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# JavaScript: Objects and Functions

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Math

PROPERTIES

- E** Euler's constant
- LN2** natural logarithm of 2
- LN10** natural logarithm of 10
- LOG2E** base 2 logarithm of E
- LOG10E** base 10 logarithm of E
- PI** ratio circumference/diameter
- SQRT1\_2** square root of 1/2
- SQRT2** square root of 2

METHODS

- abs(x)** absolute value
- cbrt(x)** cube root
- clz32(x)** return leading zero bits (32)
- exp(x)** return e<sup>x</sup>
- expm1(x)** return e<sup>x</sup>-1
- hypot(x1, x2...)** length of hypotenuse
- imul(a, b)** signed multiply
- log(x)** natural logarithm (base e)
- log1p(x)** natural logarithm (1+x)
- log10(x)** base 10 logarithm
- log2(x)** base 2 logarithm
- max(x1, x2...)** return max number
- min(x1, x2...)** return min number
- pow(base, exp)** return base<sup>exp</sup>
- random()** float random number [0,1)
- sign(x)** return sign of number
- sqr(x)** square root of number

ROUND METHODS

- ceil(x)** superior round (smallest)
- floor(x)** inferior round (largest)
- fround(x)** nearest single precision
- round(x)** round (nearest integer)
- trunc(x)** remove fractional digits

TRIGONOMETRIC METHODS

- acos(x)** arccosine
- acosh(x)** hyperbolic arccosine
- asin(x)** arcsine
- asinh(x)** hyperbolic arcsine
- atan(x)** arctangent
- atan2(x, y)** arctangent of quotient x/y
- atanh(x)** hyperbolic arctangent
- cos(x)** cosine
- cosh(x)** hyperbolic cosine
- sin(x)** sine
- sinh(x)** hyperbolic sine
- tan(x)** tangent
- tanh(x)** hyperbolic tangent

JSON

METHODS

- parse(str, tf(k,v))** parse string to object
- stringify(obj, replf(wl, sp))** convert to str

Error()

PROPERTIES

- name** return name of error
- message** return description of error

Object()

PROPERTIES

- constructor** return ref. to object func.

METHODS

- assign(dst, src1, src2...)** copy values
- create(proto, prop)** create obj w/prop
- defineProperties(obj, prop)**
- defineProperty(obj, prop, desc)**
- freeze(obj)** avoid properties changes
- getOwnPropertyDescriptor(obj, prop)**
- getOwnPropertyNames(obj)**
- getOwnPropertySymbols(obj)**
- getPrototypeOf(obj)** return prototype
- is(val1, val2)** check if are same value
- isExtensible(obj)** check if can add prop
- isFrozen(obj)** check if obj is frozen
- isSealed(obj)** check if obj is sealed
- keys(obj)** return only keys of object
- preventExtensions(obj)** avoid extend
- seal(obj)** prop are non-configurable
- setPrototypeOf(obj, prot)** change prot

INSTANCE METHODS

- hasOwnProperty(prop)** check if exist
- isPrototypeOf(obj)** test in another obj
- propertyIsEnumerable(prop)**
- toString()** return equivalent string
- toLocaleString()** return locale version
- valueOf()** return primitive value

Promise()

METHODS

- all(obj)** return promise
- catch(onRejected(s)) = .then(undef,s)**
- then(onFulfilled(v), onRejected(s))**
- race(obj)** return greedy promise (res/rej)
- resolve(obj)** return resolved promise
- reject(reason)** return rejected promise

Proxy()

METHODS

- apply(obj, arg, arglist)** trap function call
- construct(obj, arglist)** trap new oper
- defineProperty(obj, prop, desc)**
- deleteProperty(obj, prop)** trap delete
- enumerate(obj)** trap for...in
- get(obj, prop, rec)** trap get property
- getOwnPropertyDescriptor(obj, prop)**
- getPrototypeOf(obj)**
- has(obj, prop)** trap in operator
- ownKeys(obj)**
- preventExtensions(obj)**
- set(obj, prop, value)** trap set property
- setPrototypeOf(obj, proto)**

globals

METHODS

- eval(str)** evaluate javascript code
- isFinite(obj)** check if is a finite number
- isNaN(obj)** check if is not a number
- parseInt(s, radix)** string to integer
- parseFloat(s, radix)** string to float
- encodeURIComponent(URI)** = to %3D
- decodeURIComponent(URI)** %3D to =

Set()

PROPERTIES

- size** return number of items

METHODS

- add(item)** add item to set
- has(item)** check if item exists
- delete(item)** del item & return if del
- clear()** remove all items from set

ITERATION METHODS

- entries()** iterate items
- values()** iterate only value of items

CALLBACK FOR EACH METHODS

- forEach(cb(e,i,a), arg)** exec for each

Map()

PROPERTIES

- size** return number of elements

METHODS

- set(key, value)** add pair key=value
- get(key)** return value of key
- has(key)** check if key exist
- delete(key)** del elem. & return if ok
- clear()** remove all elements from map

ITERATION METHODS

- entries()** iterate elements
- keys()** iterate only keys
- values()** iterate only values

CALLBACK FOR EACH METHODS

- forEach(cb(e,i,a), arg)** exec for each

Symbol()

PROPERTIES

- iterator** specifies default iterator
- match** specifies match of regexp
- species** specifies constructor function

METHODS

- for(key)** search existing symbols
- keyFor(sym)** return key from global reg

Generator()


METHODS


- next(value)** return obj w/(value,done)
- return(value)** return value & true done
- throw(exception)** throw an error

Others

FAST TIPS

- var** declare variable
- let** declare block scope local variable
- const** declare constant (read-only)
- func(a=1)** default parameter value
- func(...a)** rest argument (spread operator)
- (a) => { ... }** function equivalent (fat arrow)
- `string \${a}`** template with variables
- 0n** octal (8) number **n** to decimal
- 0b** binary (2) number **n** to decimal
- 0o** octal (8) number **n** to decimal
- 0x** hexadecimal (16) number **n** to decimal
- for (i in array) { ... }** iterate array, i = index
- for (e of array) { ... }** iterate array, e = value
- class B extends A { }** class sugar syntax



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# Outline

- Objects
- Functions
  - Closures



## JavaScript: The Definitive Guide, 7th Edition Chapter 5. Objects

### Mozilla Developer Network

- [Learn web development JavaScript » Dynamic client-side scripting » Introducing JavaScript objects](#)
- [Web technology for developers » JavaScript » JavaScript reference » Standard built-in objects » Object](#)
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# OBJECTS

# Big Warnings (*a.k.a., forget Java objects*)

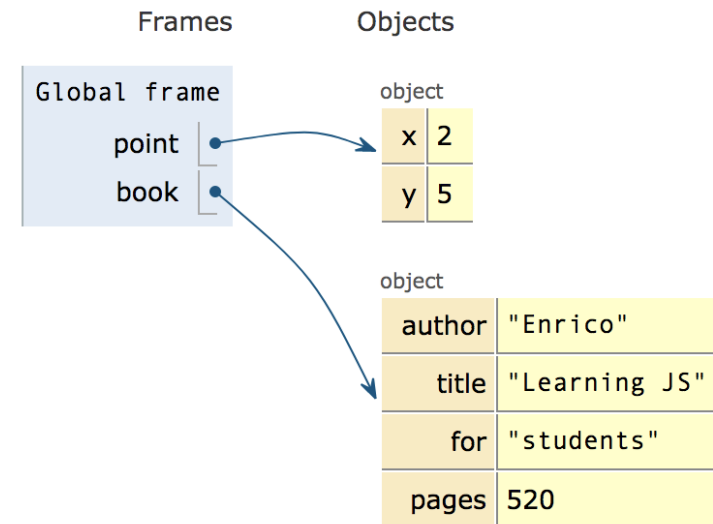
- In JavaScript, Objects may exist without Classes
  - Usually, Objects are **created directly**, without deriving them from a Class definition
- In JavaScript, Objects are dynamic
  - You may **add, delete, redefine** a **property** at any time
  - You may add, delete, redefine a **method** at any time
- In JavaScript, there are no access control methods
  - Every property and every method is always **public** (private/protected don't exist)
- There is no real difference between **properties and methods** (because of how JS functions work)

# Object

- An object is an **unordered collection of properties**
  - Each property has a **name** (key), and a **value**
- You store and retrieve *property values*, through the *property names*
- Object creation and initialization:

```
let point = { x: 2, y: 5 };  
  
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  title : "Learning JS",  
  for: "students",  
  pages: 520,  
};
```

Object literals syntax:  
{ "name": value,  
 "name": value, }  
or:  
{ name: value,  
 name: value, }



# Object Properties

## Property names are ...

- Identified as a **string**
- Must be unique in each object
- Created at object initialization
- Added after object creation
  - With assignment
- Deleted after object creation
  - With `delete` operator

## Property values are ...

- Reference to any **JS value**
- Stored inside the object
- May be **primitive** types
- May be **arrays**, other **objects**, ...
  - Beware: the object stores the reference, the value is *outside*
- May also be **functions** (*methods*)

# Accessing properties

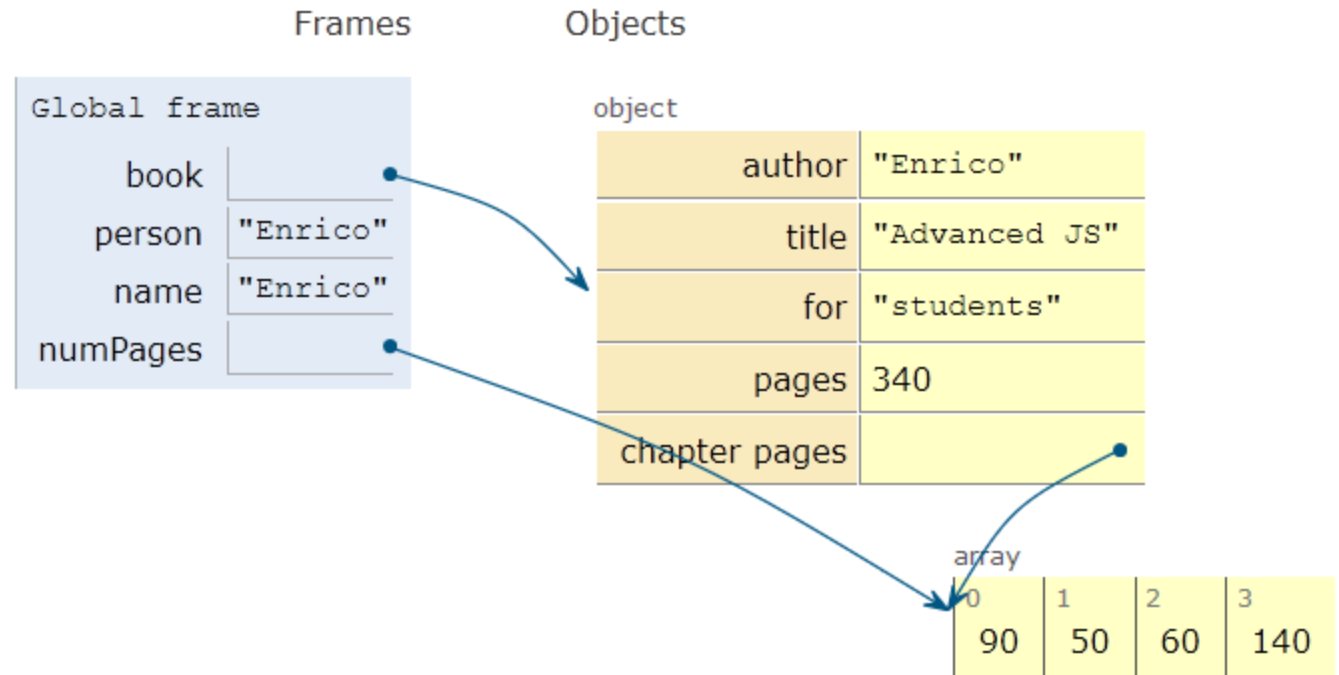
The . dot notation and omitting the quotes are allowed **when the property name is a valid identifier, only.**

book.title or book['title']  
book['my title'] and not ~~book.my title~~

- Dot (.) or square brackets [] notation

```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  title : "Learning JS",  
  for: "students",  
  pages: 340,  
  "chapter pages": [90,50,60,140]  
};
```

```
let person = book.author;  
let name = book["author"];  
let numPages =  
  book["chapter pages"];  
book.title = "Advanced JS";  
book["pages"] = 340;
```



# Objects as associative arrays

- The `[]` syntax looks like array access, but the index is *a string*
  - Generally known as *associative arrays*
- Setting a non-existing property creates it:
  - `person["telephone"] = "0110901234";`
  - `person.telephone = "0110901234";`
- Deleting properties
  - `delete person.telephone;`
  - `delete person["telephone"];`



# Computed property names

- Flexibility in creating object properties
  - `{[prop]: value}` -> creates an object with property name equal to *the value of the variable prop*
  - `[]` can contain more complex expressions: e.g., *i*-th line of an object with multiple "address" properties (address1, address2, ...):  
`person["address"+i]`
    - **Using expressions is not recommended...**
- Beware of quotes:
  - `book["title"]` -> property called `title`
    - Equivalent to `book.title`
  - `book[title]` -> property called with the value of variable `title` (if exists)
    - If `title=="author"`, then equivalent to `book["author"]`
    - No equivalent in dot-notation

# Property access errors

- If a property is not defined, the (attempted) access returns `undefined`
- If unsure, must check before accessing
  - Remember: `undefined` is *falsy*, you may use it in Boolean expressions

```
let surname = undefined;  
if (book) {  
  if (book.author) {  
    surname = book.author.surname;  
  }  
}
```

```
surname = book && book.author && book.author.surname;
```

# Iterating over properties

- **for** .. **in** iterates over the properties

```
for( let a in {x: 0, y:3}) {  
    console.log(a) ;  
}
```

```
x  
y
```

```
let book = {  
    author : "Enrico",  
    pages: 340,  
    chapterPages: [90,50,60,140],  
};
```

```
for (const prop in book)  
    console.log(`${prop} = ${book[prop]}`);
```

```
author = Enrico  
pages = 340  
chapterPages = 90,50,60,140
```

# Iterating over properties

- All the (enumerable) properties names (keys) of an object can be accessed as an array, with:

- `let keys = Object.keys(my_object) ;`

```
[ 'author', 'pages' ]
```

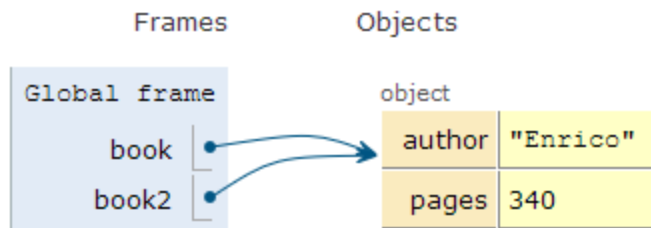
- All pairs [key, value] are returned as an array with:

- `let keys_values = Object.entries(my_object)`

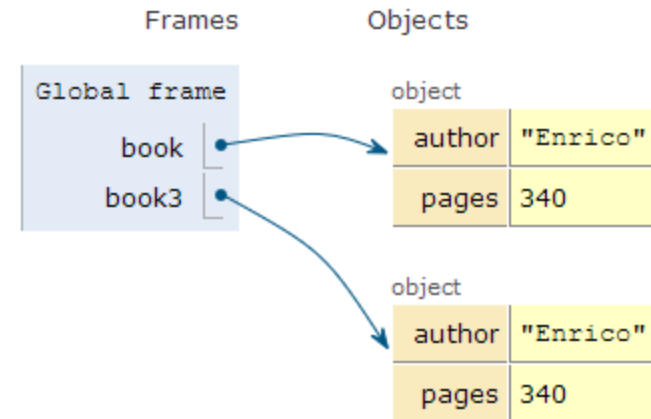
```
[ [ 'author', 'Enrico' ], [ 'pages', 340 ] ]
```

# Copying objects

```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  pages: 340,  
};  
  
let book2 = book; // ALIAS
```



```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  pages: 340,  
};  
  
let book3 = // COPY  
  Object.assign({}, book);
```



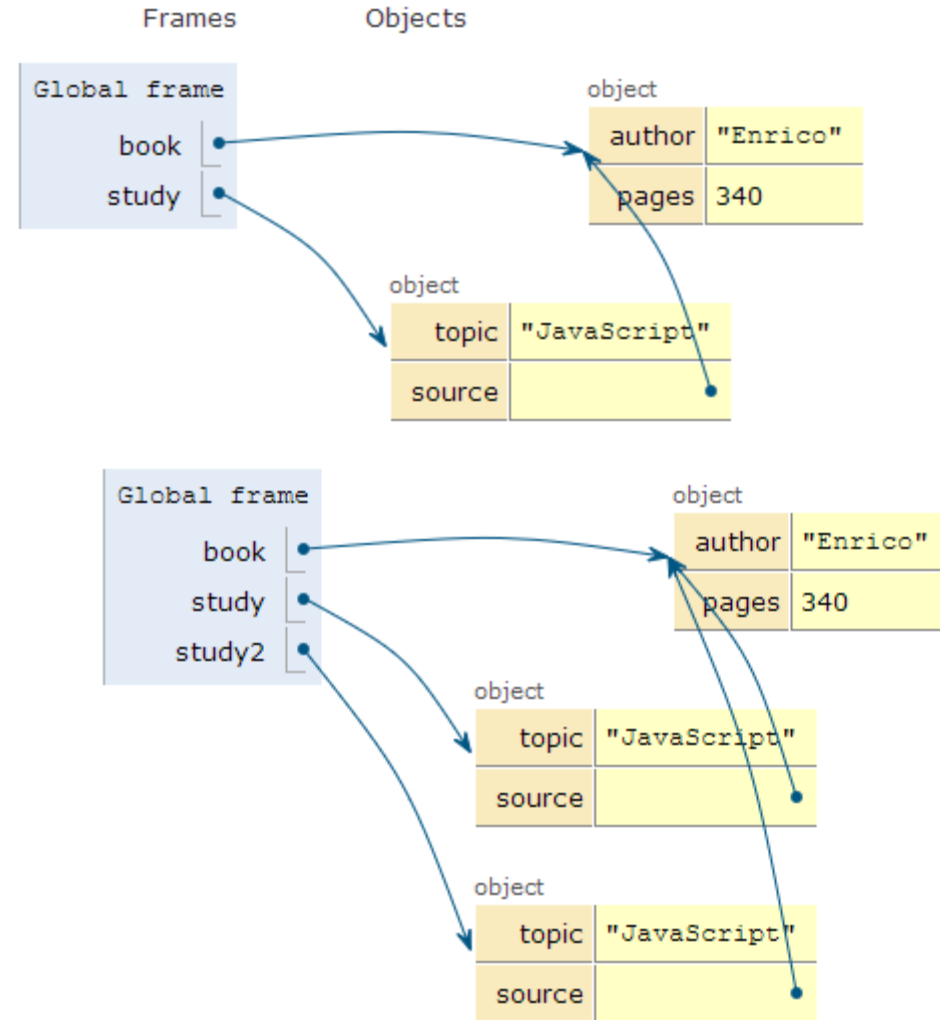
# Object.assign

- `let new_object = Object.assign(target, source);`
- Assigns all the properties from the `source` object to the `target` one
- The target may be a new object: `{}`
- The target may be an existing object
- If properties already exists, they will be overwritten
- Returns the target object (after modification)

# Beware! Shallow copy, only

```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  pages: 340,  
};  
  
let study = {  
  topic: "JavaScript",  
  source: book,  
};
```

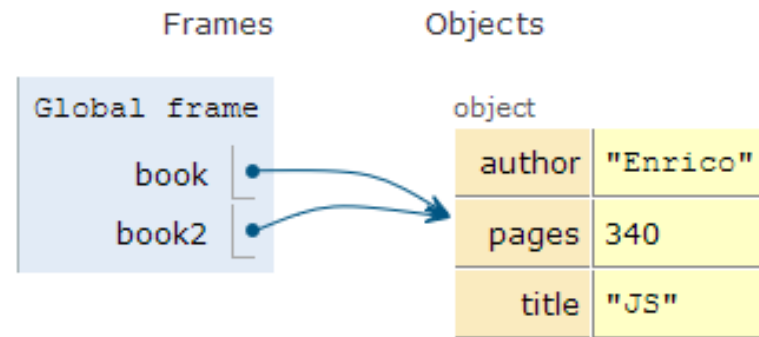
```
let study2 = Object.assign({},  
  study);
```



# Merge properties (on existing object)

- `Object.assign(target, default values, ..other sources..);`

```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  pages: 340,  
};  
  
let book2 = Object.assign(  
  book, {title: "JS"}  
);
```

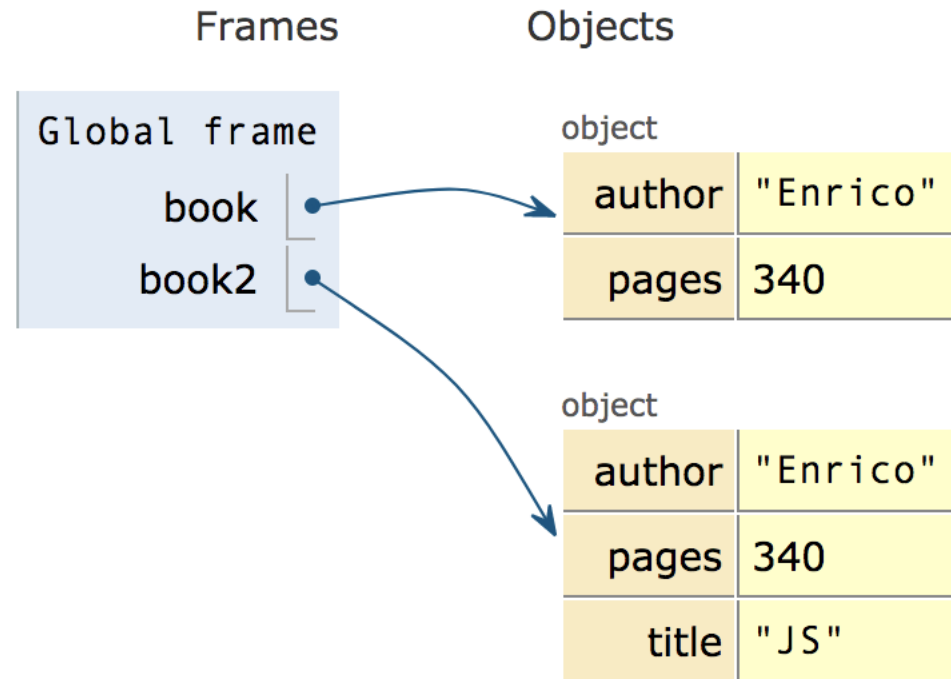




# Merge properties (on new object)

- `Object.assign(target, default values, ..sources..);`

```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  pages: 340,  
};  
  
let book2 = Object.assign(  
  {}, {title: "JS"}, book  
);
```



# Copying with **spread operator** (ES9 – ES2018)

```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  pages: 340,  
};  
  
let book2 = {...book, title: "JS"};  
let book3 = { ...book2 } ;  
console.log(book2);
```

```
{ author: 'Enrico', pages: 340, title: 'JS' }
```

```
const {a,b,...others} =  
  {a:1, b:2, c:3, d:4};  
  
console.log(a);  
console.log(b);  
console.log(others);
```

```
1  
2  
{ c: 3, d: 4 }
```

# Checking if properties exist

- Operator **in**
  - Returns true if property is in the object. Do not use with Array

```
let book = {  
  author : "Enrico",  
  pages: 340,  
};
```

```
console.log('author' in book);  
delete book.author;  
console.log('author' in book);
```

```
true  
false
```

```
const v=['a','b','c'];  
  
console.log('b' in v);
```

```
console.log('PI' in Math);
```

```
false  
true
```

# Object creation (equivalent methods)

- By object literal: `const point = {x:2, y:5} ;`
- By object literal (empty object): `const point = {} ;`
- By constructor: `const point = new Object() ;`
- By object static method create:  
`const point = Object.create({x:2,y:5}) ;`
- Using a *constructor function*

Preferred



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# FUNCTIONS

# Functions

- **One of the most important** elements in JavaScript
- Delimits a block of code with a private scope
- Can accept parameters and returns one value
  - Can also be an object
- Functions themselves **are objects** in JavaScript
  - They can be **assigned** to a variable
  - Can be **passed** as an argument
  - Used as a **return** value

# Declaring functions: 3 ways

## 1) Classic

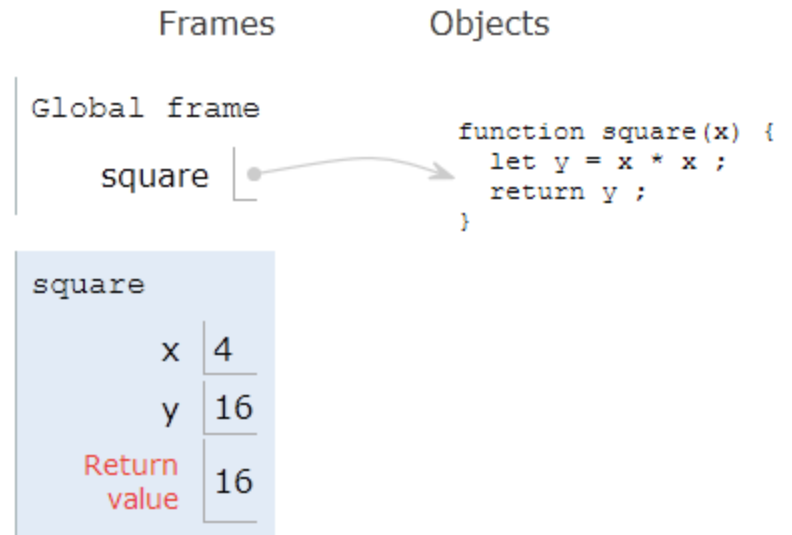
```
function do(params) {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

# Classic functions

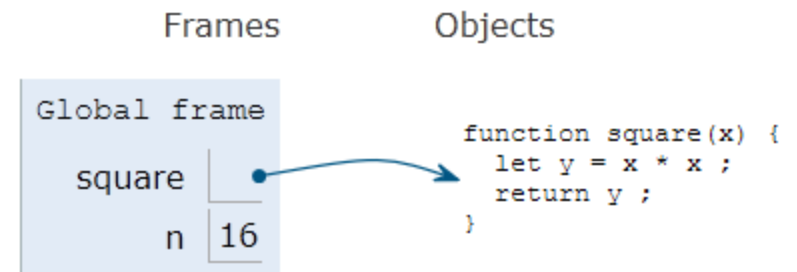
```
function square(x) {  
  let y = x * x ;  
  return y ;  
}
```

```
let n = square(4) ;
```

During  
execution



After  
execution





# Parameters

- Comma-separated list of parameter names
  - May assign a default value, e.g., `function(a, b=1) {}`
- Parameters are passed **by-value**
  - Copies of the **reference** to the object
- Parameters that are not passed in the function call get the value 'undefined'
- Check missing/optional parameters with:
  - `if(p===undefined) p = default_value ;`
  - `p = p || default_value ;`

# Variable number of parameters

- Syntax for functions with variable number of parameters, using the `...` operator (called “rest”)

```
function fun (par1, par2, ...arr) { }
```

- The “rest” parameter must be the last, and will deposit all extra arguments into an array

```
function sumAll(initVal, ...arr) {  
  let sum = initVal;  
  for (let a of arr) sum += a;  
  return sum;  
}  
sumAll(0, 2, 4, 5); // 11
```

# Declaring functions: 3 ways

## 1) Classic

```
function do(params) {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

## 2a) Function expression

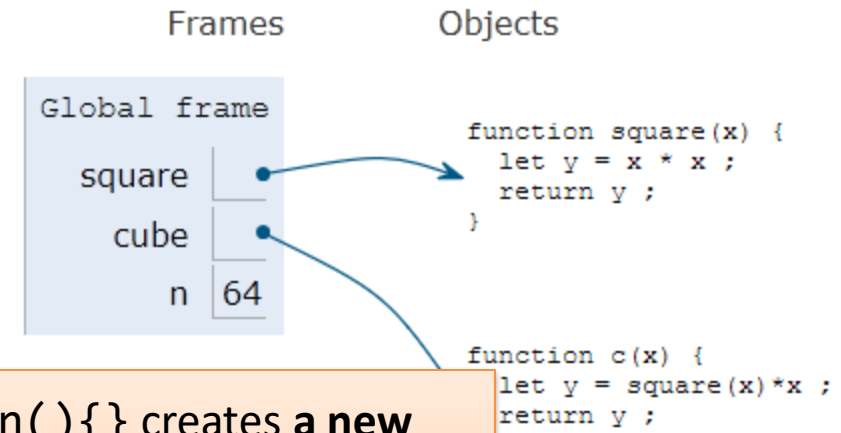
```
const fn = function(params) {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

## 2b) Named function expression

```
const fn = function do(params) {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

# Function expression: indistinguishable

```
function square(x) {  
  let y = x * x ;  
  return y ;  
}  
  
let cube = function c(x) {  
  let y = square(x)*x ;  
  return y ;  
}  
  
let n = cube(4) ;
```



The *expression* `function() {}` creates a **new object of type 'function'** and returns the result.

Any variable may “refer” to the function and call it.  
You can also store that reference into an array, an object property, pass it as a parameter to a function, redefine it, ...

method

callback

# Declaring functions: 3 ways

## 1) Classic

```
function do(params) {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

## 2a) Function expression

```
const fn = function(params) {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

## 3) Arrow function

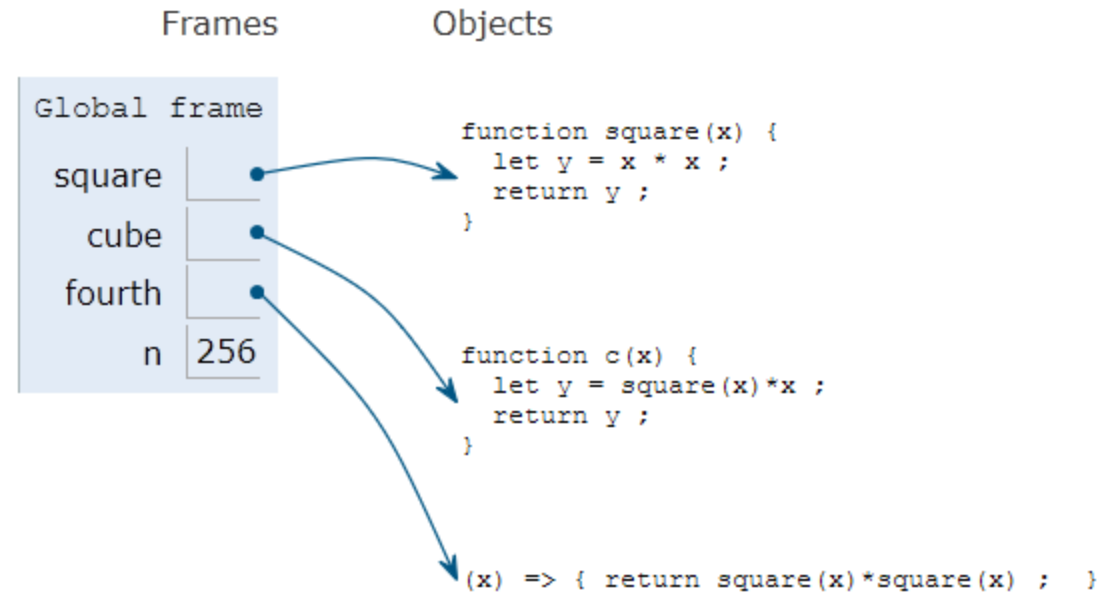
```
const fn = (params) => {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

## 2b) Named function expression

```
const fn = function do(params) {  
  /* do something */  
}
```

# Arrow Function: just a shortcut

```
function square(x) {  
  let y = x * x ;  
  return y ;  
}  
  
let cube = function c(x) {  
  let y = square(x)*x ;  
  return y ;  
}  
  
let fourth = (x) => { return  
square(x)*square(x) ; }  
  
let n = fourth(4) ;
```



# Parameters in arrow functions

```
const fun = () => { /* do something */ }           // no params
```

```
const fun = param => { /* do something */ }         // 1 param
```

```
const fun = (param) => { /* do something */ }       // 1 param
```

```
const fun = (par1, par2) => { /* smtg */ } // 2 params
```

```
const fun = (par1 = 1, par2 = 'abc') => { /* smtg */ } // default values
```

# Return value

- Default: **undefined**
- Use **return** to return a value
- Only one value can be returned
- However, objects (or arrays) can be returned

```
const fun = () => { return ['hello', 5] ; }  
const [ str, num ] = fun() ;  
console.log(str) ;
```

- Arrow functions have **implicit return** if there is only one value

```
let fourth = (x) => { return square(x)*square(x) ; }  
let fourth = x => square(x)*square(x) ;
```



# Nested functions

- Function can be nested, i.e., defined within another function

```
function hypotenuse(a, b) {  
    const square = x => x*x ;  
    return Math.sqrt(square(a) + square(b));  
}
```

=> Preferred in nested functions

```
function hypotenuse(a, b) {  
    function square(x) { return x*x; }  
    return Math.sqrt(square(a) + square(b));  
}
```

- The inner function is *scoped within* the external function and cannot be called outside
- The inner function might *access variables declared* in the *outside* function

# Closure: definition (somewhat cryptic)

A **closure** is a name given to a feature in the language by which a **nested** function executed **after** the execution of the outer function can still access **outer function's scope**.

Really: one of the most important concepts in JS

<https://medium.com/@vvkchandra/learn-javascript-closures-through-the-laws-of-karma-49d32d35b3f7>

# Closures

- JS uses *lexical scoping*
  - Each new functions defines a *scope* for the variables declared inside
  - Nested functions may access the scope of *all enclosing* functions
- Every function object **remembers the scope** where it is defined, even after the external function is no longer active → Closure

```
"use strict" ;

function greeter(name) {
    const myname = name ;

    const hello = function () {
        return "Hello " + myname ;
    }

    return hello ;
}

const helloTom = greeter("Tom") ;
const helloJerry = greeter("Jerry") ;

console.log(helloTom()) ;
console.log(helloJerry()) ;
```

Warning: not  
return hello() ;

# Closures

- `hello` accesses the variable `myname`, defined in the outer scope
- The function is returned (as `helloTom` or `helloJerry`)
- Each of the functions “remembers” the reference to `myname`, when it was defined
- The variable `myname` goes out of scope, but is not destroyed
  - Still accessible (referred) by the `hello` functions.

```
"use strict" ;

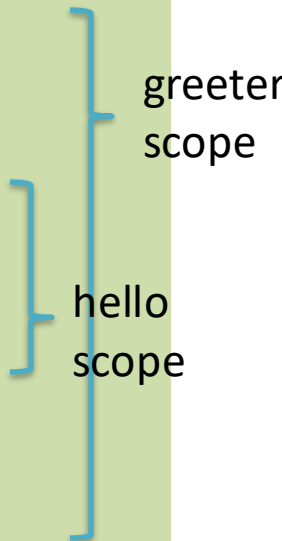
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        return "Hello " + myname ;
    }

    return hello ;
}

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console.log(helloTom()) ;
console.log(helloJerry()) ;
```



# Using closures to emulate objects

```
"use strict" ;

function counter() {
  let value = 0 ;

  const getNext = () => {
    value++;
    return value;
  }

  return getNext ;
}
```

```
const count1 = counter() ;
console.log(count1()) ;
console.log(count1()) ;
console.log(count1()) ;
```

```
const count2 = counter() ;
console.log(count2()) ;
console.log(count2()) ;
console.log(count2()) ;
```

```
1
2
3
1
2
3
```

# Using closures to emulate objects (with methods)

```
"use strict";

function counter() {
  let n = 0;

  // return an object,
  // containing two function-valued
  // properties
  return {
    count: function() {
      return n++;
    },
    reset: function() { n = 0; }
  };
}
```

```
let c = counter(), d = counter();
      // Create two counters

c.count()
      // => 0

d.count()
      // => 0: they count independently

c.reset()
      // reset() and count() methods

c.count()
      // => 0: because we reset c

d.count()
      // => 1: d was not reset
```

# Immediately Invoked Function Expressions (IIFE)

- Functions may protect the *scope* of variables and inner functions
- May declare a function
  - With internal variables
  - With inner functions
  - Call it only once, and discard everything

```
( function() {  
    let a = 3 ;  
    console.log(a) ;  
} ) () ;
```

```
let num = ( function() {  
    let a = 3 ;  
    return a ;  
} ) () ;
```

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<https://medium.com/@vvkchandra/essential-javascript-mastering-immediately-invoked-function-expressions-67791338ddc6>

# Using IIFE to emulate objects (with methods)

```
"use strict";

const c = (
  function () {
    let n = 0;

    return {
      count: function () {
        return n++;
      },
      reset: function () {
        n = 0;
      }
    };
  })();
```

```
console.log(c.count());
console.log(c.count());
c.reset();
console.log(c.count());
console.log(c.count());
```

```
0
1
0
1
```



# Construction functions

- Define the object type
  - Use a capital initial letter
  - Set the properties with the keyword **this**
- Create an instance of the object with **new**

```
function Car(make, model, year) {  
  this.make = make;  
  this.model = model;  
  this.year = year;  
  this.isNew = ()=>(year>2000);  
}
```

```
let mycar = new Car('Eagle',  
  'Talon TSi', 1993);
```

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