

Core JavaScript

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Introductions



- ◉ Who am I?
- ◉ Who are you?
 - ◉ What do you do?
 - ◉ What do you hope to gain from this course?
 - ◉ What is your programming background?
 - ◉ Any JavaScript, HTML, CSS, jQuery, etc?
 - ◉ Are you coming in with love or hate for js?
- ◉ What is your current development environment and process?

How the class works



- ◉ Lecture mixed with labs
- ◉ Informal
 - ◉ Stop me anytime for questions or more information
 - ◉ Daily outline is flexible, we'll adjust as needed
 - ◉ Useless topic? Tell me!
 - ◉ Topic to add to the syllabus? That's ok, too!
- ◉ Timing
- ◉ Class review at the end

Getting the most out of the class



- ◉ Ask questions!
- ◉ Do the labs (pair up if needed)
- ◉ Be punctual
 - ◉ Class starts with or without you
 - ◉ If you can't make it then let me know
- ◉ Avoid meetings and work distractions...
 - ◉ if you can
- ◉ Master your google-fu
- ◉ Play along in the console
- ◉ Don't be afraid to break stuff

Course overview



- ◉ Day 1: JavaScript Basics
- ◉ Day 2: HTML and the DOM, Events, Ajax

Goals for this class



- ◉ Become familiar with JavaScript's:
 - ◉ Lexical structure
 - ◉ Data types
 - ◉ Operators
 - ◉ Control structures
 - ◉ Functions
 - ◉ Objects
- ◉ Learn about:
 - ◉ JavaScript in the browser
 - ◉ DOM API
 - ◉ AJAX / XHR
- ◉ Be able to:
 - ◉ Build a webpage that uses JavaScript to respond to user interaction, and dynamically handle data from a server

Resources



- ◉ Documentation
 - ◉ <http://devdocs.io>
 - ◉ <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web>
 - ◉ <http://kapeli.com/dash> (Mac only)
 - ◉ Google it.
- ◉ Compatibility checks
 - ◉ <http://caniuse.com>
- ◉ ES 5 compatibility table
 - ◉ <http://kangax.github.io/compat-table/es5/>

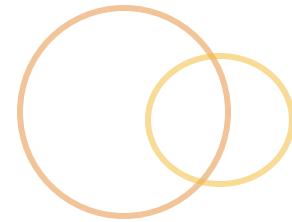
Set up for exercises



- ◉ A browser with dev tools
 - ◉ Preference for Chrome in class
 - ◉ Open your browser and hit F12
- ◉ Exercise Application
 - ◉ <https://github.com/rm-training/core-javascript>
 - ◉ Download the lastest .zip of *master*
- ◉ A text editor or IDE
- ◉ Our web editor, jsfiddle
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/>

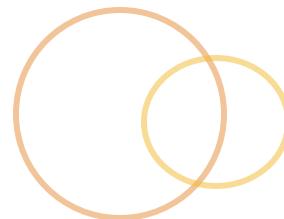
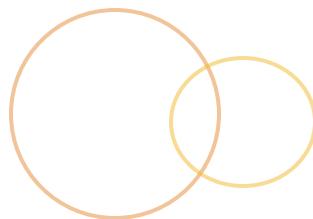


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Day 1



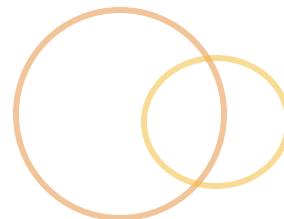
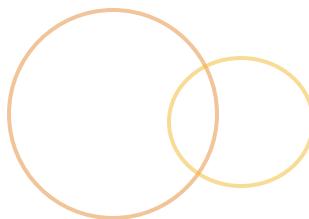
- ◉ JavaScript History & Today
- ◉ Core data types, syntax, control flow
- ◉ Data structures
- ◉ Functions, scope, closures
- ◉ Object inheritance (-lite)

What is JavaScript?



- ◉ Standardized as **ECMAScript**
- ◉ **Interpreted**
- ◉ Case-sensitive C-style syntax
- ◉ Dynamically typed (with weak typing)
- ◉ Fully **dynamic**
- ◉ **Single-threaded** event loop
- ◉ Unicode (UTF-16, to be exact)
- ◉ **Prototype-based** (vs. class-based)
- ◉ Kind of weird but enjoyable

History



- ◉ 1995 - Netscape wanted interactivity like HyperCard w/ Java in the name
- ◉ Designed & built in 10 days by Brendan Eich as "Mocha", released as "LiveScript"
- ◉ Combines influences from:
 - ◉ Java, "Because people like it"
 - ◉ SmallTalk, prototypal

Versions



- ◉ LiveScript
 - ◉ Released in 1995 in Netscape Navigator 2.0
 - ◉ Also released as a server-side runtime in Netscape Enterprise Server
- ◉ 1.0 – Supported in IE3.0
- ◉ ES2/1.3 – Submitted to ECMA for standardization
- ◉ ES3/1.5
 - ◉ Released in 1999 – in all browsers by 2011
 - ◉ IE6-8
- ◉ ES5/1.8
 - ◉ Released in 2009
 - ◉ IE9+
 - ◉ <http://kangax.github.io/compat-table/es5/>
- ◉ ES6 is finalized
- ◉ ES7 in progress
- ◉ Can convert ES6/7 down to ES5, via "transpilers"

Why JavaScript?



- ◉ JavaScript Everywhere!
- ◉ Despite the shortcomings, it's pretty awesome
 - ◉ Very expressive
 - ◉ Very flexible (that multi-paradigm thing)
 - ◉ Lightweight
- ◉ The language of the web
 - ◉ The browser
 - ◉ Client-side frameworks
 - ◉ A server and command line services
 - ◉ Beginning to dominate the entire software stack
- ◉ Easy to learn, hard to master



Approaching JavaScript

- ◉ It's *not* Java
- ◉ It's *not* class-based
- ◉ Very dynamic
- ◉ Supports imperative, functional and object-oriented approaches

Obligatory Hello World



- In a browser, open a developer console and type:

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

Browser Console



- ◉ Use browser dev tools to access its JavaScript console
 - ◉ The browser's "console" is a line interpreter and log
- ◉ All major browsers are converging to the same API for console debugging
- ◉ Can use it to set breakpoints
 - ◉ Let you see scoped variables and context
 - ◉ Can set a conditional break-point
- ◉ This is where we'll be working; follow along!
 - ◉ `console.log()` => echo

Module: Language fundamentals



- Lexical structure
- Comments
- Data types
- Variables
- Constants
- Operators
- Control structures



Fundamentals examples

- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/23zK2/>

C-family syntax



- Instructions are **statements** separated by **semicolon**
- Spaces, tabs and newlines are **whitespace**.
- White space and indentation generally doesn't matter
- **Blocks** are wrapped with curly braces { }



Automatic Semicolon Insertion

- ◉ Semicolons terminate statements
 - ◉ `var x = 1 + 2;`
- ◉ Are sorta-optimal
 - ◉ JavaScript will automatically insert them where it needs them, but not fail-safe
 - ◉ But... don't rely on it...

Comments



- Follow C/C++ conventions:

```
/*
  span
  multiple
  lines
 */
```

```
// comment until the end of the line, or end
// of current statement, whichever is first
```

```
/** 
 * docblock style can be consumed by third-party
 * packages like jsdoc
 */
```

Declaring variables



- With the keyword **var**
- One by one:

```
var foo = 'bar';  
  
var thing1 = 2;
```

- Or in sequence:

```
var a = 1, b = 2;
```

- Omitting the **var** keyword creates a *global* variable

```
stuff = [1,2,3];
```

- ES6: supports **let** keyword

```
let x = 1; // difference in scope
```

Variable names



- Must start with a letter, underscore (_), or dollar sign (\$)
- Subsequent characters can be alphanumeric, _ or \$
- Case-sensitive!
- Unicode characters are supported

```
var 🍔 = 'burger';
```

Variable scope



- ◉ **Function scope** (not block scope)
 - ◉ Variables declared outside of a function, or by omitting the **var** keyword within a function, are "**global**"
 - ◉ Variables created within a function are called "**local**" or "**function**" variables
- ◉ ES6 supports block-scope with ***let***
 - ◉ `if (expression) {
 let x=1; // scoped to this block only
}
console.log(let); // Temporal Dead Zone error`

Data types



- ◉ Five *primitive* data types:
 - ◉ strings
 - ◉ numbers
 - ◉ booleans
 - ◉ null - lack of value
 - ◉ undefined – no value set, the default in JavaScript
 - ◉ *ES6: Additional primitive, Symbol*
- ◉ And then objects
 - ◉ Functions
 - ◉ “Invokable objects”
 - ◉ Built-in objects
 - ◉ String, Number, Boolean, Function, Array



Getting the type of a variable

- The **typeof** keyword, followed by a variable, will return the primitive type of that variable

```
var π = 3.14;  
typeof π; // 'number'
```

undefined & null

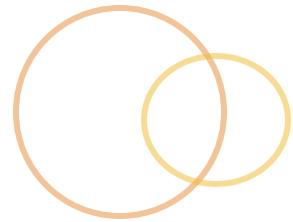
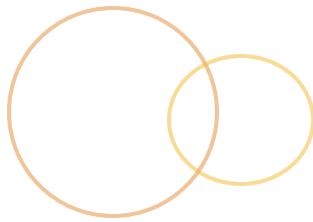


- ◉ Little difference between the two, in practice
- ◉ Variables declared without a value will start with undefined
- ◉ Can compare to undefined to see if a variable has a value
 - ◉

```
var a;  
a === undefined; // true  
typeof a; // undefined
```

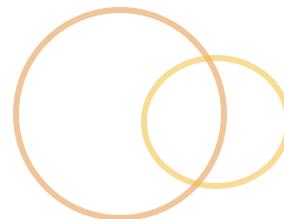
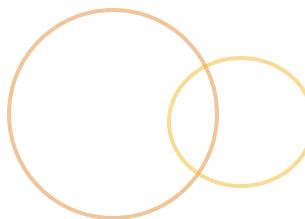


boolean



◉ true or false

number

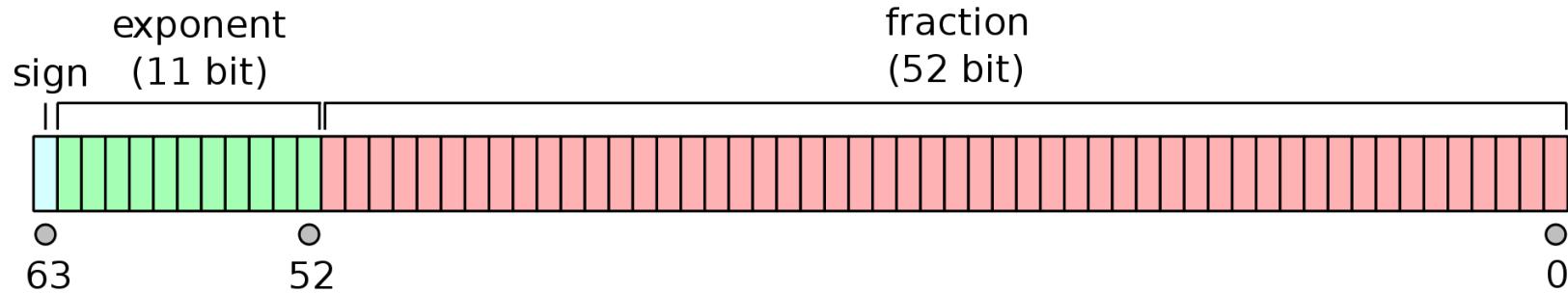


- ◉ 64bit floating point
- ◉ Numbers can be expressed as:
 - ◉ Decimal: **-9.81**
 - ◉ Scientific: **2.998e8**
 - ◉ Hexadecimal: **0xFF**; // 255
 - ◉ Octal: **0777**
 - ◉ Binary: **0b100**
- ◉ Special numbers:
 - ◉ NaN
 - ◉ `NaN == NaN; // false`
 - ◉ Infinity and -Infinity

number gotchas



- All numbers are stored internally as 64bit floating points



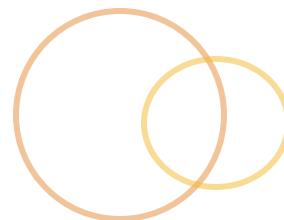
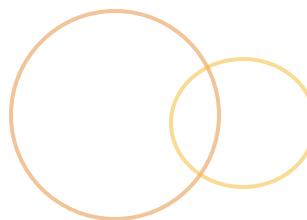
- Integers are accurate up to 15 digits

```
var y = 999999999999999; // 1000000000000000
```

- Decimals are accurate up to 17 digits

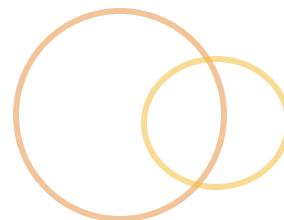
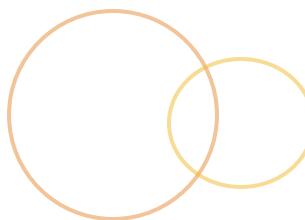
```
var x = 0.2 + 0.1;           // 0.3000000000000004
```

string



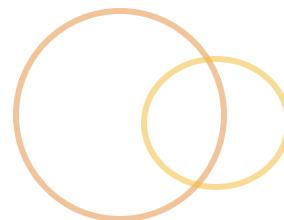
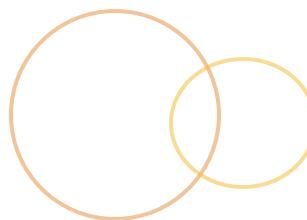
- Wrapped in single or double quotes
 - `var str = "My String";`
 - `var str = 'My String';`
- Escape with backslash, \t and \n
- + operator for concatenation
 - `stringVar + ' ' + anotherStringVar + ' !';`
- Pro-tip:
 - Use + to coerce a string to a number
 - `(+“42”); // will equate to the integer 42`

object



- A list of zero or more pairs of keys and values, surrounded by curly braces
 - `var obj = {bar: "baz"};`
`obj.bar; // "baz"`
- Object keys
 - are non-sequential
 - need not be quoted, unless they contain characters that violate variable naming rules
- Values can be any type of data
- Can set/get via dot or [] array-like syntax
 - `obj.foo = true;`
 - `obj['foo'] // true`

arrays



- Data stored *sequentially* with an index
- In JavaScript, the **array is an object** that behaves kinda like an array (*array-like*)

```
var emptyArray = [];
var myArray = [1,2,3,4];
myArray[1]; // 2
myArray[1] = 20;
```

- Strange behavior if you try to use string keys

```
○ var arr = [1,2,3];
arr.length; // 3
arr['bar'] = 10;
arr.length; // 3
```

Literals



- Fixed values, not variables, that you *literally* provide in your script

```
5          // number literal  
"a"        // string literal  
true      // boolean literal  
  
{ }        // object literal  
[ ]        // array literal  
/^(.*)$/  // regexp literal
```

Exercise: Using Primitive Types



- ➊ Start the Node.js server
`node bin/server.js`
- ➋ Open the following file:
`www/primitives/primitives.js`
- ➌ Complete the exercise
- ➍ Run the tests by visiting in your browser:
`http://localhost:3000/primitives`



Debugging in the console

- ◉ All modern browsers have built-in JS debuggers
- ◉ **console** object is a fairly standardized API
 - ◉ Typically on **window**
 - ◉ Methods like
 - ◉ log, warn, error
 - ◉ table(object)
 - ◉ group(name) *and* groupEnd()
 - ◉ assert(boolean, message)
- ◉ Can set breakpoints, monitor function scope, step in/out of calls, etc.



methods and properties

- Arrays objects have additional properties and methods

- myArray.length; // 4
myArray.push('John'); // adds value to end
myArray.pop(); // John

- In fact, everything can act like an object...

- var name= "John Smith";
name.length; // 10
"foo".toUpperCase(); // "FOO"
5..toString(); // 5 ← wait, what?



Everything* is an object

- ◉ *most things, primitives are just coerced
- ◉ Primitive literals all have Object counterparts
 - ◉ except null and undefined

```
5 === Number("5");
"Hello" === String("Hello");
true === Boolean(1);
```
- ◉ Temporarily coerced to object when used as object
- ◉ So... we can access properties and invoke methods of objects, including primitives
 - ◉ str.length;
 - ◉ str.toUpperCase();
 - ◉ "Hello".length;



Built-in constructors vs literals

- Literals constructed by their object counterpart

```
new String("Hi"); // {0: "H", 1: "I"  
String("Hi"); // "Hi"  
new Number(5); // 5  
new Array(1,2,3); // [1,2,3]  
new Boolean(1); // true  
new Object(); // {}
```

- Cons

- Wrapped by object indefinitely
- typeof can return "object"
- Behavior changes based on new usage
- Array(x) does weird things

Type Coercion



- ◎ If a variable type is not what JavaScript expects, it will convert it on the fly, based upon the context
- ◎ In expressions involving numeric and string values with the `+` operator, JavaScript converts numeric values to strings

```
x = "The answer is " + 42 // "The answer is 42"  
y = 42 + " is the answer" // "42 is the answer"
```

Implicit Coercion



- It's not obvious how it will coerce...

- 8 * null -> 0
 - “5” - 1 -> 4
 - “5” + 1 -> 51

- Much confusion ensues

- [] + [] -> empty string
 - [] + {} -> [object Object]
 - { } + { } -> NaN



Recap: basic data types

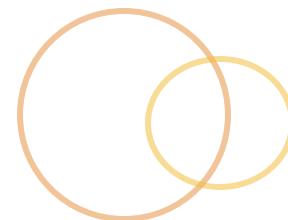
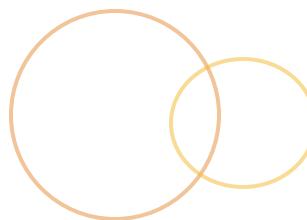
- ◉ There are **5 primitive types** (string, number, boolean, null, undefined) and then **Objects**
 - ◉ **Functions** are a callable Object
 - ◉ **Objects** are property names referencing data
 - ◉ **Arrays** are for sequential data
- ◉ Declare variables with “var”
- ◉ Types are **coerced**
 - ◉ Including when a primitive is used like an object
- ◉ *Almost Everything* is an object, except the primitives
 - ◉ despite them having object counterparts

Module: Operators



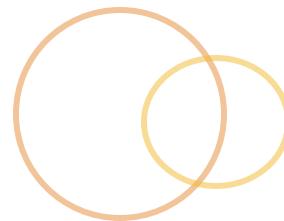
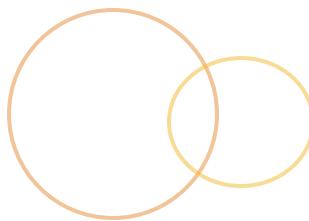
- ◉ Unary
- ◉ Binary
 - ◉ Arithmetic
 - ◉ Relational
 - ◉ Equality
 - ◉ Bitwise
 - ◉ Logical
 - ◉ Assignment
- ◉ Ternary

Unary



```
delete obj.x    // undefined
void 5 + 5      // undefined
typeof 5        // 'number'
+'5'            // 5
-x              // -5
~9              // -10
!true           // false
++x             // 6
x++             // 5
--x             // 4
x--             // 5
```

Shortcuts



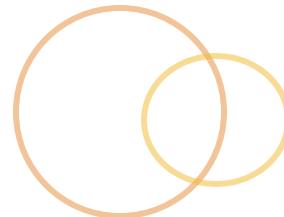
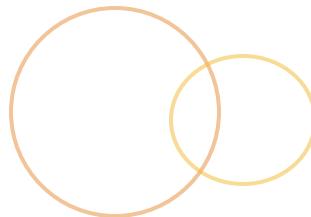
- ◉ For your bag of tricks:
 - ◉ (+x);
 - ◉ Convert string to a number
 - ◉ !!myVar;
 - ◉ Double bang can convert any value to a boolean



typeof operator

- ◉ Takes one operand
 - ◉ `typeof variableName;`
- ◉ Returns a string
- ◉ Type gotchas
 - ◉ `object = object`
 - array = object**
 - `number = number`
 - `boolean = boolean`
 - `undefined = undefined`
 - `string = string`
 - `function = function`
 - but... `null = object`**
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/DjBtL/>

Arithmetic



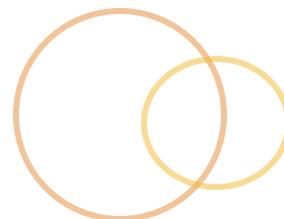
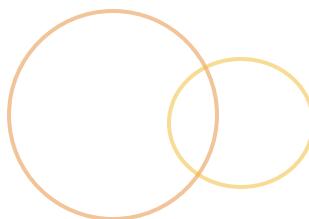
`5 + 5 // 10`

`5 - 3 // 2`

`5 * 2 // 10`

`10 / 2 // 5`

`10 % 3 // 1`



5 & 4 // 1

1 | 4 // 5

4 ^ 6 // 2

9 << 2 // 36

-9 >> 2 // -3

9 >>> 2 // 2

Assignment



x = 5 // 5

x += 1 // 6

x -= 2 // 4

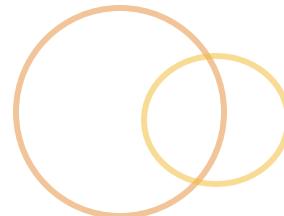
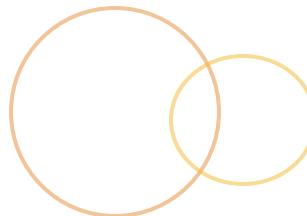
x *= 3 // 12

x /= 4 // 3

x %= 2 // 1

// &=, |=, ^=, <<=, >>=, >>>=

Relational



```
'foo' in {foo: true} // true
[] instanceof Array // true
5 < 4 // false
5 > 4 // true
4 <= 4 // true
5 >= 10 // false
```

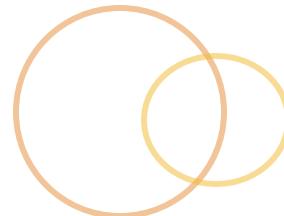
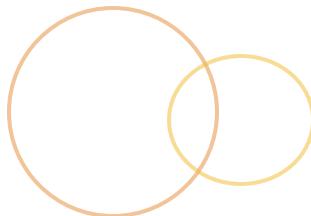


Equality* (strict vs loose)

```
5 == '5'          // true
5 != 'a'          // true
5 === '5'         // false
{} !== {}         // true
```



Logical



```
false && 'foo' // false
```

```
false || 'foo' // 'foo'
```

Logical short circuits



- **a && b** returns either a or b

```
if (a) {  
    return b;  
} else {  
    return a;  
}
```

- **a || b** returns either a otherwise b

```
if (a) {  
    return a;  
} else {  
    return b;  
}
```



Exercise: Boolean Operators

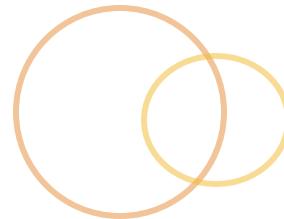
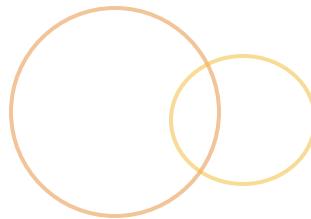
- Experiment with `&&`:

```
false && console.log("Yep");  
true && console.log("Yep");
```

- Experiment with `||`:

```
false || console.log("Yep");  
true || console.log("Yep");
```

Ternary



```
// condition ? then : else;  
true ? 'foo' : 'bar' // 'foo'
```

Falsy / Truthy



- ◉ These are **falsy**
 - ◉ false
 - ◉ null
 - ◉ undefined
 - ◉ ""
 - ◉ 0
 - ◉ NaN
- ◉ Everything else is **truthy**, including...
 - ◉ {}
 - ◉ []
 - ◉ "0"
 - ◉ "false"



Module: Control Structures

- Conditionals
- Loops
- Flow Control
- Labels



Conditional statements

- ◉ if (expression) {...}
- ◉ if (expression) {
 ...
} else {
 ...
}
- ◉ if {} else if {} else {}

Switch statements



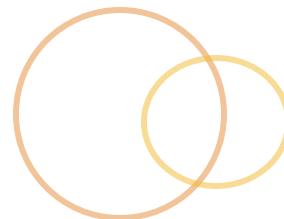
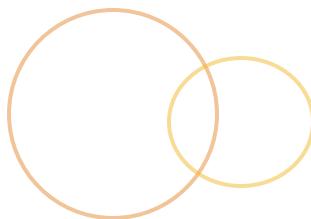
```
switch (expression) {  
    case val1:  
        // statements  
        break;  
  
    case default:  
        // statements  
        break;  
}
```

Loops

- for
- while
- do...while
- for...in
- ~~for each...in~~
- ~~with~~



For loop



- ➊ `for (var i=0; i<10; i++) {
 // executes 10 times...
}`



while

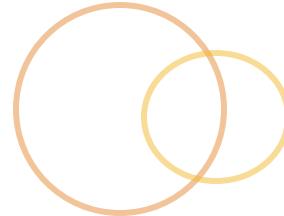
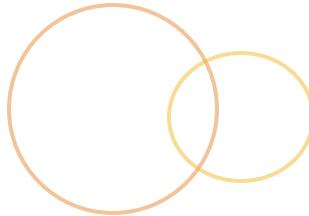
```
var i = 0;
```

```
while (i < 10) {  
    // do stuff 10 times  
    i++;  
}
```



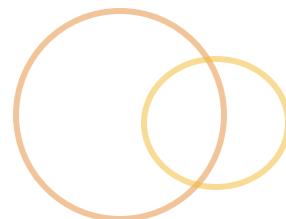
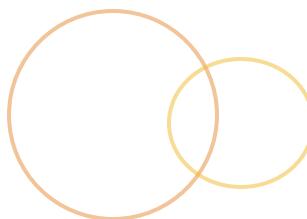


do/while



```
var i = 0;
```

```
do {
    // do stuff 10 times
    i++;
} while (i < 10);
```



- ➊ Loop over *enumerable* properties of an object
 - ➋ Will include inherited properties as well, including stuff you probably don't want
 - ➋ Use `obj.hasOwnProperty(propertyName)`

```
var obj = {foo: true, bar: false};
```

```
for (var prop in obj) {
    prop;          // 'foo'
    obj[prop];    // true
}
```

For each in...



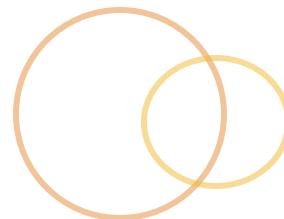
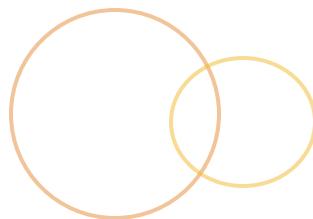
- ◉ ~~For each...in~~
 - ◉ deprecated
 - ◉ Could iterate over property **values**
 - ◉ `for each (var value in object) {}`
- ◉ ES6: has `for...of`
 - ◉ `for (let value of iterable) {
 value += 1;
 console.log(value);
}`

Flow control



```
for (var i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    if (i < 5) {  
        continue; // skip to next  
    } else if (i === 8) {  
        break; // exit loop  
    }  
    console.log(i);  
}
```

Labels



- Labels can be applied to any block, and then passed to **break** or **continue**
 - Cannot be named a reserved word

Labels continued



```
loop1: for (var i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
    loop2: for (var j = 0; j < 3; j++) {  
        if (i == 1 && j == 1) {  
            break loop1;  
        }  
        console.log(i, j);  
    }  
}
```



Control Structures Recap

- ◉ Conditionals like `if` and `if-else`
- ◉ `Switch` statements
- ◉ Iterate (loop) with `while` and `for`
- ◉ Enumerate over an object with `for..in`
- ◉ Examples
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/GN7qL/>

Exercise: Control Flow



- Start the Node.js server

~~node bin/server.js~~

- Open the following file:

~~www/control/control.js~~

- Complete the exercise

- Run the tests by visiting in your browser:

<http://localhost:3000/control/>

Exercise – Control flow



- ◉ Get to know control flow and iteration statements
- ◉ We'll use some basic browser functions
 - ◉ `alert("A message!");`
 - ◉ `var response = prompt("Ask for a value!");`
 - ◉ `confirm("Ask user to say 'ok'");`
- ◉ Fork me
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/cxz2hta1/>

Exercise – FizzBuzz



- ◉ Let's put our new operator and control structure knowledge into practice!
- ◉ Write a program that console.logs the numbers from 1 to 100, separated by spaces
 - ◉ For numbers that are a multiple of 3, log "Fizz"
 - ◉ For numbers that are a multiple of 5, log "Buzz"
 - ◉ For numbers that are a multiple of both, log "FizzBuzz"
- ◉ Fork me
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/jmcneese/tfx2ro28>

Functions: "The best part of JS"



- ◉ Reusable, callable blocks of code
- ◉ Functions can be used as:
 - ◉ Object methods
 - ◉ Object constructors
 - ◉ Modules
 - ◉ Namespaces
- ◉ Functions can have their own properties and methods
- ◉ They are ***First Class Objects***

Defining a function



- Three ways
 - Function **declaration**
 - Function **expression**
 - with the **Function() constructor**
 - `new Function (arg1, arg2, ... argn, functionBody)`
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/N8vcg/>

Function Declaration

```
function adder(a, b) {  
    return a + b;  
}  
adder(1, 2); // 3
```



- The function name is mandatory
- Function statements (declarations) are ***hoisted*** to the top of the scope, therefore are not great for dynamically created functions

Function Expressions



- ◉ Define a function and assigns it to a variable
 - ◉ var adder = function(a, b) {
 return a + b;
}
- ◉ Name is optional in a function expression
 - ◉ // stores ref to anonymous function
var funcRef = function() {};
 - ◉ // stores ref to named function
// *name is scoped to inner function
var funcRef = function funcName() {};

Function Invokation



- ◉ Invoke with ()
 - ◉ myFunctionName(argument1, argument2);
- ◉ Any number of arguments can be passed in, regardless of defined parameters
- ◉ Missing arguments are set as undefined



Function argument defaults

- ES5 and below

- ```
function adder(a, b) {
 a = a || 0;
 b = b || 0;
 return a + b;
}
```

- ES6 supports default values

- ```
function adder(a = 0, b = 0) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

Return statements



- ◉ `return <expression>;`
- ◉ Will return the result of the expression as a result of the function invocation, to the caller of the function
- ◉ Constructor functions will return `this`
- ◉ Careful with your line breaks...
 - ◉

```
return
  x;
// Becomes
return;
x;
```

Function pseudo-parameters



- Every function has access to special parameters upon invocation
 - arguments
 - this

arguments



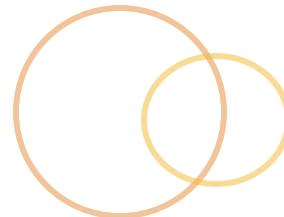
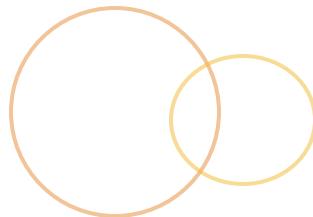
- ◉ Includes all arguments passed to the function
 - ◉

```
function test(a) {  
    arguments[0] === a; // true  
}
```
- ◉ Array-like, but not an actual array
 - ◉ Only has `length` property
- ◉ “live”; can affect actual arguments
 - ◉ Should be treated as read-only



Arguments as an array

- Arguments is array-like so it doesn't have all the array functionality you may want
- To treat like an array, convert it to one...
 - `var arr = Array.prototype.slice.apply(arguments);`
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/2kpyB/>



- ◉ Anyone have an idea what **this** is?

```
function fn() {  
    return this;  
}
```

Return statements



- Functions do not automatically return anything, i.e. they are *void**
- To return the result of the function invocation, to the invoker (caller) of the function:

```
return <expression>;
```

- Careful with your line breaks...

```
return  
    x;  
// Becomes  
return;  
x;
```

Global functions



- alert(msg);
- confirm(msg)
- prompt(msg, msg);
- isFinite()
- ~~isNaN()~~
- parseInt()
- parseFloat()
- encodeURI(), decodeURI()
- setInterval, clearInterval
- setTimeout, clearTimeout
- eval(); // dangerous



Exercise: Function Arguments

- ➊ Start the Node.js server
~~node bin/server.js~~
- ➋ Open the following file:
`www/parse/parse.js`
- ➌ Complete the exercise
- ➍ Run the tests by visiting in your browser:
`http://localhost:3000/parse/`

Exercise – Functional FizzBuzz



- ◉ Let's take the logic from our previous FizzBuzz exercise and make it functional
- ◉ Create a function that:
 - ◉ Accepts a single number argument
 - ◉ Returns the proper FizzBuzz result for that number
- ◉ Loop through 1...100 as before, but using the function to output the proper values
- ◉ Fork me
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/jmcneese/6sxxzgpp>

Scope!



- ◉ Scope refers to variable access and visibility in a piece of code at a given time
 - ◉ `var` declares a variable within the current scope
- ◉ Lexical/static scope, not dynamic
 - ◉ Scope is defined by author
 - ◉ Where a `var` is declared
 - ◉ Can be determined by reading (no need to execute)
- ◉ No block scope, instead JavaScript has function scope
 - ◉ Functions are the only thing that can create a new scope
 - ◉ A variable declared (with `var`) in a function is visible only in that function and its inner functions. But not the other way around.
 - ◉ ES6 supports block-scope with `let` keyword



Example: Identify the scope

```
var a = 5;
```

```
function foo(b) {  
    var c = 10;  
    d = 15;  
  
    if (d < b) {  
        var e = 'Hoisty McHoisted';  
    }  
  
    function bar(f) {  
        var c = 2;  
        a = 12;  
    }  
}
```

Scope matters



- ◉ Global vs Local
 - ◉ **window** is global scope in the browser
- ◉ Avoid polluting the global scope!
- ◉ You can “hide” things by wrapping them in a function
- ◉ Closures are born out of using lexical scope
 - ◉ We’ll see more of this later...
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/YJL9u/>

No block scope...



- ◉ I lied...

- ◉ eval() can cheat scoping, inserting itself into the scope
 - ◉ But... in *strict mode* eval() creates its own scope
- ◉ “with” simulates some block scope, but not all – deprecated
- ◉ An exception’s “catch” block has its own scope



Exercise: Hoisting (part 1 of 2)

- What will the output be?

```
function foo() {  
  x = 42;  
  var x;  
  
  console.log(x);  
}
```



Answer: Hoisting (part 1 of 2)

- Becomes

```
function foo() {  
    var x;  
    x = 42;  
  
    console.log(x);  
}
```



Exercise: Hoisting (part 2 of 2)

- What will the output be?

```
function foo() {  
  console.log(x);  
  var x = 42;  
}
```



Answer: Hoisting (part 2 of 2)

- Becomes:

```
function foo() {  
    var x;  
    console.log(x);  
    x = 42;  
}
```

Hoisting



- ◉ *Hoisting* refers to when a variable declaration is lifted and moved to the top of its scope
 - ◉ ... only the declaration, not the assignment
- ◉ function *statements* are hoisted, too, so you *can* use them before actual declaration
- ◉ JavaScript essentially breaks a variable declaration into two statements
 - ◉ `var myVar=0, myOtherVar;`
// is interpreted as
`var myVar=undefined, myOtherVar=undefined;`
`myVar=0;`
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/dcvn6735/>

Scope continued



- Example of basic scope

- ```
var a = 5;
function foo(b) {
 var c = 10;
 d = 15; // no var, set in the global scope
```

```
function bar(e) {
 var c = 2; // does not reference c
 a = 12; // will reference a
}
```

- Three scopes exists here
- Each inner scope has access to the outer, *but* the outer scopes cannot access inners
- ReferenceError indicates unfound in scope chain
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/YJL9u/>

# Functions recap



- ◉ Functions
  - ◉ can be defined with a name or anonymously
  - ◉ are first class objects
  - ◉ create their own scope
  - ◉ Inner scopes can access parent scopes, but not the other way around
- ◉ Declare variables at the top of your scope to avoid hoisting issues

# Exercise – Function Scope



- ◉ Write two functions that share the same, global variable
  - ◉ Verify this by logging the value of the variable to the console from within each function
- ◉ Write two functions that share a non-global variable
  - ◉ Verify this by logging the value of the variable to the console from within each function
- ◉ Fork me
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/jmcneese/78y7boxx>



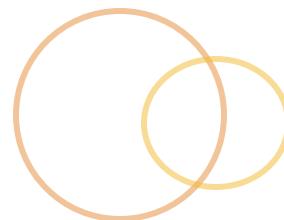
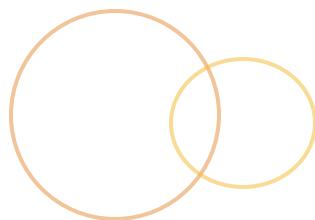
# Best Practices so far...

- Avoid polluting the global namespace
- Define variables at top of your scope
- Use === & !== strict comparison
- Use named function expressions to avoid accidental hoisting
- Avoid primitive object wrappers like Number() or String()
- Include implicit ;
- Always open and close blocks with { }
- Indent and empty lines ensure readability

End of day 1?



# Day 2



- Custom and built-in objects
- Error handling
- JavaScript in the browser
- DOM API
- AJAX / XHR
- Final Lab

# Feedback?



- ◉ Any unanswered questions or lingering fear/uncertainty/doubt from yesterday?

# Module: Objects, pt 2



- ◉ Remember that everything is an object except **null** and **undefined**
- ◉ Even primitive literals have object wrappers
  - ◉ They remain primitive until used as objects, for performance reasons
- ◉ An object is a dynamic collection of properties
  - ◉ Properties can be any type, including functions and objects
- ◉ **this** is a special keyword; inside an object method it refers to the object it resides in



# Creating an object literal

- Create an object literal with {}:

```
var myObjLiteral = {
 name: "Mr Object",
 age: 99,
 toString = function() {
 return this.name;
 }
};
```

- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/4dsLonat/>

# Object properties



- ◉ Four ways to access and set
  - ◉ Dot Syntax
    - ◉ `myObj.key;`
  - ◉ Square bracket Syntax
    - ◉ `myObj["key"];`
  - ◉ `Object.defineProperty(myObj, "key", desc)`
    - ◉ Takes a descriptor defining property properties
  - ◉ `Object.defineProperties(myObj, {"key", desc})`
- ◉ Can delete a property with `delete`
  - ◉ `delete myObj.key;`

# Properties descriptors



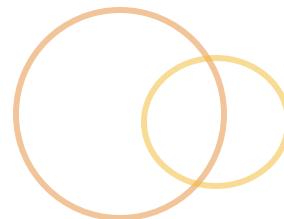
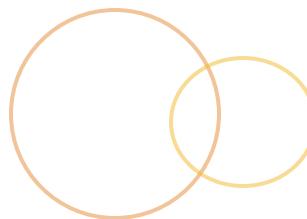
- ◉ Object properties have (usually) hidden descriptors that affect its behavior
  - ◉ enumerable
  - ◉ configurable
  - ◉ Optional...
    - ◉ value
    - ◉ writable
    - ◉ get
    - ◉ Set
- ◉ `Object.defineProperty(obj, “key”, { .. descriptors .. })`

# Object reflection



- ◉ `typeof`
- ◉ `in` operator
  - ◉ `“propertyName” in object`
  - ◉ Goes all the way up the chain, not just “own”
- ◉ `hasOwnProperty`
  - ◉ `myObj.hasOwnProperty(“propertyName”)`
- ◉ Keep in mind that objects "inherit" properties.  
Use **hasOwnProperty** to see if an object actually has its own copy of a property.

# Object



- ◉ All built-in objects derive from the Object object
- ◉ Properties and methods on Object are **inherited** to all other Objects
  - ◉ Prototypal inheritance
- ◉ Some properties and methods only exist on the object constructor itself, these are called "generics" or "statics"
- ◉ Other properties and methods only exist on instances of the object in question

# Object enumerating



- ➊ **for...in**

- ➊ 

```
for (var propName in objectName) {
 objectName[propName];
}
```
- ➊ Enumerates over enumerable properties
- ➊ And all *inherited* properties
- ➊ Arbitrary order (not for arrays)



# Object enumeration, continued

- ◉ `Object.keys(obj)`
  - ◉ Returns array of all “own”, enumerable properties
- ◉ `Object.getOwnPropertyNames(obj)`
  - ◉ Returns array of all own property names, including non-enumerable

# Call-by-sharing



- ◉ JavaScript is **call-by-sharing** (similar to call-by-reference)
- ◉ Objects in a call-by-sharing world
  - ◉ Passing an object as an argument to a function
    - ◉ Objects are mutable
    - ◉ Re-assigning the variable does not affect the object
  - ◉ Comparing objects with == vs ===
    - ◉ === expects the objects to be the actual same object in memory
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/ZLW22/>

# Mutability



- ◉ All primitives in JavaScript are immutable
  - ◉ Using an assignment operator just creates a new instance of the primitive
  - ◉ Pass-by-value
  - ◉ Unless you used an object constructor for a primitive...
- ◉ Objects are mutable (and pass-by-reference)
  - ◉ Their values (properties) can change



# Exercise: Copying objects

- Start the Node.js server

~~node bin/server.js~~

- Open the following file:

~~www/copy/copy.js~~

- Complete the exercise

- Run the tests by visiting in your browser:

<http://localhost:3000/copy/>

- Hint: `for (var prop in obj) { /* */ }`

- Hint: `obj.hasOwnProperty(prop)`

# Exercise: Objects



- Create a “copy” function
- Fork me:
  - <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/mLccst8c/>

# Built-in Objects



- String
- Number
- Boolean
- Function
- Array
- Date
- Math
- RegExp
- Error
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/rrb67ev0/>

# String



- Instance properties

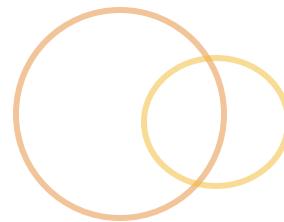
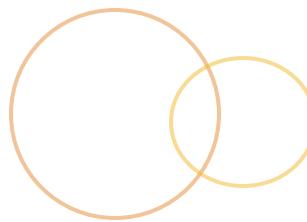
```
new String('foo').length // 3
```

- Instance method examples

```
var str = new String('hello world!');

str.charAt(0); // 'h'
str.concat('!'); // 'hello world!!'
str.indexOf('w'); // 6
str.slice(0, 5); // 'hello'
str.substr(6, 5); // 'world'
str.toUpperCase(); // 'HELLO WORLD!'
```

# Number



## Generics

`Number.MIN_VALUE`

`Number.MAX_VALUE`

`Number.NaN`

`Number.POSITIVE_INFINITY`

`Number.NEGATIVE_INFINITY`

## Instance method examples

```
var num = new Number(3.1415);
```

```
num.toExponential(); // "3.1415e+0"
```

```
num.toFixed(); // 3
```

```
num.toPrecision(3); // 3.14
```

# Number Properties



## Properties

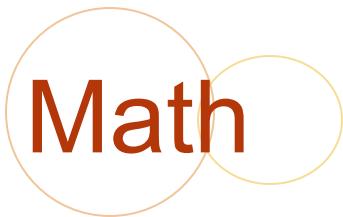
- MAX\_VALUE
- NaN
- Etc...

## Generic methods

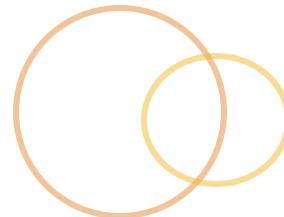
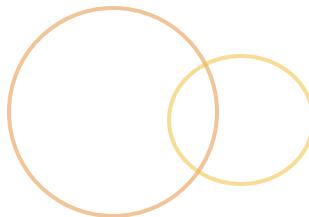
- Number.isInteger()
- Number.isFinite()
- Number.parseFloat()
- Number.parseInt()

## Instance methods

- num.toString()
- num.toFixed()
- num.toExponential()



# Math



- ◉ Singleton-ish
- ◉ Methods
  - ◉ abs, log, max, min, pow, sqrt, sin, floor, ceil, random...
- ◉ Properties
  - ◉ E, LN2, LOG2E, PI, SQRT2...

# Arrays



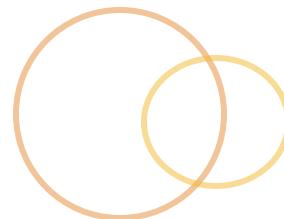
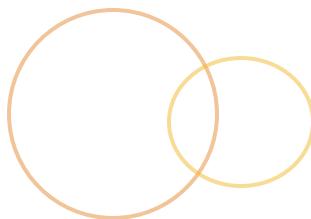
- Arrays are objects that behave like arrays
  - Indexes of an array are converted to strings and set as object properties
- Use arrays when order of the data should be sequential
- Creating an array
  - // literal

```
var myArray = [1,2,3];
```
  - // constructor

```
var myArray = new Array(1,2,3);
```
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/at6djrey/>



# Array



- ◉ Generics

```
Array.isArray([]) // true
```

- ◉ Examples

- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/jmcneese/qsxgvdnn>



# Array mutator methods

```
var arr = new Array(1, 2, 3);
arr.pop(); // 3
arr.push(3); // 3
arr.reverse(); // [3, 2, 1]
arr.shift(); // 3
arr.sort(); // [1, 2]
arr.splice(1, 0, 1.5); // [1, 1.5, 2]
arr.unshift(0); // [0, 1, 1.5, 2]
```



# Array accessor methods

```
var arr = new Array(1, 1);
arr.concat([2, 4]); // [1, 1, 2, 4]
arr.join(' - '); // "1-1"
arr.slice(1, 1); // [1]
arr.toString(); // "1,1"
arr.indexOf(2); // -1
arr.lastIndexOf(1); // 1
```



# Array iteration methods

```
var arr = new Array(1, 1, 2, 4);
arr.forEach(fn);
arr.every(fn);
arr.some(fn);
arr.filter(fn); // new array filtered
arr.map(fn); // new array transformed
arr.reduce(fn); // result from an array
arr.reduceRight(fn);
```

# Array enumeration



- ◉ Use “for” not “for...in”, which doesn’t keep array keys in order

- ◉ 

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

- ◉ `.forEach(callback[, thisArg])`

- ◉ New in es5 (ie9+)
  - ◉ No way to stop or break a `forEach` loop
  - ◉ 

```
myArray.forEach(function(val, index, arr) {
});
```

# Array tests



- ◉ `arr.every(callback[, thisArg])`
  - ◉ checks if every element in an array passes a callback function
  - ◉ `myArray.every(function(val, index, arr) {  
 return (val>0); // evaluates to boolean  
});`
- ◉ `arr.some(callback[, thisArg])`
  - ◉ verify if at least one passes the test

# Array filter, map



- ◉ **.filter()**
  - ◉ Iterate over your array of items passing them to a function. Returning true from the function indicates the item should be retained.

```
myArray.filter(function(item) {
 return item!=2;
}); // removes items that don't equal 2
```
- ◉ **.map()**
  - ◉ Iterates over array, invoking a function on each value. The return value is the modified value of the item.
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/pbwY3hy5/>

# Array reduce()



- `.reduce()`
  - Boils down a list of values into a single value.

```
[0,1,2,3,4].reduce(function(acc, elm) {
 // 1. acc is the accumulator
 // 2. elm is the current element
 // 3. You must return a new accumulator
 return acc + elm;
}, 0);
// initial acc value can be passed in
```

# Exercise: Arrays



- Start the Node.js server  
~~node bin/server.js~~
- Open the following file:  
`www/array/array.js`
- Complete the exercise
- Run the tests by visiting in your browser:  
`http://localhost:3000/array/`



# Date

- Represents a single moment in time based on the number of milliseconds since 1 January, 1970 UTC

```
new Date();
```

```
new Date(value);
```

```
new Date(dateString);
```

```
new Date(year, month[, day[, hour[,
minutes[, seconds[, milliseconds]]]]]);
```

- Examples

- <http://jsfiddle.net/jmcneese/76aat2kc>

# Date Methods



- Generics

- `Date.now()`

- `Date.parse('2015-01-01')`

- `Date.UTC(2015, 0, 1)`

- Instance method examples

- `var d = new Date();`

- `d.getFullYear();` // 2015

- `d.getMonth();` // 7

- `d.getDate();` // 15

# RegExp



- Creates a regular expression object for matching text with a pattern

```
var re = new RegExp("\w+", "g");
var re = /\w+/g;
```

- Generics

```
var re = new RegExp("\w+", "g");
re.global; // true
re.ignoreCase; // false
re.multiline; // false
re.source; // "\w+"
```

- Examples

- <http://jsfiddle.net/jmcneese/8jns05wf>

# RegExp Methods



- ◉ Instance methods
  - ◉ `re.exec(str)`
  - ◉ `re.test(str)`
- ◉ String methods that accept RegExp params
  - ◉ `str.match(regexp);` // array of matches
  - ◉ `str.replace(regexp, replacement);` // string with replacement
  - ◉ `str.search(regexp);` // returns 1 at first match
  - ◉ `str.split(regexp, limit);` // returns array



# Regular Expressions matchers

- ◉ Escape with / backslash
- ◉ Use [] for sets, [01234] or [0-4] for a range
- ◉ Special character groups, ex: \d (digits) and \w (alphanumeric)
- ◉ + match at least one
- ◉ \* match 0 or more
- ◉ ^ invert
- ◉ ? Optional - /neighbou?r/
- ◉ {4} time occurrence
- ◉ {2,4} – at least twice, at most 4 times

# Constants



- ES6, Not frequently used
- Immutable while script thread is running
- Same rules as apply to variables, but keyword ‘const’ is used instead of ‘var’
- They \*are\* scoped

# Error



- ◉ Error objects are thrown when runtime errors occur
  - ◉ Can also be used as a base objects for user-defined exceptions
- var err = new **Error**('Oh noes!');
- ◉ Implementation varies across vendors
- ◉ Instance properties

```
err.name; // "Error"
```

```
err.message; // "Oh noes!"
```

# Error Handling



- ◉ JavaScript is very lenient when it comes to handling errors
- ◉ Internal errors are raised via the **throw** keyword, and are then considered "exceptions"
- ◉ Exceptions are handled via a **try/catch/finally** construct, where the thrown exception is passed to the **catch** block
  - ◉ Nesting allowed
  - ◉ Exceptions can be re-thrown
- ◉ *Anything* can be thrown, of any data type
- ◉ Uncaught exceptions halt the overall script
- ◉ Example
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/jmcneese/m83pgvbn>

# Built-in Errors



- Error (Top level object)
- SyntaxError
- ReferenceError
- TypeError
- RangeError
- URIError
- EvalError

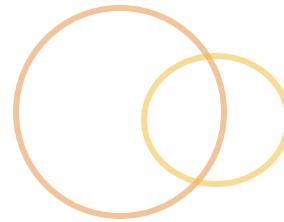
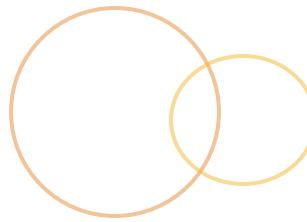
# The global object



- The scope in which all variables live by default
- The context of the application
- “window” when running in a browser



ES5...



- ◉ Ignore trailing commas
- ◉ No reserved word restrictions on prop names
- ◉ Built in getter/setter property settings
- ◉ Infinity, NaN and undefined are now constants
- ◉ JSON is now native
- ◉ Now has a “strict mode”
- ◉ Many new methods!
  - ◉ Function.prototype.bind()
  - ◉ String.prototype.trim()
  - ◉ Array.prototype.every(), filter, map, reduce
  - ◉ Object.keys()
  - ◉ Object.create()
  - ◉ Array.isArray()

# Strict Mode



- ◉ "use strict";
- ◉ It kills deprecated and unsafe features
- ◉ It changes "silent errors" into thrown exceptions
- ◉ It disables features that are confusing or poorly thought out
  - ◉ Ensures "eval" has its own scope
  - ◉ Does not auto-declare variables at the global level during a scope-chain lookup
- ◉ Can be set globally or within function block
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/d2f6hohb/>

# Object immutability



- ◉ **Object.freeze(obj)**
  - ◉ Freezes an object: other code can't delete or change any properties
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/auuzgaxr/>
- ◉ **Object.preventExtensions(obj)**
  - ◉ Prevents any extensions of an object
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/0mn20b5L/>
- ◉ **Object.seal(obj)**
  - ◉ Prevents other code from deleting properties of an object
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/jmqguegw/>
- ◉ **Object.defineProperty(obj, propName, definition)**
  - ◉ Defines (or updates) a property on an object
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/g6t0hywp/>



# Exercise – Core objects

- ◉ Reverse an array
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/zqfwy1xp/>
- ◉ Strings and Dates
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/vk2tg472/>
- ◉ Data grids in the console
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/0kptbv7p/>
- ◉ Don't forget devdocs.io!



# Exercise: String Manipulation

- Start the Node.js server  
~~node bin/server.js~~
- Open the following file:  
www/string/string.js
- Complete the exercise
- Run the tests by visiting in your browser:  
<http://localhost:3000/string/>
- Hint: Use <http://devdocs.io> or <https://developer.mozilla.org> / for docs



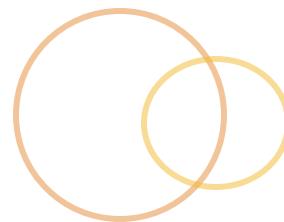
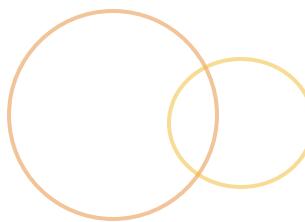
# Module: Function patterns

- Closures
- Immediately invoked functions
- Anonymous Functions
- ...Lots more we won't cover (chaining, currying, lazy load)

# Anonymous functions



- ◉ A function expression
  - ◉ var anon = function anon() {}
- ◉ Pros
  - ◉ Functions can be passed as arguments
  - ◉ Defined inline
  - ◉ Supports dynamic function definition
  - ◉ Can be named, which is scoped to function
- ◉ But...
  - ◉ difficult to test in isolation
  - ◉ Discourages code re-use
  - ◉ Hard to debug (unless you *name* it)



- ◉ IIFE
- ◉ Immediately Invoked Function Expressions
- ◉ Define the function and immediately invoke it
  - ◉ var tasksController = function() {  
                  // body  
    }(); // there it is!
- ◉ Anonymous? Sure...
  - ◉ (function(){  
          ...  
    }());
  - ◉ (function(){  
          ...  
    }()); // also works
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/u5srzzgk/>

# Closures



- ◉ One of the most important features of JavaScript
- ◉ And often one of the most misunderstood & feared features
- ◉ But... they are *all around you* in JavaScript
- ◉ They happen when you write code that relies on lexical scope

# Closures Example



```
function closeOverMe() {
 var a=1;
 return function() {
 console.log(a);
 };
};
var witness = closeOverMe();
witness(); // 1
```

- ◉ More examples

- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/974U2/>

# Closures for Privacy



```
var controller = function() {
 var privateVar = 42;

 var getter = function() {
 return privateVar;
 }

 return {
 getPrivateVar: getter
 }
}

var x = Controller();
```

# Closures, continued



- ◉ “When the context of an inner function includes the scope of the outer function and the inner function enjoys the context even after the parent function has returned”
- ◉ When a function is able to remember and access its lexical scope, even when executing outside its lexical scope.
- ◉ When an inner function *closes over* the variables of an outer function
- ◉ It retains state and scope after it completes execution
- ◉ And... the inner function is used outside the outer

# Function callbacks



- When a function is provided as an argument as something to be invoked inline, or under specific circumstances (like an event)
- ```
function runCallback(callback) {  
    // does things  
    return callback();  
}
```

Timers



- ◉ Establish delay for function invocation
 - ◉ `setTimeout(func, delayInMs[, arg1, argn])`
 - ◉ `var timer = setTimeout(func, 500);`
 - ◉ Use `clearTimeout(timer)` to cancel
- ◉ Establish an interval for periodic invocation
 - ◉ `setInterval(func, ms)`
 - ◉ `clearInterval(timer)`
- ◉ Context will always be global for the callbacks
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/s5g2moc6/>



Callbacks and closures

- ◉ Careful with function expressions in loops
 - ◉ Can have scope issues
 - ◉

```
for (var i=0; i<3; i++) {  
    setTimeout(function(){  
        console.log(i);  
    }, 1000*i);  
} // what will this output?
```
 - ◉ Instead, create an additional scope to maintain state for the inner function (expression)
 - ◉ Closures save the day
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/e8n62r3w/>



Function patterns recap

- ◉ Mind your **scope!**
 - ◉ In callbacks, in particular
- ◉ **Closures** create a persistent and private scope
- ◉ Functions are often passed around as **callbacks**
(due to the nature of the event loop...)
- ◉ Function expressions can be **immediately invoked** (and you'll see this a lot)

Exercise: Closures



- ➊ Start the Node.js server
~~node bin/server.js~~
- ➋ Open the following file:
www/closure/closure.js
- ➌ Complete the exercise
- ➍ Run the tests by visiting in your browser:
<http://localhost:3000/closure/>

Exercise: Closures



- ➊ Month names function
 - ➋ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/y37qch2g/>



Module: Scope & Context

- ◉ We already discussed *Scope*
 - ◉ Determines visibility of variables
 - ◉ Lexical scope (write-time)
- ◉ There is also *Context*
 - ◉ Context refers to the location a function/method was invoked from
 - ◉ Sort of dynamic scope; defined at run-time
 - ◉ Context is referenced by “this”



“this” is the context



- ◉ this keyword is a reference to the “object of invocation”
 - ◉ Bound at invocation
 - ◉ Depends on the call-site of the function
- ◉ It...
 - ◉ allows a method to know what object it is concerned with
 - ◉ allows a single function object instance to service many functions/usages
 - ◉ is key to inheritance
 - ◉ gives methods access to their objects



“this” is determined by call-site

- ◉ this is *bound* at call-time to an object
- ◉ 1) Default binding
 - ◉ Global
- ◉ 2) Implicit binding
 - ◉ Object method
 - ◉ Warning: Inside an inner function of an object method it refers to the global object
- ◉ 3) Explicit binding
 - ◉ Set with .call() or .apply()
- ◉ 4) Hard binding
 - ◉ Defined by .bind()
- ◉ 5) “new” binding
 - ◉ When *constructing* a new object
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/RUNS5/>

More explicit binding



- Context can be changed, which affects the value of `this`, via Function's `call`, `apply` and `bind` methods
 - `obj.foo();` // obj context
`obj.foo.call(window);` // window context
- “bind” doesn’t execute, it returns a copy of the function with the context re-defined. The resulting function is a “bound function”
 - `var getX = module.getX;`
`boundGetX = getX.bind(module);`
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/or7y5orn/>



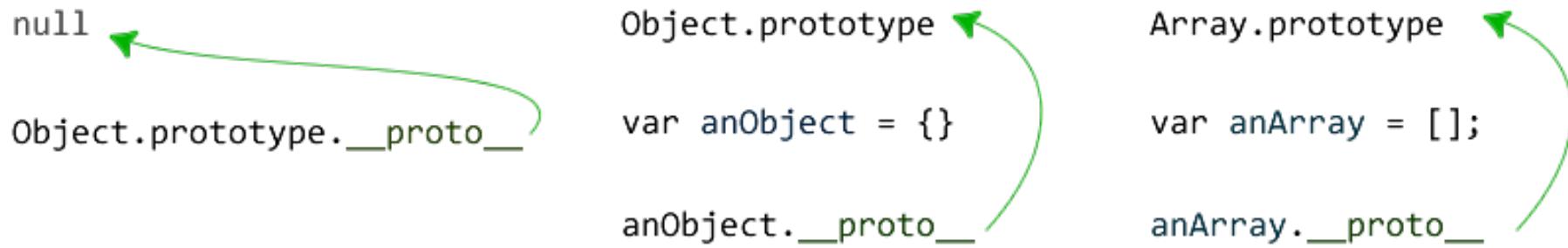
Inheritance in JavaScript

- ◉ Or.. How I learned to love the Prototype
- ◉ JavaScript is class-free, prototypal
- ◉ There is a way to simulate classical inheritance, but prototypal approach is more suited to JavaScript
- ◉ Prototype modal
 - ◉ Tends to be smaller
 - ◉ Less redundant
 - ◉ Can simulate classical inheritance as needed
 - ◉ More powerful

Prototypes (intro)

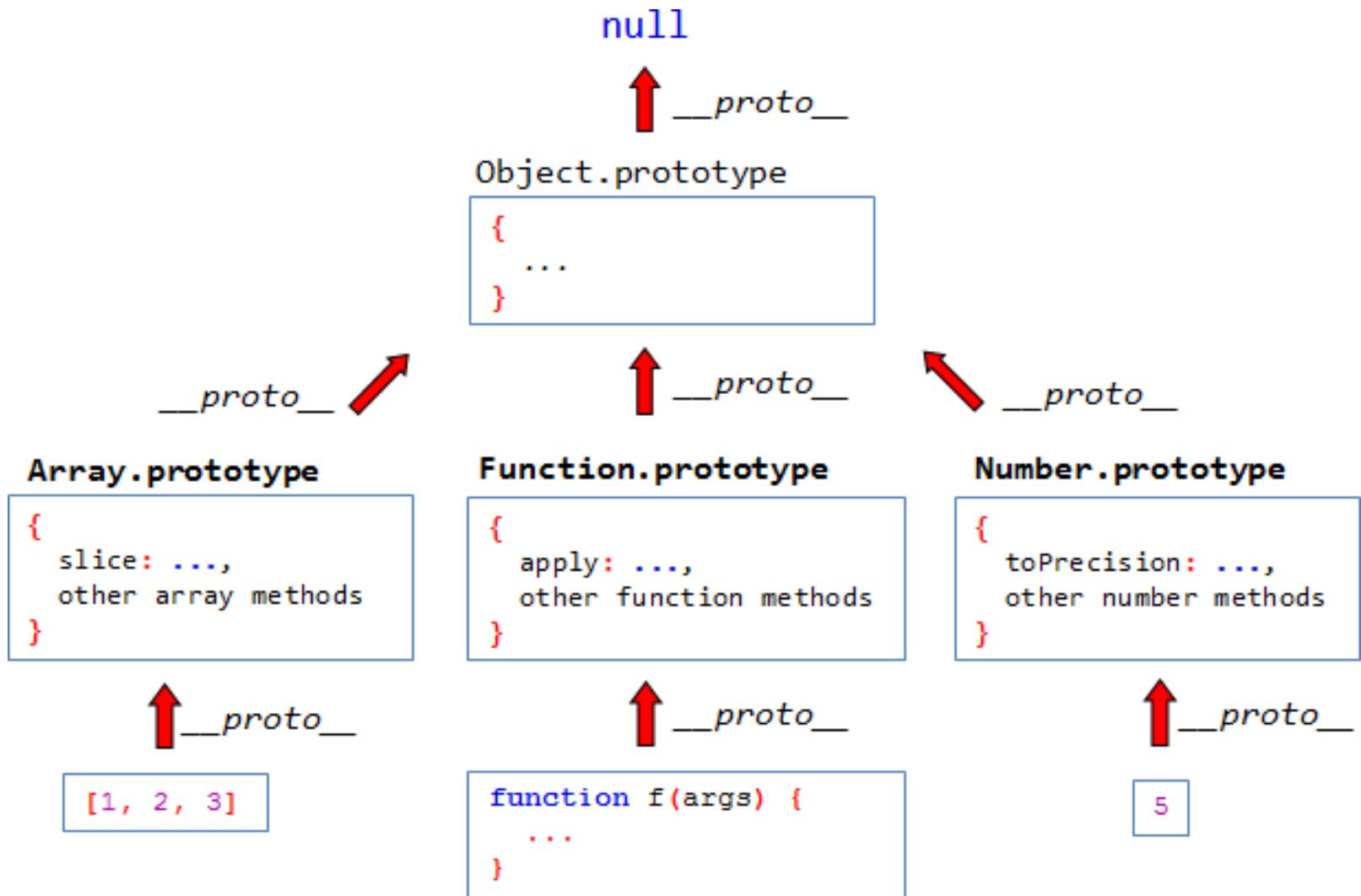


- Objects have an internal link to another object called its *prototype*
- That prototype has a *prototype*, and so on, up the **prototype chain**



- The chain goes up to **Object.prototype** and then **null** (the end of the chain)
- Objects **delegate** behavior to other objects through this prototype linkage

This is how objects inherit their stuff



Inheritance Patterns in JavaScript



- ◉ Two Schools
 - ◉ Classical
 - ◉ Prototypal
- ◉ Several patterns to familiarize with
 - ◉ Native constructor...
 - ◉ Pseudo-classical
 - ◉ *Prototypal
 - ◉ Parasitic

Let's return to objects...



- ◉ There are three common ways to create new objects in JavaScript
 - ◉ Object Literal
 - ◉ `var newObj = {};`
 - ◉ `Object.create(prototypeObj)` - ES5
 - ◉ `var newObj = Object.create(Object.prototype);`
 - ◉ Constructor Function
 - ◉ `var newObj = new Object();`



Native Constructor Pattern

- Tends to simulate classical inheritance
- Relies on “new” keyword and “this”

```
○ function Car(color) {  
    this.color = color;  
    this.toString = function() {  
        return this.color + " car";  
    };  
};  
var toyota = new Car("red");
```

- It...
 - Creates a new object
 - Invokes the function with that object as the context
 - Sets the prototype of the new object to the Constructor's prototype
 - Returns the new object



Native Constructor continued

- Can make the Car instances more flexible by utilizing its prototype property

- ```
function Car(color) {
 this.color = color;
}
```

```
Car.prototype.toString = function() {
 return this.color + " car";
}
```

```
var toyota = new Car("red");
// toyota.__proto__ -> Car.prototype
```

# Augmenting



- The **prototype** behaves like a live template for objects that link to it in the chain
- (*In the Constructor Pattern*) you can continue to augment instances through its Constructor's prototype
  - `Car.prototype.drive = function(){}`

```
// now toyota will immediately have this
// available
```

```
toyota.drive();
```

# Own properties



- ◉ An object can have its “own” properties, referenced within the object itself
- ◉ It can also have properties it delegates up the prototype chain
- ◉ Continuing our Car example...
  - ◉ toyota => {color: “red”}
  - ◉ toyota.red; // is it’s own property (thanks to the constructor)
  - ◉ toyota.drive(); // is delegated up the chain
  - ◉ Car.prototype.tires = 4; // now augment
  - ◉ toyota.tires; // works through delegation up the chain

# Prototype



- ◉ Every function in JavaScript has a prototype property, which is by default an empty object.
- ◉ Every object in JavaScript has a internal reference to it's prototype (`__proto__`)
  - ◉ Better said as, “A reference to the object’s prototype that it inherits from”
- ◉ Objects also have a constructor property
  - ◉ What constructor function made me?

# prototype vs. proto



- ◉ **.prototype** is a property of the Function object
  - ◉ It is created when a function is defined
  - ◉ When a function is used as a constructor, it indicates the prototype of objects constructed by said function
- ◉ **proto** is an instance property of an object
  - ◉ References its prototype
  - ◉ This is the *prototype chain* we referred to earlier

# Prototypes continued...



- ◉ All objects inherit from `Object.prototype`
  - ◉ The `Function` object inherits from `Function.prototype`
- ◉ Prototype is like a fallback object of properties that an object can use when the property does not exist on the object itself
- ◉ When you request a property of an object, it checks the object, then its prototype, then the prototype's prototype, and so on...
  - ◉ The prototype chain
- ◉ This is the basis of inheritance in JavaScript

# Pseudo-classical Inheritance



- ◉ Basically...
  - ◉ Create a Constructor Function
    - ◉ 

```
function Gizmo(id) {
 this.id = id;
}
```
  - ◉ Add methods and properties that will be inherited
    - ◉ 

```
Gizmo.prototype.toString = function() {
 return "gizmo " + this.id;
}
```
  - ◉ Allow inheritance via prototype
    - ◉ 

```
function Hoozit(id) {this.id=id;}
Hoozit.prototype = new Gizmo();
Hoozit.prototype.test = function(){...}
```

# Prototypal Inheritance



- ◉ There are no “classes”, only objects
- ◉ All objects “inherit” methods and properties from other objects
- ◉ Objects are treated as dynamic templates
- ◉ How to do it
  - ◉ `Object.create(prototype); // ES5`
- ◉ Prototypal inheritance is arguably “better”
  - ◉ Allows for multi-inheritance (mixins)
  - ◉ Considerably simpler than classical patterns

# Object.create()



- ◉ Basis of “real” prototypal inheritance
- ◉ Creates an object with a specified prototype and optional properties
- ◉ `Object.create(prototype, properties);`
- ◉ What it is:
  - ◉ 

```
function object(o) {
 function F(){};
 F.prototype = o;
 return new F();
}
```
- ◉ Car example
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/f0tsos80/>
- ◉ Advanced examples (if we want)
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/uc3k80k1/>

# introspection



- ➊ `instanceof`

- ➊ Tells you whether an object was derived from a specific constructor
  - ➋ `anObj instanceof FooConstructor`

- ➋ `Object.isPrototypeOf`

- ➊ In the prototype chain of `a`, does `Foo.prototype` appear
  - ➋ `Foo.isPrototypeOf(anObj)`

- ➋ `Object.getPrototypeOf()`

- ➊ Returns the actual prototype (`__proto__`)
  - ➋ Must be an object in ES5, ES6 correctly returns `String.prototype` for “astring”



# Objects and prototype recap

- ◉ Objects are dynamic
- ◉ Inheritance behaves like delegation/linking
  - ◉ You can use an object as a template for another object ad infinitum
- ◉ Object properties (and methods) are looked for up the **prototype chain**
- ◉ `proto` is a special property linking an object to its prototype
- ◉ **prototype** is a property you set on constructors
- ◉ **this** in an object method references the object
  - ◉ But it can change, depending on how you call the function

# Delegation > inheritance



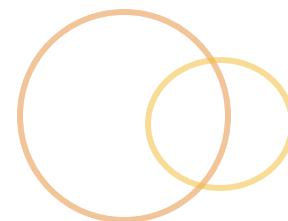
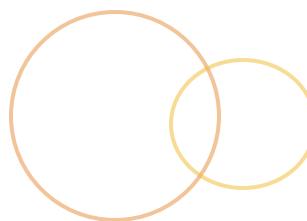
- JavaScript inheritance is more like “delegation” rather than classical inheritance which relies on copies
- Really is no need to use “new” or constructor functions
  - ```
var foo = {...};  
var bar = Object.create(foo);  
var b1 = Object.create(bar);  
var b2 = Object.create(bar);
```



Exercise: Inherit something

- ◉ Using the “native constructor” technique, create a series of objects that inherit from their predecessors
- ◉ Choose a subject where there are plenty of types to pick from:
 - ◉ Animal -> Mammal -> Horse -> Clydesdale
 - ◉ Vehicle -> Automobile -> SUV -> Jeep
 - ◉ Profession-> Engineering -> Software Architect
 - ◉ Etc.
- ◉ No need to make several of each tier, just one inheritance chain is enough
- ◉ Feel free to add properties and methods that seem appropriate
- ◉ All done? Now try the same with `Object.create()` (instead of constructors)

Day 2



- ◉ Any remaining set up issues?
- ◉ Any questions from day 1?
- ◉ Any comments/suggestions?
- ◉ For today:
 - ◉ JavaScript Core: Objects and Prototypes
 - ◉ HTML, CSS refresher
 - ◉ The DOM
 - ◉ Events
 - ◉ Native Ajax
 - ◉ jQuery basics

Warm-up Exercise



- Create an object that represents yourself
 - Give it a name (ex: Ryan)
 - A height? Age? Whatever
- You should be able to do stuff, like speak
 - Create a function on your object, "speak", accepts a string argument and logs it to the console as:
 - "Ryan says: {the string}"
- Let's assume you also have a trophy collection
 - Create an array property on your object that has a couple trophies inside it
 - Add a function that lets you view trophies:
 - `me.viewTrophy(i);` // will log the name of the trophy at i index
 - Add a function that lists all trophies, separated by commas
 - `me.listTrophies();` // -> "gold star, track, silver medal"
- How might we make it so that your trophies are protected from theft?
 - Hint: IFFE, Closures, and entering into modules...



Day 2: JavaScript & the DOM

- ◉ HTML/CSS recap
- ◉ The DOM
 - ◉ Content creation and traversal
 - ◉ Events
 - ◉ Ajax



Debugging in the browser

- ➊ `$_; // the value of the last evaluation`
- ➋ `$0 through $4, last inspected elements`
- ➌ `$("selector"); // first matching node`
- ➍ `$$("selector"); // all matching nodes`
- ➎ `debug(function); // sets a breakpoint at function`
- ➏ `monitor(function); // trace calls to a function`



JavaScript and the Browser

○ Why JavaScript

- Interactivity, based on user or browser triggered events
- Load data into the page dynamically
- Built in business logic
- Single page applications (if that's your cup of tea)
- The web is the new application platform...

○ How it fits

- HTML for view data & ui structure
- CSS for presentation
- JavaScript for behavior
 - Though.. becoming central for business logic

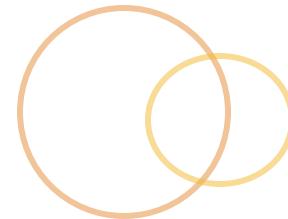
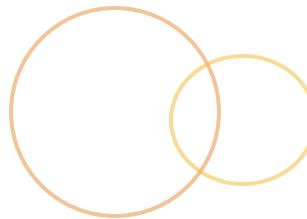


Wizard check

- ◉ Write an HTML form from scratch?
- ◉ Style a form (or full page) from scratch?
- ◉ Manipulate elements in the page with just the DOM?
- ◉ Set up an event handler for form submissions?
Clicks?
- ◉ Know what events are and why they are important?



HTML



- ◉ Hyper Text Markup Language
- ◉ Browsers allow support for all sorts of errors – html is very error tolerant
- ◉ Structure of the UI and “view data”
- ◉ Tree of element nodes
- ◉ HTML5
 - ◉ Rich feature set
 - ◉ Semantic
 - ◉ Cross-device compatibility
 - ◉ Easier!



Anatomy of an html page

- ◎ The document

- ◎ <!doctype html>
 <html lang="en">
 <head>
 <meta charset="utf-8">
 ...document info and includes...
 </head>
 <body>
 <h1>Hello World!</h1>
 </body>
 </html>

- ◎ <http://jsbin.com/retupe/edit?html>

HTML as a tree...





Anatomy of an html element

- ◉ Aka nodes, elements, tags
- ◉ <element attributeName="attributeValue">
Content of element
</element>
- ◉ Block vs inline
 - ◉ <p></p>
 - ◉
- ◉ Self closing elements
 - ◉ <input type="text" name="username" />



HTML Elements refresher

◉ Structure

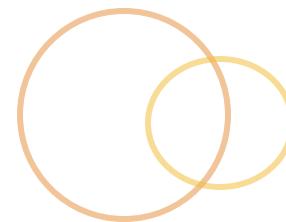
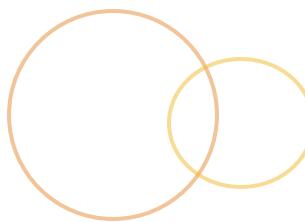
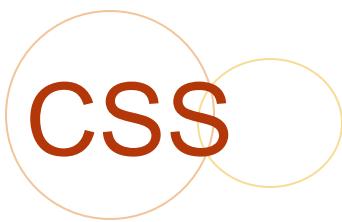
- ◉ <div>
- ◉
- ◉ <table>
 - ◉ <tr>, <td>, <thead>, <tbody>
- ◉ <form>
 - ◉ <fieldset>, <label>, <input>, <select>, <textarea>
- ◉ And some new HTML5 semantic elements

◉ Content

- ◉ <h1> through <h6>
- ◉ <p>
- ◉ or (with)
- ◉ Text modifiers
 - ◉ ,

◉ See:

- ◉ <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Element>



- ◉ Cascading Style Sheets
- ◉ Language for describing look and formatting of the document
- ◉ Separates presentation from content
- ◉ Define as external resource or inline
 - ◉ `<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="theme.css">`
 - ◉ `<style type="text/css">`
...style declarations...
`</style>`
 - ◉ `RED`



Anatomy of a css declaration

- ◉ **selectors {**

```
    /* declaration block */  
    property: value;  
    property: value;  
    property: val1 val2 val3 val4;
```

```
}
```

- ◉ **div {**

```
    color:#f90;  
    border:1px solid #000;  
    padding:10px;  
    margin:5px 10px 3px 2px;
```

```
}
```

CSS Selectors



- By element

 - `h1 {color:#f90;}` `<h1></h1>`

- By id

 - `#header {}` `<div id="header"></div>`

- By class

 - `.main {}` `<div class="main"></div>`

- By attribute

 - `div[name="user"] {}` `<div name="user"></div>`

- By relationship to other elements

 - `li:nth-child(2) {}` ``

CSS Specificity



- ◉ Multiple selectors will override each other based on “specificity”
 - ◉

```
<div id="main" class="fancy">  
    What color will I be?  
</div>
```
 - ◉

```
#main{  
    color: #f90;  
}  
.fancy{  
    color:blue;  
}  
#main.fancy{  
    color:red;  
}
```
- ◉ Order of specificity: inline, id, psuedo-classes, attributes, class, type, universal
- ◉ !important



Including JS on the page

- ◉ HTML Parser parses while script is downloaded then run
- ◉ Include at the bottom of </body>
 - ◉ It won't block
 - ◉ All DOM is loaded
- ◉ <script>...</script> blocks
- ◉ <script src="filename.js"></script>
- ◉ Inline on elements is possible "onclick"

How JavaScript loads (Performance)



- JS loading is blocking...
- Browser will download then interpret any JS it comes across before proceeding
- So... put scripts in files and at bottom of the body tag

The DOM



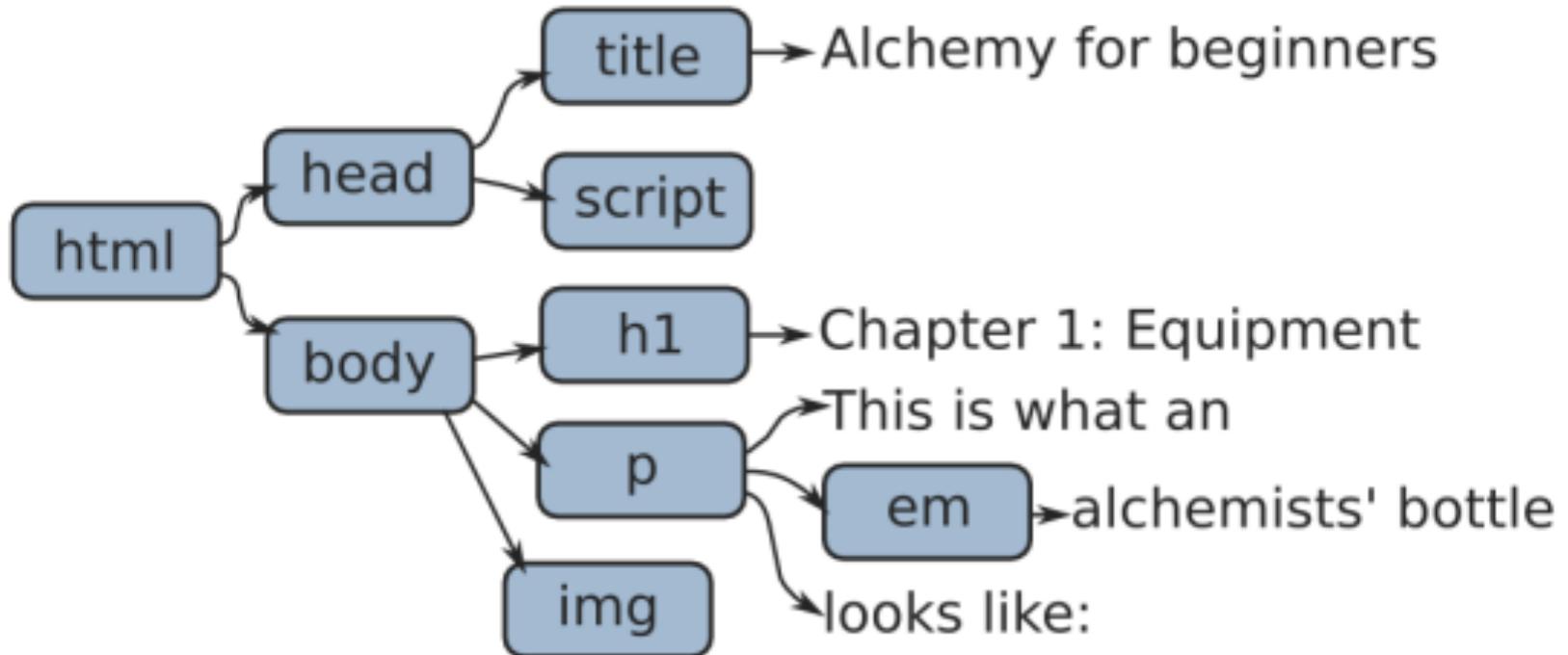
- ◉ Document Object Model
- ◉ What most people hate when they say they hate JavaScript
- ◉ The browser's API: interface it provides to JavaScript for manipulating the page
- ◉ Browser parses HTML and builds a model of the structure, then uses the model to draw it on the screen
- ◉ “Live” data structure

Document structure



- ◉ Global **document** variable gives us programmatic access to the DOM
- ◉ It's a tree-like structure
- ◉ Each node represents an **element** in the page, or **attribute**, or **content** of an element
- ◉ Relationships between nodes allow traversal
- ◉ Each DOM node has a **nodeType** property, which contains a code for the type of element...
 - ◉ 1 – regular element
 - ◉ 3 – text

Document Structure



Document Nodes



- ◉ <p id="name" class="hi">My text</p>
- ◉ Maps to: {
 - ...
 - childNodes: NodeList[1],
 - className: "hi",
 - innerHTML: "My text",
 - id: "name",
 - ...
- }
- ◉ Attributes map **very loosely** to object properties so don't rely on it



Working with the DOM

- Access the element(s)
 - Select one
 - Select many
 - Traverse
- Work with the element(s)
 - Text
 - Html
 - Attributes

DOM – Selecting



- ◉ Start on `document` or a previously selected element (except `getElementById`)
- ◉ Returns a **NodeList**
 - ◉ `el.getElementsByTagName("a");`
 - ◉ `el.getElementsByClassName("className");`
 - ◉ `el.querySelectorAll("css selector");`
- ◉ Returns a **single element**
 - ◉ `document.getElementById("idname");`
 - ◉ `el.querySelector("css selector");`
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/wcff257b/>

DOM - Traversing



- ◉ Move between nodes via their relationships
- ◉ Element node relationship properties
 - ◉ .parentNode
 - ◉ .previousSibling, .nextSibling
 - ◉ .firstChild, .lastChild
 - ◉ .childNodes // NodeList
- ◉ Mind the whitespace!
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/dv13y28m/>

Traversal ES5+



- ◉ `.children`
 - ◉ `.nextElementSibling`
 - ◉ `.prevElementSibling`
 - ◉ `.firstElementChild`
 - ◉ `.lastElementChild`
-
- ◉ These avoids annoying text-node stuff



Looping through a NodeList

- ◉ **HTMLCollectionObject/NodeList**
 - ◉ An array-like object containing a collection of DOM elements
 - ◉ The query is re-run each time the object is accessed, including the “length” property

DOM – Creating



- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/ktwdye0w/>
- `document.createElement()`
 - Creates and returns a new node without inserting it into the document
- `document.createTextNode()`
 - Creates and returns a new text node
- `el.innerHTML`
 - Can set the inner html content of a node



DOM – Setting Content

- ◉ Text node content
 - ◉ `textNode.nodeValue`
- ◉ Element node content
 - ◉ `.textContent`
 - ◉ `.innerText`
 - ◉ `.innerHTML`

DOM - insertion



- ◉ On an element or the document
 - ◉ `.appendChild(node);` // appends to childNodes
 - ◉ `.removeChild(node);` // removes from
 - ◉ `parentEl.insertBefore(newEl, beforeEl);`
 - ◉ `el.replaceChild(newNode, oldNode)`
 - ◉ `oldNode` must be a child of “`el`”



DOM – Element Attributes

- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/duopdjdb/>
- Accessor methods
 - `el.getAttribute(name);`
 - `el.setAttribute(name, value);`
 - `el.hasAttribute(name);`
 - `el.removeAttribute(name);`
- As properties
 - `.href`
 - `.className`
 - `.id`
 - `.checked`

DOM – Styling/CSS



- ◉ Use element's “style” property
 - ◉ It's an object of style properties
 - ◉ .color = “black”;
 - ◉ .position
 - ◉ .top
 - ◉ .left
- ◉ Some style names differ in JavaScript
 - ◉ Hyphens become camelCase
 - ◉ background-color => backgroundColor
 - ◉ Some names were keywords
 - ◉ float => cssFloat
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/hJwCj/>

DOM - Getting styles



- ◉ Can't accurately "get" styles on an element through its style property or attribute
- ◉ Must use `window.getComputedStyle()`
- ◉ `el.cssText` will return computed inline styles
- ◉ `classList` API
 - ◉ `el.classList.add("class");`
 - ◉ `el.classList.remove("class");`
 - ◉ `el.classList.toggle("class");`
 - ◉ `el.classList.contains("class")`

Geometry of Elements



- ◉ Element size in px
 - ◉ `.offsetWidth`
 - ◉ `.offsetHeight`
- ◉ Element inner size, ignoring borders
 - ◉ `.clientWidth`
 - ◉ `.clientHeight`
- ◉ `.getBoundingClientRect()`
 - ◉ Returns object with top, bottom, left, right properties relative to top left of the page
- ◉ If you want it relative to document, add on current scroll position (globals)
 - ◉ `pageXOffset`, `pageYOffset`

DOM Performance



- ◉ Dealing w/ browser brings up a lot of performance issues
- ◉ Touching a node has a cost (especially in ie)
- ◉ Styling a bigger cost (it cascades)
 - ◉ Inserting nodes
 - ◉ Layout changes
 - ◉ Accessing css margins
 - ◉ Reflow
 - ◉ Repaint
- ◉ Accessing a nodeList has a cost

DOM basics - Recap



- ◉ The DOM is a model of the web page document.
 - ◉ It is a standardized convention.
- ◉ Browsers offer a JavaScript API to interact with the DOM
 - ◉ Can affect the page
- ◉ You can access, manipulate, create any content within the page
- ◉ jQuery will abstract much of the DOM API implementation nuances away, but it is still a good set of tools to have under your belt
 - ◉ `document.getElementById()`
 - ◉ `el.querySelector()`
 - ◉ `el.querySelectorAll()`



Exercise: DOM Manipulation

- ~~Start the Node.js server~~
~~node bin/server.js~~
- Open the following file:
www/flags/flags.js
- Complete the exercise
- Run the tests by visiting in your browser:
<http://localhost:3000/flags/>

Exercises: Dom manipulation



- ◉ 1. Using your special DOM hunting and walking skills, find the 3 “FLAG” elements in the content and move them to the “#bucket” element
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/97ukr0rs/>
- ◉ 2. Make a function, “embolden”, that takes an element and makes it bold
 - ◉

```
function embolden(element) {  
    // makes the element bold  
    // hint: style it OR wrap it in <strong>  
}
```

Events



- JavaScript engine has an event-driven, single-threaded, asynchronous programming model
- As things happen
 - User clicks
 - Page completes loading
 - Form is submitting
- Events are fired
 - Click
 - Load
 - submit
- Which can trigger handler functions that are listening for these events

So many events...



- ◉ UI (load, unload, error, resize, scroll)
- ◉ Keyboard (keydown, keyup, keypress)
- ◉ Mouse (click, dblclick, mousedown, mousemove
 mouseup, mouseover, mouseout)
- ◉ Focus (focus, blur)
- ◉ Form (input, change, submit, reset, select, cut,
 copy, paste)



Event handling (Basics)

- Select an element that relates to the event
- Indicate which event you want to listen to
- Define an event handling function to respond to the event when it occurs



Event handling evolution

- ◉ Netscape
 - ◉ Used on<type>
 - ◉ Node[“onClick”] = function(){..}
- ◉ Microsoft
 - ◉ Node.attachEvent
 - ◉ Has global event object
- ◉ W3C
 - ◉ Node.addEventListener
 - ◉ All browsers by ie9+
 - ◉ body.addEventListener(“click”, function(){});



Bind an event to an element

- Inline
- Traditional DOM event handlers
 - `el.onclick = function(){}`
- Event listeners (ie9+)
 - `el.addEventListener(event, function [, flow]);`
 - `el.removeEventListener(event, function);`
 - `el.attachEvent();` // ie8- only
- Handlers are passed an “event” object
 - event object can have different properties depending on the event (ex: “which” for key pressed)
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/YAnBV/>

Context... in event handling



- ◉ JavaScript event handlers will be invoked in the context of the DOM node that triggered the event
 - ◉ So: `this === elementNode;`
- ◉ Careful with inner functions or callbacks, which may change context
 - ◉ Can store parent context
 - ◉ Or use “bind”



Event handlers with arguments

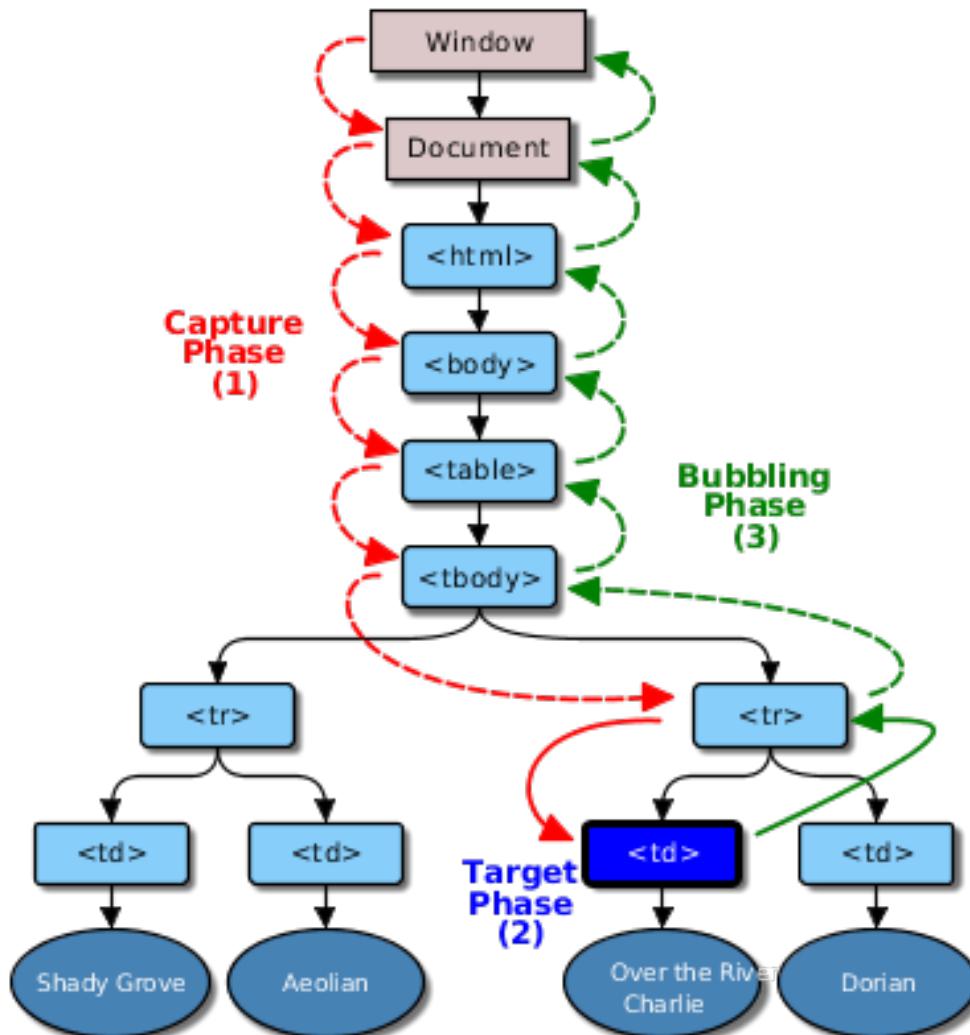
- ◉ This won't work like you expect
 - ◉ `element.addEventListener('blur', doSomething(5));`
- ◉ It is passing the result of a function invocation, not the function to-be-called as a callback
- ◉ Instead, wrap it in a function
 - ◉ `el.addEventListener('blur', function() {
 doSomething(5); // func needed an arg
});`
- ◉ Or use **Function.bind**
 - ◉ `el.addEventListener('blur', doSomething.bind(el, 5));`

Event Propagation



- ◉ An event triggered on an element e/A is also triggered on all parent elements of e/A
- ◉ Two models
 - ◉ Trickling, aka Capturing phase (Netscape)
 - ◉ Bubbling (MS)
- ◉ W3C decided to support both
 - ◉ Starts in capturing, then bubbling
 - ◉ Defaults to bubbling
- ◉ Bubbling supports Event Delegation
 - ◉ attach an event handler to a common parent of many nodes... and parent can determine source child and dispatch as needed.

Event Propagation, continued



Stopping events



- Cancel bubbling

- // ie8 and below
`eventObject.cancelBubble = true;`

// ie9+
`if (eventObject.stopPropagation) {
 eventObject.stopPropagation();
}`

- Prevent default browser behavior
 - `eventObject.preventDefault()`

Event information



- ◉ Can determine the location of the mouse when the event occurred
 - ◉ Event.screenX
 - ◉ Event.screenY
 - ◉ Event.pageX
 - ◉ Event.pageY
 - ◉ Event.clientX
 - ◉ Event.clientY
- ◉ Key events include a “keyCode” property
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/8htsexcg/>

Complete example



```
① .addEventListener('click', function(event) {  
  
    // "this" represents the element handling the event  
    this.style.color: "#ff9900";  
  
    // "target" represents the element that triggered  
    event.target.style.color: "#ff9900";  
  
    // you can stop default browser behavior  
    event.preventDefault();  
  
    // or you can stop the event from bubbling  
    event.stopPropagation();  
});
```

Event Delegation



- ◉ When a parent element is responsible for handling an event that bubbles up from its children
 - ◉ Allows new child content to be added and support the same event
 - ◉ Fewer handlers registered, fewer callbacks, reduced chance for memory leaks
- ◉ Relies on some event object properties
 - ◉ `target`, which references the originating node of the event
 - ◉ `currentTarget` property refers to the element currently handling the event (where the handler is registered)
- ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/2gK7L/>

Event debouncing



- “debounce” events that fire rapidly like `mousemove`, `scroll`
 - `textarea.addEventListener("keydown", function(){
 clearTimeout(timeout); // safe
 timeout = setTimeout(function(){
 // stopped typing...
 }, 500);
});`
- Respond to an event at intervals, displaying mouse coordinates periodically on `mousemove`
- <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/a7GTG/>

Event Loop

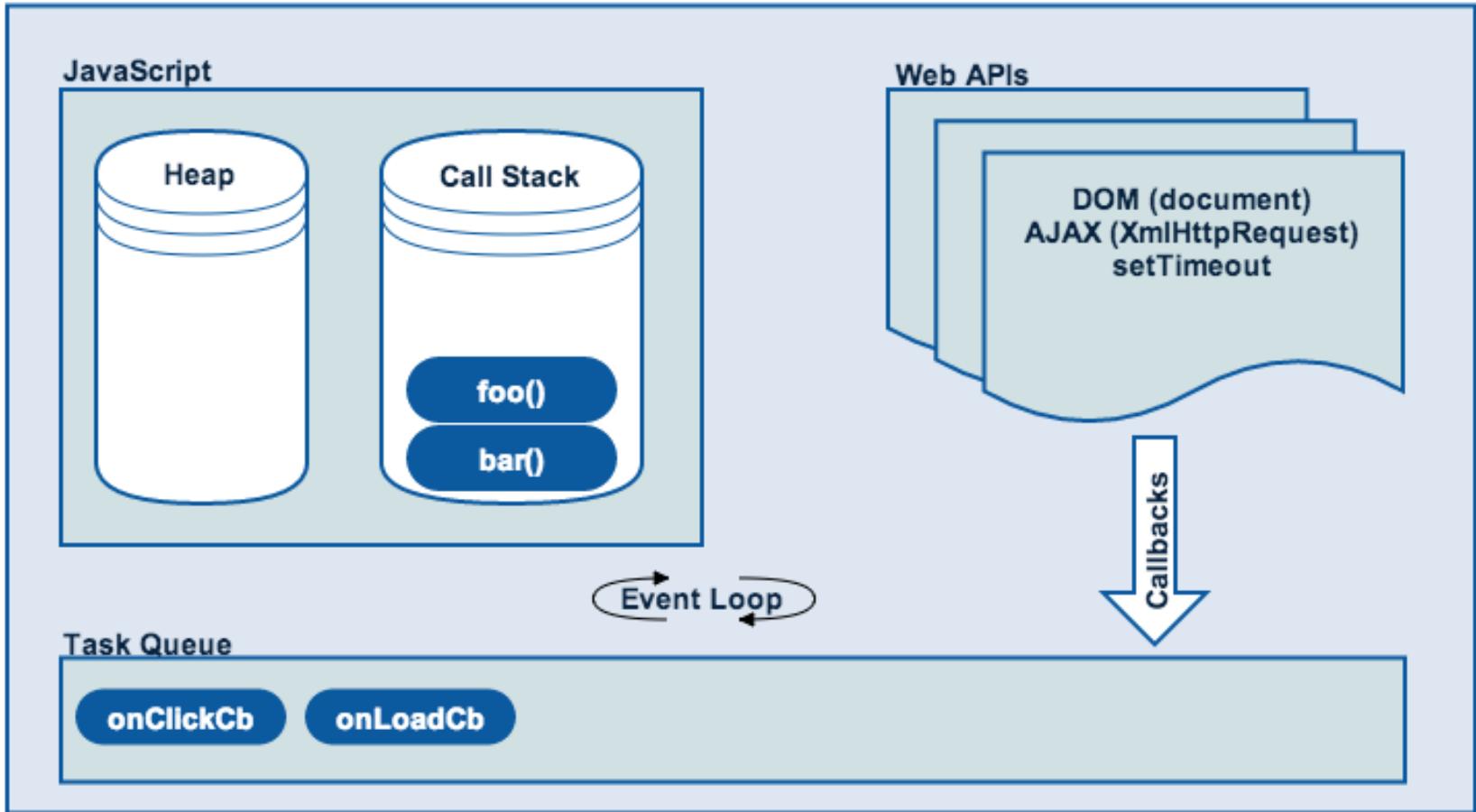


- ◉ Heart of the browser's JavaScript engine (one of the best parts)
- ◉ Allows asynchronous operations
 - ◉ Methods that get tacked into the queue are 'async'
- ◉ Each "turn" it returns a function from the Queue and runs it to completion (blocking)
 - ◉ Avoid blocking scripts...
 - ◉ alert, confirm, prompt, synchronous xhr/ajax
- ◉ For long running tasks...
 - ◉ *Eteration*: break task into multiple turns and call each with a setTimeout
 - ◉ Move the task into a separate process

The event loop



Browser





The event loop break down

- Single threaded stack
- Function calls are added to the stack
- On stack... “return” will pop the call off the stack and go to the next function down
- Each call is blocking until finished
- When stack is clear, anything (next one) in the Task Queue is popped off and put on the stack to run
- `setTimeout(0)` will push the task to the end of the main program by putting it in the task queue. Then the main program goes through the stack.

Event Examples



- ◉ Style a form field when prefilled
 - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/t1o9ptpL/>

Events recap



- ◉ **Events** are notifications that bubble up from different sources in the page
 - ◉ Usually through a user doing something
 - ◉ Or some content in the page doing something
- ◉ **Event delegation** allows you to register a single handler to handle many (child) nodes' events
- ◉ The browser **event loop** is powerful but it is single-threaded so a long-running process can halt all interactions in the page.



Exercise: DOM Manipulation

- Start the Node.js server
~~node bin/server.js~~
- Open the following file:
www flags events.js
- Complete the exercise
- Run the tests by visiting in your browser:
<http://localhost:3000/events/>

AJAX/XHR



- Interface through which browsers can make HTTP Requests
- Handled by the XMLHttpRequest object
- Introduced by Microsoft in the 90s for ie, taken from there...
- Why use it?
 - Non-blocking
 - Dynamic page content/interaction
 - Supports many formats
- Limitations
 - Same-origin policy
 - History management

XHR – Step by step



1. Browser makes a request to a server
2. Script continues along it's merry way
3. Server responds in xml/json/html
4. Browser parses and processes response
5. Browser invokes our JavaScript callback



XHR - Making a request

- Create a request object and call its “open” and “send” methods

- `var req = new XMLHttpRequest();`

```
// attach listener
```

```
req.open("GET", "url.json", false);  
req.send(null);
```



XHR – Handle the response

- “load” event will fire when response is received

```
req.addEventListener("load", function(e) {  
    if (req.status==200) {  
        console.log(req.responseText);  
    }  
});
```

Data formats



Format	Summary	PROS	CONS
HTML	Easiest for content in page	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy to parse• No need to process much	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Server must produce the HTML• Data portability is limited• Limited to same domain
XML	Looks similar to HTML, more strict	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexible and can handle complex structure• Processed using the DOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very verbose, lots of data• Lots of code needed to process result• Same domain only
JSON	Similar object literal syntax	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• concise! Small• Easy to use within JavaScript• Any domain, w/ JSONP or CORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Syntax is strict• Can contain malicious content since it can be parsed as JavaScript

XHR with HTML



- ◉ Easiest way to go
- ◉ Works with the DOM and styles
- ◉ Scripts will NOT run
- ◉ An example:
 - ◉ <http://js-jquery.course/ajax/index-html.html>

XHR with XML



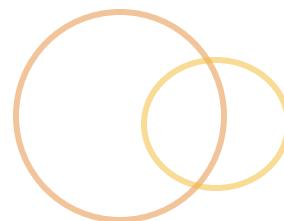
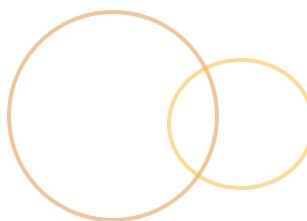
- More work in processing the data to turn XML into HTML

```
var data = xhr.responseXML;
var events =
data.getElementsByTagName('event');

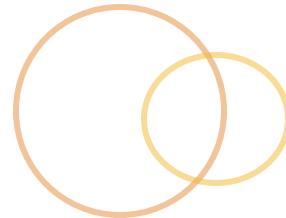
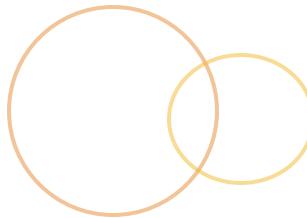
for (var i=0; i<events.length; i++) {
  var container = document.createElement('div');
  container.className = 'event';
  // create img node
  // append
}
```

- <http://js-jquery.course/ajax/index-xml.html>

JSON



- ◉ **JavaScript Object Notation**
- ◉ Most commonly used web data communication format
- ◉ Like an object literal, except:
 - ◉ Property names must be surrounded by double quotes
 - ◉ No function definitions, function calls or variables
- ◉ Methods
 - ◉ `JSON.stringify(object);`
 - ◉ `JSON.parse(string);`
- ◉ <http://js-jquery.course/ajax/data/data.json>



```
○ {  
    "name": "Jason",  
    "trophies": [  
        "trophy1",  
        "trophy2"  
    ],  
    "age": 40,  
    "car": {  
        "name": "toyota",  
        "year": 1985  
    }  
}
```

XHR with JSON



- It is sent and received as a string and will need to be de-serialized

- ```
var data = JSON.parse(xhr.responseText);
var newContent = “”;
```

```
for (var i=0; i< data.length; i++) {
 newContent += ‘<div class=“event”>’;
 newContent += ‘<img src=“’ + data[i].val+
 ‘”/’;
}
```

```
document.getElementById(‘content’).innerHTML
= newContent;
```

- <http://js-jquery.course/ajax/index-json.html>



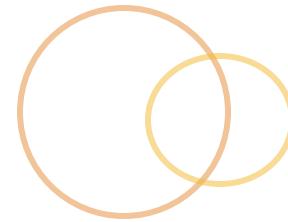
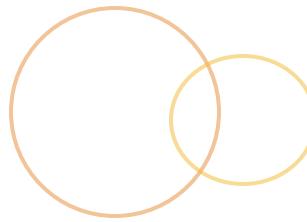
# XHR usage

- ◉ It is best to use an abstraction of XMLHttpRequest for
  - ◉ status and statusCode handling
  - ◉ Error handling
  - ◉ Callback registration (onreadystatechange vs onload)
  - ◉ Browser variations and fallbacks
  - ◉ Additional event handling
    - ◉ progress
    - ◉ load
    - ◉ error
    - ◉ abort
- ◉ Use a lib like jQuery....

# Cross-origin



- ◉ By default, ajax requests must be made on the same domain
- ◉ Alternatives to this are:
  - ◉ A proxy file on the server
  - ◉ JSON/p “Json with padding”
  - ◉ CORS (Cross-origin resource sharing), which involves new http headers between browser and server – ie10+
- ◉ For later: <http://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/>



- ◉ Browsers don't enforce same-origin policy on the `src` in script tags
- ◉ So...
  - ◉ We define a handling **callback** function
  - ◉ We dynamically add a **script** referencing an external `src`
  - ◉ We tell the script the **callback** to wrap the response in
  - ◉ Once script loads, the response is wrapped in our **callback**, which is invoked on load
- ◉ The callback function is expected to be defined on the origin
- ◉ <http://js-jquery.course/ajax/jsonp-example.html>

# XHR Recap



- A means for the browser to make additional requests without reloading the page
- Enables very **fast** and **dynamic** web pages
- Best with small, light transactions
- **JSON** is the data format of choice
- **Requests across domains** are possible but require jumping through some extra hoops (and your server must support it)

# Exercise: Making Ajax Requests



- Start the Node.js server  
~~node bin/server.js~~
- Open the following file:  
www/ajax/ajax.js
- Complete the exercise
- Run the tests by visiting in your browser:  
<http://localhost:3000/ajax/>

# jQuery Ajax review



- ◉ 

```
$.ajax({
 type: 'GET', // or 'POST', 'DELETE',
 data: {},
 success: callback
 error: callback
 complete: callback
 dataType: 'json', // 'json', 'html'
});
```
- ◉ **\$.ajax (and shortcuts) method immediately (synchronously) returns a Promise object**
  - ◉ 

```
var prom = $.ajax({...});
prom.done(function(response){...});
prom.fail(function(){...});
prom.always(function(){...});
```
- ◉ These promise methods can be chained
  - ◉ `prom.done().fail().always()`

# Exercise: JavaScript and the DOM



- ◉ 1) Create a tabbed UI that responds to click events and adding new tabs.
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/osq6fed3/>
- ◉ 2) Create a table-builder function that accepts JSON data and builds a table element with all the trimmings.
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net/mrmorris/mnyn3y0t/>



# Stay sharp

- ◉ Solve small challenges for kata
  - ◉ <http://www.codewars.com/>
- ◉ Code interactively
  - ◉ <http://www.codecademy.com/>
- ◉ Share your code and get feedback
  - ◉ <http://jsfiddle.net>
- ◉ Free e-book
  - ◉ <http://eloquentjavascript.net/>
- ◉ Re-introduction to JavaScript
  - ◉ [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/A\\_re-introduction\\_to\\_JavaScript](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/A_re-introduction_to_JavaScript)

# Team exercise



- Let's make a jQuery plugin
  - What are some things you want to achieve with jQuery?
  - What are some reusable behaviors or components you wish you had available?
  - Is there some behavior you want in reaction to a user's interaction?
  - A backup idea:
    - Ability for a form to be aware of when a field is “pristine”, “dirty”, “changed” and “unchanged”
      - Pristine: untouched field value
      - Dirty: touched field value
      - Changed: changed from original
      - Unchanged: unchanged from original

# Go now and code well



- ◉ That's a wrap!
  - ◉ What did you enjoy learning about the most?
  - ◉ What is your key takeaway?
  - ◉ What do you wish we did differently?
- ◉ Any other comments, questions, suggestions?
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