INFO 151 Web Systems and Services

Week 6 (T1)

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review

- In this tutorial we will introduce:
 - Making changes to arrays and array elements
 - Arrays and strings
 - Sorting arrays
 - A brief overview of the algorithmic approach the array sorting with a worked example showing how the JavaScript elements combine to create a working program

JavaScript

- In considering JavaScript arrays we have introduced JavaScript:
 - Operators / Operands / Properties / Methods / Functions
 - These JavaScript elements are used to work with arrays
- In this tutorial we will extend JavaScript arrays including:
 - Making changes to arrays and array elements
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Making Changes to Array Elements

Working with Arrays

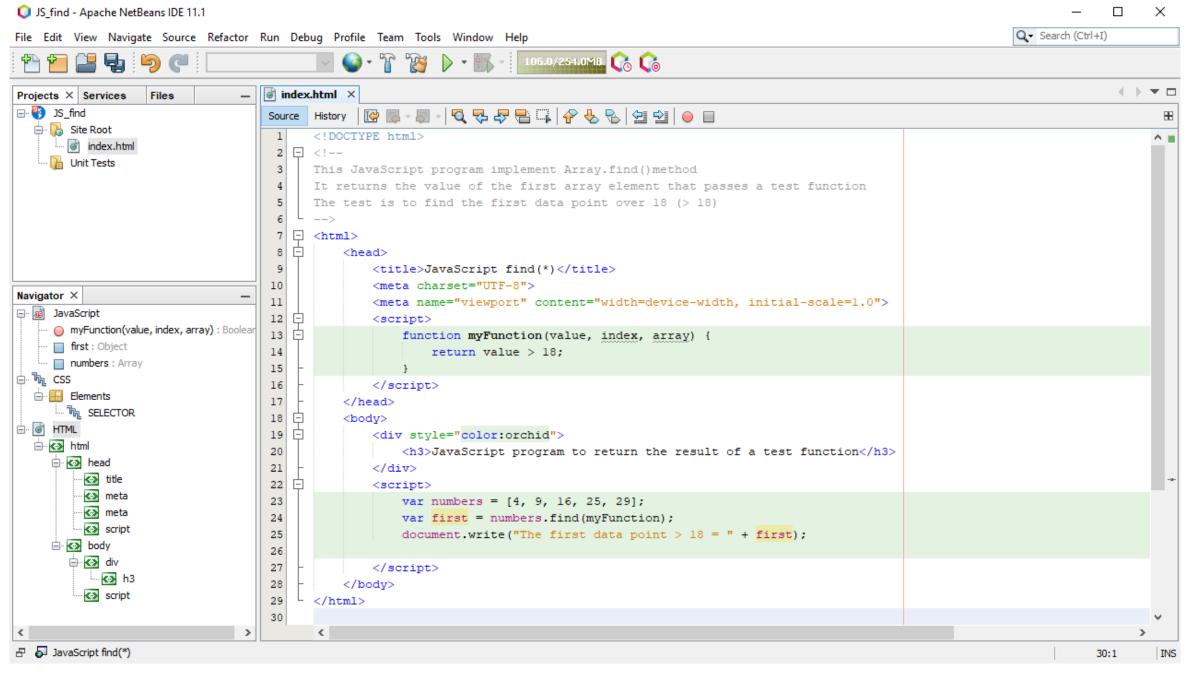
- Testing an array involves searching an array for it's properties which commonly include:
 - The nature of the object: is it an *array* or an *object*
 - The *length* of the array
 - The data values in an array (remember in JavaScript arrays are untyped)
 - The data value of the *first* element
- In this tutorial we will introduce JavaScript array methods
- For example: The following slide shows (find()) how to find the first value in an array that passes a test function

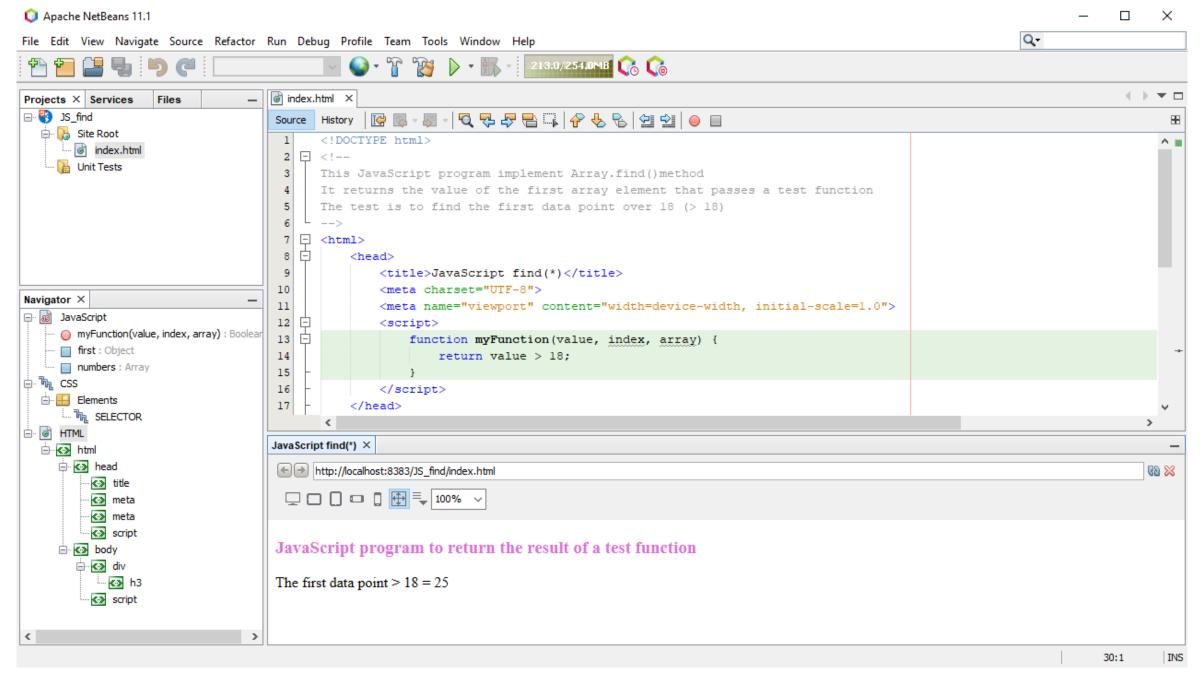
Arrays Find

- The Array. find () method returns the value of the first array element that passes a test function
- This example finds (returns the value of) the first element that is larger than
 18

```
var numbers = [4, 9, 16, 25, 29];
var first = numbers.find(myFunction);
function myFunction(value, index, array) {
return value > 18;
}
```

• The find () method returns "25"



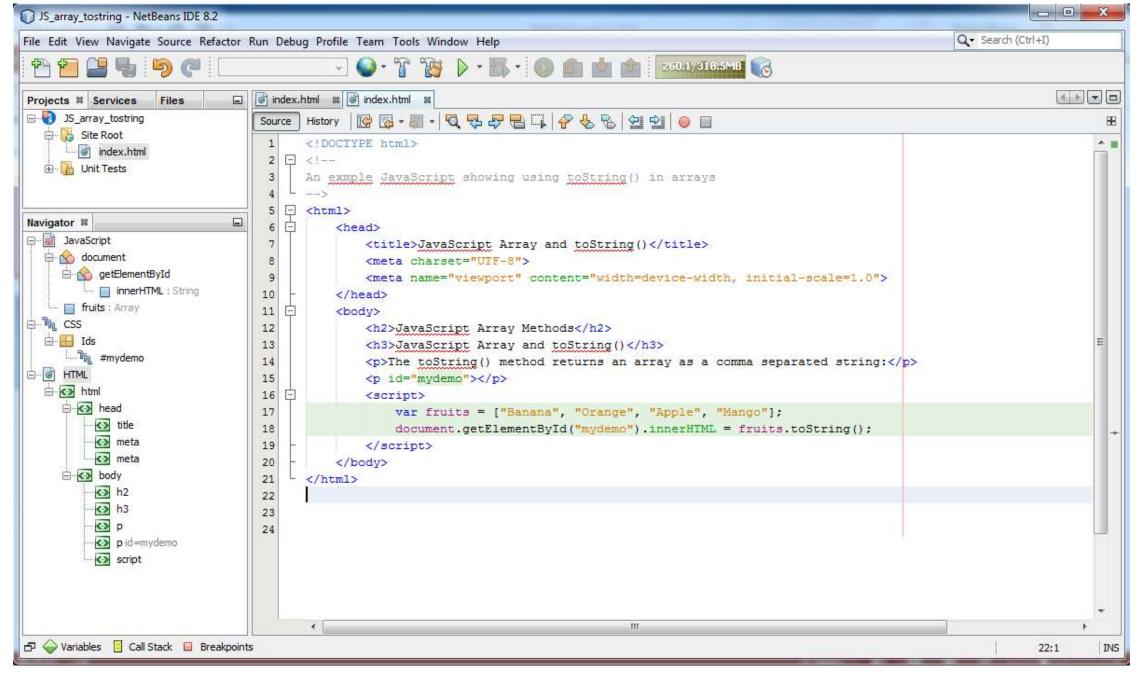


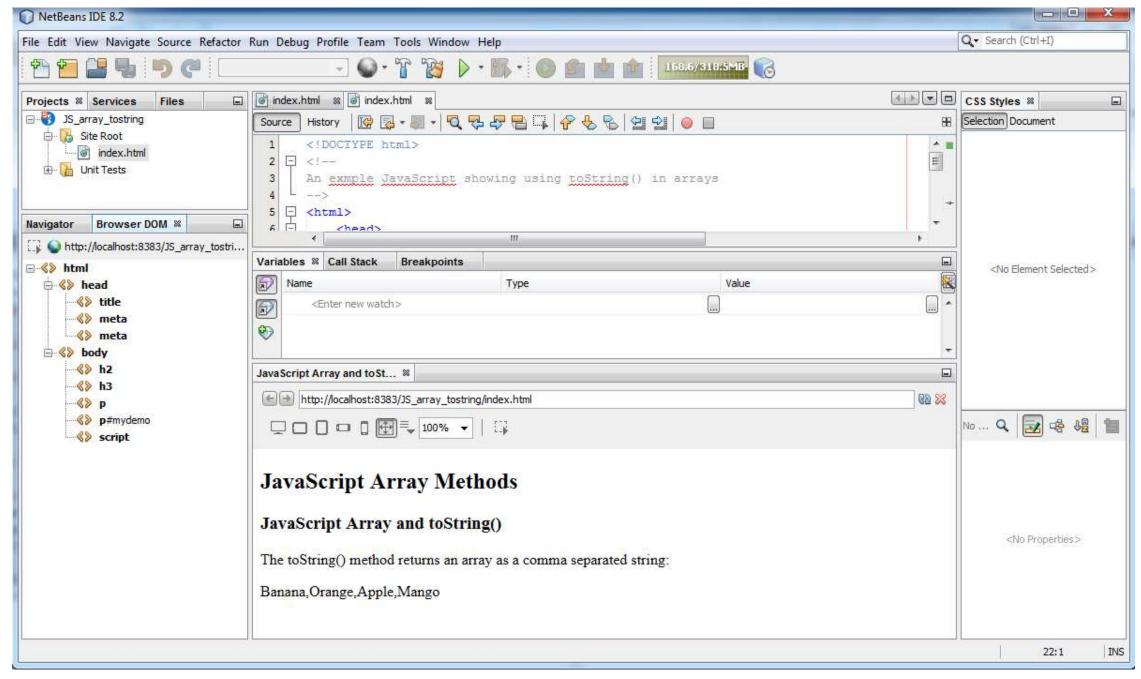
Arrays and Strings

Convert an Array to a Comma Separated String

- JavaScript automatically converts an array to a comma separated string when a primitive value is expected – this is always the case for array output
- The following two examples will produce the same result (output):
 - "Banana, Orange, Apple, Mango" (a comma separated string)

```
var fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
document.write (fruits.toString());
var fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
document.write (fruits);
```





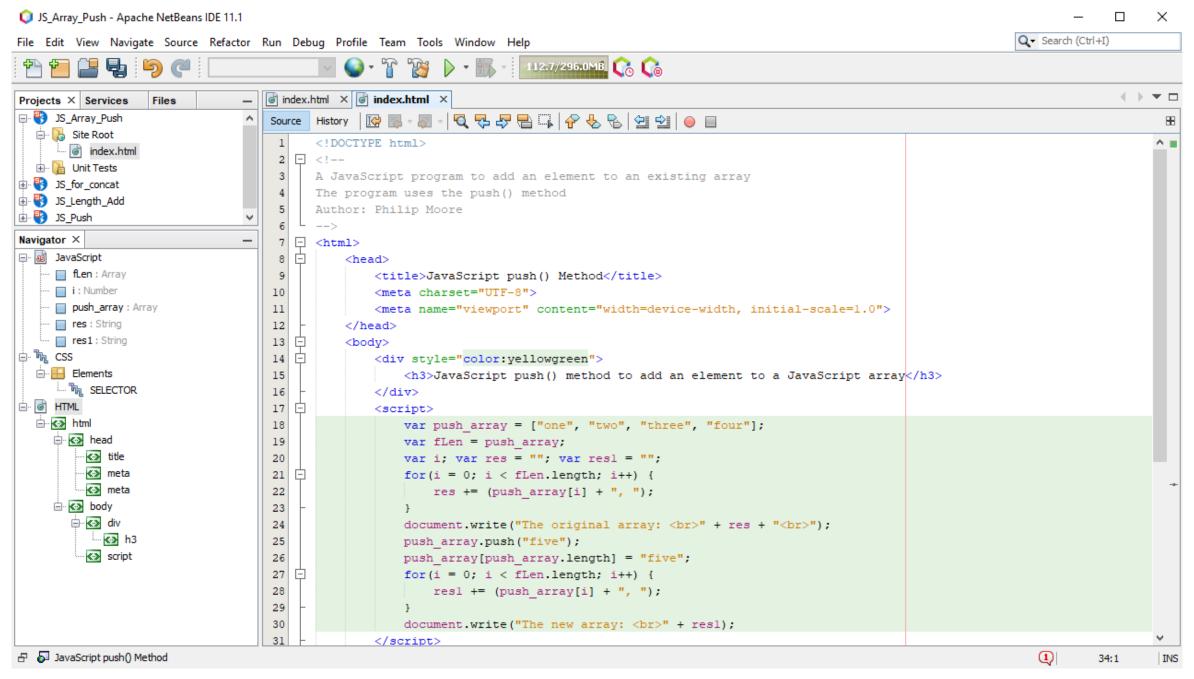
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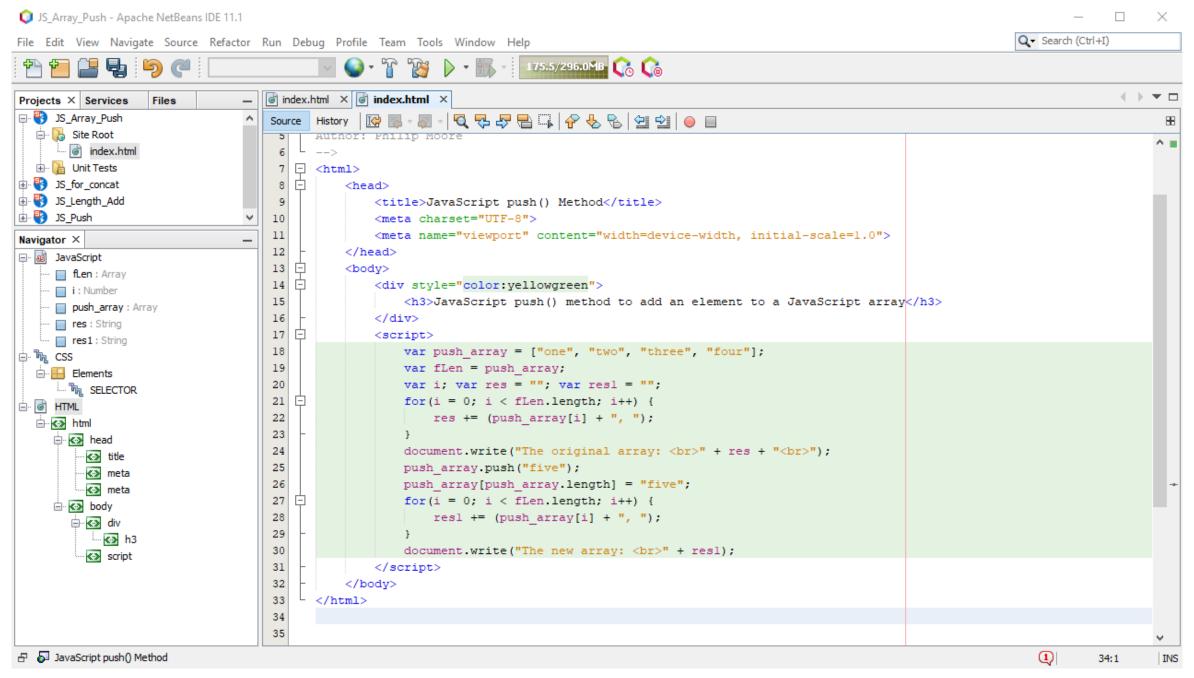
Adding Elements using the **push** Property

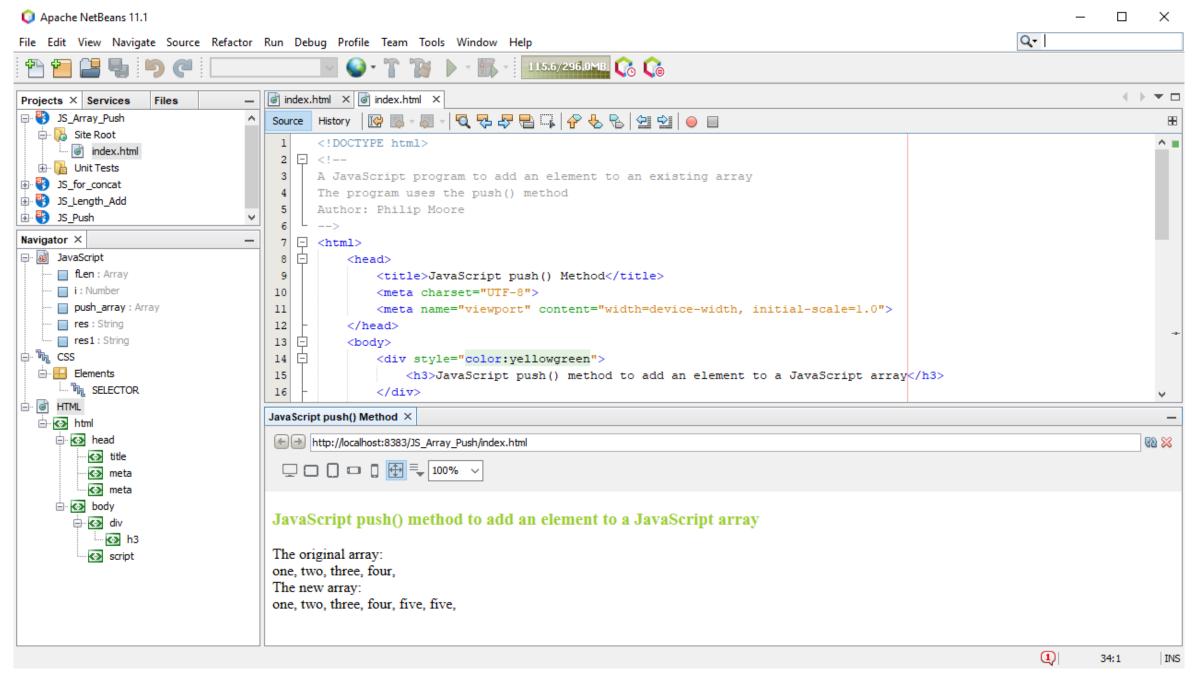
- To add a new element to the end of an existing array
 - We can use the push method:
- For example

```
var push_array = ["one", "two", "three", "four"];
push array.push()["five"];
```

- This method adds a new element(s) to the person array
 - We can add multiple elements to an array with this method
 - The following worked example shows the push method and output





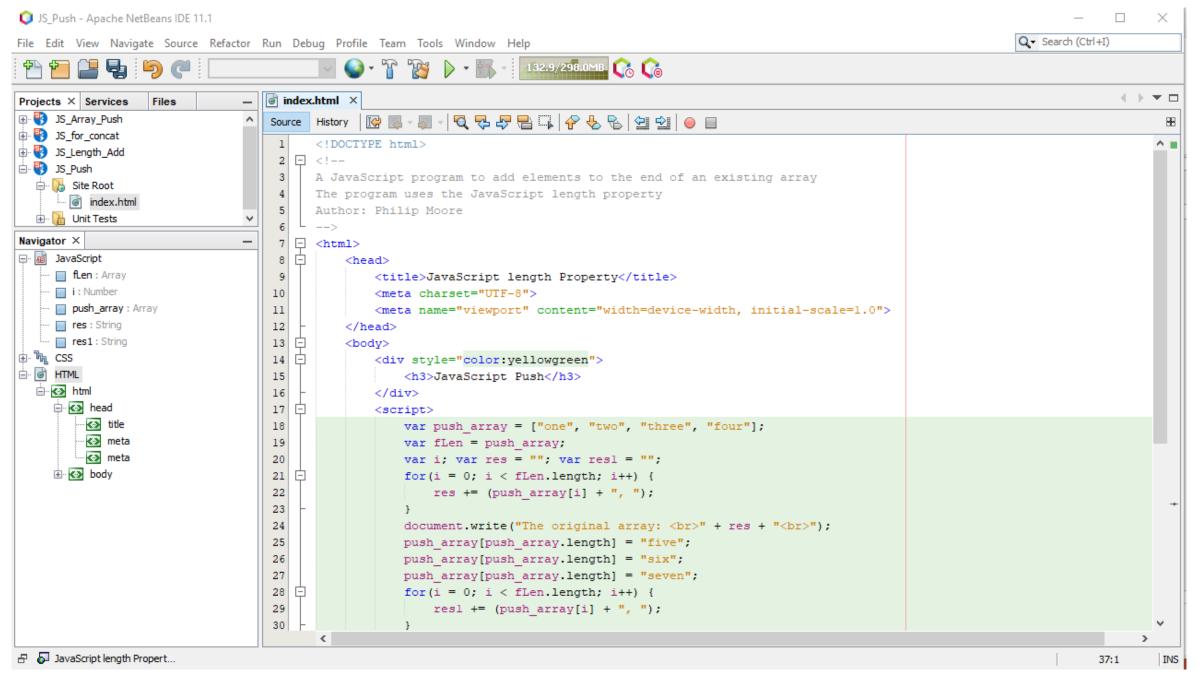


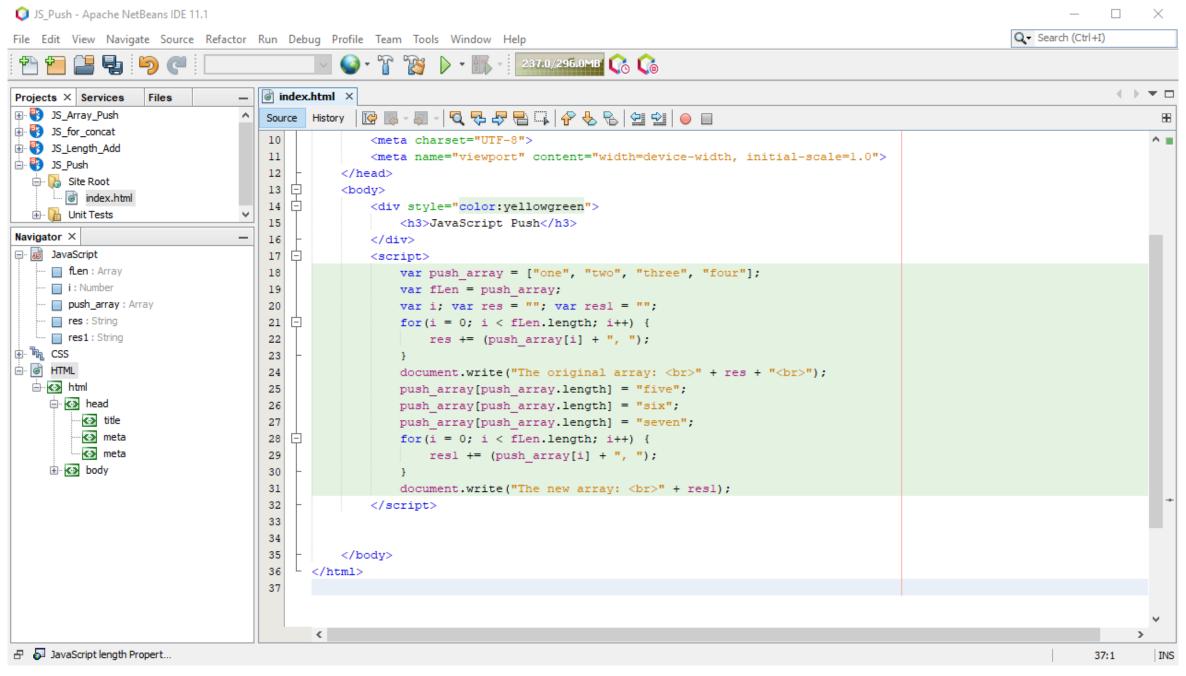
Adding Elements using the **length** Property

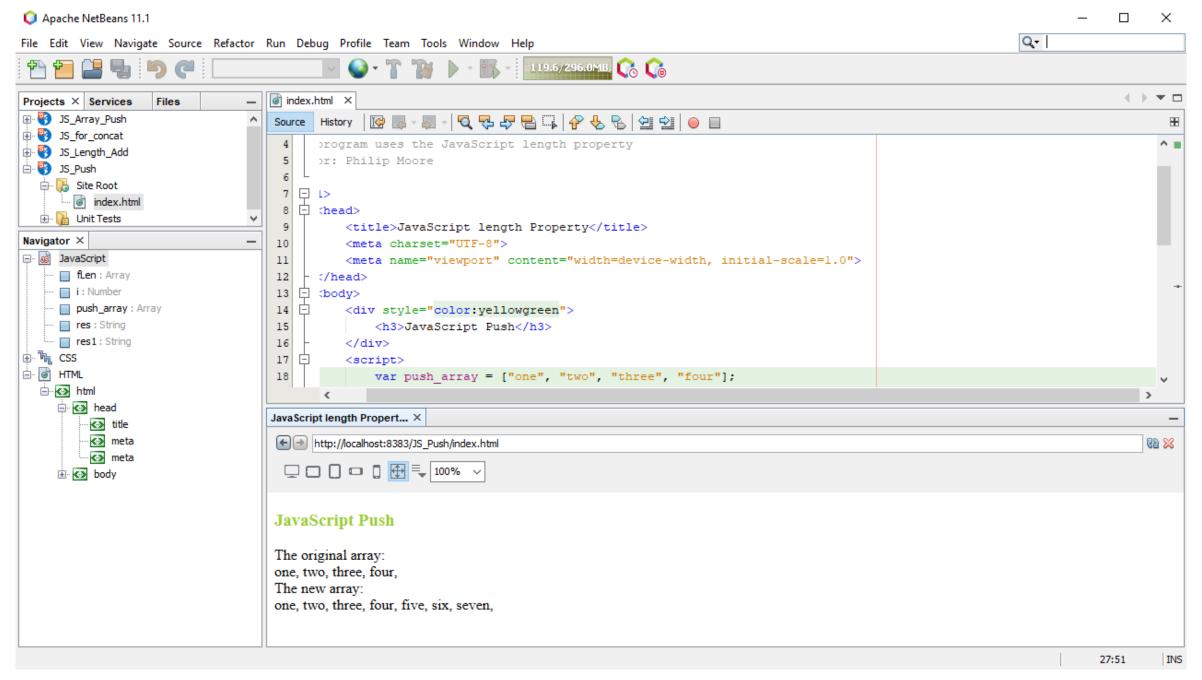
- The length property provides an easy way to append a new element(s) to an array
- For example:

```
var push_array = ["one", "two", "three", "four"];
push_array[push_array.length]="five";
push_array[push_array.length]="six";
push array[push array.length]="seven";
```

• The JavaScript appends "five" "six" and "seven" to the end of the array







Problems in Adding Array Elements

- Adding elements with high indexes can create undefined holes in an array:
 - For example the following JavaScript code adds a new element [6] and the data value "six" to the numbers array

```
var numbers = ["one", "two", "three", "four"];
numbers[6] = "six";
```

- However: the existing array has 4 elements
- We have assigned "six" to numbers[6] (it should be numbers[5])
- In high-level programming languages (such as Java)
 - This would 'throw an array out of bounds exception'
 - In JavaScript it will not identify the error but the program logic will be wrong

Delete

Delete and Array Element

- As JavaScript arrays are objects, elements can be deleted by using the JavaScript operator delete
- For example

```
var numbers = ["one", "two", "three", "four"];
delete numbers[0];
```

- This changes the first element in numbers to undefined
- Using delete can result in errors because:
 - The delete method is designed to free up system memory rather than to adjust array sizes

Delete and Array Element

There are better alternatives:

```
pop()splice()List.splice()Shift()Filter()
```

- The alternative methods all address different requirements
- I have provided supplementary a resource setting out details of the alternative methods and their design uses

Delete and Array Element

- The alternative methods and their uses are:
 - splice() remove specific elements)
 - pop () remove elements from the end of an array
 - shift() remove elements from the start of an array
 - Use delete to remove individual array objects
- We may also:
 - Find and remove an element of a specific value
 - Find and remove multiple elements with the same value
 - Remove elements by filtering an array

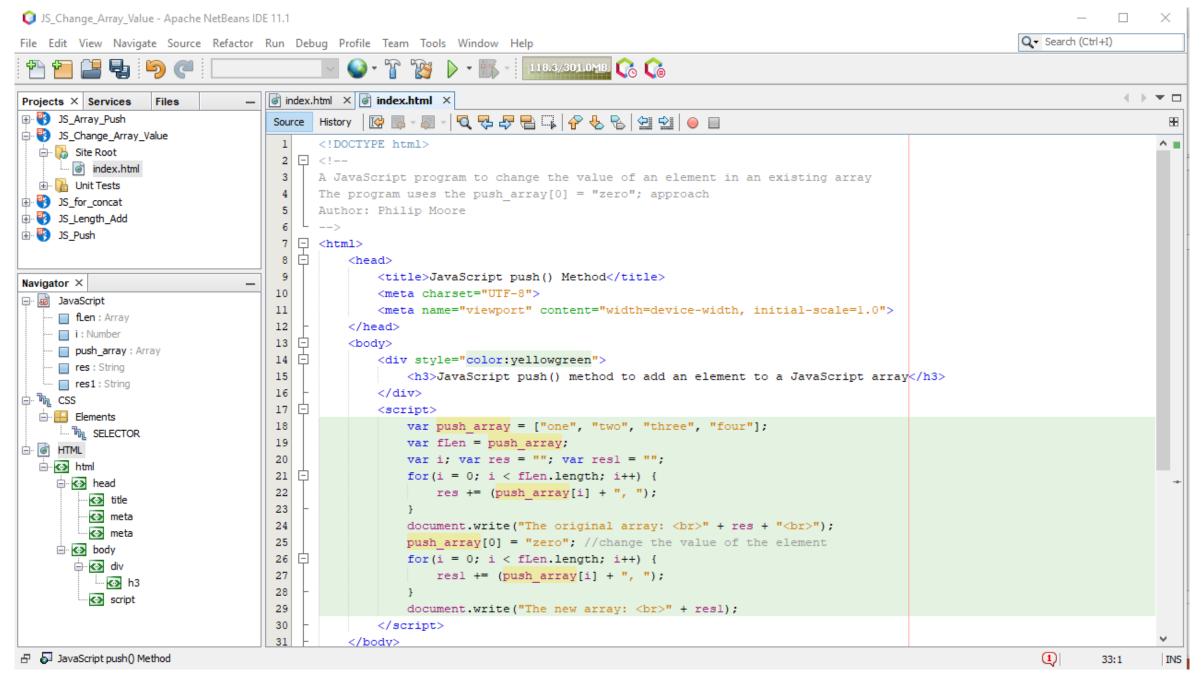
Changing Values

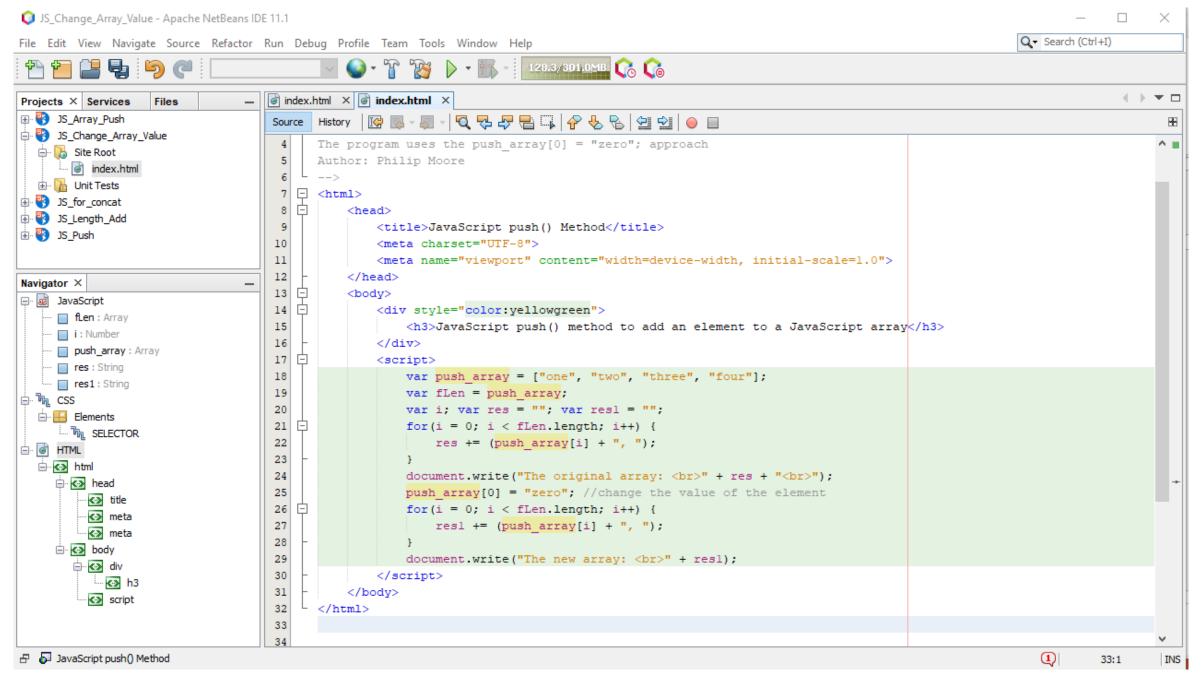
Changing Array Elements

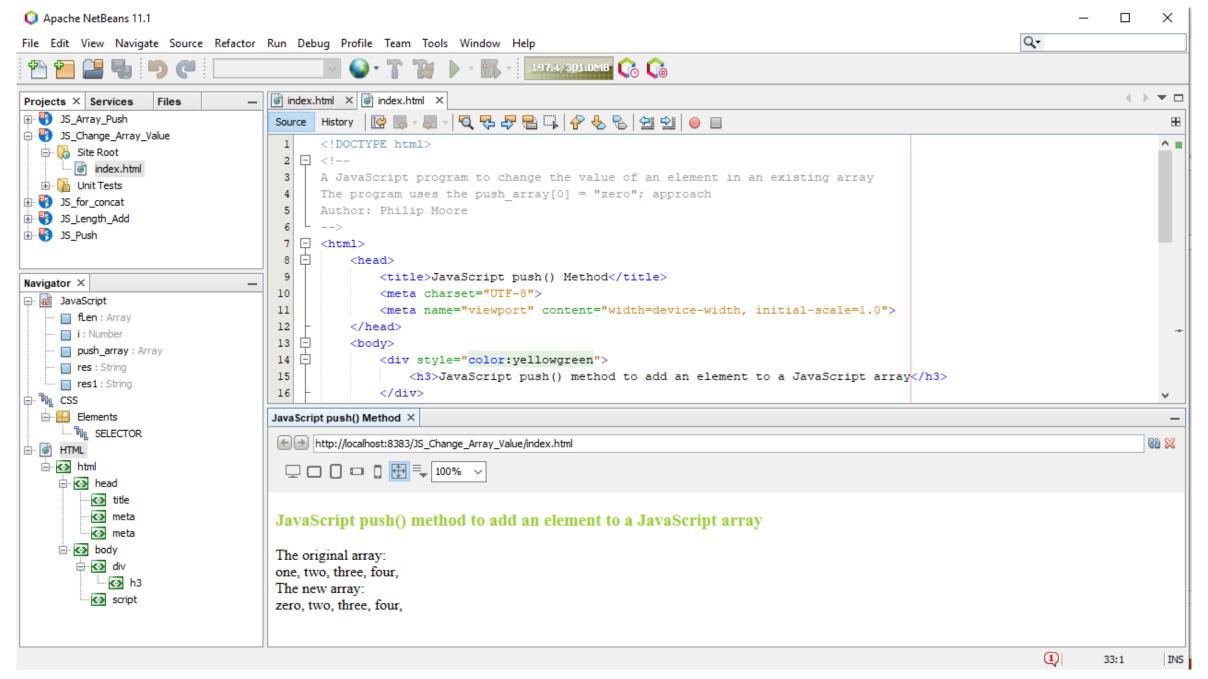
- A frequent activity is to update array element value(s)
- Note: remember that JavaScript is not typed so the datatype may change resulting in a possible logic error
- The following example changes the first element of numbers[0]) from "one" to "zero":

```
var numbers = ["one", "two", "three", "four"];
numbers[0] = "zero";
```

• The following worked example shows the changes







JavaScript Program Code Structure

- We have introduced the methods to manage arrays by:
 - Adding elements and data values to arrays
 - Deleting elements and data values to arrays
 - Changing the data values in array elements
- The JavaScript program code structure:
 - Will follow be similar for all the tasks as will be the method of accessing arrays as shown in the previous worked examples
 - However: you must use the appropriate methods to make additions, deletions, and changes to arrays and array elements

Sorting Arrays

Sorting Arrays

- Sorting the elements of a JavaScript array is a frequent operation
- Arrays can be sorted in a number of ways which include:
 - Numeric and alphabetical sort
 - Ascending and descending sort
 - Object array sort
 - Sorting an array in Random order and reversing the order
 - Find the *highest* (max) (or) *lowest*) array element value
- We will show the basic approach with the following examples
- Comprehensive details for array sort methods may be found in the course resources

JavaScript Array Properties and Methods

- In week 1 we introduced programming 'frameworks'
- A strength of JavaScript (and Java) is the built in pre-defined API's which implement properties and methods
- JavaScript arrays have such properties and methods
- For example:

```
var y = cars.sort();
```

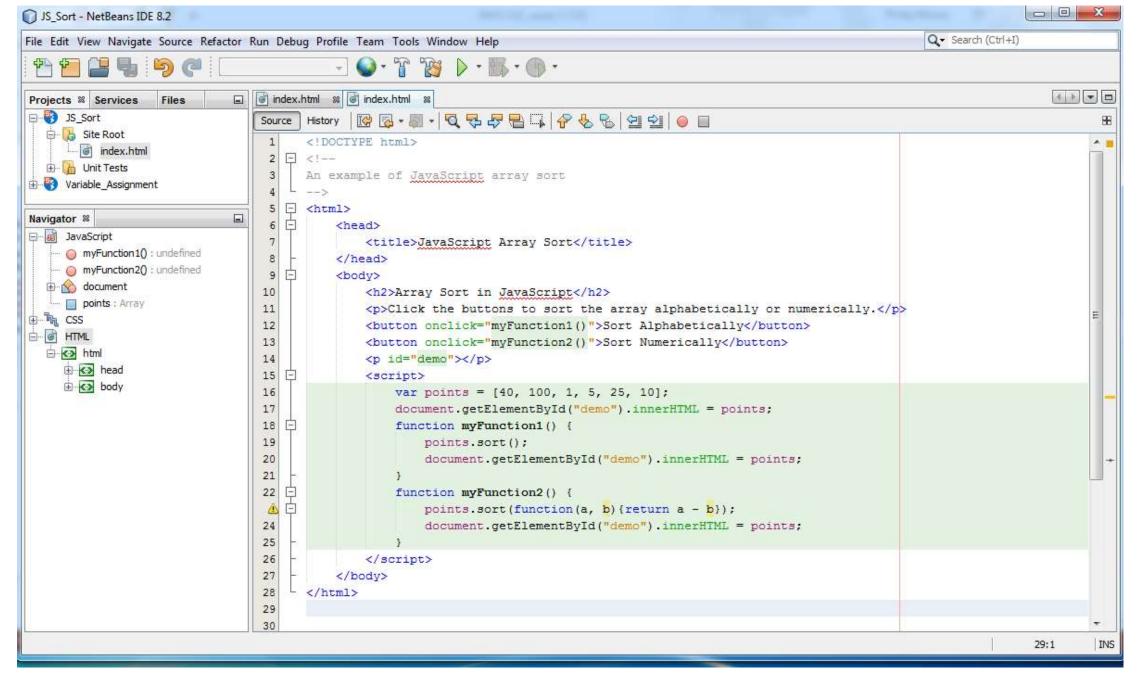
• The sort () method sorts arrays

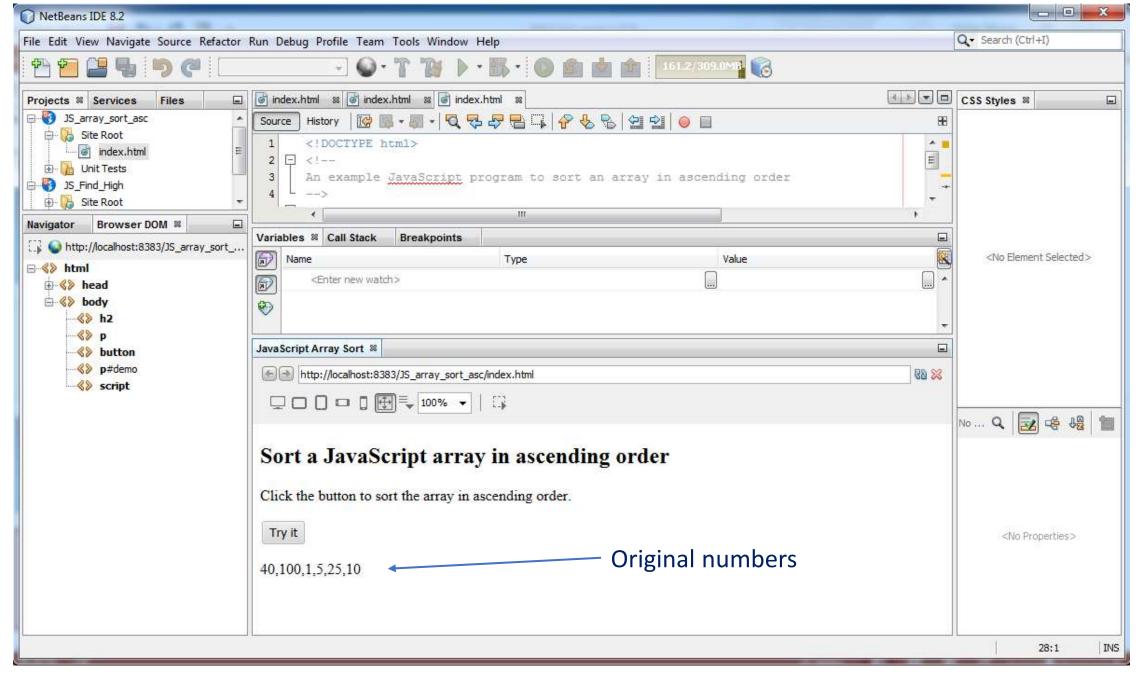
Numeric Sort

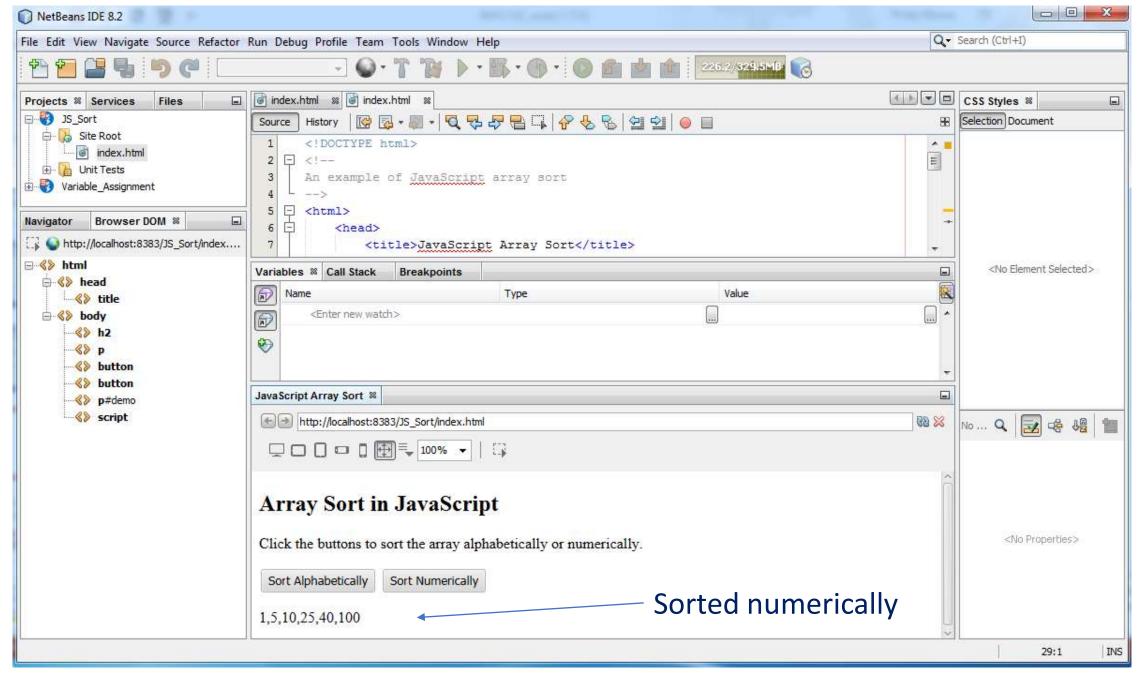
Numeric Sort

- By default, the sort() function sorts values as strings
- This works well for strings ("Apple" comes before "Banana")
 - However, if numbers are sorted as **strings**, "25" is bigger than "100" because "2" is larger than "1".
- Because of this the **sort** () method will produce incorrect result when sorting numbers (the result is an alphabetical sort)
 - This can be corrected by providing a compare function as follows:

```
var points = [40, 100, 1, 5, 25, 10];
points.sort(function(a, b){return a - b});
```







Alphabetical Sort

Alphabetical Sort (strings)

- The **sort** () method sorts an array alphabetically:
- For example

```
var fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
fruits.sort();
```

Sorts the elements of fruits as follows

```
Apple, Banana, Mango, Orange
```

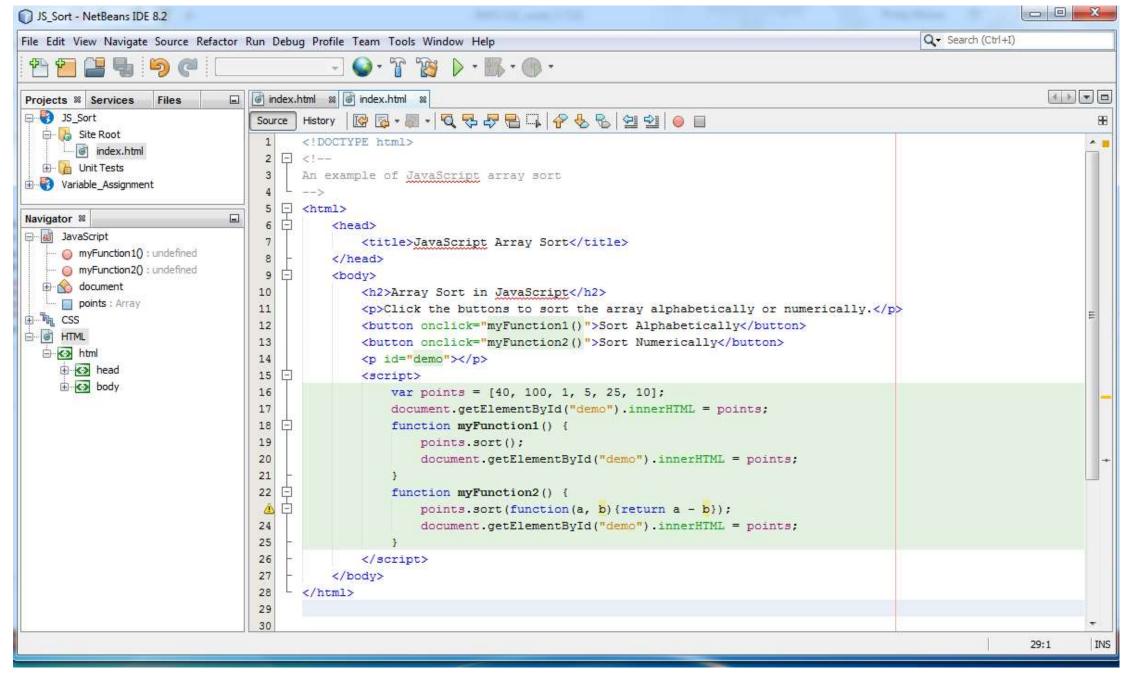
- The sort process is as expected (i.e., a, b, c, etc)
 - For numbers the process can present problems

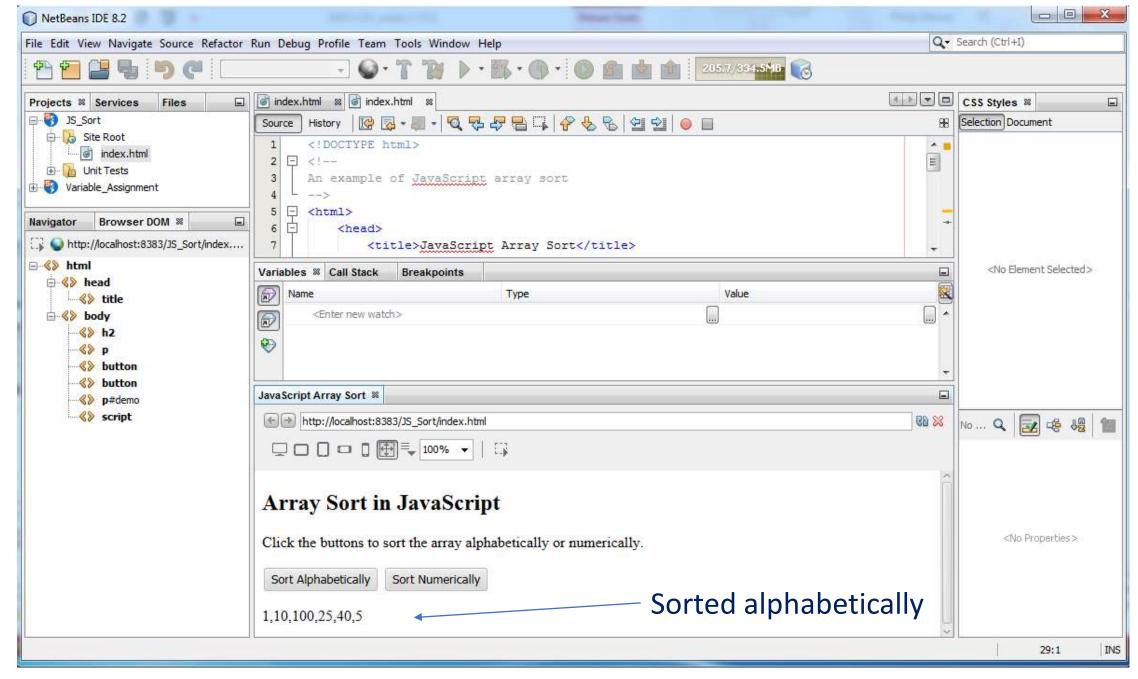
Alphabetical Sort (numbers)

- The **sort** () method sorts an array alphabetically:
- For example consider the points array:

```
var points = [40,100,1,5,25,10];
points.sort();
```

- Sorts the elements of the points array as follows
 - 1, 10, 100, 25, 40, 5
- The following example shows a worked an example to sort an array alphabetically





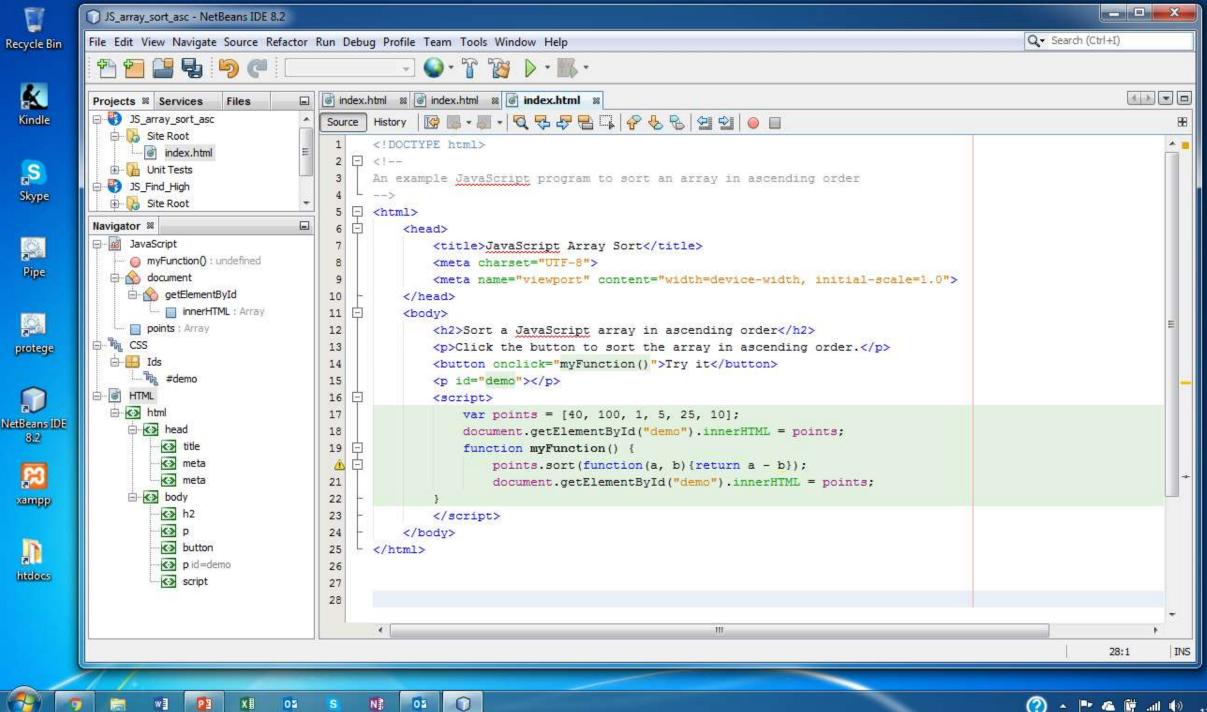
Ascending Sort

Sort in Ascending Order

Array sort in ascending order ()

```
var points = [40, 100, 1, 5, 25, 10];
points.sort(function(a, b) {return a - b});
```

- Following the array sort points [0] contains the highest value
- The following slides show a worked example of array sort in ascending order



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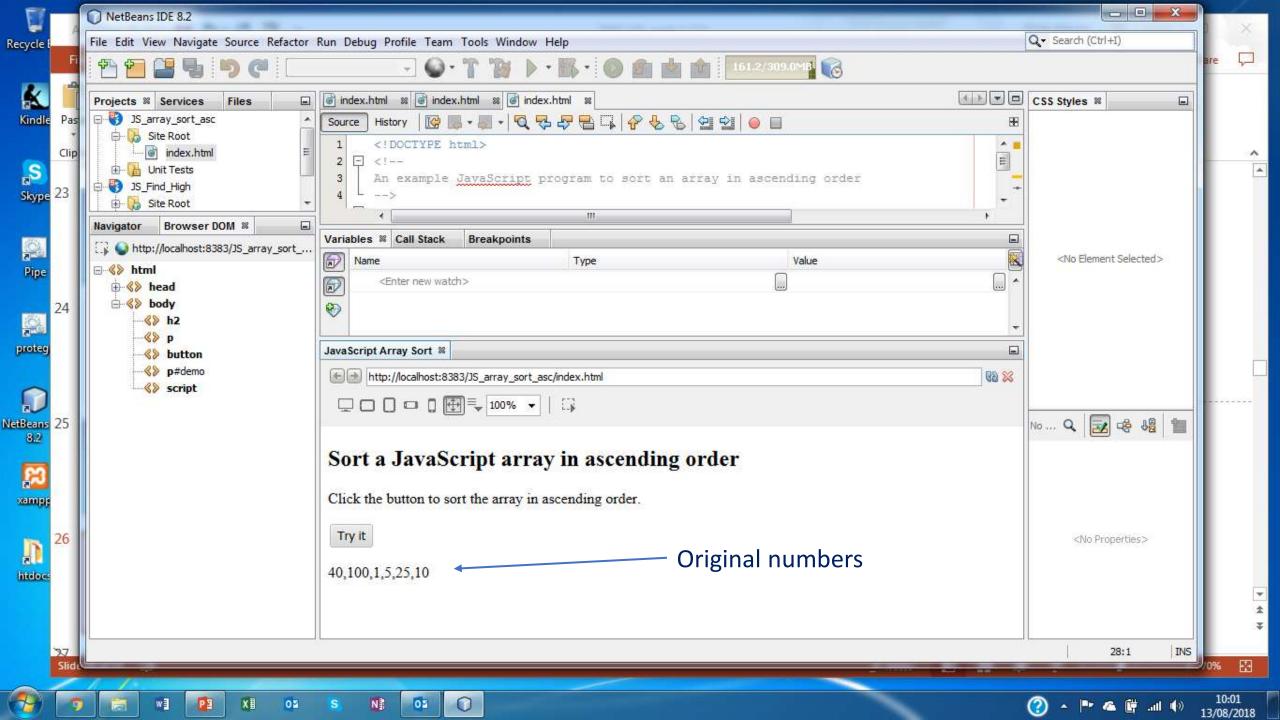
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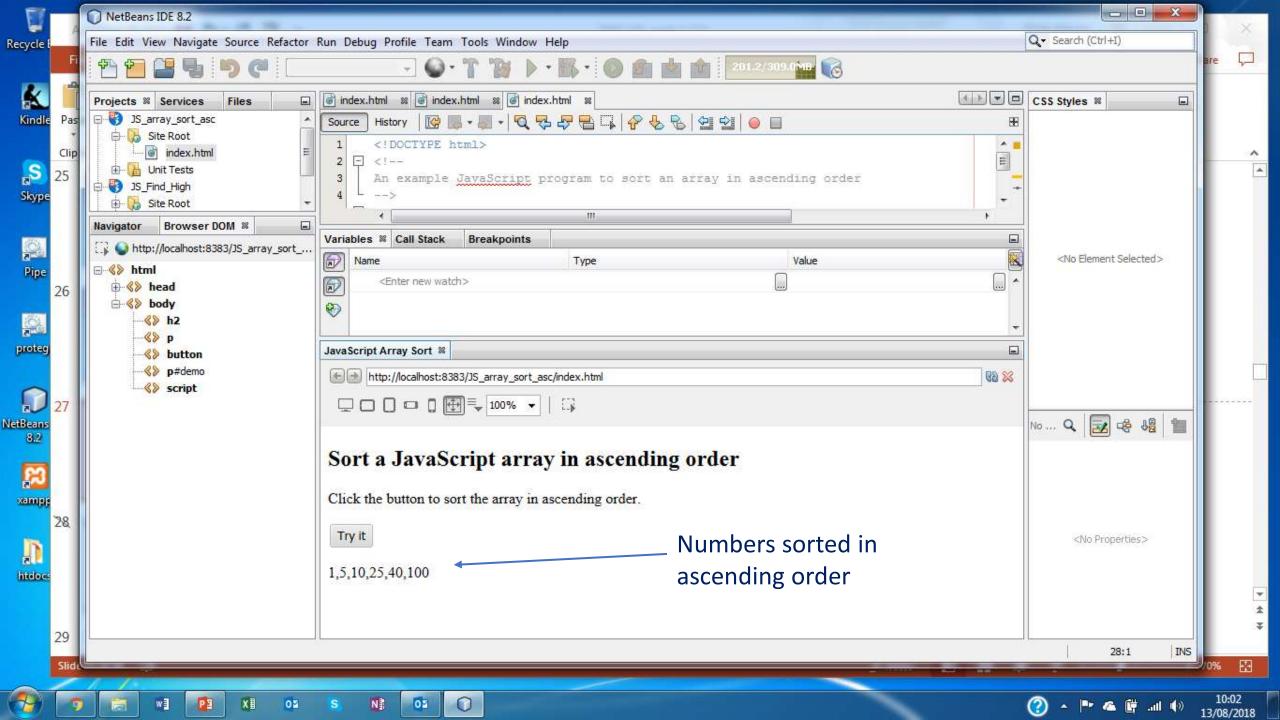
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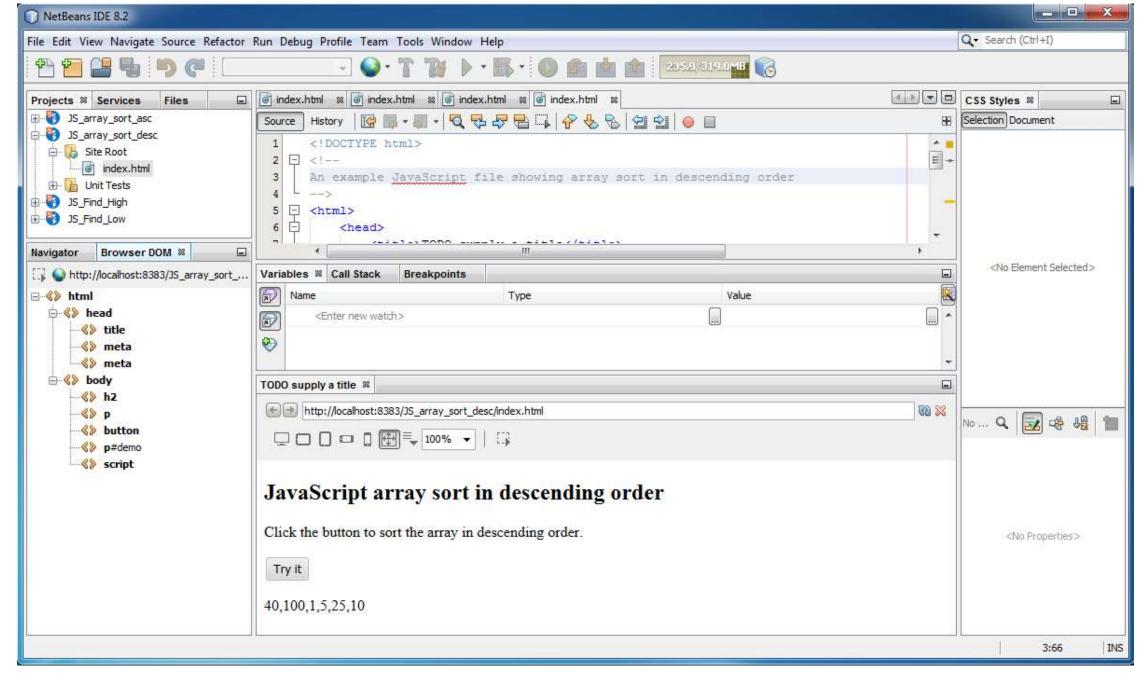
Descending Sort

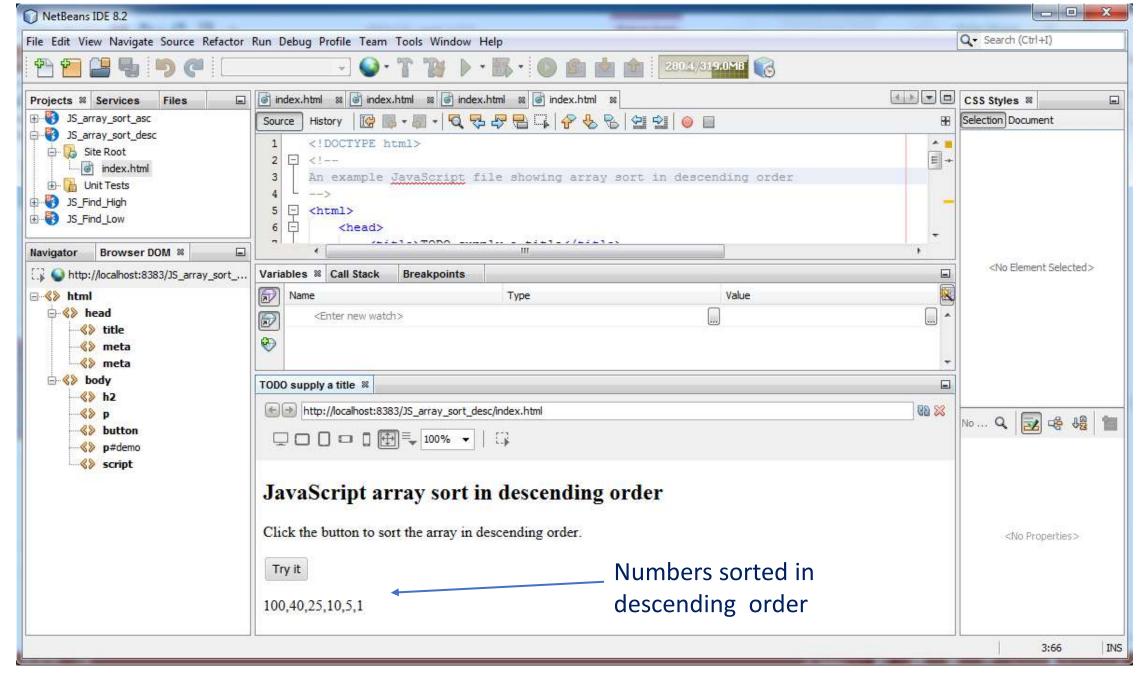
Sort in Descending Order

Array sort descending order ()

```
var points = [40, 100, 1, 5, 25, 10];
points.sort(function(a, b) {return b - a});
```

- Following the array sort **points** [0] contains the lowest value
- and [points.length-1] contains the lowest value
- The following slides show a worked example of array sort in descending order

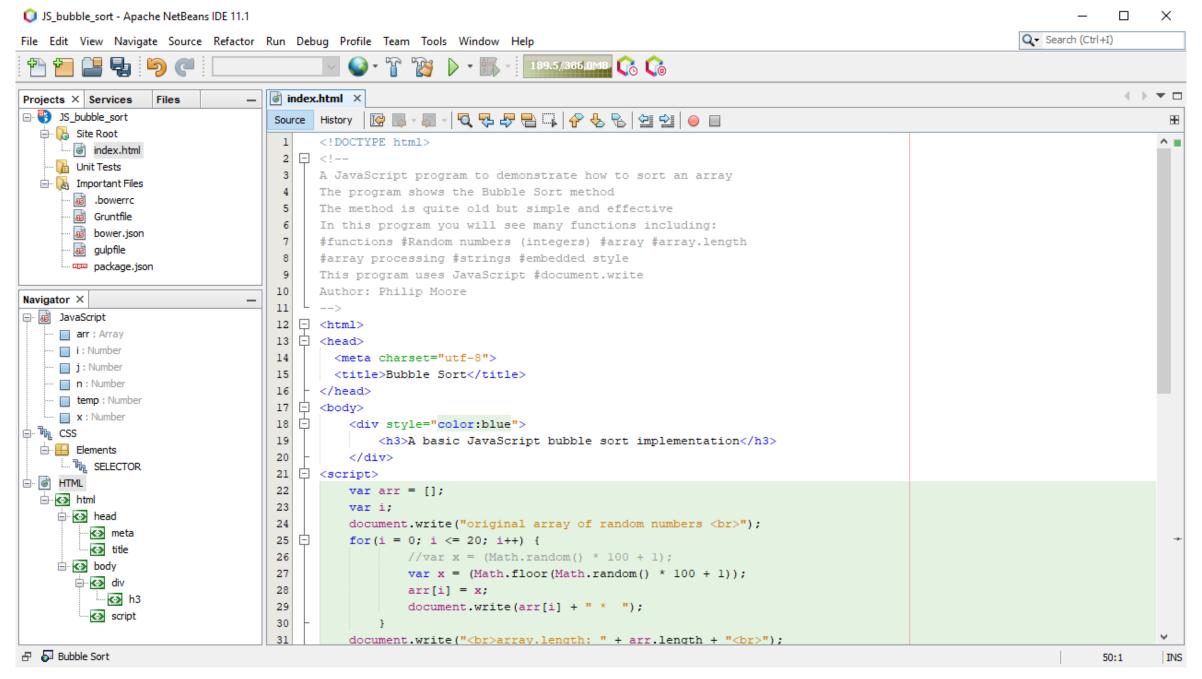


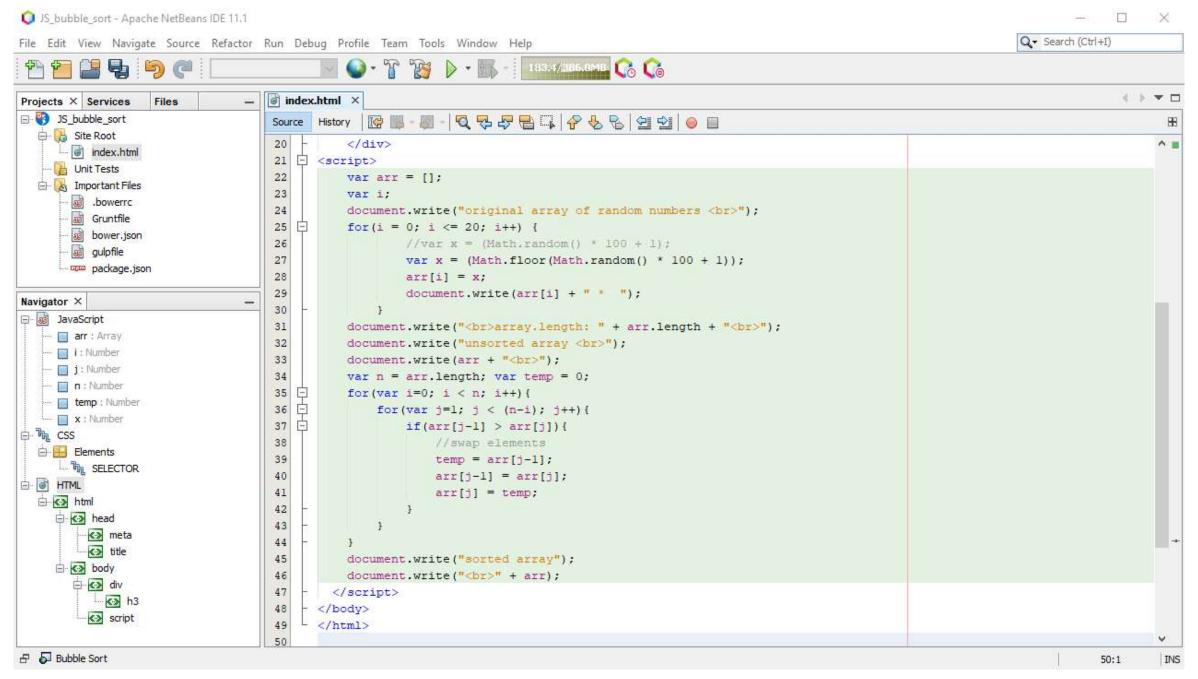


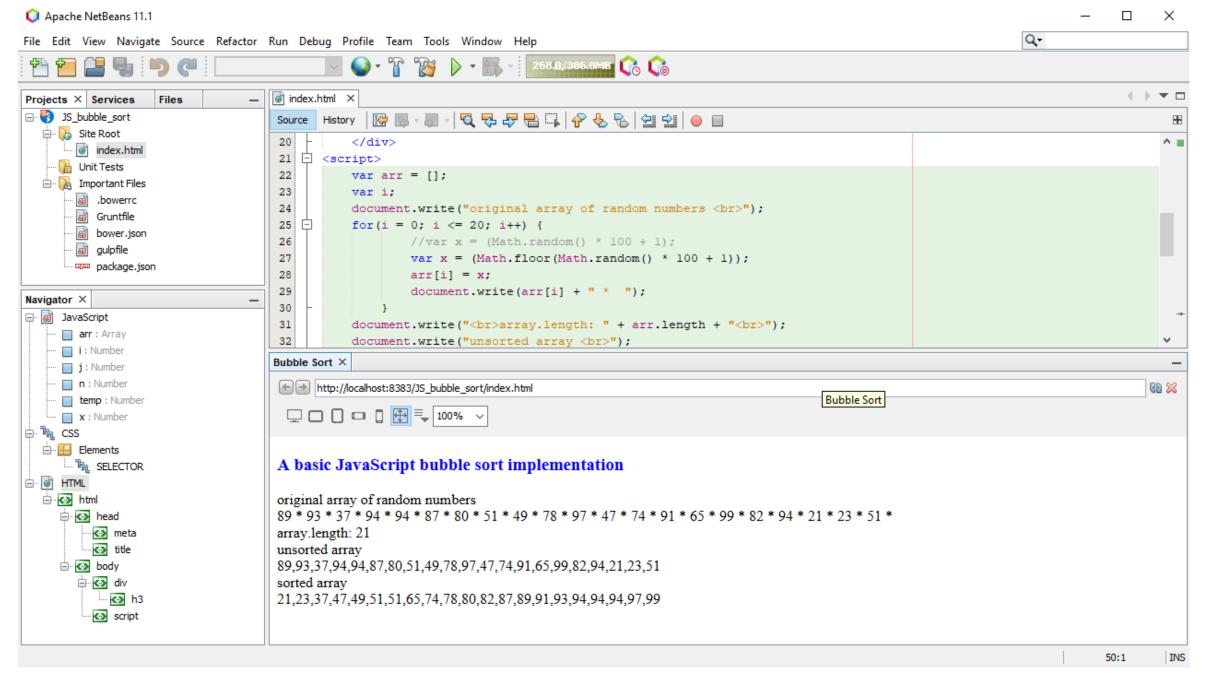
Bubble Sort

Bubble Sort

- The previous slides have shown the methods built into JavaScript to sort arrays
 - However: the worked example show the output is correct but the methodology points.sort(function(a, b) {return a b}); is unclear
- In the following slides I provide:
 - A simple JavaScript Bubble Sort program to demonstrate how an array sort may work (implementations may vary between web browsers)
 - In this program you will see many functions including: #functions #Random numbers (integers) #arrays #nested arrays #array.length #array processing #strings.
 This program uses #embedded style and the JavaScript #document.write method







Object Sort

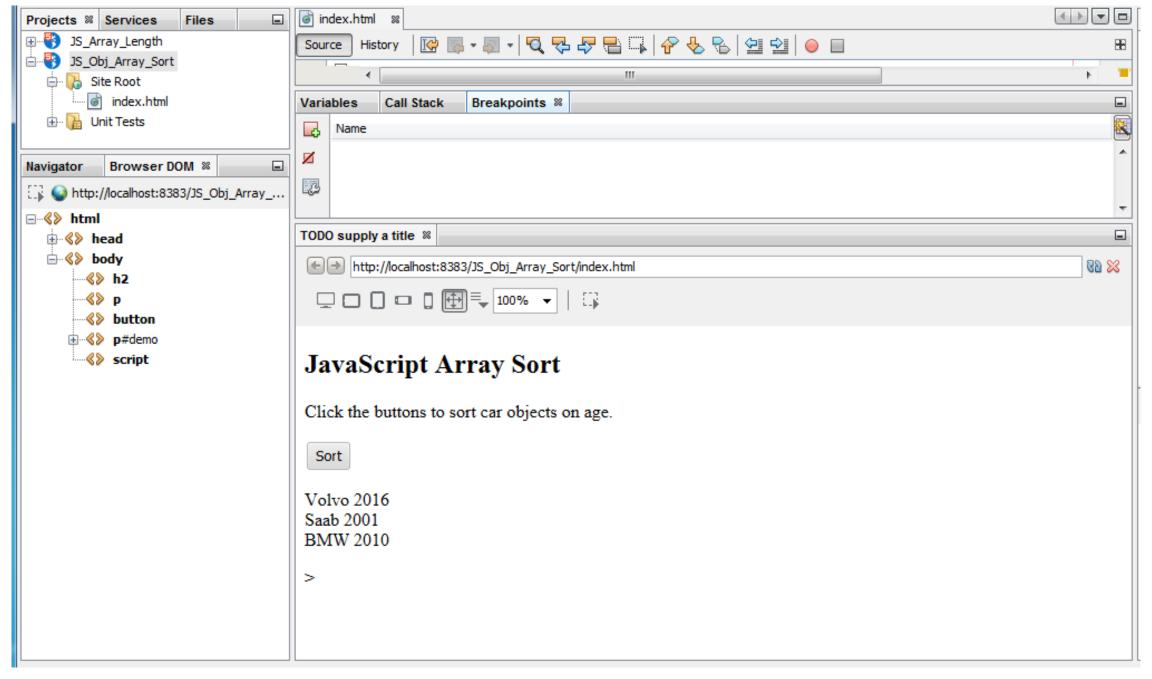
Object Array Sort

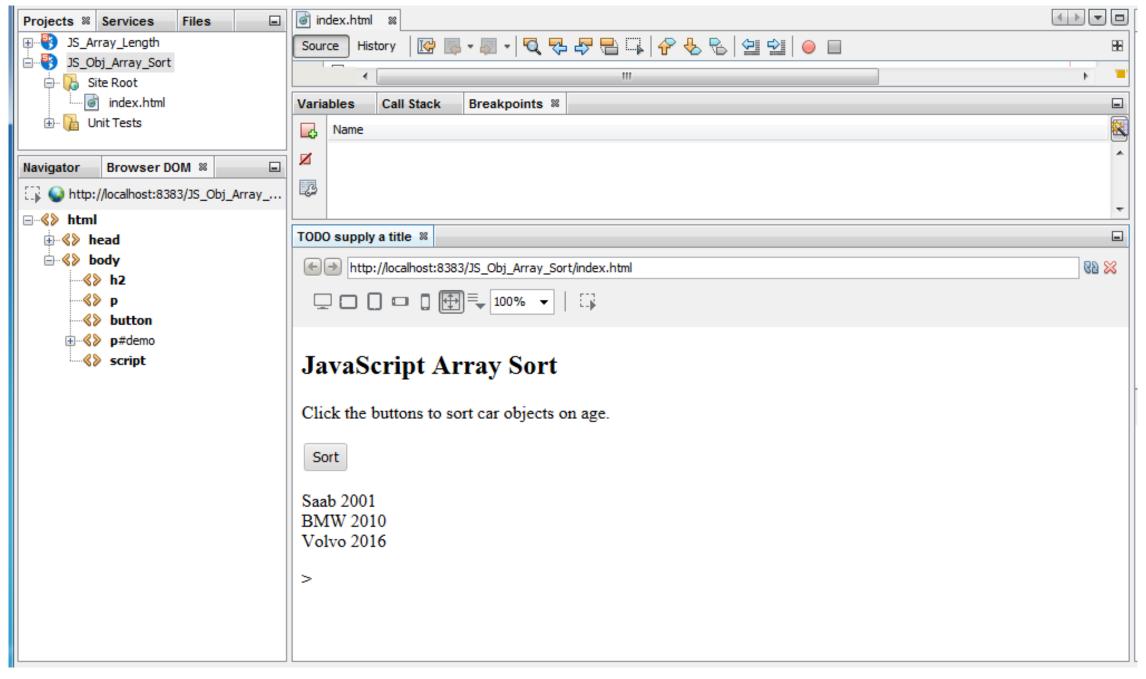
- JavaScript arrays may hold a range of simple datatypes including objects
- For example

```
• var cars = [
    {type:"Volvo", year:2016},
    {type:"Saab", year:2001},
    {type:"BMW", year:2010}];
```

• The following slide shows the object array sort

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