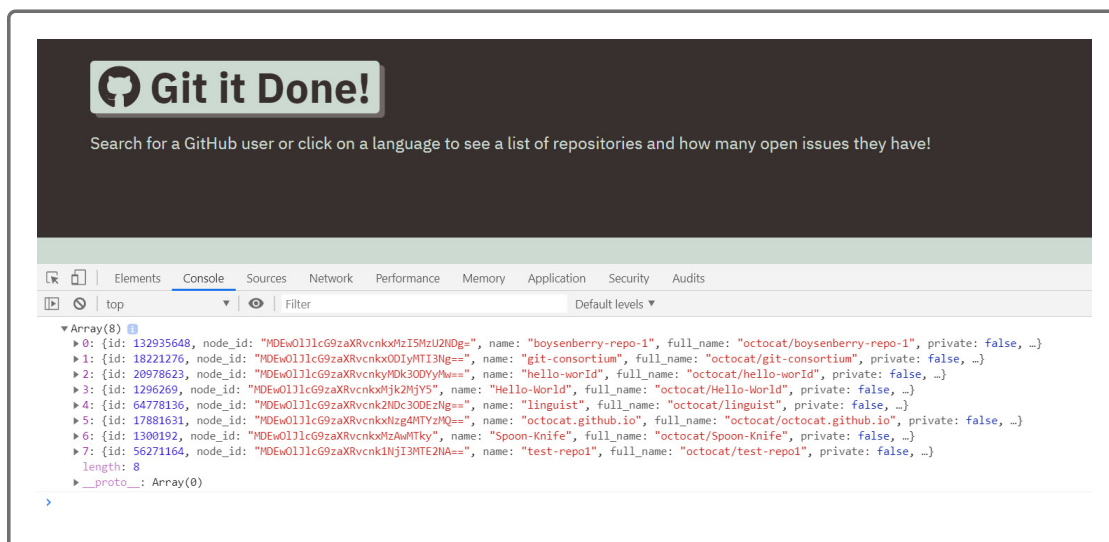# 6.1.2   **Preview**

First we should verify that the GitHub API will work the way we want. If we
don't test it first, we could end up writing hundreds of lines of JavaScript
code only to find out later that we can't get the right data! To verify that it
works, in this first lesson we'll aim to console log data from the GitHub API
in our own application. The result should look something like the following
image:

Even though this task may seem simple, you'll still want a solid game plan.
Take a moment to reorder the following steps in the way that makes the
most sense:

This lesson will mainly focus on requesting data from a server-side API. In the next lesson, we'll use that data to create DOM elements on the page.