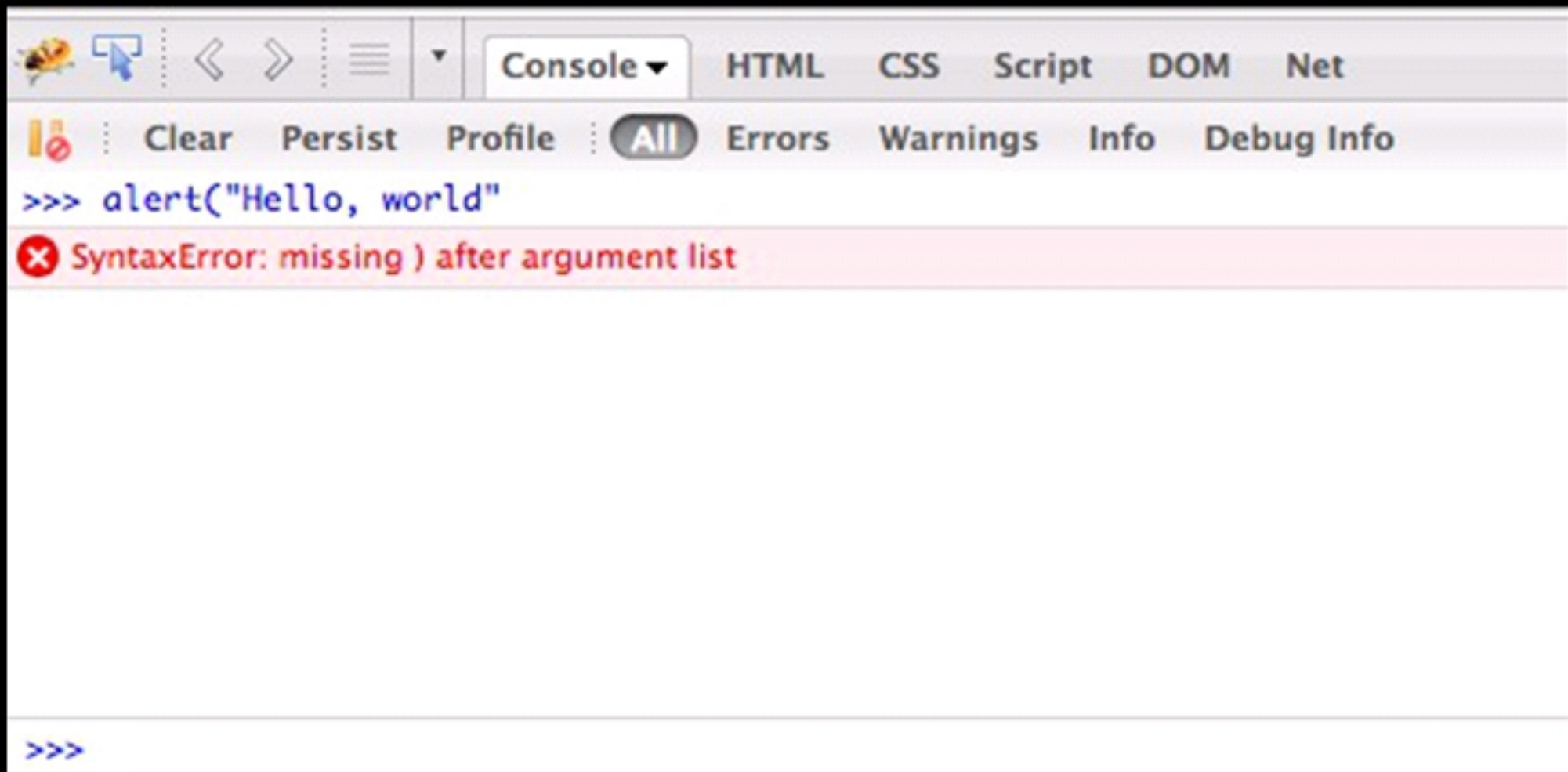
Let's try this using  
**Chrome Developer  
Tools**

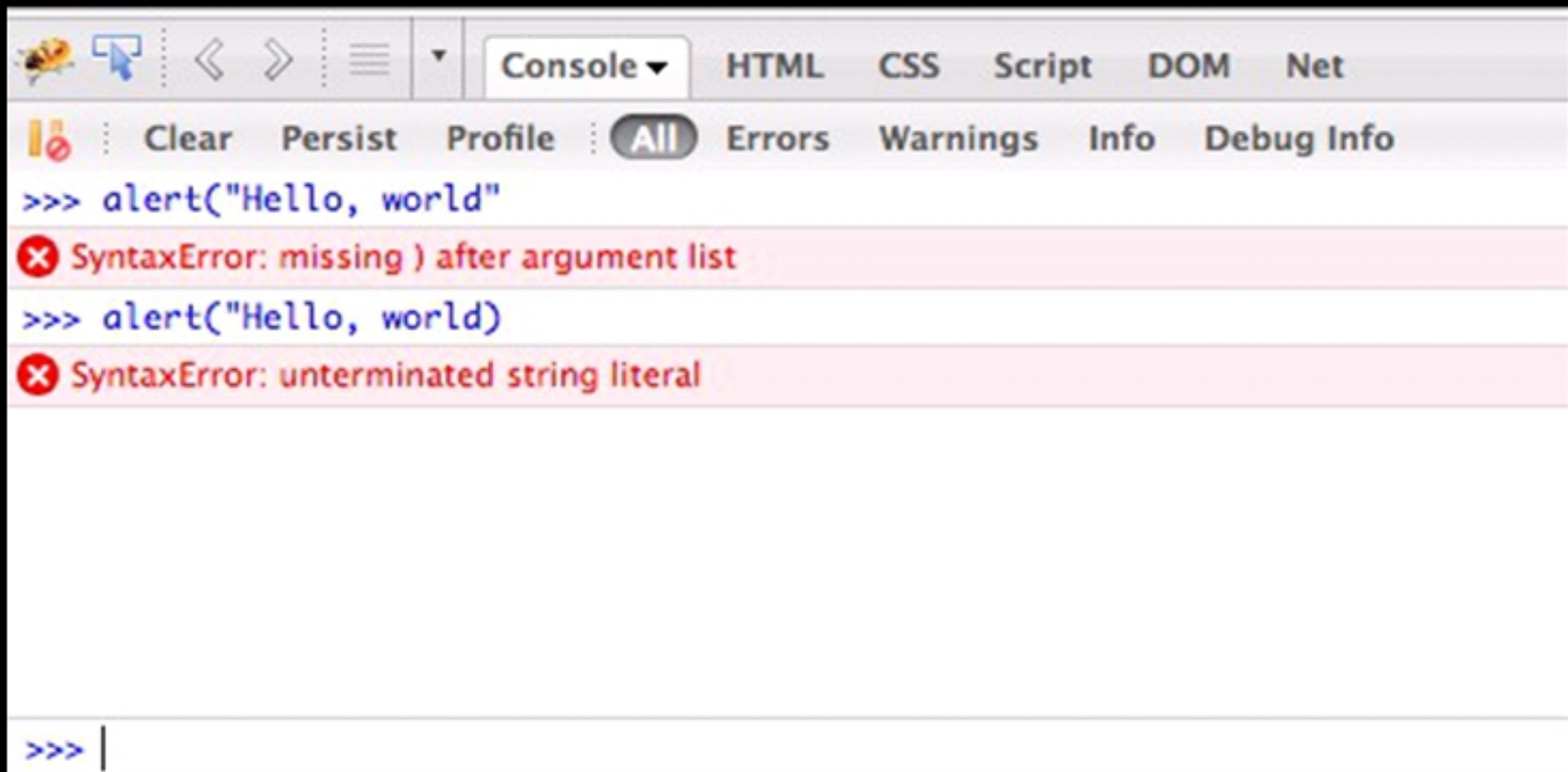
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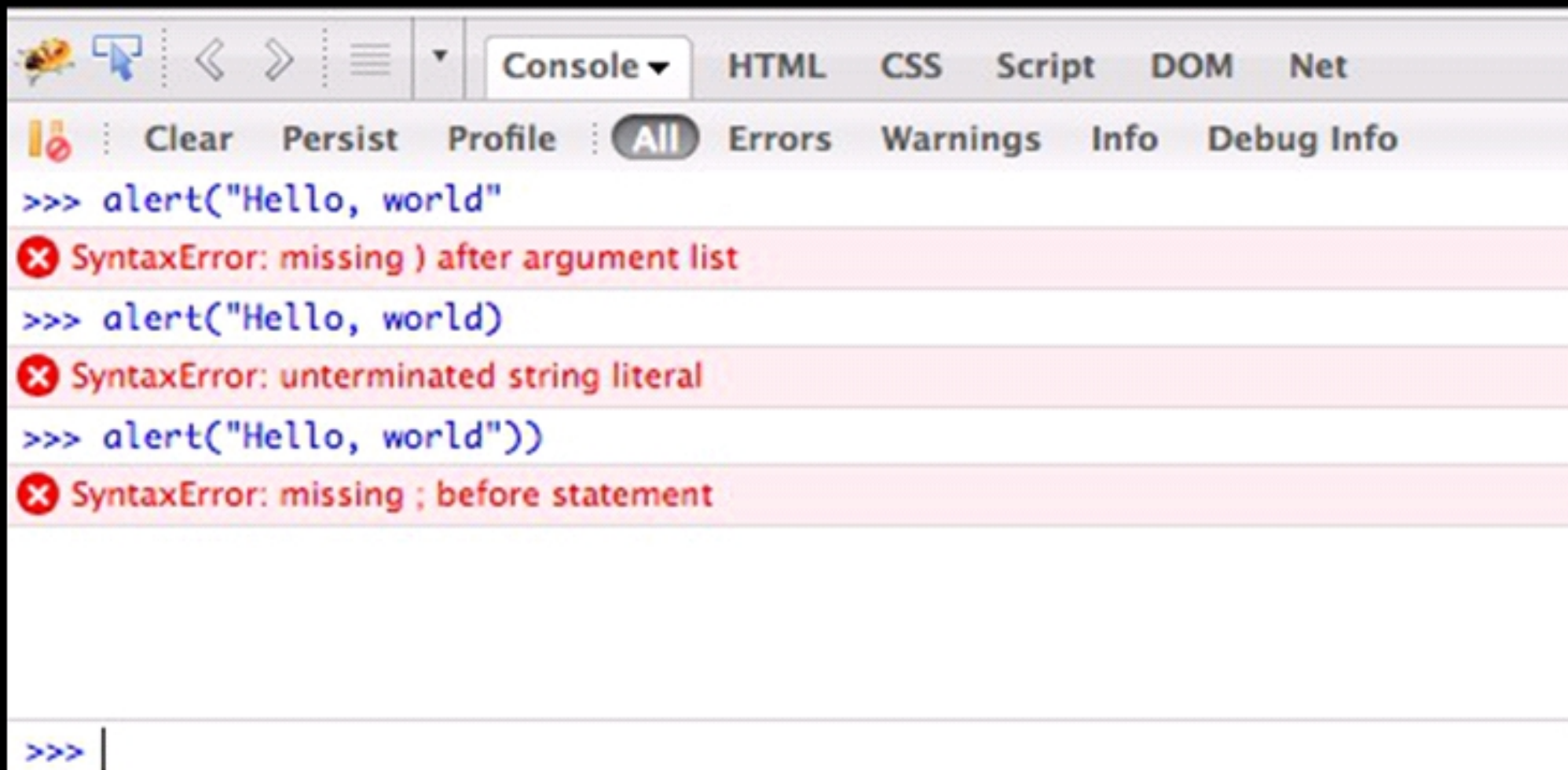
*Writing code*

# Compilers are unforgiving

- The computer cuts you no slack
- All code is subject to **bugs**
- The error console is your friend
- **Debugging** is about identifying, characterizing, and resolving problems







# A simple line of code

```
alert("Hello, world!");
```



on name



# A simple line of code

```
alert("Hello, world!");
```



on name    Parentheses call the function

# A simple line of code

```
alert("Hello, world!");
```



on name



Parentheses call the function



Function argument (a string)

# A simple line of code

```
alert("Hello, world!");
```

↑      ↑  
Function name    Parentheses call the function

Function argument (a string)

Designates the end of the

# More simple functions

```
prompt(string);
```

```
confirm(string)
```

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***Variables***

# The variable metaphor

“Variables are like a box  
you can put data into.”

# The variable metaphor

# The variable metaphor





# Variables

- Variables store data for future use
- `var x = y;` is how you assign a new variable in JavaScript
- We can now refer to `x` in future lines of code, and know it means `y`

# Variables (boolean type)

- Variables store data for future use
- `var x = true;` is how you assign a new variable in JavaScript
- We can now refer to `x` in future lines of code, and know it means `true`

# Variables (boolean type)

- Variables store data for future use
- `var x = false;` is how you assign a new variable in JavaScript
- We can now refer to `x` in future lines of code, and know it means `false`

# Variables (numeric type)

- Variables store data for future use
- `var x = 47;` is how you assign a new variable in JavaScript
- We can now refer to `x` in future lines of code, and know it means `47`

# Variables (string type)

- Variables store data for future use
- `var x = "pony";` is how you assign a new variable in JavaScript
- We can now refer to `x` in future lines of code, and know it means `pony`.

# Variable logic

/ What is the value of z?

```
var x = 3;
```

```
var y = x + 1;
```

```
var z = y;
```

# Try it out...

Create some variables in the console.

A variable **a** with a String in it

A variable **b** with a Number in it

A variable **c** with a Boolean in it

**Now let's try something  
crazy...**



# Dynamic Typing

Variables in JavaScript can be any type (just like in Ruby on Rails!)

Types of variables:

undefined

Null

String

Number

Boolean

Array

Object

Function



Whoa! They're different!

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# **Functions**

# Multiple lines of code

```
var msg = "Hello, world!";  
var func = alert;  
func(msg);
```

Designate the ends of the lines



# Multiple lines of code

```
var msg = "Hello, world!";  
var func = alert;  
func(msg);
```

The first line stores a string

# Multiple lines of code

```
var msg = "Hello, world!";  
var func = alert;  
func(msg);
```

The second line stores a function

# Multiple lines of code

```
var msg = "Hello, world!";  
var func = alert;  
func(msg);
```

The third line executes the  
stored function with the string

# Commenting code

/ First we store the message

```
var msg = "Hello, world!";
```

/ Next, we choose a function to call

```
var func = alert;
```

/ Finally, we combine the two

```
func(msg);
```

# Commenting code

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This code demonstrates the standard Hello World program, over three lines instead of just one.

/

```
var msg = "Hello, world!";  
var func = alert;  
func(msg);
```



# Creating a new function

```
/ Outputs a simple message  
function output_message() {  
    var msg = "Hello, world!";  
    var func = alert;  
    func(msg);  
}
```

# Calling our function

/ Outputs a simple message

```
function output_message() {  
    var msg = "Hello, world!";  
    var func = alert;  
    func(msg);  
}
```

```
output_message();
```

# Arguments

/ Outputs a simple message

```
function output_message(msg) {  
    var func = alert;  
    func(msg);  
}
```

```
output_message("Hello, world!");  
output_message("¡Hola, mundo!");
```

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**Objects**

# Creating Objects

```
var person=new Object();  
person.firstname="John";  
person.lastname="Doe";  
person.age=50;  
person.eyecolor="blue";
```

or

```
var person={firstname:"John",  
            lastname:"Doe",  
            age:50,  
            eyecolor:"blue"};
```

# JavaScript on the web

<script>

JavaScript code is typically embedded in HTML  
<script> tags

</script>

# HTML + JavaScript

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>HTML + JavaScript</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p>Stuff *on* the page goes up here.</p>
    <script>

      // JavaScript code that modifies the page should
      // go below everything else in the <body>.

    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```

# HTML + CSS + JavaScript

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>HTML + CSS + JavaScript</title>
    <style>
      #content {
        background: #000;
      }
    </style>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p id="content">Hello, world!</p>
    <script>
      var content = document.getElementById('content');
      content.style.color = '#fff';
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```



# HTML + CSS + JavaScript

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>HTML + CSS + JavaScript</title>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css" />
  </head>
  <body>
    <p>
      Separating code into .js and .css files is a
      good way to keep things tidy.
    </p>
    <script src="scripts.js"></script>
  </body>
</html>
```

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*The DOM*

# Introducing the DOM...

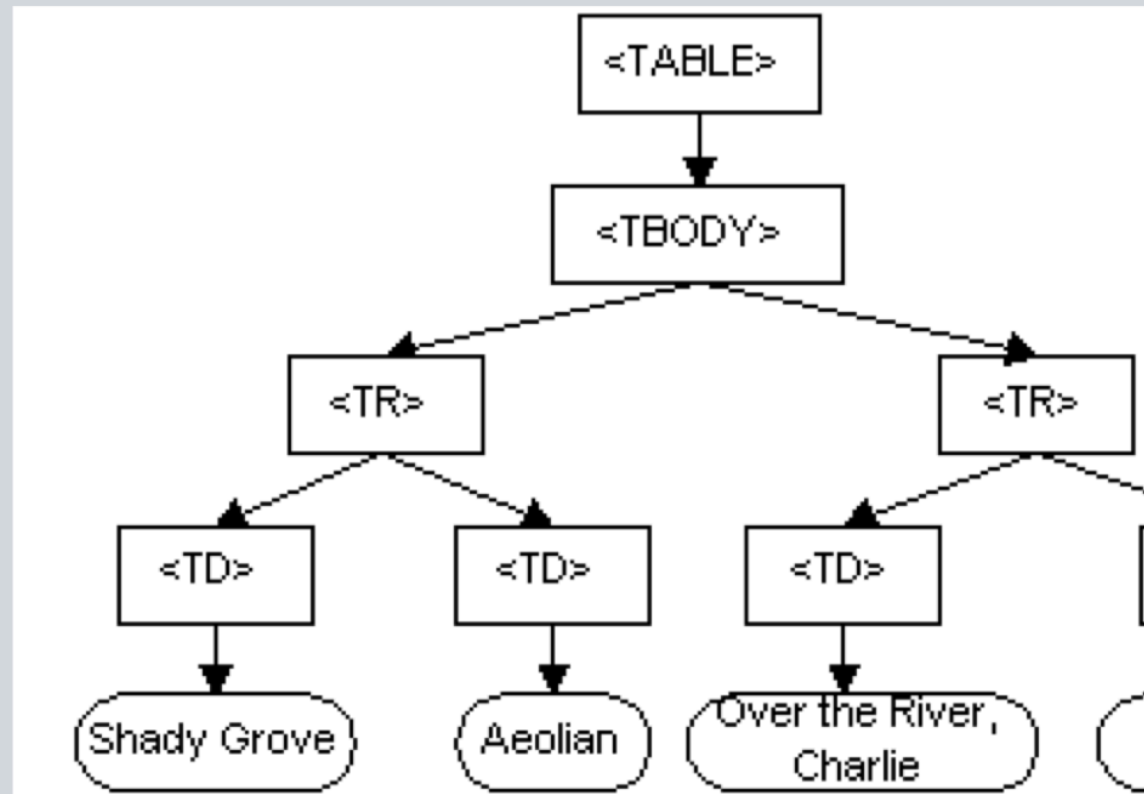
DOM = Document Object Model

>Shady Grove</td>  
>Aeolian</td>

>Over the River, Charlie</td>

>Dorian</td>

>



# Objects in the DOM

Objects exist for the **document**, the **window**, and everything in them

# Some useful functions...

`document.getElementById()`

`element.innerHTML`

Find the full list at [http://www.w3schools.com/sref/dom\\_obj\\_document.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/sref/dom_obj_document.asp))

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***Libraries***



### Lightweight Footprint

Only 32kB minified and gzipped. Can also be included as an AMD module



### CSS3 Compliant

Supports CSS3 selectors to find elements as well as in style property manipulation



### Cross-Browser

IE, Firefox, Safari, Opera, Chrome, and more



Download jQuery  
v1.10.2 or v2.0.3

[View Source on GitHub →](#)

[How jQuery Works →](#)

## What is jQuery?

jQuery is a fast, small, and feature-rich JavaScript library. It makes things like HTML document traversal and manipulation, event handling, animation, and Ajax much simpler with an easy-to-use API that works across a wide range of browsers. With a combination of versatility and extensibility, jQuery has changed the way that millions of developers write JavaScript.

## Who's Using jQuery



## Resources

- [jQuery Core API Documentation](#)
- [jQuery Learning Center](#)
- [jQuery Blog](#)
- [Contribute to jQuery](#)
- [About the jQuery Foundation](#)
- [Browse or Submit jQuery Bugs](#)



# Hide content

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Hide content</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p id="hide">Click to hide me!</p>
    <script src="jquery.js"></script>
    <script>
      $('#hide').click(function () {
        $('#hide').fadeOut("slow");
      });
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```



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***Slide show***

# Slide show HTML

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>Slide show</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css" />
</head>
<body>
  <div id="slides">
    <div id="inner">
      
      
      
      
    </div>
  </div>
  <script src="jquery.js"></script>
  <script src="script.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

# Slide show CSS

```
slides {  
  width: 991px;  
  height: 671px;  
  margin: 0 auto;  
  overflow: hidden;  
  position: relative;
```

```
  inner {  
    position: absolute;  
    left: 0;  
    top: 0;
```

```
  slides img {  
    float: left;
```

# Slide show JavaScript

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***What next?***

*Codecademy*

# Eloquent JavaScript

A modern introduction  
to programming

Marijn Haverbeke



```
bird.prototype.prototype  
= function() {  
  // ...  
}
```

# Resources

- Eloquent JavaScript
- w3schools.com
- Mozilla devmo
- WebMonkey
- The Rhino Book
- Visual Quickstart Guide
- Lynda tutorials
- JavaScript: The Good Parts
- Codecademy