

# Week 13 | Intro to Javascript

# What is Javascript?

HTML = scaffolding  
(Bones / building blocks)

CSS = facade

(Paint / design / what the world sees)

Javascript = wiring / plumbing  
(What makes interactivity work!)

Or, in other words ...



# HTML != programming

HTML is a *markup* language, not a programming language.

A *programming* language has logic and makes decisions based  
on that logic

If you are  Female  Male and  Hispanic  Black  Asian  White\*  Native American and  LGB  Heterosexual and  under 45  45-64  over 64

and have  not attended college  some college  associate's degree  bachelor's degree  higher degree

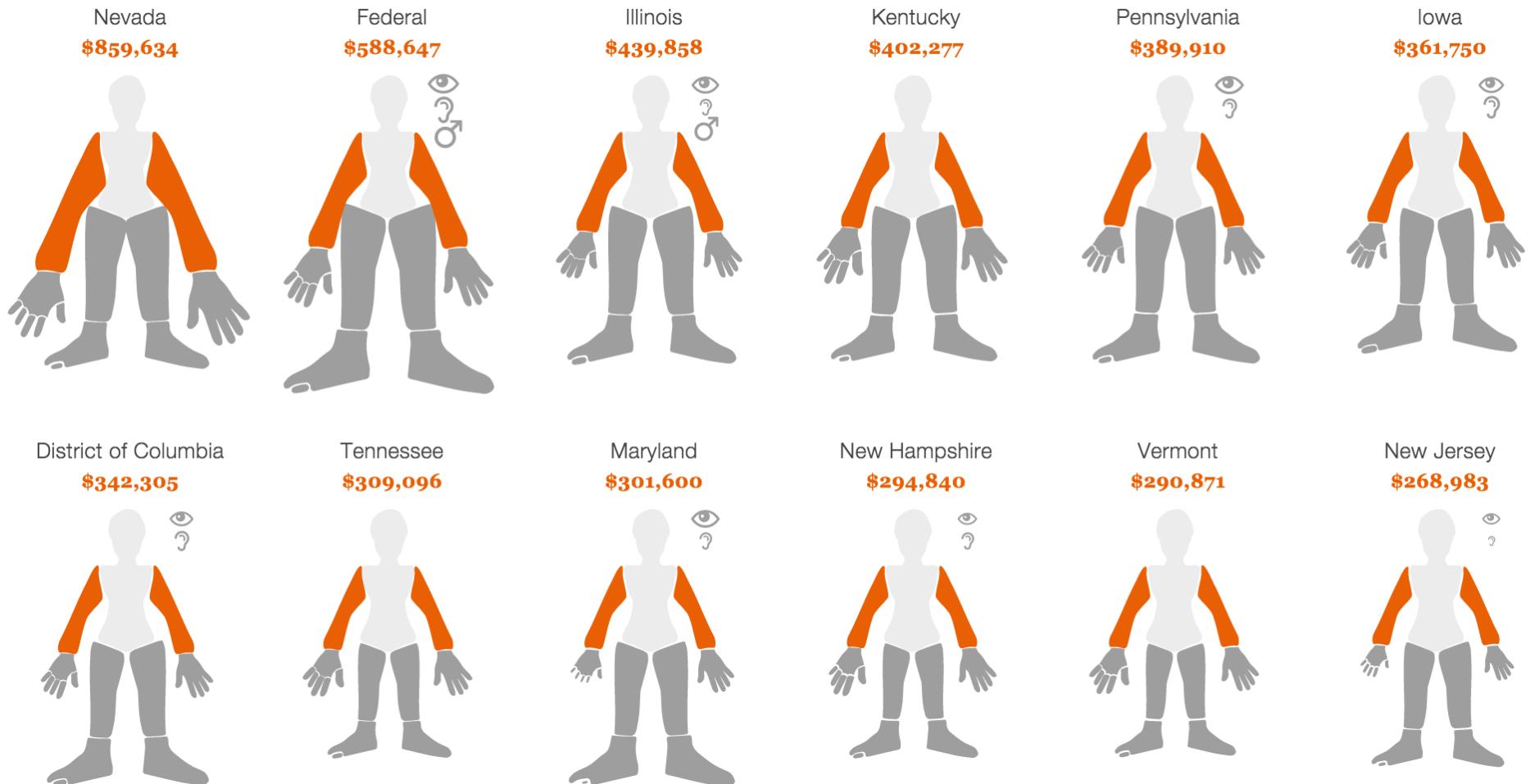
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(Does not include one open seat, up for special election)

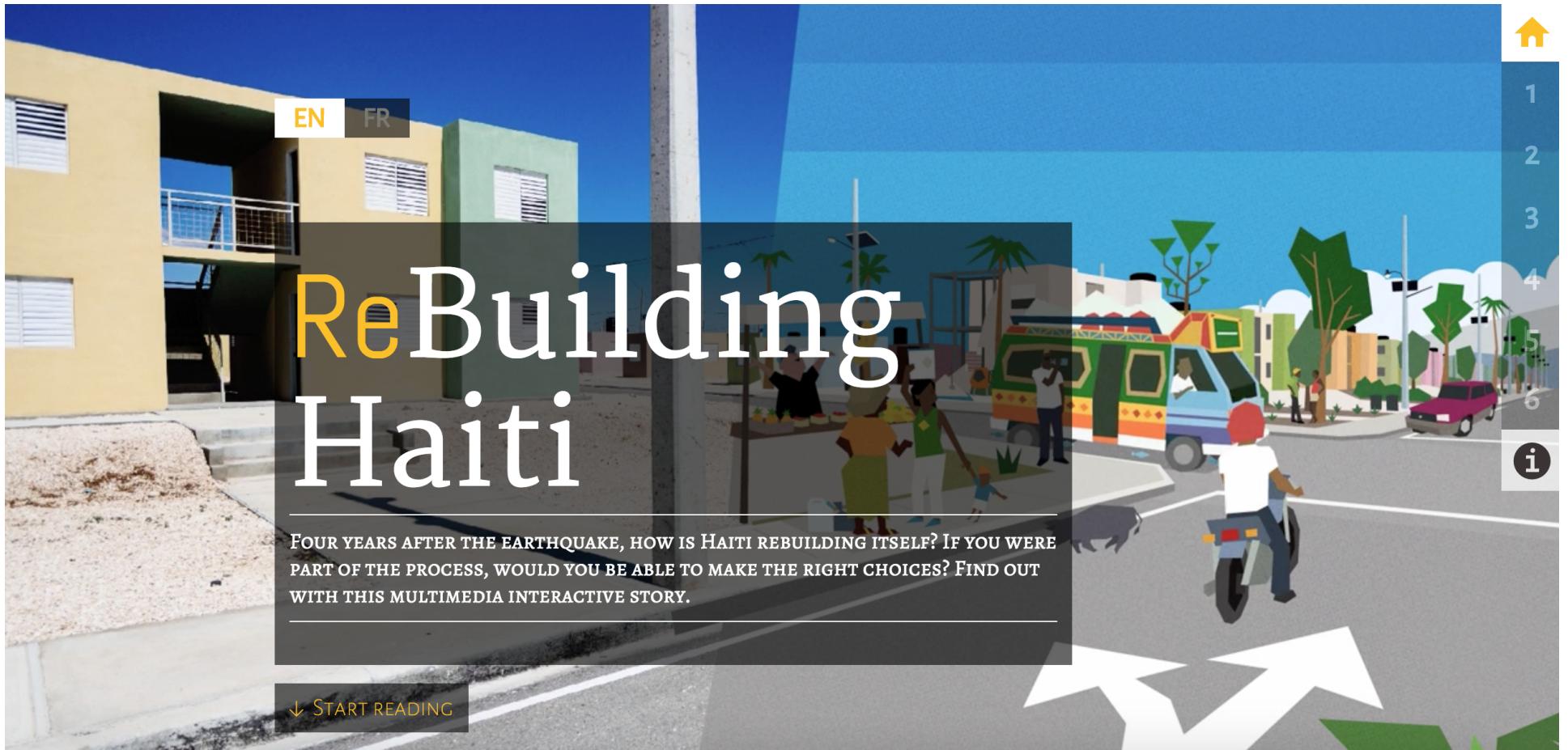


Via Guardian

The average maximum compensation for one **Arm** in **The USA** is **\$169,878**



Via ProPublica



Via Rue 89

# Are You Good Enough to Be a Tennis Line Judge?

Watch a series of shots at full speed and decide whether each was in or out. Some will be traveling upwards of 100 miles per hour and you only get one chance to make the call. Good luck!

 Turn on audio to hear when the player hits the ball.

CENTER SERVICE LINE  
EASY

BASELINE  
MEDIUM

SERVICE LINE  
HARD

SIDELINE  
EXPERT



Via Wall Street Journal



# The Counted

People killed by police in the US

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NOVEMBER 24

**Michael Kirvelay, 45**  
Gunshot

Minnesota

NOVEMBER 24

**Freddy Baez, 24**  
Gunshot

New Jersey

NOVEMBER 23

**Henry Reyna, 49**  
Gunshot

Texas

NOVEMBER 23

**Barry Kirk, 50**  
Gunshot

Ohio

NOVEMBER 22

**Miguel Martinez, 28**  
Gunshot

Colorado

NOVEMBER 22

**Mathew Grows, 45**  
Gunshot

Nevada

NOVEMBER 22

**James Hall, 46**  
Gunshot

California

NOVEMBER 21

**Christopher Nichols, 24**  
Gunshot

Oklahoma

NOVEMBER 20

**William Tarrant, 39**  
Gunshot

Georgia

NOVEMBER 20

**Unknown**  
Gunshot

California

NOVEMBER 20

**Chase Sherman, 32**  
Taser

Georgia

NOVEMBER 19

**Le Dormil, 27**  
Gunshot

Florida

NOVEMBER 19

**Randy Smith, 34**  
Gunshot

Florida

NOVEMBER 19

**Nathaniel Pickett, 29**  
Gunshot

California

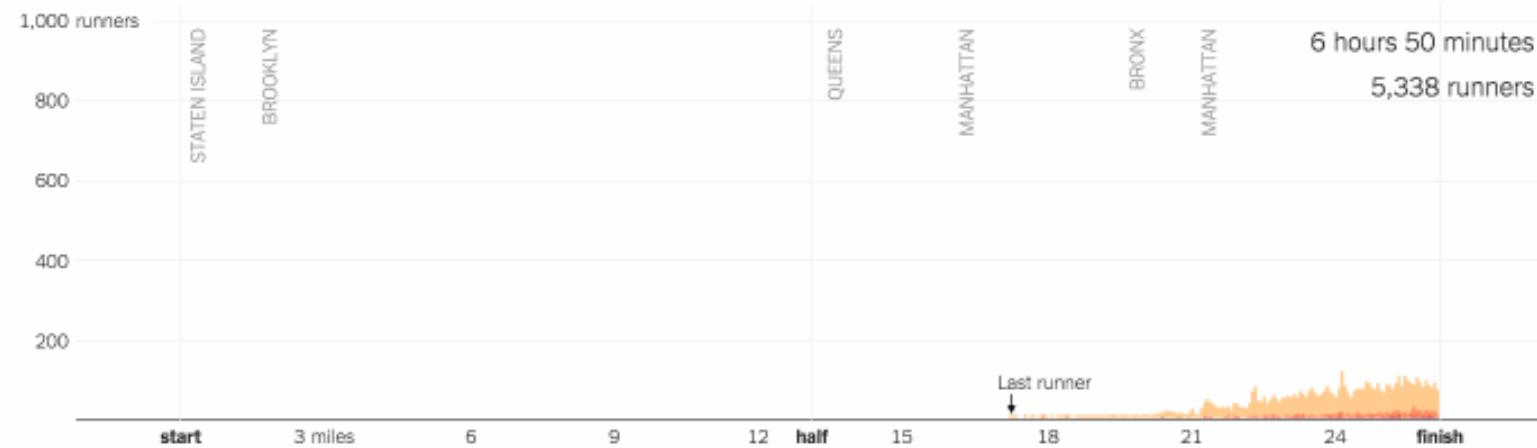
NOVEMBER 19

**Darick Napper, 34**  
Gunshot

District of Columbia

Via Guardian

## 50,000 Runners, Moving in Waves



Via [NY Times](#)

# When to use interactivity:

- to allow users to explore the data (ex. hover)
  - to show multiple views of the data
- to better explain a concept (ex. through animation)
- when user input helps to better understand the story

Bottom line:

- use interactivity to make your page or graphic more engaging
- use it to help the reader understand the story better

# When NOT to use interactivity:

- when it adds confusion rather than clarity
- when it's cool, but doesn't add anything to the reader's understanding
  - when it leads to information overload
- when user input doesn't give a new/better experience

# So what is programming?

Giving the computer a set of instructions to do something

# JavaScript = programming language

A common set of instructions that both the computer and you  
can understand

"Computer, draw a line."

"Computer, hide this box when I click."

"Now, make the box red. And make it bigger."

"The amazing thing about Javascript is that it is possible to get work done with it without knowing much about the language, or even knowing much about programming."

– Douglas Crockford, author of JavaScript: The Good Parts

Though... "It is even better when you know what you're doing."

# Today we'll cover how to:

- show/hide elements
  - change colors
  - swap out text
- perform different actions based on different conditions
  - make some calculations

To begin, let's open our browser consoles ...  
... and alert the world that we're learning JavaScript!

# 1. How to hide elements with JavaScript

# Function

A block of code that tells the computer to execute a particular task

```
function doSomething() {  
    // write code here!  
}
```

## 2. How to change colors and other styles

### 3. How to swap out text



## 4. How to make conditional statements (if/else)

# Variables

Containers for storing data values

```
var name = "Nadja";
```

# Data types

- Numbers (1, 2, 3.14, 100000, etc.)

```
var num = 3.14;
```

- Strings ("Nadja", "I love my pet cat, Wally.", etc.)

```
var sentence = "I love my pet cat, Wally.;"
```

- Boolean values (True, False)

```
var isCUNYinstructor = true;
```

## 5. How to calculate!

# Comparison operators:

- `>` Greater than
- `<` Less than
- `<=` Less than or equal to
- `>=` Greater than or equal to
- `==` Equal to
- `!=` **Not** equal to

**BREAK!**

Today's exercises:

<http://bit.ly/js-exercises>