JavaScript Lecture 4a

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JavaScript Introduction

Topics discussed this presentation

- Arrays
- Prototypal inheritance

Arrays Create

- Not necessary to declare size when constructing
 - Create easily using array literal
 - Grow automatically
 - Locate values by key
- Access using [] operator

Iterate

- for loop easy method of iterating
- Size array: use length property

```
//Output
Ford
Honda
Nissan
Peugot
Toyota
```

Iterate - forEach

```
function logArrayElements(element, index, array)
{
  console.log('a[' + index + '] = ' + element);
}
var cars = [ 'Ford', 'Honda', 'Nissan', 'Peugot'];
cars.forEach(logArrayElements);
```

Iterate - forEach

```
var cars = [ 'Ford', 'Honda', 'Nissan', 'Peugot'];
cars.forEach(function(element, index, array) {
   console.log('a[' + index + '] = ' + element);
});
```

Arrays Methods

Selection of array methods:

- length : provides number elements in array
- **join** :converts elements to string & concatenates
- reverse: reverses order of elements
- push: adds element(s) end array
- pop : removes element(s) end array
- unshift:adds element beginning array
- shift: removes element beginning array
- sort: sorts array

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Methods: length, join

```
const greet = ['hello', 'ictskills'];
const length = greet.length; // => 2

const str1 = greet.join(); // => hello,ictskills
const str2 = greet.join(separator=' '); // => hello ictskills
```

Methods: reverse, push, pop

```
const greet = ['hello', 'ictskills'];
console.log(greet.reverse()); // => ['ictskills', 'hello']
greet.push('2016');
console.log(greet); // => ['hello', 'ictskills', '2016']
greet.pop();
console.log(greet); // => ['hello', 'ictskills']
```

Methods: unshift, shift

```
const greet = ['hello', 'ictskills'];
greet.unshift('2016');
console.log(greet); // => ['2016', 'hello', 'ictskills']

greet.shift();
console.log(greet); // => ['hello', 'ictskills']
```

Methods: sort

```
// The default sort order is according to string Unicode code points.
const numbers = [6, 11, 22, 43, 19, 10];
numbers.sort();
console.log(numbers); // => [10, 11, 19, 22, 43, 6]

// Provide customized comparator function to sort numbers in ascending order.
function compare(a,b) {
   return a - b;
}
numbers.sort(compare);
console.log(numbers); // => [6, 10, 11, 19, 22, 43]
```

Element types

 Array elements may be different types

```
const cars = ['Ford', 'Honda', 'Nissan', 'Peugot'];
const manual = {
   title:'Fix Me',
   author:'H. Wrench',
};
cars.push(manual);
cars.push('Lexus');
cars.shift();
for (let i = 0; i < cars.length; i += 1)
{
   console.log(cars[i]);
}</pre>
```

```
Honda
Nissan
Peugot
Object {title: "Fix Me", author: "H. Wrench"}
Lexus
```

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Object v Array

```
// Objects: comprise key:value pairs
const book = {};
book.title = 'Java';
book.author = 'Chapman';
console.log(book);

// Retrieval:
console.log(book.title); // => Java
```

```
// Arrays: Use for numerically indexed data
const cars = [];
cars[4] = 'Toyota';
// Retrieval:
console.log(cars.length); // => 5
console.log(cars[0]); // => undefined
console.log(cars[4]); // => Toyota: length increases automatically
console.log(cars[6]); // => undefined
console.log(cars.length); // => 5: No array bounds error
```

JavaScript Inheritance

ES5 inheritance example

```
const shape = {
 xPosition: 0.0,
 yPosition: 0.0,
};
const circle = Object.create(shape);
circle.area = function () {
 return Math.round(Math.PI * Math.pow(this.radius, 2));
};
circle.xPosition = 100:
circle.radius = 50:
console.log('area' + circle.area()); // 7854
console.log('xPosition' + circle.xPosition); // 100
console.log('yPosition' + circle.yPosition); // 0 (default)
```

JavaScript Inheritance

ES6 simulates classical inheritance

```
class Shape {
 constructor(xPosition, yPosition) {
    this.xPosition = xPosition:
   this.yPosition = yPosition;
class Circle extends Shape {
  constructor(xPosition, yPosition, radius) {
   super(xPosition, yPosition);
   this.radius = radius;
 area() {
    return Math.round(Math.PI * Math.pow(this.radius, 2));
const circle = new Circle(100.0, 100.0, 50.0);
console.log('area' + circle.area()); // 7854
```

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Presentation summary

- Arrays
 - Store multiple elements in single variable.
 - Elements may be different types.
 - Rich set Array methods available.
- Inheritance
 - Prototypal
 - Syntactic sugar ES6

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