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HTML5 and CSS3

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INTRODUCTORY

Tutorial 9

Getting Started with JavaScript

Objectives

- Insert a script element
- Write JavaScript comments
- Display an alert dialog box
- Use browser debugging tools
- Reference browser and page objects
- Use JavaScript properties and methods

Objectives (continued)

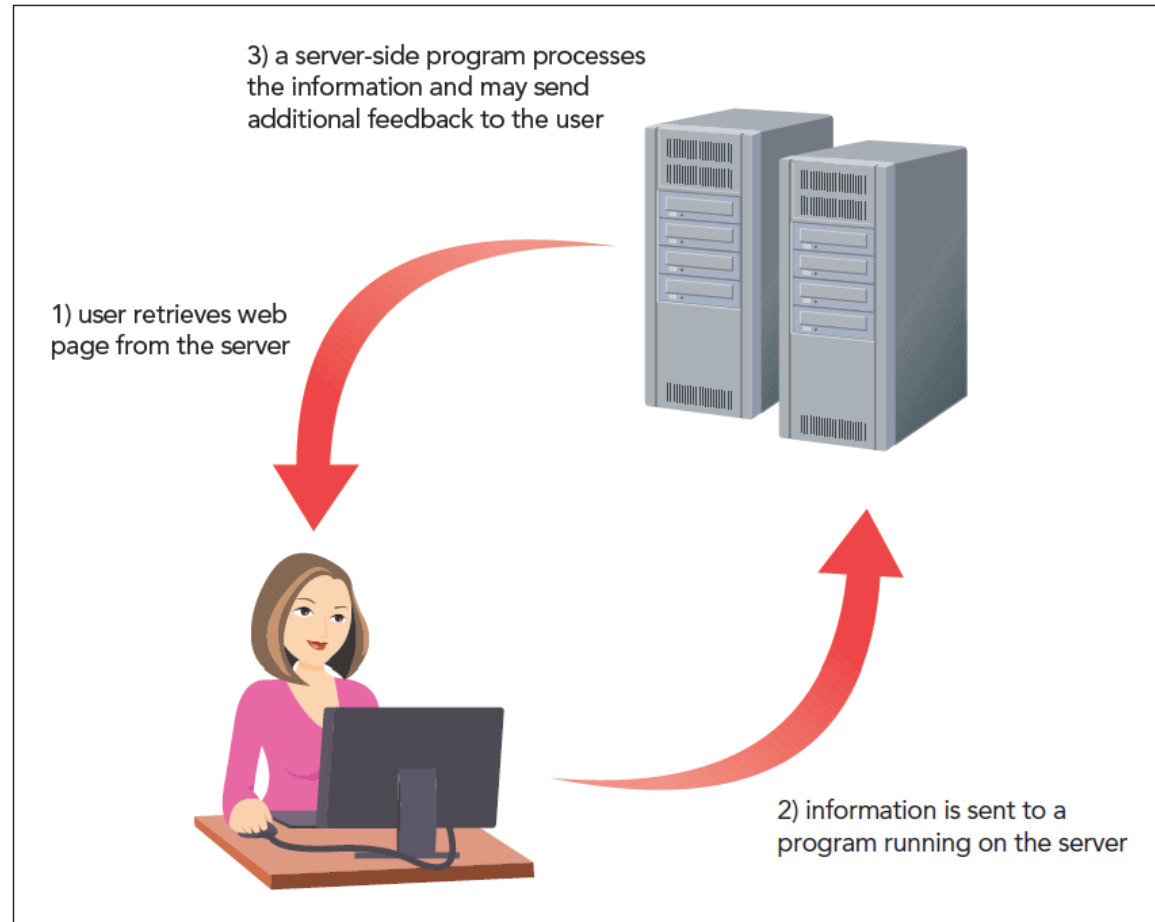
- Write HTML code and text content into a page
- Work with a Date object
- Use JavaScript operators
- Create a JavaScript function
- Create timed commands

Server-Side and Client-Side Programming

- **Server-side programming:** Program code runs from the server hosting the website
- Advantage
 - Connects a server to an online database containing information not directly accessible to end users
- Disadvantages
 - Use server resources and requires Internet access
 - Long delays in cases of system over-load

Server-Side and Client-Side Programming (continued 1)

Figure 9-1 Server-side programming



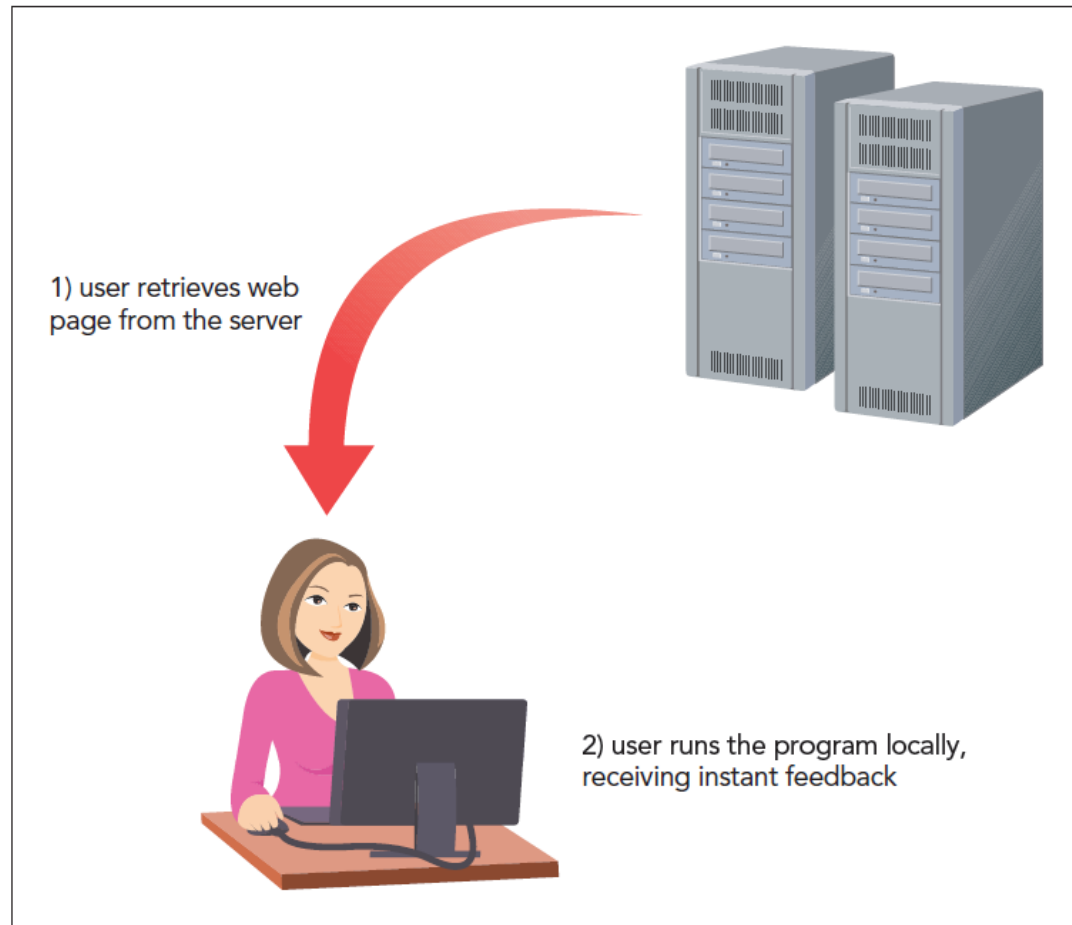
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Server-Side and Client-Side Programming (continued 2)

- **Client-side programming:** Programs run on the user's computer using downloaded scripts with HTML and CSS files
- Distributes load to avoid overloading of program-related requests
- Client-side programs can never replace server-side programming

Server-Side and Client-Side Programming (continued 3)

Figure 9-2 Client-side programming



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The Development of JavaScript

- **JavaScript** is a programming language for client-side programs
- It is an **interpreted language** that executes a program code without using an application
- **Compiler** is an application that translates a program code into machine language
- JavaScript code can be directly inserted into or linked to an HTML file

Working with the `script` Element

- JavaScript code is attached to an HTML file using the `script` element

```
<script src="url"></script>
```

where *url* is the URL of the external file containing the JavaScript code

- An **embedded script** can be used instead of an external file by omitting the `src` attribute

```
<script>  
    code  
</script>
```

Loading the `script` Element

- `script` element can be placed anywhere within an HTML document
- When a browser encounters a script, it immediately stops loading the page and begins loading and then processing the script commands
- `async` and `defer` attributes can be added to `script` element to modify its sequence of processing

Loading the `script` Element (continued)

- `async` attribute tells a browser to parse the HTML and JavaScript code together
- `defer` attribute defers script processing until after the page has been completely parsed and loaded
- `async` and `defer` attributes are ignored for embedded scripts

Inserting the script Element

Figure 9-4 Inserting the script element

```
<title>Tulsa's New Year's Bash</title>  
<link href="tny_reset.css" rel="stylesheet" />  
<link href="tny_styles.css" rel="stylesheet" />  
<script src="tny_script.js" defer></script>  
</head>
```

source of the
JavaScript file

defers loading the script file
until after the rest of the page
is loaded by the browser

Creating a JavaScript Program

- JavaScript programs are created using a standard text editor
- Adding Comments to your JavaScript Code
 - Comments help understand the design and purpose of programs
 - JavaScript comments can be entered on single or multiple lines

Creating a JavaScript Program (continued 1)

- Syntax of a single-line comment is as follows:

```
// comment text
```

- Syntax of multiple-line comments is as follows:

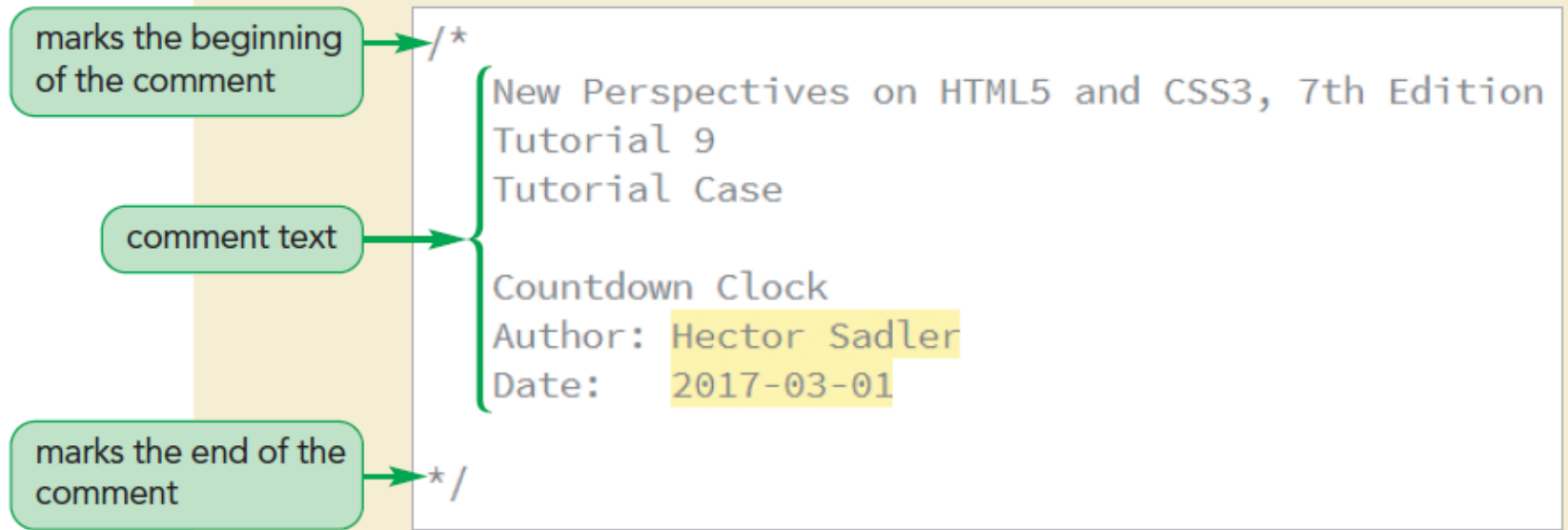
```
/*
```

```
comment text spanning  
several lines
```

```
*/
```

Creating a JavaScript Program (continued 2)

Figure 9-6 Adding a JavaScript comment



Creating a JavaScript Program (continued 3)

- Writing a JavaScript Command
 - A command indicates an action for a browser to take
 - A command should end in a semicolon
JavaScript command;

Creating a JavaScript Program (continued 4)

Figure 9-7

Displaying a dialog box

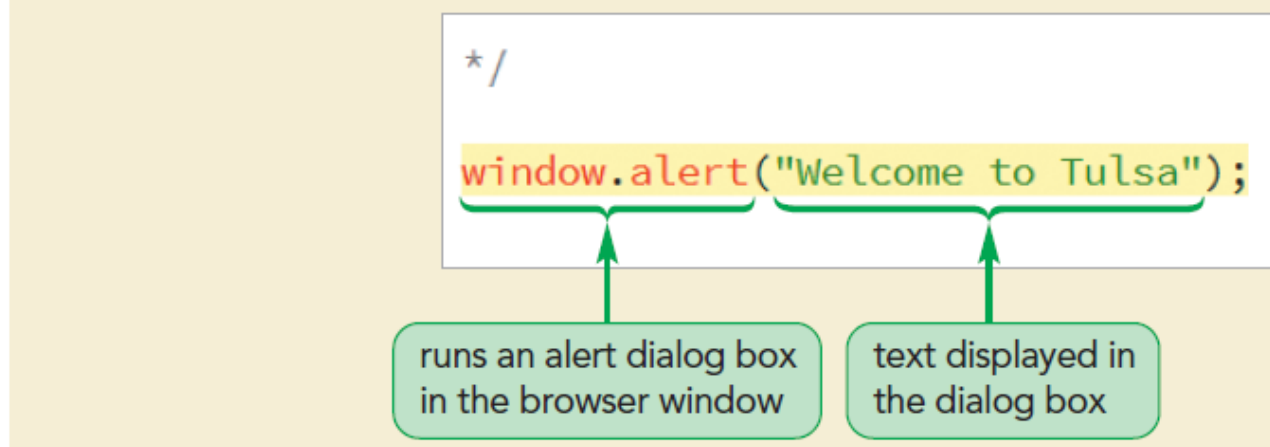
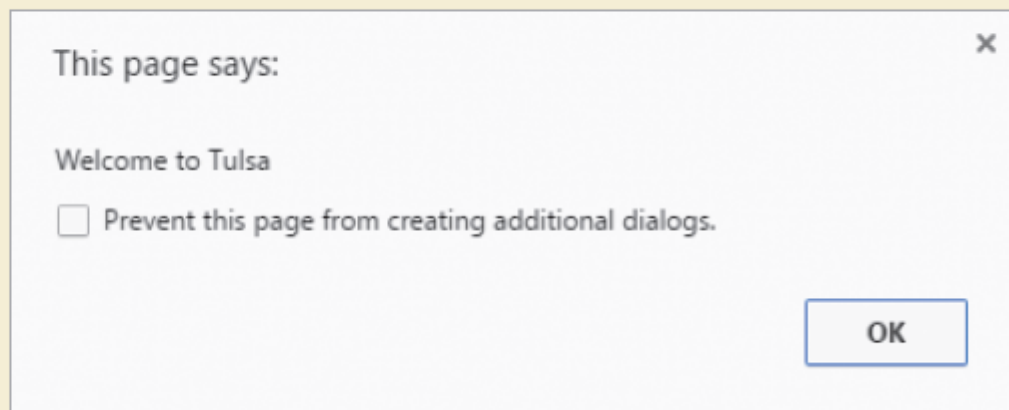


Figure 9-8

Google Chrome dialog box



Creating a JavaScript Program (continued 5)

- Understanding JavaScript Syntax
 - JavaScript is case sensitive
 - Extra white space between commands is ignored
 - Line breaks placed within the name of a JavaScript command or a quoted text string cause an error

Debugging your Code

- **Debugging:** Process of locating and fixing a programming error
- Types of errors
 - Load-time errors – occur when a script is first loaded by a browser
 - Run-time errors – occur during execution of a script without syntax errors
 - Logical errors – are free from syntax and executable mistakes but result in an incorrect output

Opening a Debugger

- Debugging tools locate and fix errors in JavaScript codes
- Shortcut to open a debugging tool is F12 key
- The tools can also be opened by selecting Developer Tools from the browser menu

Inserting a Breakpoint

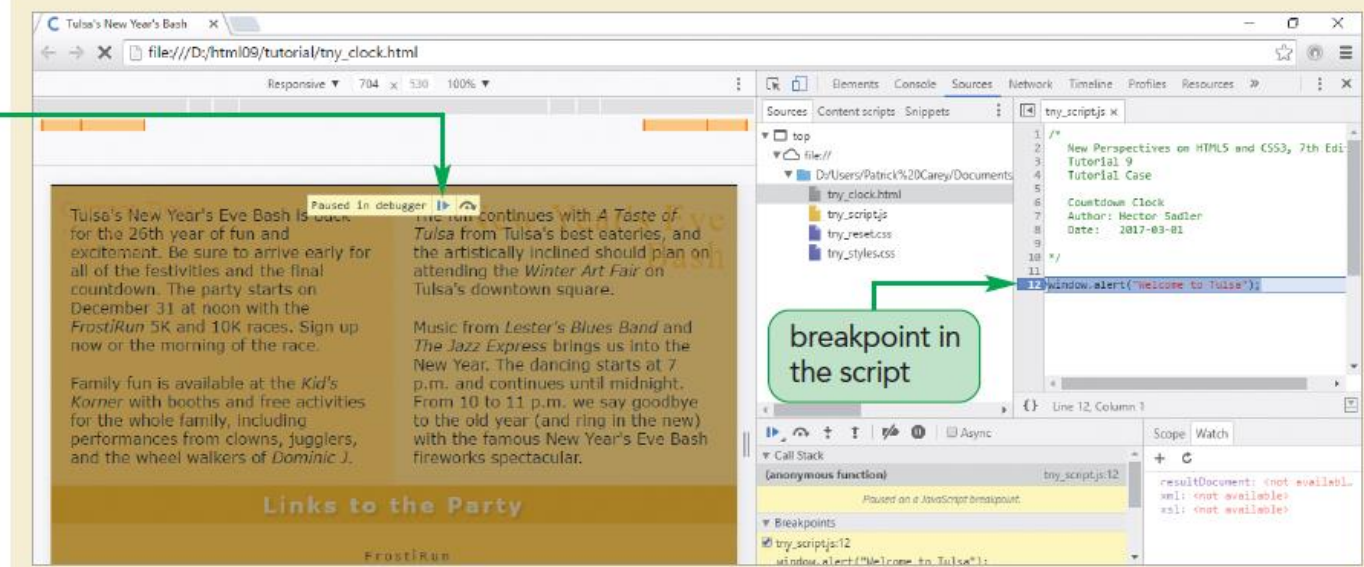
- A useful technique to locate the source of an error is to set up **breakpoints**
- **Breakpoints** are locations where a browser pauses a program to determine whether an error has occurred at that point during execution

Inserting a Breakpoint (continued)

Figure 9-10

Setting a breakpoint in Google Chrome

message displayed
because of breakpoint;
click to resume
executing the script



breakpoint in
the script

Applying Strict Usage of JavaScript

- **Strict mode** enables all lapses in syntax to result in load-time or run-time errors
- To run a script in strict mode, add the following statement to the first line of the file:

```
"use strict";
```

Introducing Objects

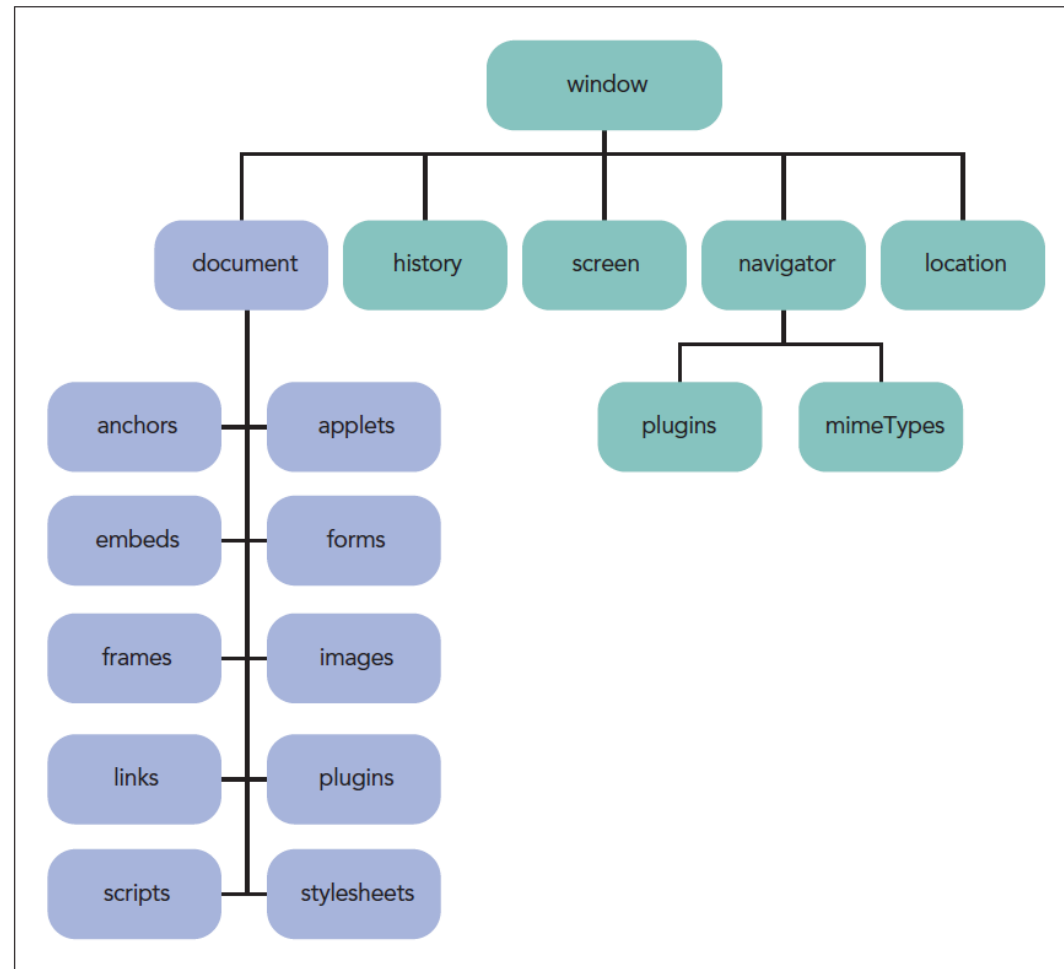
- **Object:** Entity within a browser or web page that has **properties** and **methods**
- **Properties:** Define objects
- **Methods:** Act upon objects
- JavaScript is an **object-based language** that manipulates an object by changing one or more of its properties

Introducing Objects (continued 1)

- Types of JavaScript objects
 - **Built-in objects** – intrinsic to JavaScript language
 - **Browser objects** – part of browser
 - **Document objects** – part of web document
 - **Customized objects** – created by a programmer to use in an application
- **Browser object model (BOM)** and **document object model (DOM)** organize browser and document objects in hierarchical structures, respectively

Introducing Objects (continued 2)

Figure 9-12 Object hierarchy



Object References

- Objects within the object hierarchy are referenced by their object names such as `window`, `document`, **or** `navigator`
- Objects can be referenced using the notation

object1.object2.object3...

where *object1* is at the top of the hierarchy,
object2 is a child of *object1*, and so on

Referencing Object Collections

- **Object collections:** Objects organized into groups
- To reference a specific member of an object collection, use

collection[idref]

or *collection.idref*

where *collection* is a reference to the object collection and *idref* is either an index number or the value of `id` attribute

Referencing Object Collections (continued)

Figure 9-13 Document object collections

Object Collection	References
<code>document.anchors</code>	All elements marked with the <code><a></code> tag
<code>document.applets</code>	All <code>applet</code> elements
<code>document.embeds</code>	All <code>embed</code> elements
<code>document.forms</code>	All web forms
<code>document.frames</code>	All <code>frame</code> elements
<code>document.images</code>	All inline images
<code>document.links</code>	All hypertext links
<code>document.plugins</code>	All plug-ins supported by the browser
<code>document.scripts</code>	All <code>script</code> elements
<code>document.styleSheets</code>	All <code>stylesheet</code> elements

Referencing an Object by ID and Name

- An efficient approach to reference an element is to use its `id` attribute using the expression

`document.getElementById(id)`

where *id* is the value of `id` attribute

Changing Properties and Applying Methods

- Object Properties
 - Object property is accessed using
object.property
where *object* is a reference to an object and *property* is a property associated with that object
 - **Read-only properties** cannot be modified

Changing Properties and Applying Methods (continued)

- Applying a Method

- Objects can be modified using methods
- Methods are applied using the expression

object.method(values)

where *object* is a reference to an object, *method* is the name of the method applied to the object, and *values* is a comma-separated list of values associated with the method

Writing HTML Code

- HTML code stored within a page element is referenced using

`element.innerHTML`

where *element* is an object reference to an element within a web document

Writing HTML Code (continued 1)

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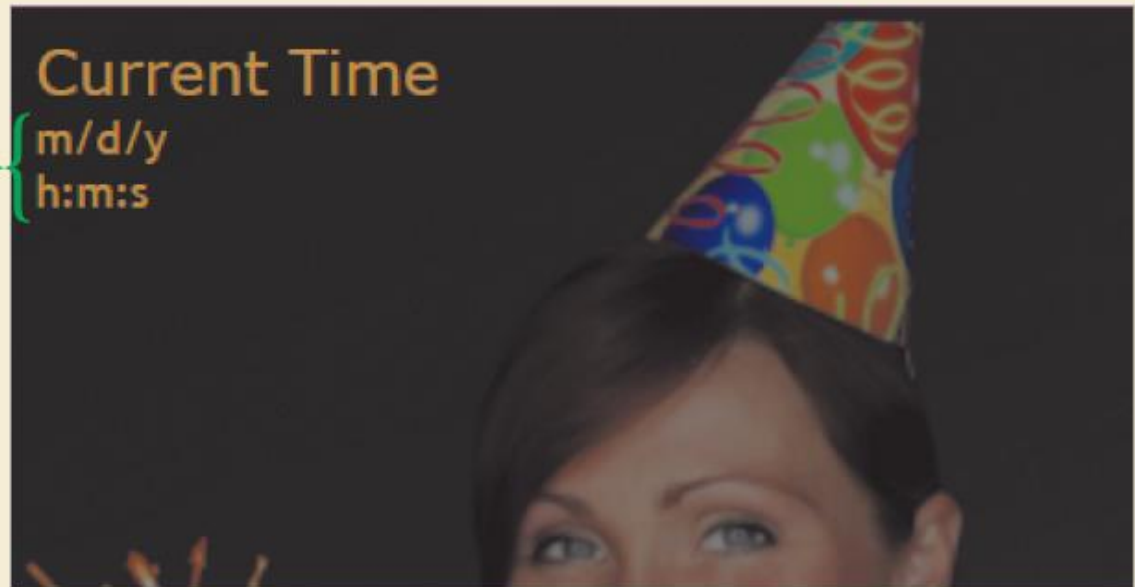
- For example,

```
/* Display the current date and time */  
document.getElementById("dateNow").innerHTML = "m/d/y<br />h:m:s";
```

Writing HTML Code (continued 2)

Figure 9-15 Revised date and time content

content written
with JavaScript



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Writing HTML Code (continued 3)

Figure 9-16 Properties and methods to insert content

Property or Method	Description
<code>element.innerHTML</code>	Returns the HTML code within <i>element</i>
<code>element.outerHTML</code>	Returns the HTML code within <i>element</i> as well as the HTML code of <i>element</i> itself
<code>element.textContent</code>	Returns the text within <i>element</i> disregarding any HTML tags
<code>element.insertAdjacentHTML(position, text)</code>	Inserts HTML code defined by <i>text</i> into <i>element</i> at <i>position</i> , where <i>position</i> is one of the following: 'beforeBegin' (before the element's opening tag), 'afterBegin' (right after the element's opening tag), 'beforeEnd' (just before the element's closing tag), or 'afterEnd' (after the element's closing tag)

Working with Variables

- **Variable:** Named item in a program that stores a data value
- Declaring a Variable
 - Introduced into a script by **declaring** the variable using the `var` keyword

```
var variable = value;
```

where *variable* is the name assigned to the variable and *value* is the variable's initial value

Working with Variables (continued)

- Conditions to assign variable names in JavaScript
 - First character must be either a letter or an underscore character (_)
 - The characters after the first character can be letters, numbers, or underscore characters
 - No spaces
 - No using names that are part of JavaScript language

Variables and Data Types

- **Data type:** Type of information stored in a variable
- Supported data types
 - Numeric value
 - Text string
 - Boolean value
 - Object
 - null value

Variables and Data Types (continued)

- **Numeric value:** Any number
- **Text string:** Group of characters enclosed within either double or single quotation marks
- **Boolean value:** Indicates the truth or falsity of a statement

Variables and Data Types (continued 1)

- Object – Simplifies code by removing the need to rewrite complicated object references
- `null` value – Indicates that no value has yet been assigned to a variable

Working with Date Objects

- **Date object:** Built-in JavaScript object used to store information about dates and times

Figure 9-19 Creating a Date object

```
*/  
  
/* Store the current date and time */  
var currentDay = new Date("May 23, 2018 14:35:05");
```

declares the
currentDay variable

creates a
Date object

date and time stored
in the Date object

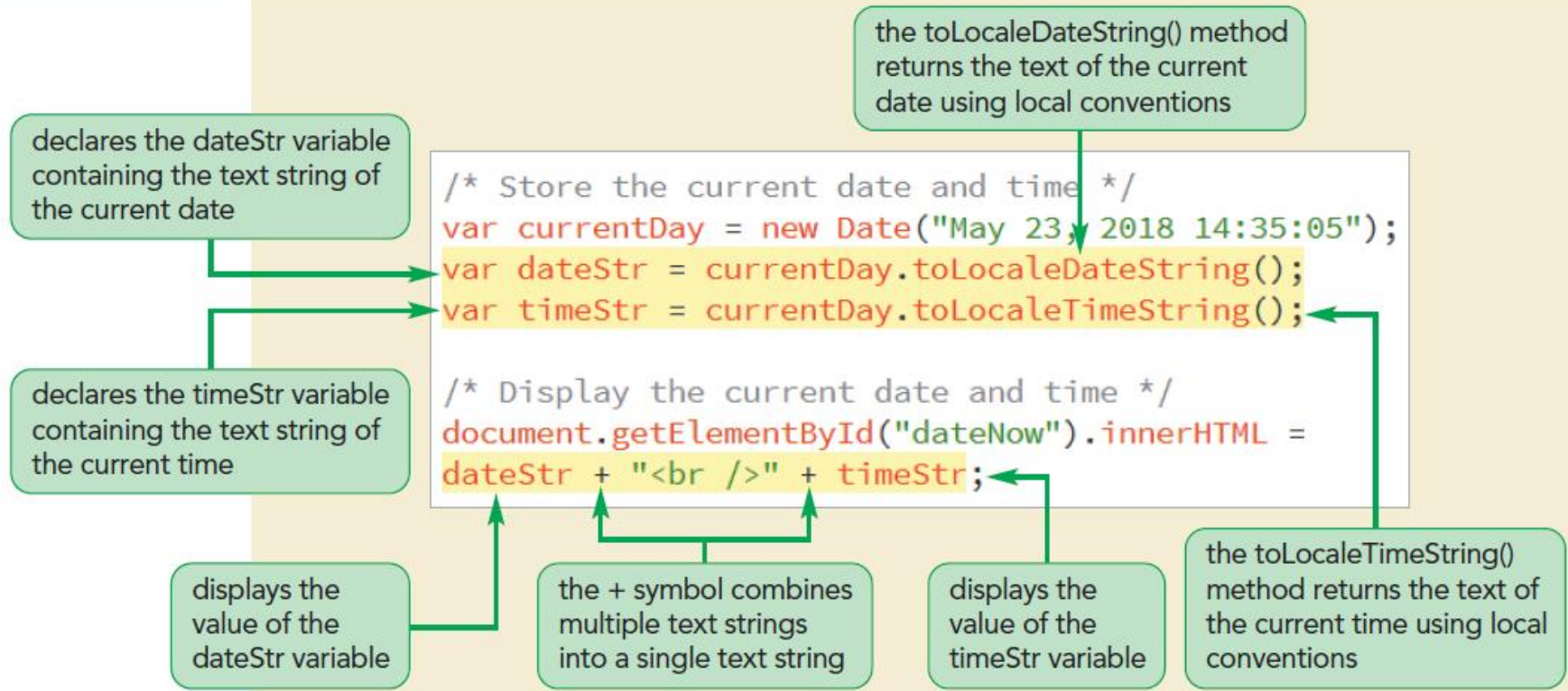
Working with Date Objects (continued 1)

Figure 9-20 Methods of the Date object

Date	Method	Description	Result
<pre>var thisDay = new Date("May 23, 2018 14:35:05");</pre>	<code>thisDay.getSeconds()</code>	seconds	5
	<code>thisDay.getMinutes()</code>	minutes	35
	<code>thisDay.getHours()</code>	hours	14
	<code>thisDay.getDate()</code>	day of the month	23
	<code>thisDay.getMonth()</code>	month number, where January = 0, February = 1, etc.	4
	<code>thisDay.getFullYear()</code>	year	2018
	<code>thisDay.getDay()</code>	day of the week, where Sunday = 0, Monday = 1, etc.	3
	<code>thisDay.toLocaleDateString()</code>	text of the date using local conventions	"5/23/2018"
	<code>thisDay.toLocaleTimeString()</code>	text of the time using local conventions	"2:35:05 PM"

Working with Date Objects (continued 2)

Figure 9-21 Displaying dates and times



Setting Date and Time Values

Figure 9-23 JavaScript methods to set values of the Date object

Date Method	Description
<code>date.setDate(value)</code>	Sets the day of the month of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer, ranging from 1 up to 31 (for some months)
<code>date.setFullYear(value)</code>	Sets the four-digit year value of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer
<code>date.setHours(value)</code>	Sets the 24-hour value of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer ranging from 0 to 23
<code>date.setMilliseconds(value)</code>	Sets the millisecond value of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer between 0 and 999
<code>date.setMinutes(value)</code>	Sets the minutes value of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer ranging from 0 to 59
<code>date.setMonth(value)</code>	Sets the month value of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer ranging from 0 (January) to 11 (December)
<code>date.setSeconds(value)</code>	Sets the seconds value of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer ranging from 0 to 59
<code>date.setTime(value)</code>	Sets the time value of <i>date</i> , where <i>value</i> is an integer representing the number of milliseconds since midnight on January 1, 1970

Working with Operators and Operands

- **Operator:** Symbol used to act upon an item or a variable within an expression
- **Operands:** Variables or expressions that operators act upon
- Types of operators
 - **Binary operators** – require two operands in an expression

Working with Operators and Operands (continued)

- **Unary operators** – require only one operand
 - **Increment operator (++)** – increases the value of an operand by 1
 - **Decrement operator (--)** – decreases the value of an operand by 1

Using Assignment Operators

- **Assignment operator:** Assigns a value to an item

Figure 9-25 JavaScript assignment operators

Operator	Example	Equivalent To
=	x = y	x = y
+=	x += y	x = x + y
-=	x -= y	x = x - y
*=	x *= y	x = x * y
/=	x /= y	x = x / y
%=	x %= y	x = x % y

Working with the Math Object

- **Math object:** Built-in object used to perform mathematical tasks and store mathematical values
- Syntax to apply a Math method is

`Math.method(expression)`

where *method* is the method applied to a mathematical expression

Working with the Math Object (continued 1)

Figure 9-28 Methods of the Math object

Method	Description	Example	Returns
Math.abs(x)	Returns the absolute value of x	Math.abs(-5)	5
Math.ceil(x)	Rounds x up to the next highest integer	Math.ceil(3.58)	4
Math.exp(x)	Raises e to the power of x	Math.exp(2)	e^2 (approximately 7.389)
Math.floor(x)	Rounds x down to the next lowest integer	Math.floor(3.58)	3
Math.log(x)	Returns the natural logarithm of x	Math.log(2)	0.693
Math.max(x, y)	Returns the larger of x and y	Math.max(3, 5)	5
Math.min(x, y)	Returns the smaller of x and y	Math.min(3, 5)	3
Math.pow(x, y)	Returns x raised to the power of y	Math.pow(2,3)	2^3 (or 8)
Math.rand()	Returns a random number between 0 and 1	Math.rand()	Random number between 0 and 1
Math.round(x)	Rounds x to the nearest integer	Math.round(3.58)	4
Math.sqrt(x)	Returns the square root of x	Math.sqrt(2)	approximately 1.414

Working with the Math Object (continued 2)

Figure 9-30

Calculating the hours left in the current day

```
var daysLeft = (newYear - currentDay)/(1000*60*60*24);  
  
/* Calculate the hours left in the current day */  
var hrsLeft = (daysLeft - Math.floor(daysLeft))*24;  
  
/* Display the time left until New Year's Eve */  
document.getElementById("days").textContent = Math.floor(daysLeft);  
document.getElementById("hrs").textContent = Math.floor(hrsLeft);  
document.getElementById("mins").textContent = "mm";  
document.getElementById("secs").textContent = "ss";
```

calculates the fractional part of the current day in terms of hours

displays the integer part of hours left

Figure 9-31

Days and hours left until January 1st

number of hours left in the current day

number of days left in the current year



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Using Math Constants

- Math functions refer to built-in constants stored in JavaScript Math object
- Syntax to access mathematical constants is

`Math.CONSTANT`

where *CONSTANT* is the name of one of the mathematical constants supported by `Math` object

Using Math Constants (continued)

Figure 9-34 Math constants

Constant	Description
Math.E	The base of the natural logarithms (2.71828...)
Math.LN10	The natural logarithm of 10 (2.3026...)
Math.LN2	The natural logarithm of 2 (0.6931...)
Math.LOG10E	The base 10 logarithm of e (0.4343...)
Math.LOG2E	The base 2 logarithm of e (1.4427...)
Math.PI	The value of π (3.14159...)
Math.SQRT1_2	The value of 1 divided by the square root of 2 (0.7071...)
Math.SQRT2	The square root of 2 (1.4142 ...)

Working with JavaScript Functions

- **Function:** Collection of commands that performs an action or returns a value
- A function name identifies a function and a set of commands that are run when the function is called
- **Parameters:** Variables associated with the function

Working with JavaScript Functions (continued)

- General syntax of a JavaScript function is

```
function function_name(parameters) {  
    commands  
}
```

where,

- *function_name* is the name of the function
- *parameters* is a comma-separated list of variables used in the function
- *commands* is the set of statements run by the function

Calling a Function

Figure 9-37

Calling the runClock() function

command to execute
the runClock() function

```
/* Execute the function to run and display the countdown clock */  
runClock();  
  
/* Function to create and run the countdown clock */  
function runClock() {  
    /* Store the current date and time */
```


Creating a Function to Return a Value

- Functions return values using `return` statement

```
function function_name(parameters) {  
    commands  
    return value;  
}
```

where *value* is the calculated value that is returned by the function

Running Timed Commands

- Methods to update the current and the remaining time constantly
 - Time-delayed commands
 - Timed-interval commands
- Working with Time-Delayed Commands
 - **Time-delayed commands:** JavaScript commands run after a specified amount of time has passed

Running Timed Commands (continued 1)

- Time delay is defined using

```
setTimeout ("command", delay);
```

where *command* is a JavaScript command and *delay* is the delay time in milliseconds before a browser runs the command

- Running Commands at Specified Intervals
 - The timed-interval command instructs browsers to run a command repeatedly at a specified interval

Running Timed Commands (continued 2)

- Timed-interval commands are applied using `setInterval()` method

`setInterval("command", interval);`

where *interval* is the interval in milliseconds before the command is run again

Running Timed Commands (continued 3)

Figure 9-38 Repeating the runClock() function

```
/* Execute the function to run and display the countdown clock */  
runClock();  
setInterval("runClock()", 1000);
```

repeats the runClock()
function every second

Controlling How JavaScript Works with Numeric Values

- Handling Illegal Operations
 - Mathematical operations can return results that are not numeric values
 - JavaScript returns NaN if an operation does not involve only numeric values

Controlling How JavaScript Works with Numeric Values (continued)

- `isNaN()` function returns a Boolean value of `true` if the value is not numeric and `false` if otherwise
- `Infinity` value is generated for an operation whose result is less than the smallest numeric value and greater than the largest numeric value supported by JavaScript

Defining a Number Format

- JavaScript stores a numeric value to 16 decimal places of accuracy
- The number of digits displayed by browsers is controlled using `toFixed()` method

`value.toFixed(n)`

where *value* is the value or variable and *n* is the number of decimal places displayed in the output

Defining a Number Format (continued)

- `toFixed()` limits the number of decimals displayed by a value and converts the value into a text string
- `toFixed()` rounds the last digit in an expression rather than truncating it

Converting Between Numbers and Text

- + operator adds a text string to a number
- For example,

```
testNumber = 123; // numeric value  
testString = testNumber + ""; // text  
string
```

where + operator concatenates a numeric value with an empty text string resulting in a text string

Converting Between Numbers and Text (continued 1)

- `parseInt()` function extracts the leading integer value from a text string
- It returns the integer value from the text string by discarding any non-integer characters
- Example,

```
parseInt("120.88 lbs"); // returns 120  
parseInt("weight equals 120 lbs"); //  
returns NaN
```

Converting Between Numbers and Text (continued 2)

Figure 9-39 Numerical functions and methods

Numerical Function	Description
<code>isFinite(value)</code>	Indicates whether <i>value</i> is finite and a real number
<code>isNaN(value)</code>	Indicates whether <i>value</i> is a number
<code>parseFloat(string)</code>	Extracts the first numeric value from the text <i>string</i>
<code>parseInt(string)</code>	Extracts the first integer value from the text <i>string</i>
Numerical Method	Description
<code>value.toExponential(n)</code>	Returns a text string displaying <i>value</i> in exponential notation with <i>n</i> digits to the right of the decimal point
<code>value.toFixed(n)</code>	Returns a text string displaying <i>value</i> to <i>n</i> decimal places
<code>value.toPrecision(n)</code>	Returns a text string displaying <i>value</i> to <i>n</i> significant digits either to the left or to the right of the decimal point