IN4MATX 133: User Interface Software

Lecture 5: Javascript

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First quiz on Tuesday

- First 30 mins of discussion
 - Once all quizzes are turned in, opportunity to discuss them with the TAs
- Covers conceptual material from the first 4-5 lectures
 - Some will ask you to describe key concepts we've discussed so far
 - Others will require thinking about the benefits and limitations of those concepts
- Today's lecture, JavaScript, will appear on the next quiz

Today's goals

By the end of today, you should be able to...

- Explain the different roles HTML, CSS, and JavaScript play
- Describe how JavaScript standards evolved
- Follow JavaScript syntax for traditional programming concepts like typing, variable assignment, loops, and conditionals
- Differentiate the roles of arrays and associative arrays
- Implement functional programming concepts in JavaScript like forEach, map, and filter

Language Roles







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Language Roles







Why JavaScript?

- Make pages dynamic
- Make pages personalized
- Make pages interact with other sources, like databases and APIs



Other web programming languages

- Ruby, via Ruby on Rails
- Python, via Django or web2py
- These days, you can create a dynamic website in almost any language



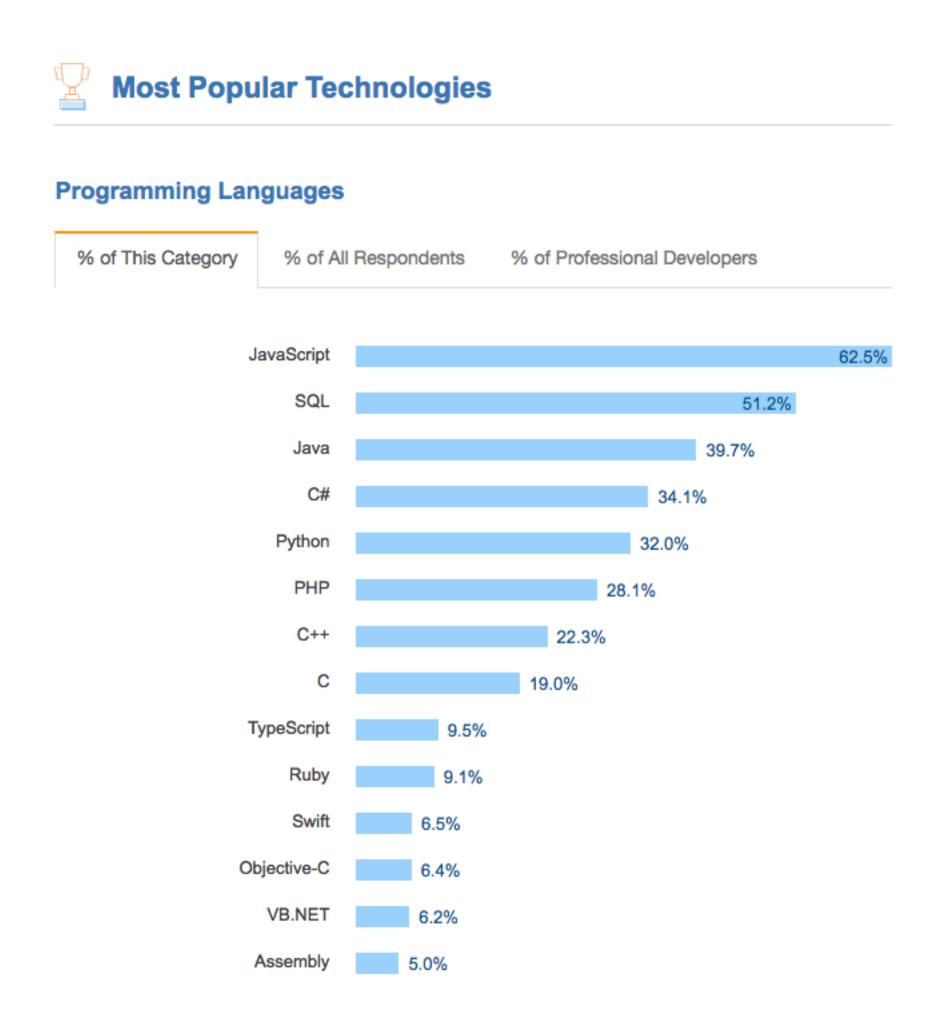
Other web programming languages

- Some languages compile to JavaScript
- TypeScript, by Microsoft, introduces types
 - More on TypeScript later
- Kotlin, by Google, runs on the Java virtual machine and compiles to JavaScript
 - Links all of Google's platforms



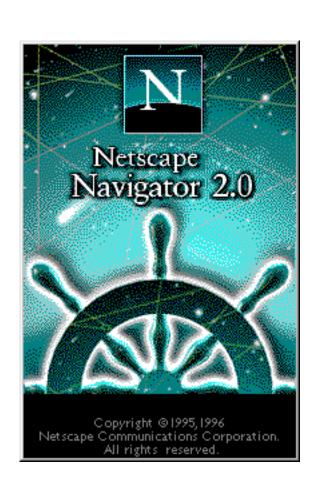


JavaScript's popularity



How did JavaScript become the most popular language for web development?

 "Developed under the name Mocha, the language was officially called LiveScript when it first shipped in beta releases of Netscape Navigator 2.0 in September 1995, but it later was renamed JavaScript"



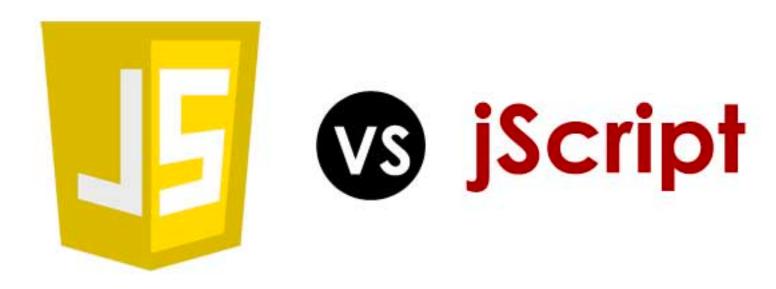
- Java's popularity was on the rise
 - Marketing ploy
 - Intended to be the "web"
 language to Java's "desktop"

- Netscape submitted JavaScript to ECMA International for consideration as an industry standard
- Subsequent versions were standardized as "ECMAScript"



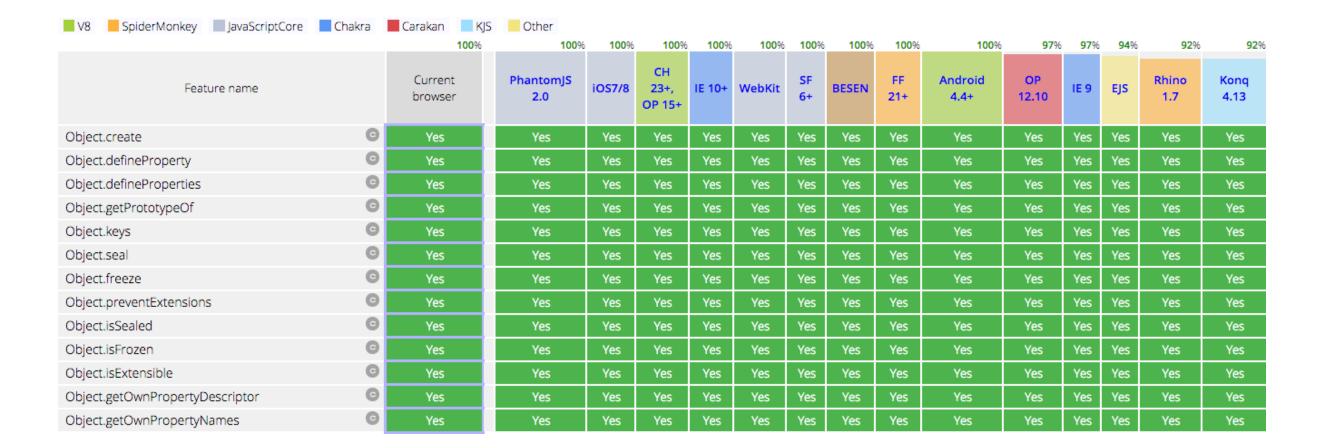
European Computer Manufacturers Association

- Alternatives started springing up in the late 1990s and early 2000's
 - Microsoft introduced JScript engine
 - Macromedia Flash was popular for facilitating the dynamic web
- Both were vaguely JavaScript-like, but standards differed

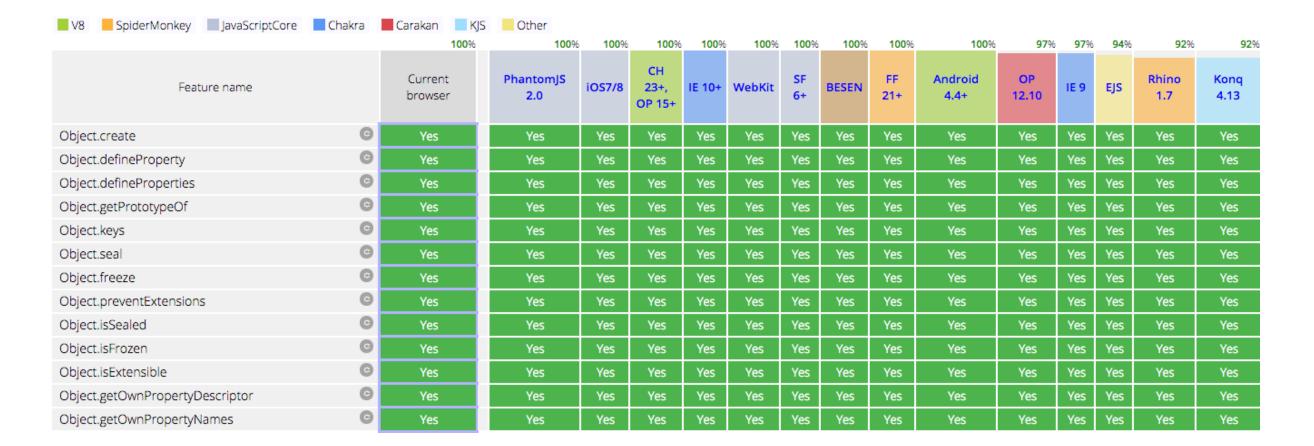




- Standards later converged
 - Firefox came out in 2005
 - Adobe bought Flash
 - JScript followed the standards
- But browser's implementations of the language still vary



- JavaScript Engines
 - SpiderMonkey (Firefox)
 - V8 (Chrome)
 - JavaScriptCore (Safari)
 - Carakan (Opera)
 - Chakra (IE & Edge)

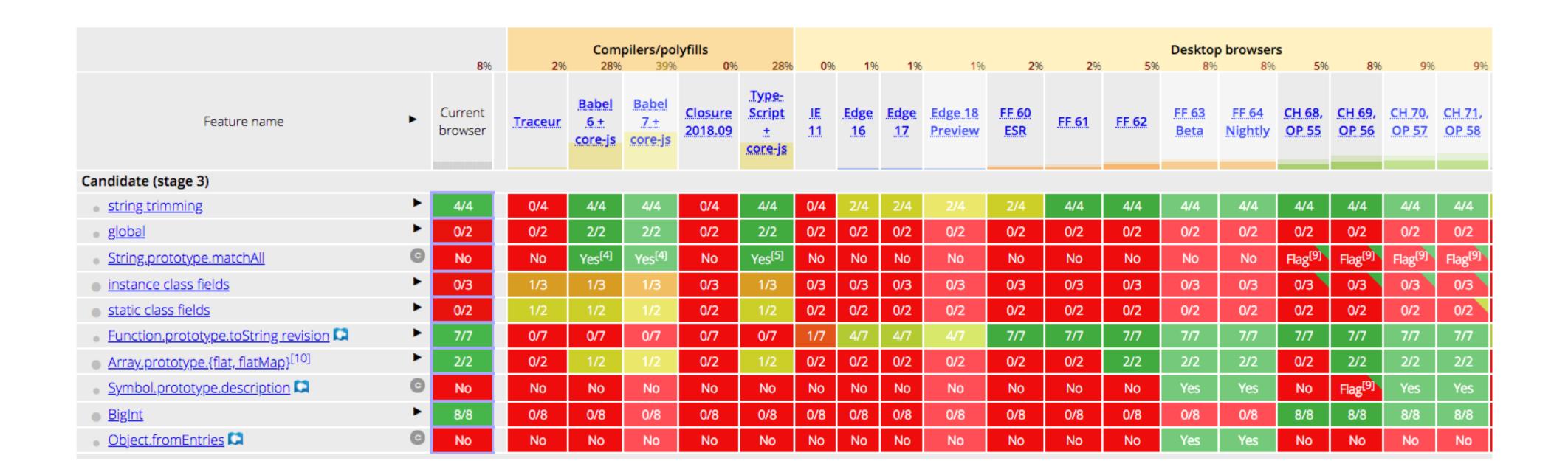


Versions of JavaScript

- You may see references to ECMAScript
- ECMAScript is just the standard for JavaScript
 - The last "major" release was ECMAScript 6, or ES6, or ECMAScript 2015, or ES2015
 - The latest is ECMAScript 2018, or ES9, or ES2018

Versions of JavaScript

 Engines/Browsers continually play catch-up, so many tools support slightly older versions



Versions of JavaScript

- Polyfills ensure a user's browser has the latest libraries
 - Downloads "fill" versions
 of added functions,
 re-written using existing functions
- Sometimes called a "shim" or a "fallback"



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Just the polyfills you need for your site, tailored to each browser. Copy the code to unleash the magic:

<script src="https://cdn.polyfill.io/v2/polyfill.min.js"></script src="https://cdn.polyfill.min.js"></script src="https://cdn.polyfill.min.js</script src="https://cdn.

JavaScript

- Interpreted language
- Executed by a JavaScript engine
- Engine runs the same code that a programmer writes

Java

- Compiled language (into bytecode)
- Run in a Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
- Bytecode is unreadable by people

JavaScript

- Standardized through ECMAScript, but discrepancies exist
- Debugging dependent on execution environment
- Prototype based
- Used in every browser without a plugin

Java

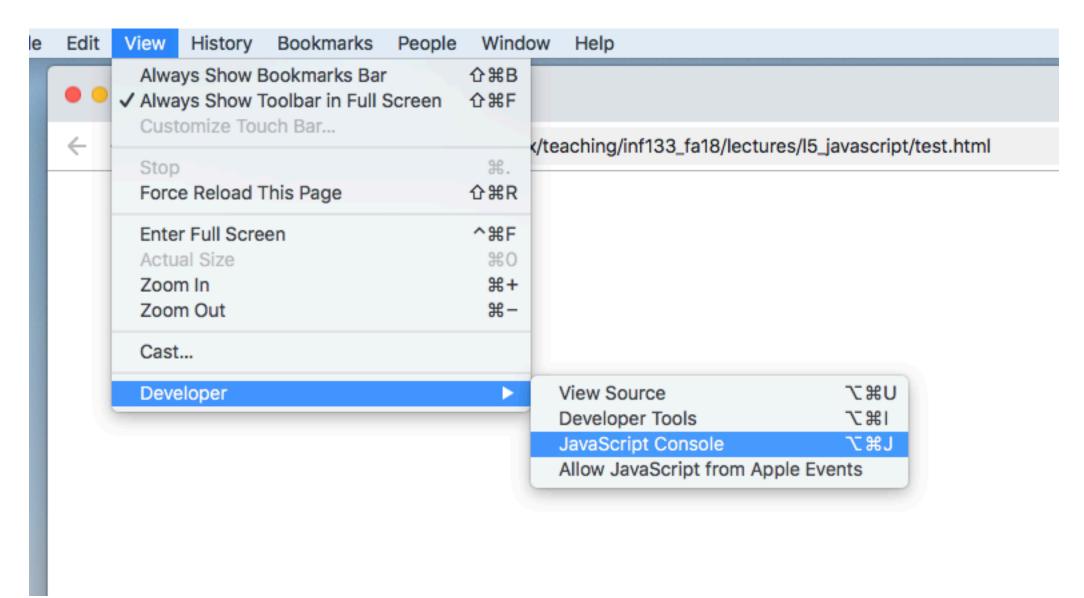
- "Write once, deploy anywhere"
- Bugs found at compile time
- Class-based
- Requires a plugin to be run in most browsers

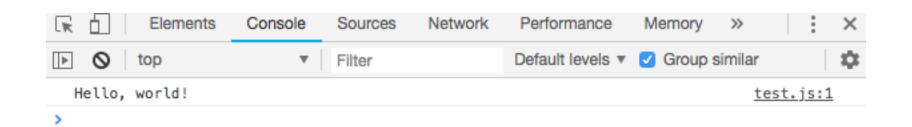
JavaScript is just a programming language

Printing in JavaScript

```
console.log("Hello, world!");
```

- Won't be visible in the browser
- Shows in the JavaScript Console





JavaScript Syntax

- Has functions and objects
 - foo() bar.baz
 - They look like Java, but act differently

JavaScript Variables

Variables are Dynamically typed

```
var x = 'hello'; //value is a string
console.log(typeof x); //string

x = 42; //value is now a Number
console.log(typeof x); //number
```

 Unassigned variables have a value of undefined var hoursSlept;
 console.log(hoursSlept);

JavaScript Types

```
console.log('40' + 2); //'402'
console.log('40' - 4); //36 \leftarrow- isn't defined for strings, so it's converted
var num = 10;
var str = '10';
//comparisons: these will all be booleans (true/false)
console.log(num == str); //true
console.log(num === str); //false
console.log('' == 0); //true
```

JavaScript loops and conditionals

```
var i = 4.4;
if(i > 5) {
 console.log('i is bigger than 5');
} else if(i >= 3) {
 console.log('i is between 3 and 5');
} else {
 console.log('i is less than 3');
for(var x = 0; x < 5; x++) {
 console.log(x);
```

JavaScript Methods

```
    Called with dot notation

                                                    ▼ Filter
                                            in4matx 133
                                            IN4MATX 133
var className = 'in4matx 133';
                                                                  test.js:6
                                                                  test.js:11
console.log(className);
className = className.toUpperCase();
console.log(className);
var part = className.substring(1, 4);
console.log(part);
console.log(className.indexOf('MATX') >= 0); //whether
the substring appears
```

JavaScript Arrays

```
    Similar to Java, but can be a mix of different types

var letters = ['a', 'b', 'c'];
var numbers = [1, 2, 3];
var things = ['raindrops', 2.5, true, [5, 9, 8]]; //arrays can be nested
var empty = [];
var blank5 = new Array(5); //empty array with 5 items
//access using [] notation like Java
console.log( letters[1] ); //=> "b"
console.log( things[3][2] ); //=> 8
//assign using [] notation like Java
letters[0] = 'z';
console.log( letters ); //=> ['z', 'b', 'c']
//assigning out of bounds automatically grows the array
letters[10] = 'g';
console.log( letters);
    //=> [ 'z', 'b', 'c', , , , , , , 'g']
console.log( letters.length ); //=> 11
```

JavaScript Arrays

 Arrays have their own methods //Make a new array var array = ['i', 'n', 'f', 'o']; //add item to end of the array array.push('343'); console.log(array); //=> ['i','n','f','o','343'] //combine elements into a string var str = array.join('-'); console.log(str); //=> "i-n-f-o-343" //get index of an element (first occurrence) var oIndex = array.indexOf('o'); //=> 3 //remove 1 element starting at oIndex array.splice(oIndex, 1); console.log(array); //=> ['i','n','f','343']



What will be shown in the console?

- (A) number*fish*2*-1*dog*0
- (B)undefined*fish*2*undefined*dog*2
- c)string*fish*2*23*dog*2
- (P)undefined*fish*2*undefined*dog*0
- Enumber*fish*2*-1*dog*2

```
var array = ['1', 'fish', 2, 'blue'];
array[5] = 'dog';
array.push(3);
array[2] = array[array.length - 2] - 4;
array[0] = typeof array[2];
array[4] = array.indexOf('blue');
```

JavaScript Objects

- An unordered set of key and value pairs
 - Like a HashMap in Java or a dictionary in Python

```
● Sometimes called associative arrays

ages = {alice:40, bob:35, charles:13}

extensions = {'daniel':1622, 'in4matx':9937}

num_words = {1:'one', 2:'two', 3:'three'}

things = {num:12, dog:'woof', list:[1,2,3]}

empty = {}

empty = new Object(); //empty object
```

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

```
"first name": "Alice",
"last name": "Smith",
"age": 40,
"pets": ["rover", "fluffy", "mittens"],
"favorites": {
 "music": "jazz",
  "food": "pizza",
  "numbers": [12, 42]
```

Used in many APIs to send/receive data

Accessing Properties

 Values (or properties) can be referenced with the array[] syntax ages = {alice:40, bob:35, charles:13} //access ("look up") values console.log(ages['alice']); //=> 40 console.log(ages['bob']); //=> 35 console.log(ages['charles']); //=> 13 //keys not in the object have undefined values console.log(ages['fred']); //=> undefined //assign values ages['alice'] = 41;console.log(ages['alice']); //=> 41 ages['fred'] = 19; //adds the key and assigns //a value to it

Accessing Properties

```
    Values can also be referenced with dot notation

var person = {
  firstName: 'Alice',
  lastName: 'Smith',
  favorites: {
    food: 'pizza',
    numbers: [12, 42]
var name = person.firstName; //get value of 'firstName' key
person.lastName = 'Jones'; //set value of 'lastName' key
console.log(person.firstName+' '+person.lastName); //"Alice Jones"
var topic = 'food'
var favFood = person.favorites.food; //object in the object
              //object
                                //value
var firstNumber = person.favorites.numbers[0]; //12
person.favorites.numbers.push(7); //push 7 onto the Array
```

Functions

```
    Functions in JavaScript are like static methods in Java

//Java
public static String sayHello(String name) {
    return "Hello, "+name;
public static void main(String[] args){
    String msg = sayHello("IN4MATX 133");
                   Parameters have no type
//JavaScript
function sayHello(name) { ←Parameters are comma-separated
    return "Hello, "+name;
No access modifier
87 reffish fypeyHello("IN4MATX 133");
```

Functions

 In Javascript, all parameters are optional function sayHello(name) return "Hello, "+name; //expected; parameter is assigned a value sayHello("In4MATX 133"); //"Hello, IN4MATX 133" //parameter not assigned value (left undefined) sayHello(); //"Hello, undefined" //extra parameters (values) are not assigned //to variables, so are ignored sayHello("IN4MATX", "133"); //"Hello, IN4MATX"

Now for the confusing part...

```
//assign array to variable
var myArray = ['a','b','c'];

var other = myArray;

//access value in other
console.log( other[1] ); //print 'b'
```

```
//assign function to variable
function sayHello(name) {
   console.log("Hello, "+name);
}

var other = sayHello;

//prints "Hello, everyone"
other('everyone');
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//assign function to variable
var sayHello = function(name) {
   console.log("Hello, "+name);
}

//second variable, same object
var greet = sayHello;

//execute object named `greet`
greet('everyone');
   //prints "Hello, everyone"
```

```
var obj = {};
var myArray = ['a','b','c'];

//assign array to object
obj.array = myArray;

//access with dot notation
obj.array[0]; //gets 'a'

//assign literal (anonymous value)
obj.otherArray = [1,2,3]
```

```
var obj = \{\}
function sayHello(name) {
   console.log("Hello, "+name);
//assign function to object
var obj.sayHi = sayHello;
//access with dot notation
obj.sayHi('all'); //prints "Hello all"
//assign literal (anonymous value)
obj.otherFunc = function() {
    console.log("Hello world!");
 How "non-static"
  methods are made
```

Anonymous variables

```
var array = [1,2,3]; //named variable (not anonymous)
console.log(array); //pass in named var

console.log( [4,5,6] ); //pass in anonymous value
```

Anonymous variables

```
//named function
function sayHello(person) {
   console.log("Hello, "+person);
//anonymous function (no name!)
function(person) {
   console.log("Hello, "+person);
//anonymous function (value) assigned to variable
var sayHello = function(person) {
   console.log("Hello, "+person);
```

Anonymous variables

```
//anonymous functions often follow an abbreviated syntax
var sayHello = (person) => {
   console.log("Hello, "+person);
}
sayHello('IN4MATX 133');
```

this keyword

this usually refers to the object that the method was called on

```
var alice = {
  first: 'Alice',
  last: 'Jones',
  sayHello: function() {
    console.log("Hello, I'm " + this.first);
  }
};
  Refers to containing
  object (alice)
alice.sayHello(); //=> "Hello, I'm Alice"
```

Passing functions

• Since functions are objects, they can be passed like variables //anonymous function syntax var doAtOnce = function(funcA, funcB) { funcA(); console.log(' and '); funcB(); console.log(' at the same time! '); var patHead = function(name) { console.log("pat your head"); console.log("rub your belly");
just passing variable doAtOnce(patHead, rubBelly);

Callback functions

 A function that is passed to another function for it to "call back to" and execute console.log("I'm waiting a bit..."); console.log("Okay, time to work!"); callback(); function doHomework() {

doLater(doHomework); Pass in the callback function

Callback function example: forEach

• To iterate through each item in a loop, use the forEach function and pass it a function to call on each array item //Iterate through an array var array = ['a','b','c']; var printItem = function(item) { console.log(item); array.forEach(printItem); Callback //more common to use anonymous function array.forEach(function(item) { console.log(item);

});

Callback function example: map

 map applies the function to each element in an array and returns a new array of elements returned by the function

```
var array = [1, 2, 3];
var squared = function(n) {
   return n*n;
};
array.map(squared); //returns [2,4,6]
//more common to do this inline:
array.map(function(n) {
   return n*n;
```

Callback function example: filter

• filter applies the function to each element in an array and returns a *new* array of only the elements for which the function returns true.

```
var array = [3,1,4,2,5];

var isACrowd = array.filter(function(n) {
    return n >= 3;
}); //returns [3,4,5]
```

Callback function example: reduce

 reduce applies the function to each element in an array to update an "accumulator" value. The callback function should return the "updated" value for the accumulator.

```
var array = [1,2,3,4];

var sum = array.reduce(function(total, current) {
   var newTotal = total + current;
   return newTotal;
}, 0); //returns 1+2+3+4=10
```



Which will set max to the max of array numbers? (Whitespace does not matter in JavaScript)

```
var max = Number.NEGATIVE_INFINITY;

numbers.forEach(function(num) {
    if(num > max) {
        max = num;
    }
});
```

```
B var max =
numbers.reduce(function(max, num) {
    if(num > max) {
        max = num;
    }
    return max;
}, Number.NEGATIVE_INFINITY);
```

```
var max = Number.NEGATIVE_INFINITY;

for(var i=0;i < numbers.length; i++) {
   if(num > max) {
      max = num;
   }
}
```

Two of the above

(E) All of the above

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