

WEB DESIGN DECAL

LECTURE 8

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# Introduction to Javascript

Basic programming skills



# Motivation for JavaScript

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Where have we been?

- Learned how **HTML** organizes a web page, and not much more
- To style those HTML elements, we select for them with good ol' **CSS**. Now they look good!
- **CSS** also powers the ability to style elements when you hover over them. But how can we take this further?

# Motivation for JavaScript

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What do we still want to do?

Make things react to:

- click events
- scrolling
- keyboard presses, etc.

Plugins for sliders, search, galleries, everything!

Do some form validation logic

Animations!

# What is JavaScript?

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Javascript is not Java!

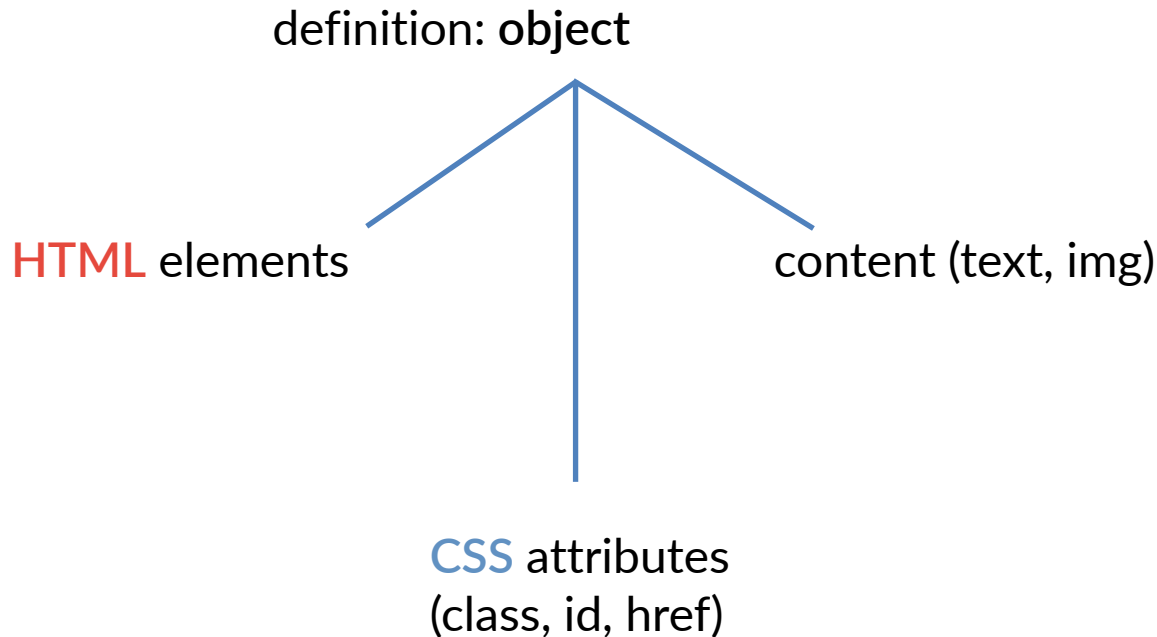
A dynamic programming language that can be applied to an HTML document to create dynamic interactivity on websites. Used to manipulate the DOM.

# What's the DOM?

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Stands for Document Object Model.

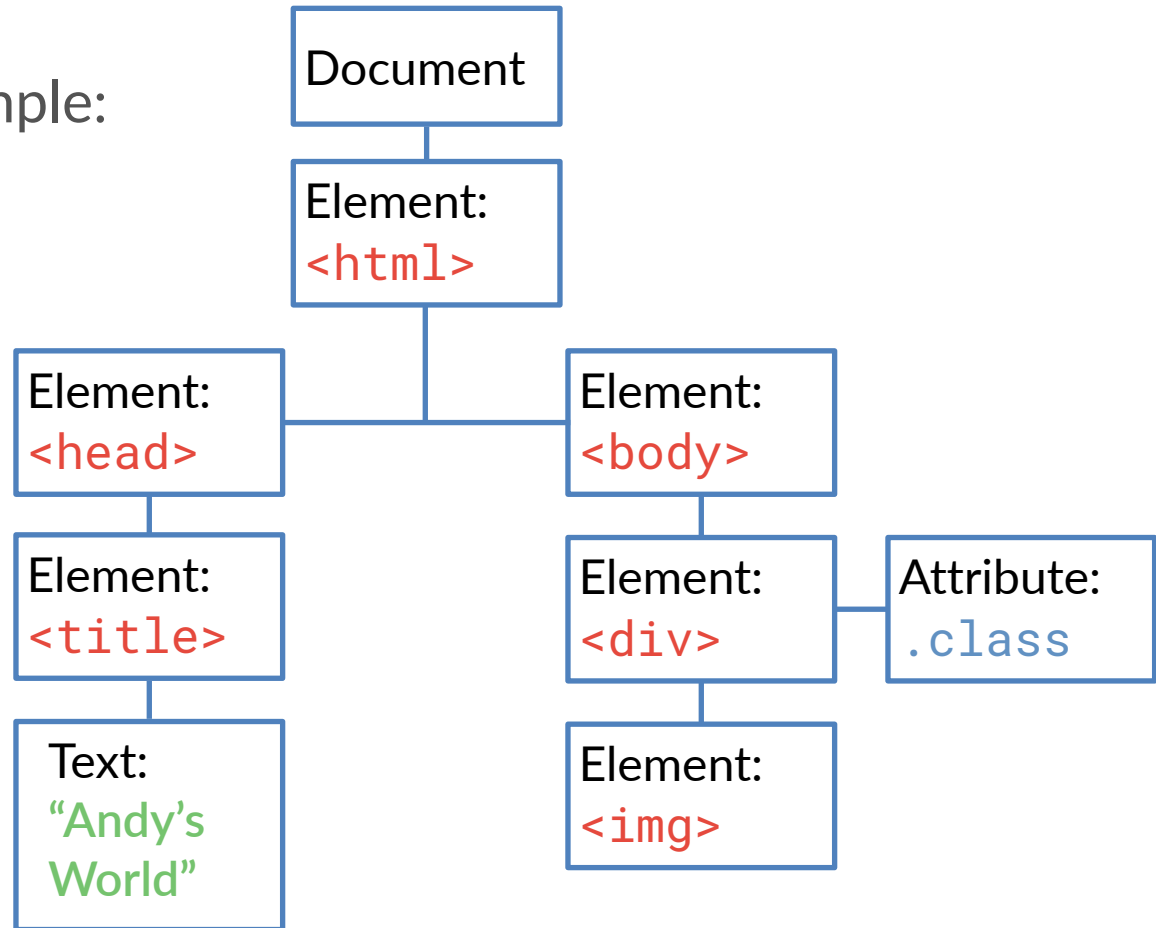
It's the tree of objects that JavaScript sees and controls.



# What's the DOM look like?

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Here is a DOM example:



# JavaScript with the DOM can

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- change all **HTML** elements
- change any **HTML** attributes
- can add or remove **HTML** elements & attributes
- can change any of the the **CSS** styles on page
- reacts to all page events

Everything above is referred to as DOM manipulation





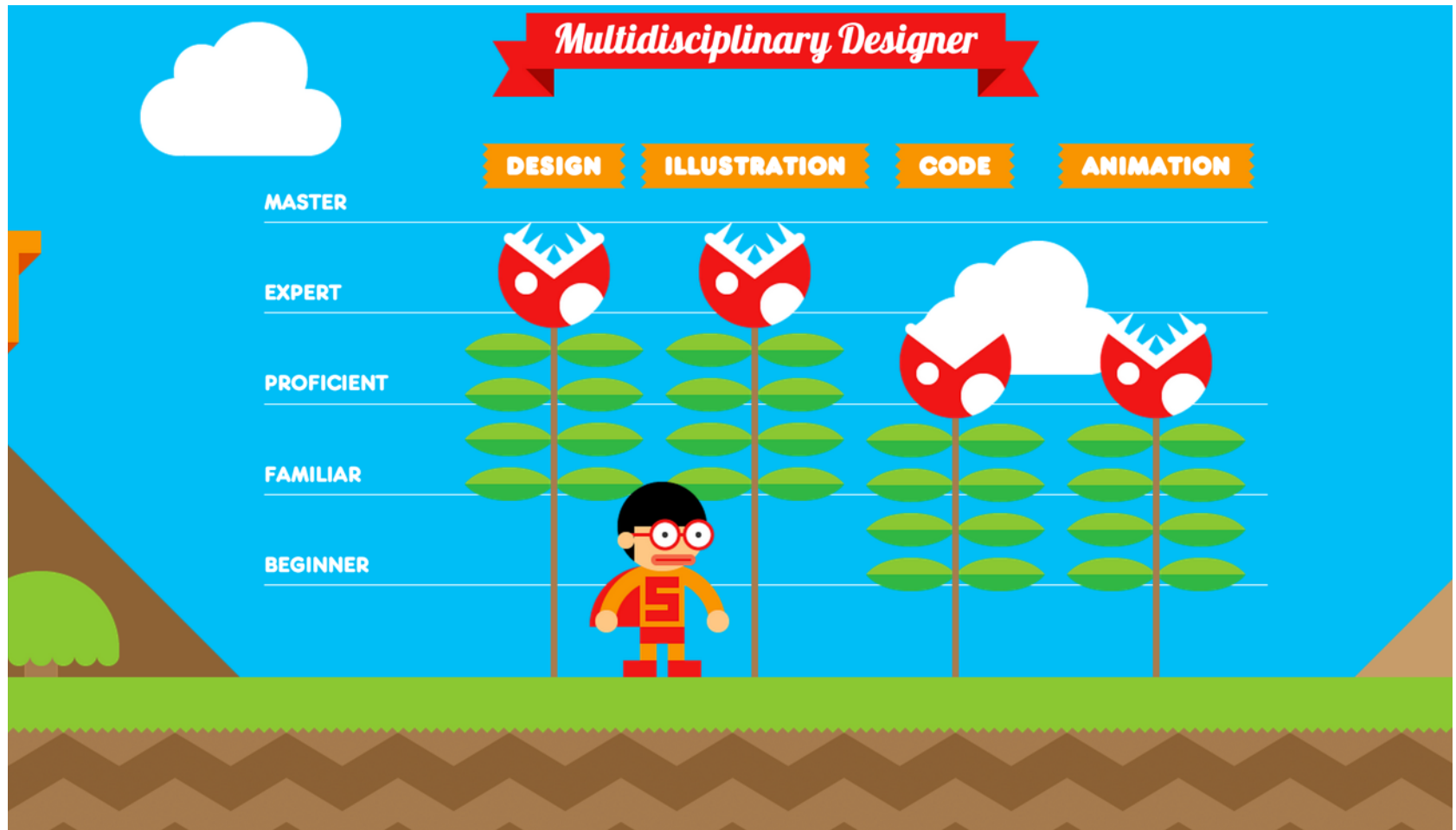
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# Simple

All your cards. One Coin.



Page animations - [Coin](#)



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# A personal website powered by your life



## Get started with just your phone

Your phone already has all the sensors you need. Wearables like Fitbit or Apple Watch make your data more accurate.



## Public or private, you can choose

You can keep your profile completely private, or make it public and even use it with your own domain name.

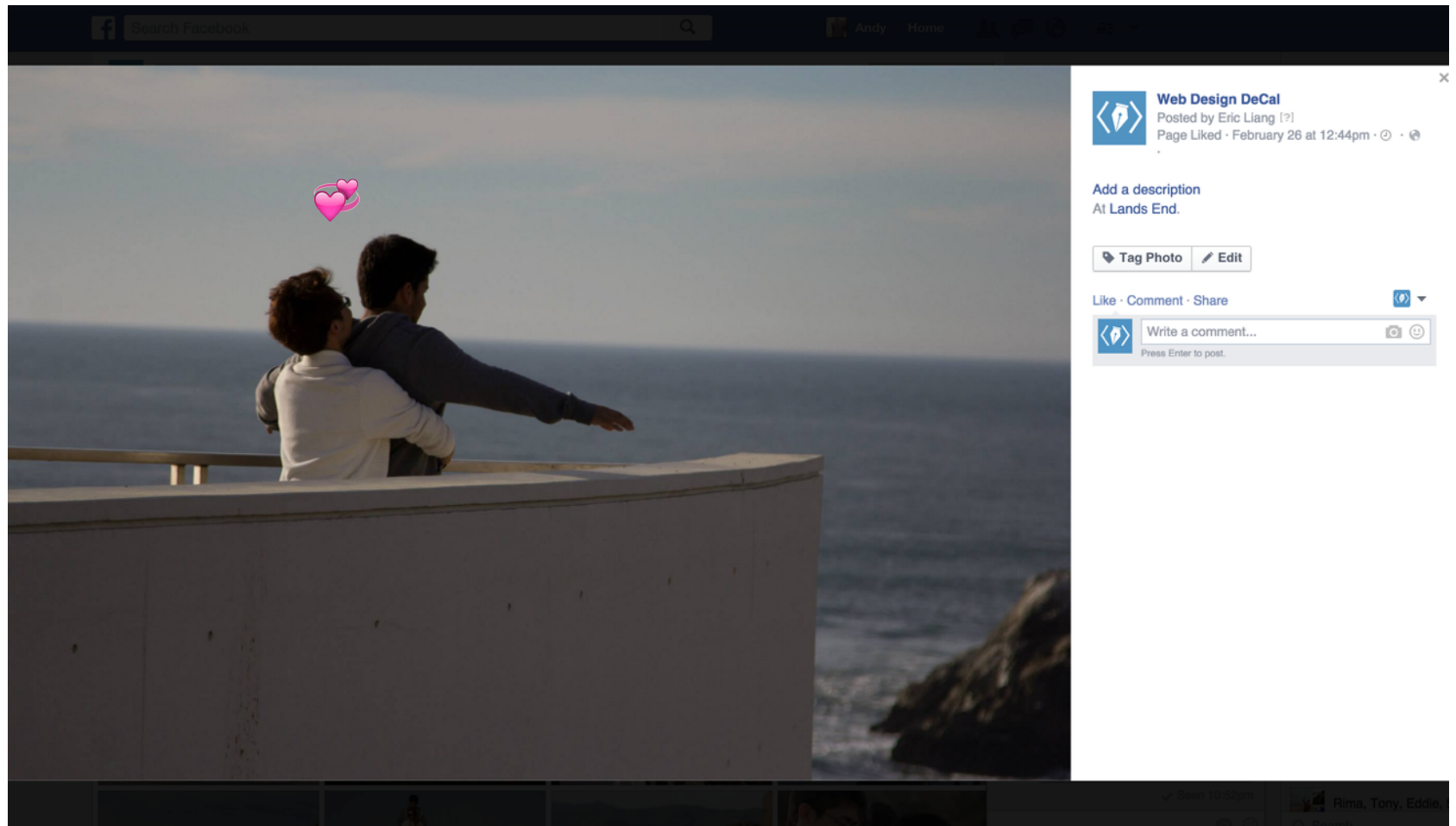


## Set up your page within seconds

We integrate with all services you probably already use. Your page is automatically created without any manual entry.



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## Modals - Facebook

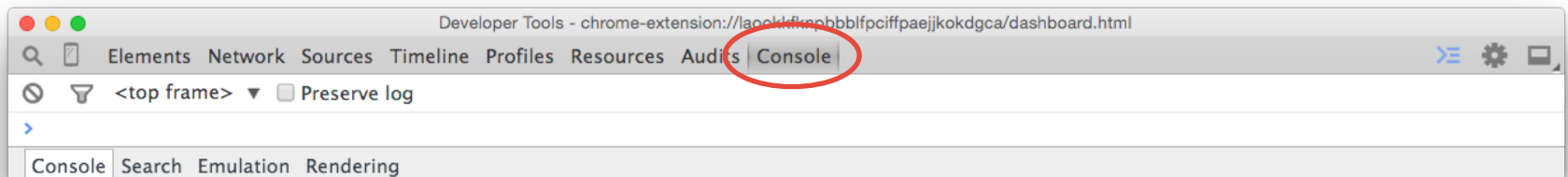
# JavaScript with the DOM

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1. Link your JS file (like you do with CSS)

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="assets/js/script.js"></script>
```

2. Add JavaScript on the fly in the console  
Right click -> Inspect Element -> Console



# Demo:

## “Hacking” Google

# Comments

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A way to make comments in the code without worrying about the code being altered

Use these “//” in front of comments

```
// This won't be rendered on the page. Yay!
```

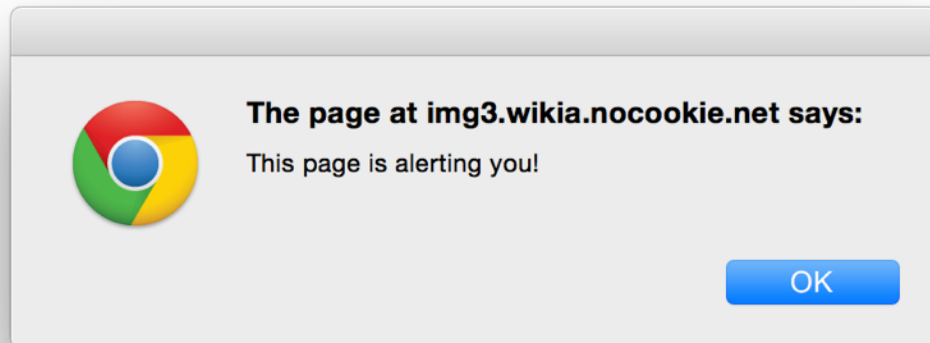
# Alerts

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A kind of popup box with the specified message.

Code:

```
alert("this page is alerting you!");
```



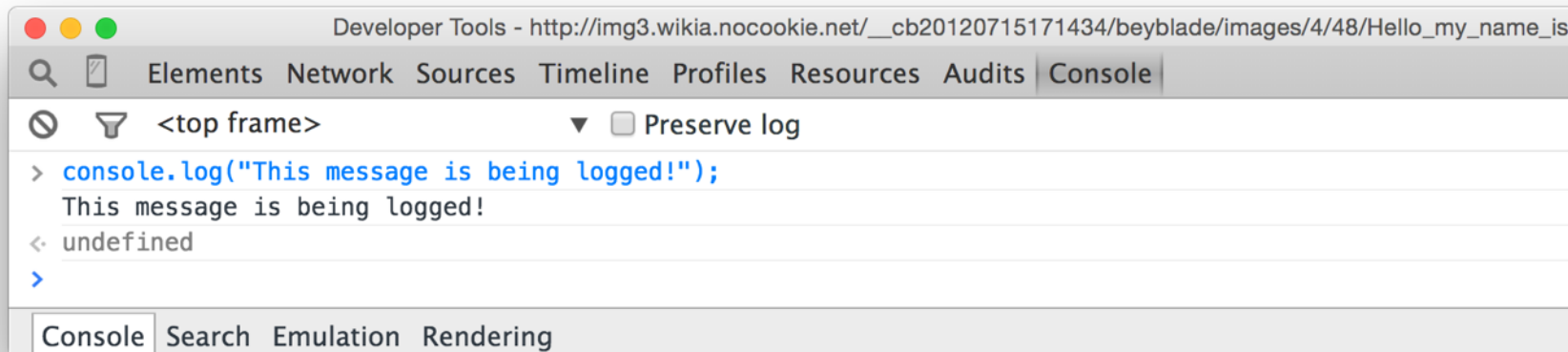


# Logging (Printing)

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A way to print things in the console, for testing purposes

```
console.log("This message is being logged!");
```



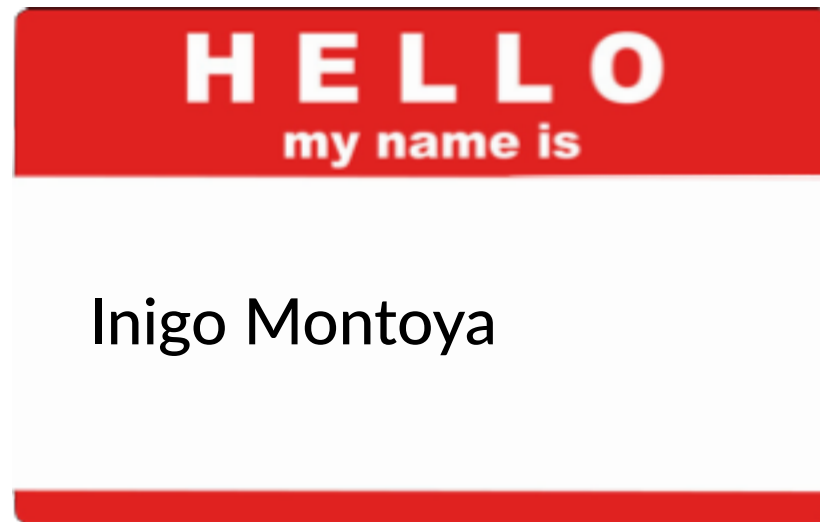
Now to the fundamentals of programming.

# Variables

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You can think of variables as a label

Acting on the variable acts on what it represents



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You can think of variables as a label

Acting on the variable acts on what it represents

```
var age = 19;  
var name = "Canada He";  
var allAboutThatBass = true;
```

# Variables

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Note that there's a key difference between the following:

```
var x = 1;  
x + 1;  
// the value of x is still 1
```

```
var x = 1;  
x = x + 1;  
// the value of x has changed to 2
```

# Types

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Notice the 3 main types of values we've seen:

- `19` (a number)
- `"Canada He"` (a string, or words between quotes)
- `true` (a boolean, or `true`/`false` value)

Plenty of other types exist

Distinguishing types is important! To clarify:

- `"19"` (is a string)
- `False` (is not a boolean, must be all-lowercase)

# Types - String

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Strings are a kind of data type consisting of a sequence of characters between quotes.

To conjoin two or more strings, just use a + operator.

For example, in the console, try:

```
"Hello," + " " + "world!"
```

# Types - Boolean

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There are booleans (true/false), and there are boolean expressions (expressions that are either true or false)

So whereas `true` is a boolean value,  
`powerLevel > 9000`; is a boolean expression.

The var `powerLevel` could be a number greater than 9000 (so the expression is true) or less than/equal to 9000 (expression is false).



# Types - Boolean

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Here are some classic boolean operators for your convenience:

```
x == y    // "is x equal to y?"
x < y     // "is x less than y?"
x > y     // "is x greater than y?"
x <= y    // "is x less than or equal to to y?"
x >= y    // "is x greater than or equal to to y?"
!x        // "the opposite of x"
```

Where x and y are any boolean expressions.

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Here are some classic boolean operators for your convenience:

```
x && y    // "are both x and y true?" (logical AND)
x || y    // "is either x or y true?" (logical OR)
x || !y   // "is either x true or y false"
```

Where x and y are any boolean expressions.

# Types - Boolean

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Something to distinguish:

**==** VS. **=**

The one on the left is a boolean operator:

“Is what’s on the left the same as what’s on the right?”

(**true/false**)

The one on the right is an assignment operator:

“Assign what’s on the right to the variable on the left”

# Conditionals

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Code structures that allow you to do different things depending on another expression, a.k.a they test boolean expressions

```
if (day == "Wednesday") {  
    var wearingPink = true;  
} else {  
    var wearingPink = false;  
}
```

# Conditionals

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Code structures that allow you to do different things depending on another expression, a.k.a they test boolean expressions

```
if (YOUR BOOLEAN EXPRESSION HERE) {  
    code that executes when true..  
}  
else {  
    code that executes when false..  
}
```

# Conditionals

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There's also an else if, for when you've got > 1 condition

```
if (product == "iphone") {  
    console.log("It's an iPhone!");  
} else if (product == "tablet") {  
    console.log("It's an iPad!");  
} else {  
    console.log("It's a Mac!");  
}
```

# Conditionals

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An exercise:

```
if ((x > 10) || (y <= -2)) {  
    console.log("Victory!");  
} else {  
    console.log("Defeat :(");  
}
```

What gets logged when x = 11 and y = 8?

What gets logged when x = 10 and y = 8?

# Conditionals

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```
x = 11;  
y = 8;  
  
if (true "or" false)  
if ((x > 10) || (y <= -2)) {  
  console.log("Victory!");  
} else {  
  console.log("Defeat :(");  
}
```

**Victory!**



# Conditionals

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```
x = 10;  
y = 8;
```

```
if (false "or" false)
```

```
if ((x > 10) || (y <= -2)) {  
  console.log("Victory!");  
} else {  
  console.log("Defeat :(");  
}
```

```
Defeat :(
```

# Conditionals

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Check if a number is even!

$x \% y$  finds the remainder when dividing  $x / y$

$7 \% 2 == 1$

$4 \% 2 == 0$

```
if (x % 2 == 0) {  
    // x is even!  
} else {  
    // x is odd!  
}
```

# Conditionals - Real-world use

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Let's say we have an application with users.

If a user is logged in, show their profile

If a user isn't log in, show the homepage and Sign Up page

That's a conditional, we have to use!

```
if (loggedIn) {  
  // show profile  
} else {  
  // homepage  
}
```

# Loops

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When you want to repeat the same code, some number of times.  
Happens often!

```
for (var i = 0; i < 10; i = i + 1) {  
    console.log("This is what i is:" + i);  
}
```

# Loops

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```
for (var i = 0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
```

“Let i start at 0”

“While i is less than 10”

“Let’s increase i by 1 each time”

# Functions

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Definition: A set of code that performs a specific task.

In math, a function could be:

$$f(x) = 3x + 10$$

In JavaScript, the equivalent function would be:

```
function f(x) {  
    return 3 * x + 10;  
}
```

# Functions

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What does **return** mean? Indicates that “this is my output” for the function. Should be no code after the line with **return**

A function has 0 or more inputs (a.k.a. arguments) and returns at least one output

# Functions - Anatomy of a Function

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Function name                      Arguments



```
function add(first, second) {  
    result = first + second;  
    return result;  
}
```

```
add(8, 5) // Returns 13
```



# Functions - Anatomy of a Function

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    return result;  
}
```

return statement

add(8, 5) // Returns 13

function call

# Functions - Common Mistake

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```
function foo(bar) {  
  bar = 1;  
  return bar;  
}
```

foo(5)?

# Functions - Common Mistake

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```
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  return bar;  
}
```

foo(5)?

The value of `bar` is overwritten, so it always returns **1**

# DOM manipulation

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There's a series of functions that let you get and set DOM elements:

```
document.getElementById();  
document.getElementsByClassName();  
document.getElementsByTagName();  
...
```

But thankfully, you won't have to memorize and type these long functions. Because we have jQuery.

# Summary

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Syntax = a **var** can be a number, string, boolean, etc.

Conditionals = (**if** ... **then** ...)

Functions = Code that does a specific task

JavaScript can manipulate the DOM, easiest done with:



To be continued.