

3416 JavaScript and AngularJS



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Module 2

INTRODUCTION TO JAVASCRIPT



Module 1: Learning Outcomes

- Introduction to JavaScript, JavaScript Scope, Scope Chain, Primitive Type, Object Type, String Concatenation, Equality, Default Values, Creating Objects using new Object and Object literal notation.



How to Declare JavaScript

- Three ways to declare javascript:
`<script type="text/javascript"></script>`
- Create Example1.html
`<script ></script>`
- Create Example2.html
`<script src="example3.js"></script>`
- Create Example3.html



How to Declare JavaScript

- Declare javascript inside body.
- Create Example4.html



Defining Variables

- `var message = "Hello Albert";`
- Variable definition should always start with 'var'.
- No types are declared.
 - Javascript is dynamically typed language.
 - Javascript engine figure out the type of the variable at run-time.
 - Same variable can hold different types during the life of the execution. Variable can start off as a string and change to a number and than to a string.



Defining Functions

- `function a() {..}`
- The way to define a function is the keyword “function” followed by function name, followed by parentheses and then curly braces.



Another way to define a function

- `var a = function () {..}`
- Created a variable and set it equal to a function. No name is defined after function keyword.
- Value of function is assigned, NOT the returned result!



Way to Invoke a function

- `a();`
- Take the name of the function and putting parentheses afterward.
- Execution of a function is the same as invokes the function.



How To Define Arguments for a function

- Argument are defined without the keyword 'var'.
- function compare(x,y)
{

return x > y;

}

If you want the function to return a value type return with a value.

If return keyword doesn't have a value you're telling the javascript engine to terminate the function and exit out of it without returning anything.

See Example5.html



Scope

- Global Scope vs Function(lexical) scope.
- Variables and functions defined in the global scope are available everywhere. Other functions defined in the global scope can get access to these global defined variables.
- Variables and functions defined in lexical scope are available only within this function.



Scope Chain

- Everything is executed in a Execution Context
- Function invocation creates a new Execution Context.
- Each Execution Context has:
 - Its own Variable Environment
 - Reference to its Outer Environment.
- Global scope does not have an Outer Environment as it's the most outer there is.



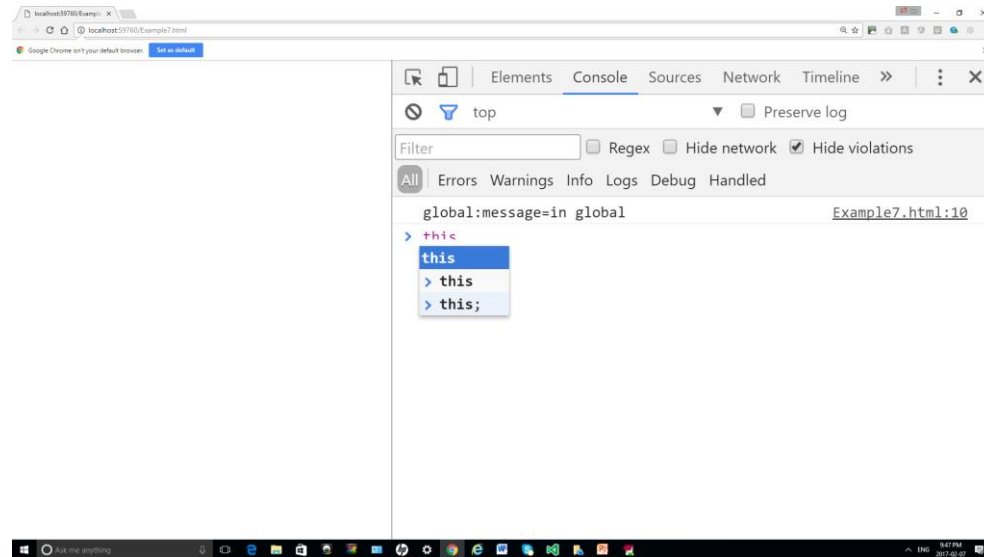
Scope Chain

- Reference(not defined) variable will be searched for in its current scope first. If not found, the Outer Reference will be searched.
- If not found, the Outer Reference's Outer Reference will be searched, etc.
- This will keep going until the Global scope.
- If not found in Global scope, the variable is undefined.
- Create Example6.html

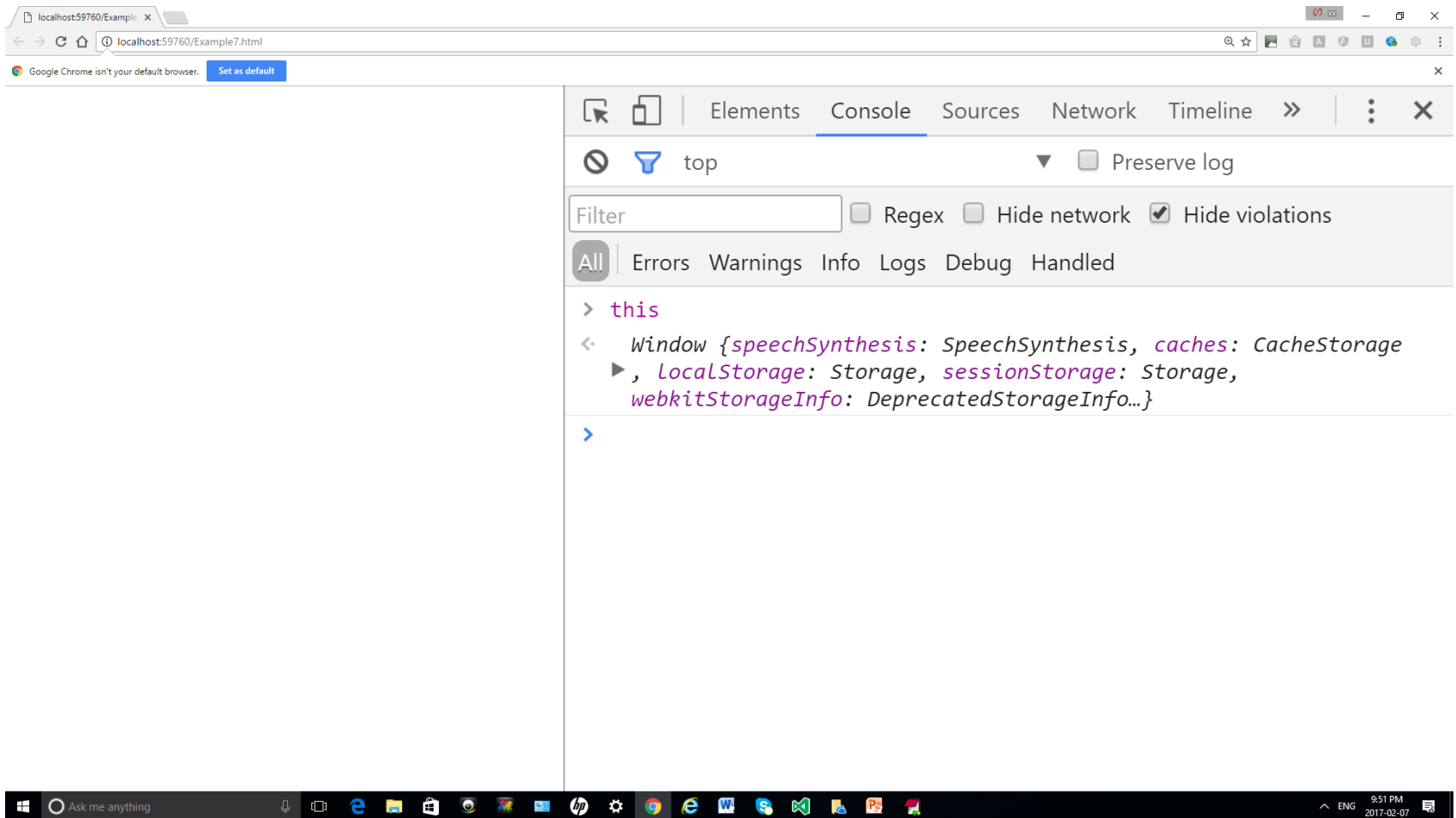


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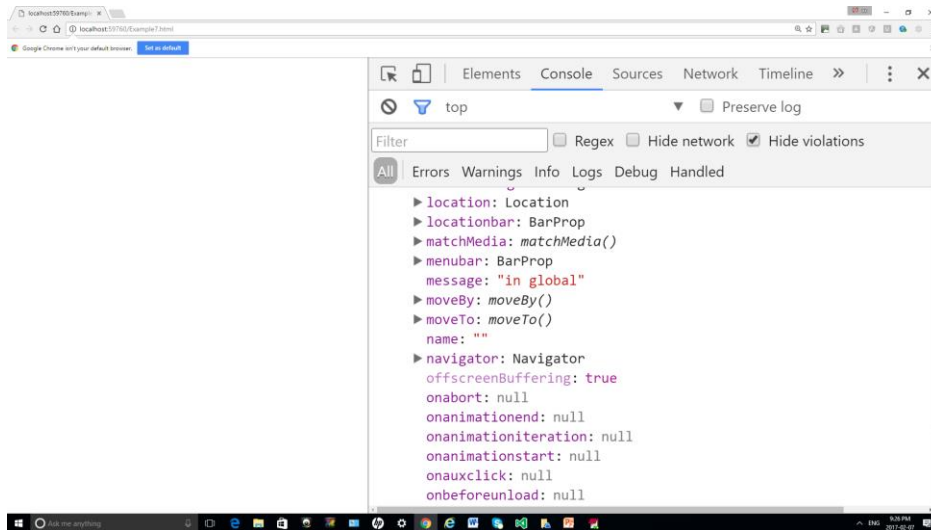
- Create Example7.html



Scope Chain



Scope Chain



Scope Chain

- Create Example8.html



JavaScript Built in Types

- A type is a particular data structure.
- Each language defines some built-in types.
- Built-in types can be used to build other data structures.
- Javascript has 6 built-in types: 5 primitive and 1 Object type.



Object Type

- Object is a collection of name/value pairs

```
var Employee = {  
  firstName: "Albert",  
  lastName: "Lam",  
  Social: {  
    linkedin:"albertLam",  
    twitter:"albertLam",  
    facebook:"albertLam"  
  }  
}
```

name

value



Object Type

- Create Example9.html



Primitive Types

- Primitive type represents a single, immutable value
- Single value means it is not an object.
- Object is a collection of name value pairs.
- Immutable means once it's set, it can't be changed.
 - Value becomes read-only.
 - You can create another value based on an existing one
 - But the memory space for the first value is not changed instead a new memory space is create for the new value.



Primitive Type: Boolean

- Boolean can only have 2 values: true or false
- True or false are reserved key words in the javascript language.
- Create Example10.html
- Create Example10b.html
- Create Example10c.html



Primitive Type: Undefined

- Undefined signifies that no value has even been set on this particular variable of this type(a variable has been defined but not assigned a value).
- Can only have one value: undefined.
- This is a reserved key word.
- You can set a variable to undefined, but you should NEVER do it.
 - Its meaning is that it's never been defined, so defining it to undefined is counter to its core meaning.
 - Create Example11.html and Example12.html



Undefined Vs Not Defined

- Undefined means it has been defined but not being set or
- Undefined means variable memory has been allocated but no value has ever been explicitly set yet.
- Not defined means the variable has never being defined or declared.
- Create Example12b.html



Primitive Type:Null

- Null signifies lack of value.
- Can only have one value: null
- It's ok to explicitly set a variable to null
- Create Example13.html



Primitive Type: Number

- Number is the only numeric type in Javascript
- Always represented under the hood as double-precision 64-bit floating point.
- JS does not have an integer type.
 - Integers are a subset of doubles instead of a separate data type.
 - Create Example14.html



String

- String is sequence of characters used to represent text.
- Use either single or double quotes, i.e., 'text' or "text".
- Create Example15.html



String Concatenation

- Create Example16.html



Regular Math Operators: +, -, *, /

- Create Example17.html



Equality

- Create Example18.html
- Strict Equality
 - Create Example19.html



Curly Brace on the same or next line

- Create Example20.html



For Loop

- Create Example21.html



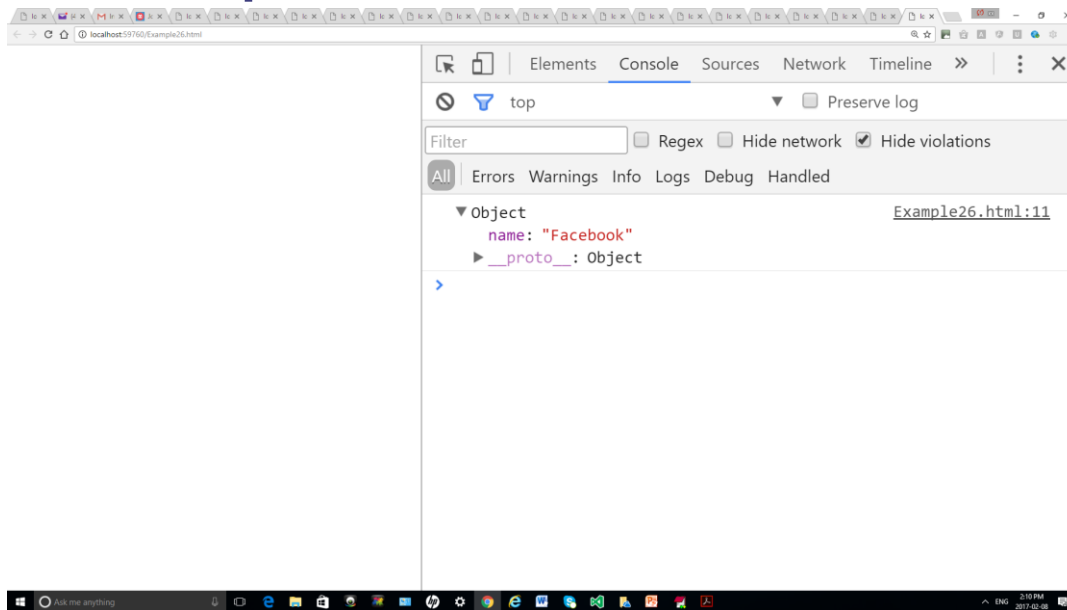
Handling Default Values

- Create Example22.html, Example23.html, Example24.html, Example25.html

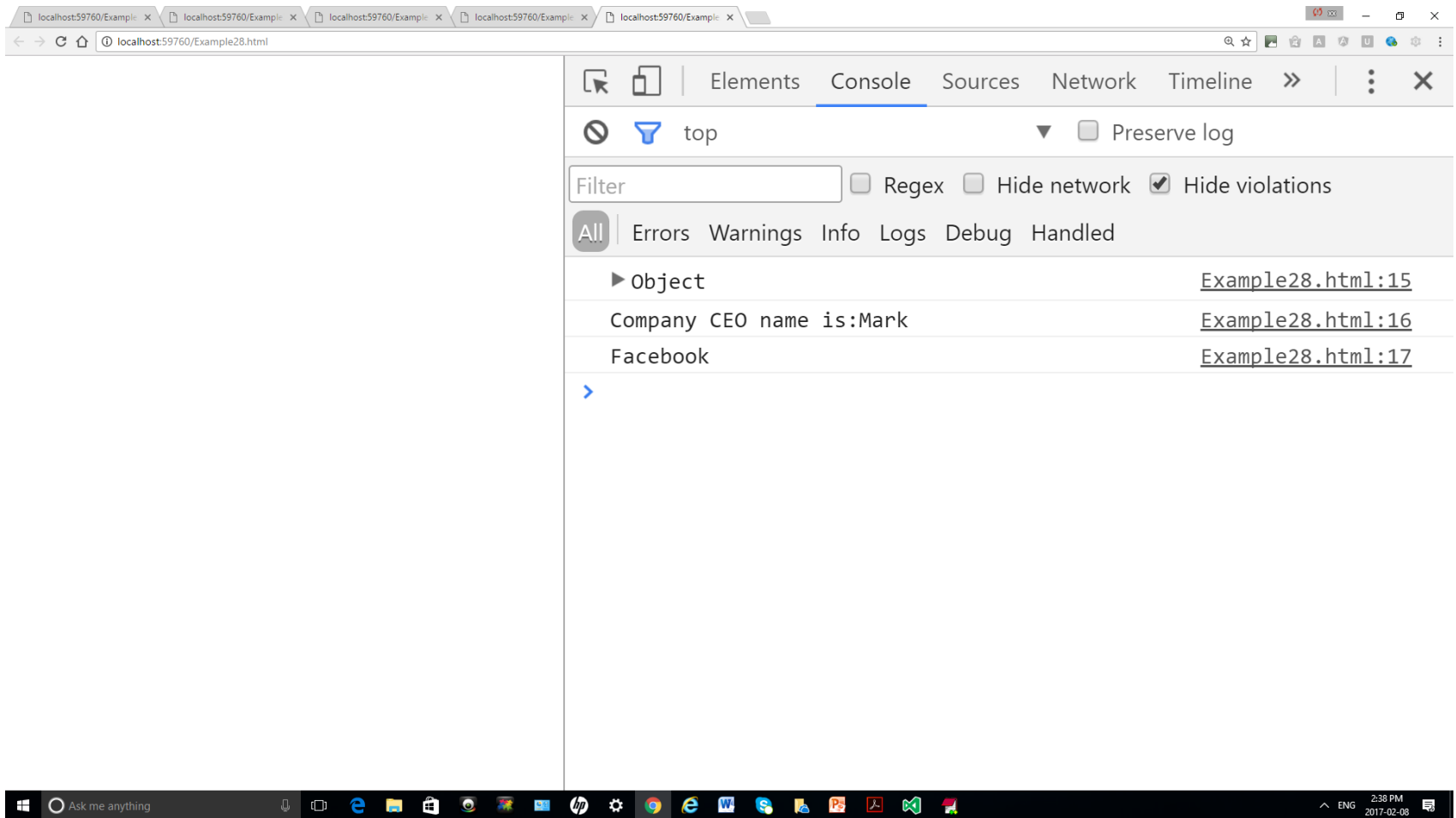


Creating objects using new Object

- Create Example26.html, Example27.html, Example28.html

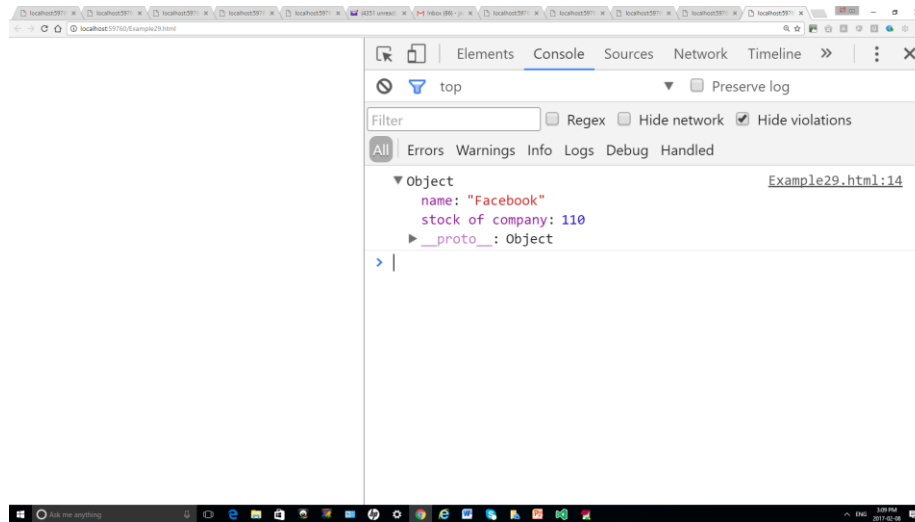


Example28.html



Dot notation vs [] notation

- Create Example29.html and Example30.html,



Object literal notation

- Two ways to create objects one is using “new” and the other way is object literal.
- Example
- ```
var facebook = {
 firstName: "Facebook",
 ceo: { //beginning object literal
 firstName: "Mark",
 favColor: "blue"
 }, //end object literal
 "stock of company": 110
};
```
- Create Example31.html





# Functions

- Functions are First-Class Data Types
- Functions are Objects
- Create Example32.html

