

Chapter 2: JavaScript Language Basics:

3 Let's start coding:

index.html:

```
<!DOCTYPE ...
```

```
<body>
```

```
<h1> Section 2: JavaScript Language Basics </h1>
```

```
</body>
```

```
<script src="script.js"> </script>
```

```
</html>
```

script.js:

```
console.log('Hello World!!!');
```

4. A Brief Introduction to JavaScript:

What is JavaScript?

JavaScript is:

- A lightweight, cross-platform, object-oriented programming language.
- One of the three core technologies of web development.

JavaScript is used in:

- Client-side: It was traditionally used only in the browser.
- server-side: With NodeJS, we can use JavaScript on the server as well.

With JavaScript:

- Dynamic effects & interactivity is possible.
- Frameworks like React / Angular are based on JavaScript

JavaScript Versions:

ES5 → ES6/ES2015 → ES7/ES2016 → ES8/ES2017

5. Variables and Data Types:

Primitive JS datatypes:

- Number: Floating point numbers, for decimals and integers.
- String: Sequence of characters, used for text.
- Boolean: Logical data type that can only be true or false.
- Undefined: Data type of a variable that does not have a value yet.

→ Null Also means 'non-existent'.

JavaScript has dynamic typing: data types are automatically assigned to variables.

Script.js:

use camel cases in JS
var firstName = 'John';

console.log(firstName);

var lastName = 'Smith';

var age = 28;

var fullAge = true;

console.log(fullAge);

var job; → This is undefined

console.log(~~job~~); But it is defined here.

job = 'Teacher';

console.log(job);

Variables names should always start with
var _3years = 3; or alphabet, underscore or \$.

var johnMark = 'John and Mark';

// var if = 23;

→ Don't use reserved keywords as variable name

Output: John

true

undefined

Teacher

6. Variable Mutation and Type Coercion:

Script.js:

```
/* Comment out the previously written code  
*/
```

```
/* Variable mutation and type coercion  
*/
```

```
var firstName = 'John';
```

```
var age = 28;
```

```
// Type coercion: This means, all the output we are  
// getting in the console is type coerced i.e., converted  
// into a string
```

```
console.log(firstName + ' ' + age);
```

```
var job, isMarried;
```

```
job = 'teacher';
```

```
isMarried = false;
```



```
console.log ( firstName + ' is a ' + age + ' year old ' +  
job + '. Is he married? ' + isMarried );
```

// Variable mutation: Means to change the value of a variable.

```
age = 'twenty eight';
```

```
job = 'driver';
```

```
alert ( firstName + ' is a ' + age + ' year old ' +  
job + '. Is he married? ' + isMarried );
```

```
var lastName = prompt ('What is his last Name?');
```

```
console.log ( firstName + ' ' + lastName );
```

7. Basic Operators:

/*: Comment out the above written code.

Basic operators

*/

```
var year, yearJohn, yearMark;
```

```
now = 2018;
```

```
ageJohn = 28;
```

```
ageMark = 33;
```

// Math operators

```
yearJohn = now - ageJohn;
```

```
yearMark = now - ageMark;
```

```
console.log(yearJohn);
```

```
console.log(now + 2);
```

```
console.log(now * 2);
```

```
console.log(now / 10);
```

```
// Logical operators
```

```
var johnOlder = ageJohn < ageMark;
```

```
console.log(johnOlder);
```

```
// typeof operator
```

```
console.log(typeof johnOlder);
```

```
console.log(typeof ageJohn);
```

```
console.log(typeof 'Mark is older than John');
```

```
var x;
```

```
console.log(typeof x);
```

Output: 1990

2020

4036

201.8

true

boolean

number

string

undefined

IMP 8. Operator Precedence:

You can find the precedence of different operators here: [codingheroes.com](https://www.codingheroes.com/javascript/operator-precedence/) → JavaScript Operator Precedence.

script.js:

comment out the previously written code.

/* Operator precedence

*/

var now = 2018;

var yearJohn = 1989;

var fullAge = 18;

// Multiple operators

var isFullAge = now - yearJohn >= fullAge // true

console.log(isFullAge);

// Grouping

var ageJohn = now - yearJohn;

var ageMark = 35;

var average = (ageJohn + ageMark) / 2;

console.log(average);

// Multiple assignments

```
var x, y;
```

```
x = y = (3+5) * 4 - 6; // 8 * 4 - 6 // 32 - 6 // 26
```

```
console.log(x, y);
```

// More operators

```
x *= 2; → equivalent to: x = x * 2
```

```
console.log(x);
```

```
x += 10; → equivalent to x = x + 10.
```

```
console.log(x);
```

```
x--;
```

```
console.log(x);
```

11. If else statements:

script.js:

/*

* If / else statements

*/

```
var firstName = 'John';
```

```
var civilStatus = 'single';
```

```
if (civilStatus === 'married') {
```

```
    console.log(firstName + ' is married!');
```



```
} else {
```

```
    console.log (firstName + ' will hopefully marry  
soon :)') ;
```

```
}
```

```
var isMarried = true;
```

```
if (isMarried) {
```

```
    console.log (firstName + ' is married!');
```

```
} else {
```

```
    console.log (firstName + ' will hopefully marry  
soon :)');
```

```
}
```

```
var massMark = 78;
```

```
var heightMark = 1.69;
```

```
var massJohn = 92;
```

```
var heightJohn = 1.95;
```

```
var BMI Mark = massMark / (heightMark * heightMark);
```

```
var BMI John = massJohn / (heightJohn * heightJohn);
```

```
if (BMI Mark > BMI John) {
```

console.log('Mark's BMI is higher than John')

} else {

console.log('John's BMI is higher than Mark's')

}

Output: John will hopefully marry soon :)

John is married!

Mark's BMI is higher than John's.

12. Boolean Logic:

Basic Boolean Logic: NOT, AND & OR.

var A		
AND	TRUE	FALSE
TRUE	T	F
FALSE	F	F

var A		
OR	TRUE	FALSE
TRUE	T	T
FALSE	T	F

→ AND (&) ⇒ true if all are true

→ OR (||) ⇒ true if one is true

→ NOT (!) ⇒ inverts true/false value.

script.js

```
var firstName = 'John';
```

```
var age = 20;
```

```
if (age < 13) {
```

```
    console.log(firstName + ' is a boy.');
```

```
} else if (age >= 13 && age < 20) {
```

```
    console.log(firstName + ' is a teenager.');
```

```
} else if (age >= 20 && age < 30) {
```

```
    console.log(firstName + ' is a young man.');
```

```
} else {
```

```
    console.log(firstName + ' is a man.');
```

```
}
```

Output: John is a young man.

13. The ternary Operator & Switch Statements:

script.js

```
var firstName = 'John';
```

```
var age = 14;
```

```
//Ternary operator
```

if this is true this will be printed

```
age >= 18 ? console.log(firstName + ' drinks beer');
```

```
: console.log(firstName + ' drinks juice');
```

else, this will be printed.

```
var drink = age >= 18 ? 'beer' : 'juice';
```

```
console.log(drink);
```

Ternary operator is just a simpler way of writing simple if-else statements.

// Switch statement

```
var job = 'instructor';
```

```
switch (job) {
```

```
  case 'teacher':
```

```
    case 'instructor':
```

```
      console.log(firstName + ' teaches kids how to code.');
```

```
      break;
```

```
  case 'driver':
```

```
    console.log(firstName + ' drives an uber in Lisbon.');
```

```
    break;
```

case 'designer':

```
console.log ( firstName + ' designs beautiful  
websites.' );
```

```
break;
```

default: → this is else

```
console.log ( firstName + ' does something else.' );
```

```
}
```

Switch statements are also similar to if-else statements.

// Boolean Logic code written in switch statements.

```
age = 56;
```

```
switch (true) {
```

```
case age < 13;
```

```
console.log ( firstName + ' is a boy.' );
```

```
break;
```

```
case age >= 13 & age < 20;
```

```
console.log ( firstName + ' is a teenager.' );
```

```
break;
```

```
case age >= 20 & age < 30;
```

```
console.log ( firstName + ' is a young man.' );
```

```
break;
```


default :

```
console.log (firstName + ' is a man.');
```

```
}
```

Output: John drinks juice

juice

John teaches kids how to code.

John is a man.

14. Truthy and Falsy Values and Equality Operators

Falsy values: undefined, null, 0, '', Not a Number (NaN)

Truthy values: which are not falsy values.

script.js:

```
var height;
```

```
height = 23;
```

```
if (height || height === 0) {
```

```
  console.log ('Variable is defined');
```

```
} else {
```

```
  console.log ('Variable has Not been defined');
```

```
}
```

// Equality operators

```
if (height === '23') {  
    console.log('The == operator does type coercion!'  
}  
}
```

The "===" operator is used to compare strict.
But "==" operator just compares whether it's
a string or a number.

If we use == operator, $23 = '23'$ will return
true and === operator returns $23 = '23'$ as
false. So, '==' operator does type coercion.
It's better to use === operator to avoid bug.

17. Functions:

script.js:

```
function calculateAge(birthYear) {  
    return 2018 - birthYear;  
}
```

```
var ageJohn = calculateAge(1990);
```

```
var ageMike = calculateAge(1948);  
var ageJane = calculateAge(1969);  
console.log(ageJohn, ageMike, ageJane);
```

```
function yearsUntilRetirement(year, firstName) {  
  var age = calculateAge(year);  
  var retirement = 65 - age;  
  
  if (retirement > 0) {  
    console.log(firstName + ' retires in ' +  
      retirement + ' years.');  } else {  
    console.log(firstName + ' is already  
      retired.');  }  
}
```

```
yearsUntilRetirement(1990, 'John');  
yearsUntilRetirement(1948, 'Mike');  
yearsUntilRetirement(1969, 'Jane');
```

18. Function Statements & Expressions:

// This is a function declaration:

```
function whatDoYouDo(job, firstName) { }
```

script.js:

// This is a function expression

```
var whatDoYouDo = function(job, firstName) {  
  switch(job) {
```

```
    case 'teacher':
```

when we use the return keyword, we return whatever we define after it and the function finishes. So we don't need break here.

```
    return firstName + ' teaches kids how  
    to code';
```

```
    case 'driver':
```

```
    return firstName + ' drives a cab in  
    Lisbon.';
```

```
    case 'designer':
```

```
    return firstName + ' designs beautiful  
    websites';
```

```
  default:
```

```
    return firstName + ' does something  
    else';
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```

```
console.log(whatDoYouDo('teacher', 'John'));
```

```
console.log(whatDoYouDo('designer', 'Jane'));
```

```
console.log(whatDoYouDo('retired', 'Mark'));
```

Output:

John teaches kids how to code

Jane designs beautiful websites

Mark does something else.

→ Usually anything that we do produces a result,
it is an expression

For example: In console:

```
typeof 23 ←
```

"number" → This is the result

} So this is an expression

→ Statements do things but they don't provide
immediate results.

Examples: if-else statements, while loop, function declaration

For example: In console:

```
if (true) { console.log(23); } ←
```

23

undefined ← This doesn't really return anything. But
the '23' comes from console.log

→ Function expressions produce an immediate result.

→ Function declarations do not provide an immediate result.

19. Arrays:

script.js:

// Arrays are zero index elements. The elements in an array start from zero.

// Initialize new array

```
var names = ['John', 'Mark', 'Jane'];  
var years = new Array(1990, 1969, 1948);
```

We can define an array in these two ways.

`console.log(names[2]);` → This returns Jane

`console.log(names.length);` → This returns '3' because the length of the array is 3.

// Mutate array data

`names[1] = 'Ben';` → This replaces index 1 element i.e., Mark with Ben.

`names[names.length] = 'Mary';` → This adds a new element at position '3'.

`console.log(names);`

// Different data types

```
var john = ['John', 'Smith', 1990, 'designer', false];
```

`john.push('blue');` → This adds a new element at the end of the array.

`john.unshift('Mr. ');` → This adds a new element at the beginning of the array.
`console.log(john);`

`john.pop();` → This removes the last element from the array.

`john.pop();` → This again removes the last element from the array.

`john.shift();` → This removes first element from the array.

`console.log(john);`

`console.log(john.indexOf(23));` → As 23 is not present in the array, this returns `-1`.

`var isDesigner = john.indexOf('designer') === -1?`

`'John is NOT a designer' ; 'John Is a designer';`

`console.log(isDesigner);`

22. Objects and Properties:

script.js:

// Object literal

```
var john = {  
  firstName: 'John',  
  lastName: 'Smith',  
  birthYear: 1990,  
  family: ['Jane', 'Mark', 'Bob', 'Emily'],  
  job: 'teacher',  
  isMarried: false  
};
```

We can create an object in this way or new Object way as shown below.

An object can hold an array or even other objects.

console.log(john.firstName); → we can print in this way or this

console.log(john['lastName']); ←

var x = 'birthYear';

console.log(john[x]);

john.job = 'designer'; → This replaces teacher with designer.

john['isMarried'] = true; → This changes isMarried from false to true

console.log(john);

//new Object Syntax

```
var jane = new Object();
```

```
jane.firstName = 'Jane';
```

```
jane.birthYear = 1969;
```

```
jane['lastName'] = 'Smith';
```

```
console.log(jane);
```

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23. Objects and Methods:

script.js:

```
var john = {
```

```
  firstName: 'John',
```

```
  lastName: 'Smith',
```

```
  birthYear: 1992,
```

```
  family: ['Jane', 'Mark', 'Bob', 'Emily'],
```

```
  job: 'teacher',
```

```
  isMarried: false, This function is a method of john
```

```
  calcAge: function() {
```

```
    this.age = 2018 - this.birthYear;
```

```
  }
```

```
};
```

```
john.calcAge();
```

```
console.log(john);
```

Only objects have methods. Arrays are also objects because they can also have methods

Instead of hard coding the age, we wrote this function

Here this means this object i.e, john.

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26. Loops & Iteration:

script.js:

// for loop *this prints from 1 to 20*

```
for (var i=1; i<=20; i++) {  
    console.log(i);  
}
```

//What happens in this loop is:

/* $i=0$, $0 < 10$ true, log i to the console, $i++$

$i=1$, $1 < 10$ true, log i to the console, $i++$

⋮

$i=9$, $9 < 10$ true, log i to the console, $i++$

$i=10$, $10 < 10$ false, exit the loop.

$i++$ is equivalent to $i = i + 1$

$i += 2$ is equivalent to $i = i + 2$.

⋮

*/

```
var john = ['John', 'Smith', 1990, 'designer', false,  
            'blue'];
```

```
for (var i = 0; i < john.length; i++) {  
    console.log(john[i]);  
}
```

*This points
all the elements
present in
the array john.*

// While loop

```
var i = 0;
```

```
while (i < john.length)
```

```
  console.log(john[i]);
```

```
  i++;
```

```
}
```

} This is an alternative
of for loop.

// Continue and break statements

```
var john = ['John', 'Smith', 1990, 'designer', false,  
  'blue'];
```

```
for (var i = 0; i < john.length; i++) {
```

```
  if (typeof john[i] !== 'string') continue;
```

```
  console.log(john[i]);
```

```
}
```

This prints all the
available strings
from the array

```
for (var i = 0; i < john.length; i++) {
```

```
  if (typeof john[i] !== 'string') break;
```

```
  console.log(john[i]);
```

This prints only John
and Smith becoz 1990
is not a string. So
this breaks the loop
when the condition
is not satisfied.

// Looping backwards This prints the array from the back.

```
for (var i = john.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {  
  console.log(john[i]);  
}
```

27, 28, 29: Coding Challenges:

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