Chapter 3 Introduction to Javascript

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JavaScript

- JavaScript is the programming language of HTML and the Web.
- Programming makes computers do what you want them to do. JavaScript is easy to learn.
- This tutorial will teach you JavaScript from basic to advanced.

Why Study JavaScript?

- JavaScript is one of the 3 languages all web developers must learn:
 - 1. HTML to define the content of web pages
 - 2. CSS to specify the layout of web pages
 - JavaScript to program the behaviour of web pages
- This lecture is about JavaScript, and how JavaScript works with HTML and CSS.

JavaScript Introduction

- JavaScript Can Change HTML Content
 One of many HTML methods is getElementById().
- This example uses the method to "find" an HTML element (with id="demo"), and changes the element content (innerHTML) to "Hello JavaScript":

Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <body>
  <h1>What Can JavaScript Do?</h1>
  JavaScript can change HTML content.
  <button type="button"
onclick="document.getElementById('demo').innerHTML =
'Hello JavaScript!">
    Click Me!
  </button>
 </body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Can Change HTML Attributes

This example changes an HTML image, by changing the src attribute of an tag:

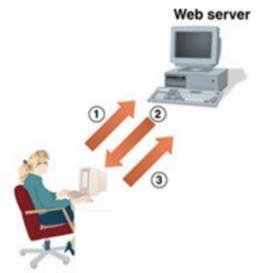
```
<!DOCTYPE html><html>
<body>
 <h1>JavaScript Can Change Images</h1>
 <img id="myImage" onclick="changeImage()" src="pic_bulboff.gif" width="100"
height="180">
 Click the light bulb to turn on/off the light.
 <script>
  function changeImage() {
   var image = document.getElementById('myImage');
   if (image.src.match("bulbon")) {
     image.src = "pic_bulboff.gif"; } else {
     image.src = "pic_bulbon.gif"; }
 </script>
</body> </html>
```

JavaScript Can Change HTML Styles (CSS)

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <body>
  <h1>What Can JavaScript Do?</h1>
  JavaScript can change the style of an HTML element.
  <script>
   function myFunction() {
     var x = document.getElementById("demo");
     x.style.fontSize = "25px";
    x.style.color = "red";
  </script>
  <button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Click Me!</button>
 </body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Can Validate Data

JavaScript is often used to validate input



Server-side validation

- 1) The user submits the form to the Web server.
- The Web server validates the user's responses and, if necessary, returns the form to the user for correction.
- After correcting any errors, the user resubmits the form to the Web server for another validation.



Client-side validation

- The user submits the form, and validation is performed on the user's computer.
- After correcting any errors, the user submits the form to the Web server.

Did You Know?

- JavaScript and Java are completely different languages, both in concept and design.
- JavaScript was invented by Brendan Eich in 1995, and became an ECMA standard in 1997.
- ECMA-262 is the official name. ECMAScript 5
 (JavaScript 1.8.5 July 2010) is the current standard

JavaScript Where To

- JavaScript can be placed in the <body> and the <head> sections of an HTML page.
- The <script> Tag In HTML, JavaScript code must be inserted between <script> and </script> tag

```
<script>
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "My First JavaScript";
</script>
```

JavaScript Functions and Events

- A JavaScript function is a block of JavaScript code, that can be executed when "asked" for.
- For example, a function can be executed when an event occurs, like when the user clicks a button.
- You will learn much more about functions and events in later chapters.

JavaScript in <head> or <body>

- You can place any number of scripts in an HTML document.
- Scripts can be placed in the <body>, or in the <head> section of an HTML page, or in both.
- Keeping all code in one place, is always a good habit.

JavaScript in <head>

- In this example, a JavaScript function is placed in the <head> section of an HTML page.
- The function is invoked (called) when a button is clicked:

Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <head>
  <script>
   function myFunction() {
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph
changed."; }
  </script>
 </head>
 <body>
  <h1>My Web Page</h1>
  A Paragraph
  <button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
 </body>
</html>
```

JavaScript in <body>

- In this example, a JavaScript function is placed in the <body> section of an HTML page.
- The function is invoked (called) when a button is clicked:

Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <body>
  <h1>My Web Page</h1>
  A Paragraph
  <button type="button" onclick="myFunction()">Try it</button>
  <script>
   function myFunction() {
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Paragraph
changed."; }
  </script>
 </body>
</html>
```

External JavaScript

- Scripts can also be placed in external files.
- External scripts are practical when the same code is used in many different web pages.
- JavaScript files have the file extension .js.
 To use an external script, put the name of the script file in the src (source)
- attribute of the <script> tag:

External JavaScript

- You can place an external script reference in <head> or <body> as you like.
- The script will behave as if it was located exactly where the <script> tag is located.
- External scripts cannot contain <script> tags.

External JavaScript Advantages

- Placing JavaScripts in external files has some advantages:
 - It separates HTML and code
 - It makes HTML and JavaScript easier to read and maintain
 - Cached JavaScript files can speed up page loads

JavaScript Output

- JavaScript does not have any built-in print or display functions.
- JavaScript Display Possibilities JavaScript can "display" data in different ways:
- Writing into an alert box, using window.alert().
- 2. Writing into the HTML output using document.write().
- 3. Writing into an HTML element, using innerHTML.
- 4. Writing into the browser console, using console.log().

Using window.alert()

You can use an alert box to display:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <body>
  <h1>My First Web Page</h1>
  My first paragraph.
  <script>
   window.alert(5 + 6);
  </script>
 </body>
</html>
```

Using document.write()

For testing purposes, it is convenient to use document.write():

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <body>
  <h1>My First Web Page</h1>
  My first paragraph.
  <script>
   document.write(5 + 6);
  </script>
 </body>
</html>
```

Using document.write()

Using document.write() after an HTML document is fully loaded, will delete all existing HTML:

Using innerHTML

- To access an HTML element, JavaScript can use the document.getElementById(id) method.
- The id attribute defines the HTML element. The innerHTML property defines the HTML content:

Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
 <h1>My First Web Page</h1>
 My First Paragraph
 <script>
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = 5 + 6;
 </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Using console.log()

- In your browser, you can use the console.log() method to display data.
- Activate the browser console with F12, and select "Console" in the menu.

Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <body>
  <h1>My First Web Page</h1>
  My first paragraph.
  <script>
   console.log(5 + 6);
  </script>
 </body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Syntax

- JavaScript syntax is the set of rules, how JavaScript programs are constructed.
- A computer program is a list of "instructions" to be "executed" by the computer.
- In a programming language, these program instructions are called statements.
- JavaScript is a programming language. JavaScript statements are separated by semicolon.

Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
 <h1>JavaScript Statements</h1>
 Statements are separated by semicolons.
 <p>The variables x, y, and z are assigned the values 5, 6, and 11:</p>

 <script>
  var x = 5;
  var y = 6;
  var z = x + y;
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = z;
 </script>
</body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Statements

- JavaScript statements are composed of:
 - Values.
 - Operators.
 - Expressions.
 - Keywords.
 - Comments.

1-JavaScript Values

- The JavaScript syntax defines two types of values: Fixed values and variable values.
- 1.1-Fixed values are called literals.
- 2.1-Variable values are called variables.

1.1-JavaScript Literals

- The most important rules for writing fixed values are:
- **Numbers** are written with or without decimals:
 - **10.50**
 - **1001**
- Strings are text, written within double or single quotes:
 - "John Doe"
 - 'John Doe'
- **Expressions** can also represent fixed values:
 - **5+6**
 - 5 * 10

1.2-JavaScript Variables

- In a programming language, variables are used to store data values.
- JavaScript uses the var keyword to define variables.
 - An equal sign is used to assign values to variables.
- In this example, x is defined as a variable. Then, x is assigned (given) the value 6:
 - var x;
 - x = 6;

2-JavaScript Operators

- JavaScript uses an assignment operator (=) to assign values to variables:
 - var x = 5;
 - var y = 6;
- JavaScript uses arithmetic operators (+ * /) to compute values: (5 + 6) * 10

Object literals

- You don't declare the types of variables in JavaScript
- JavaScript has object literals, written with this syntax:
 - { name1 : value1 , ... , nameN : valueN}
- Example (from Netscape's documentation):
 - - The fields are myCar, getCar, 7 (this is a legal field name), and special
 - "Saturn" and "Mazda" are Strings
 - CarTypes is a function call
 - Sales is a variable you defined earlier
 - Example use: document.write("I own a " + car.myCar);

Three ways to create an object

- You can use an object literal:
 - var course = { number: "CIT597", teacher: "Dr. Dave" }
- You can use new to create a "blank" object, and add fields to it later:

```
var course = new Object();
course.number = "CIT597";
course.teacher = "Dr. Dave";
```

You can write and use a constructor:

var course = new Course("CIT597", "Dr. Dave");

Array literals

- You don't declare the types of variables in JavaScript
- JavaScript has array literals, written with brackets and commas
 - Example: color = ["red", "yellow", "green", "blue"];
 - Arrays are zero-based: color[0] is "red"
- If you put two commas in a row, the array has an "empty" element in that location
 - Example: color = ["red", , , "green", "blue"];
 - color has 5 elements
 - However, a single comma at the end is ignored
 - Example: color = ["red", , , "green", "blue",]; still has 5 elements

Four ways to create an array

You can use an array literal: var colors = ["red", "green", "blue"];

```
You can use new Array() to create an empty array:
```

- var colors = new Array();
- You can add elements to the array later: colors[0] = "red"; colors[2] = "blue"; colors[1]="green";
- You can use new Array(n) with a single numeric argument to create an array of that size
 - var colors = new Array(3);
- You can use new Array(...) with two or more arguments to create an array containing those values:
 - var colors = new Array("red", "green", "blue");

The length of an array

- If myArray is an array, its length is given by myArray.length
- Array length can be changed by assignment beyond the current length
 - Example: var myArray = new Array(5); myArray[10] = 3;
- Arrays are sparse, that is, space is only allocated for elements that have been assigned a value
 - Example: myArray[50000] = 3; is perfectly OK
 - But indices must be between 0 and 2³²-1
- As in C and Java, there are no two-dimensional arrays;
 but you can have an array of arrays: myArray[5][3]

Arrays and objects

- Arrays are objects
- car = { myCar: "Saturn", 7: "Mazda" }
 - car[7] is the same as car.7
 - car.myCar is the same as car["myCar"]
- If you know the name of a property, you can use dot notation: car.myCar
- If you don't know the name of a property, but you have it in a variable (or can compute it), you must use array notation: car["my" + "Car"]

Array functions

- If myArray is an array,
 - myArray.sort() sorts the array alphabetically
 - myArray.sort(function(a, b) { return a b; }) sorts numerically
 - myArray.reverse() reverses the array elements
 - myArray.push(...) adds any number of new elements to the end of the array, and increases the array's length
 - myArray.pop() removes and returns the last element of the array, and decrements the array's length
 - myArray.toString() returns a string containing the values of the array elements, separated by commas

The for...in statement

- You can loop through all the properties of an object with for (variable in object) statement;

 - Possible output: teacher: Dr. Dave number: CIT597
 - The properties are accessed in an undefined order
 - If you add or delete properties of the object within the loop, it is undefined whether the loop will visit those properties
 - Arrays are objects; applied to an array, for...in will visit the "properties" 0, 1, 2, ...
 - Notice that course["teacher"] is equivalent to course.teacher
 - You must use brackets if the property name is in a variable

3-JavaScript Keywords

- JavaScript keywords are used to identify actions to be performed.
- The var keyword tells the browser to create a new variable:
 - var x = 5 + 6;
 - var y = x * 10;

4-JavaScript Comments

- Not all JavaScript statements are "executed".
- Code after double slashes // or between /* and */ is
- treated as a comment.
- Comments are ignored, and will not be executed:

```
var x = 5; // I will be executed
// var x = 6; I will NOT be executed
```

JavaScript is Case Sensitive

 All JavaScript identifiers are case sensitive. The variables lastName and lastname, are two different variables.

```
lastName = "Doe";
lastname = "Peterson";
```

JavaScript and Camel Case

- Historically, programmers have used three ways of joining multiple words into one variable name:
- Hyphens:
 - first-name, last-name, master-card, inter-city.
- Underscore:
 - first_name, last_name, master_card, inter_city.
- Camel Case:
 - FirstName, LastName, MasterCard, InterCity.
- Hyphens are not allowed in JavaScript. It is reserved for subtractions.

JavaScript Statements

- In HTML, JavaScript statements are "instructions" to be "executed" by the web browser.
- This statement tells the browser to write "Hello Dolly." inside an HTML element with id="demo":
- Example:

```
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Hello Dolly.";
```

JavaScript Programs

- Most JavaScript programs contain many JavaScript statements.
- The statements are executed, one by one, in the same order as they are written.
- In this example, x, y, and z is given values, and finally z is displayed: Example:

```
var x = 5;
var y = 6;
var z = x + y;
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = z;
```

JavaScript programs (and JavaScript statements) are often called JavaScript code.

Semicolons;

- Semicolons separate JavaScript statements.
- Add a semicolon at the end of each executable statement:

```
a = 5;
b = 6;
c = a + b;
```

When separated by semicolons, multiple statements on one line are allowed: a = 5; b = 6; c = a + b;

On the web, you might see examples without semicolons.
 Ending statements with semicolon is not required, but highly recommended.

JavaScript White Space

- JavaScript ignores multiple spaces. You can add white space to your script to make it more readable.
- The following lines are equivalent: var person = "Hege"; var person="Hege";
- A good practice is to put spaces around operators (= + * /):

```
var x = y + z;
```

JavaScript Line Length and Line Breaks

For best readability, programmers often like to avoid code lines longer than 80 characters. If a JavaScript statement does not fit on one line, the best place to break it, is after an operator:

```
document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Hello
Dolly.";
```

JavaScript Code Blocks

- JavaScript statements can be grouped together in code blocks, inside curly brackets {...}.
- The purpose of code blocks this is to define statements to be executed together.
- One place you will find statements grouped together in blocks, are in JavaScript functions:

```
function myFunction() {
  document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Hello Dolly.";
  document.getElementById("myDIV").innerHTML = "How are you?";
```

JavaScript Keywords

- JavaScript statements often start with a keyword to identify the JavaScript action to be performed.
- Here is a list of some of the keywords you will learn about in this lecture:
- JavaScript keywords are reserved words. Reserved words cannot be used as names for variables.

JavaScript Keywords

Keyword	Description
break	Terminates a switch or a loop
continue	Jumps out of a loop and starts at the top
debugger	Stops the execution of JavaScript, and calls (if available) the debugging function
do while	Executes a block of statements, and repeats the block, while a condition is true
for	Marks a block of statements to be executed, as long as a condition is true
function	Declares a function
if else	Marks a block of statements to be executed, depending on a condition
return	Exits a function
switch	Marks a block of statements to be executed, depending on different cases
try catch	Implements error handling to a block of statements
var	Declares a variable

Value = undefined

- In computer programs, variables are often declared without a value. The value can be something that has to be calculated, or something that will be provided later, like user input.
- A variable declared without a value will have the value undefined. The variable carName will have the value undefined after the execution of this statement:
- Example

```
var carName;
```

Control Structures

- There are three basic types of control structures in JavaScript: the if statement, the while loop, and the for loop
- Each control structure manipulates a block of JavaScript expressions beginning with { and ending with }

The If Statement

- The if statement allows JavaScript programmers to a make decision
- Use an if statement whenever you come to a "fork"
 in the program

```
If ( x = = 10)
{    y = x*x;
}
else
{    x = 0;
}
```

Repeat Loops

- A repeat loop is a group of statements that is repeated until a specified condition is met
- Repeat loops are very powerful programming tools; They allow for more efficient program design and are ideally suited for working with arrays

The While Loop

 The while loop is used to execute a block of code while a certain condition is true

```
count = 0;
while (count <= 10) {
  document.write(count);
  count++;
}</pre>
```

The For Loop

- The for loop is used when there is a need to have a counter of some kind
- The counter is initialized before the loop starts, tested after each iteration to see if it is below a target value, and finally updated at the end of the loop

Example: For Loop

// Print the numbers 1 through 10

i=1 initializes the counter

i<=10 is the target value

updates the i++ counter at the end of the loop

Example: For Loop

```
<SCRIPT>
document.write("1");
document.write("2");
document.write("3");
document.write("4");
document.write("5");
</SCRIPT>
```

```
<SCRIPT>
for (i=1; i<=5; i++) {
  document.write(i);
</SCRIPT>
```

Functions

- Functions are a collection of JavaScript statement that performs a specified task
- Functions are used whenever it is necessary to repeat an operation

Functions

- Functions have inputs and outputs
- The inputs are passed into the function and are known as arguments or parameters
- Think of a function as a "black box" which performs an operation

Defining Functions

- The most common way to define a function is with the function statement.
- The function statement consists of the function keyword followed by the name of the function, a comma-separated list of parameter names in parentheses, and the statements which contain the body of the function enclosed in curly braces

Example: Function

```
function square(x) {
    return x*x;
}

z = 3;

sqr_z = square(z);
```

Name of Function: square

Input/Argument: x

Output: x*x

Example: Function

```
function sum of squares(num1, num2) {
    return (num1*num1) + (num2*num2);
function sum of squares(num1, num2) {
    return (square(num1) + square(num2));
```

Javscript Events

- Events are actions that can be detected by Javascript
- Every element on a web page has certain events which can trigger Javascript functions
- Often placed within the HTML tag
 - <tag attribute1 attribute2 onEventName="javascript code;">
 -
- The set of all events which may occur and the page elements on which they can occur is part of the Document Object Model(DOM) not Javascript
 - Browsers don't necessarily share the same set of events

Common Javascript Events

Event Occurs when...

click
 User clicks on form element or link

change User changes value of text, textarea, or select element

focus User gives form element input focus

blur
 User removes input focus from form element

mouseover User moves mouse pointer over a link or anchor

mouseout
 User moves mouse pointer off of link or anchor

select User selects form element's input field

submit User submits a form

resize User resizes the browser window

load User loads the page in the Navigator

unloadUser exits the page

Event Handler

onClick

onChange

onFocus

onBlur

onMouseOver

onMouseOut

onSelect

onSubmit

onResize

onLoad

onUnload

The Document Object Model

- When a document is loaded in the web browser, a number of objects are created.
 - Most commonly used are window and document
- Window
 - open(), close(), alert(), confirm(), prompt()
- Document
 - Contains arrays which store all the components of your page
 - You can access and call methods on the components using the arrays
 - An object may also be accessed by its name
 - document.myform.address.value = "123 Main"
 - document.myform.reset()
 - Can also search for element by name or id
 - document.getElementById("myelementid")
 - document.getElementsByName("myelementname")

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