# INFO 151 Web Systems and Services

Week 4 (T1)

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#### Course Overview

Weeks 1 – 3

- Introduction to Web Systems and Services
- Creating Web-Pages and Web-Sites with a Markup Language
- Introductory HTML 4 and HTML 5 with CSS

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- Client-Side Web Programming
- Introductory JavaScript

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- Server-side Programming
- Introductory PHP
- Introduction to Database, SQL, and MySQL

# Client-Side Web Programming

Scripting with JavaScript

#### Sources of Resources

- The sources of information and resources for JavaScript may be found at the:
  - w3schools.com web-site: (url: <a href="https://www.quanzhanketang.com/">https://www.quanzhanketang.com/</a>)
- The w3schools.com web-site available to you has limited resources for PHP
  - For information on PHP see the recommended course text book:
    - Sams Teach Yourself PHP, MySQL & JavaScript All-in-One Sixth Edition

#### Overview

- In this tutorial we will introduce
  - Scripting environments with an overview of client-side and server-side scripting
  - An introduction to scripting languages
  - The JavaScript, JavaScript programming, and JavaScript syntax
  - JavaScript expressions, operators, operands, and operator precedence
  - JavaScript identifiers, datatypes, strings, and variables
  - String escaping with string and variable concatenation

## **Scripting Environments**

Scripting is located and executed using:

- Client-side environments
  - Implemented using a local web-browser (a thin client) using a localhost

- Server-side environments
  - A remote host using a web-server accessed over the Internet

## Client-Side Scripting

- Client-side environments
  - In a client-side environment scripts are embedded in HTML
  - Scripts are run in a web browser (a thin-client) located on an end-users computer
  - The source code is transferred from the web server to the users computer over the internet and run directly in the browser
  - JavaScript is used with HTML to create stateless websites
- The JavaScript must enabled on the client computer
  - Where a user disables JavaScript (for security) a warning message (a dialogue) appears alerting the user when script is attempting to run

## Served-side Scripting

- Server-side environments
  - In a server-side environment scripts are located on a web-server
  - The web-server responds to a user (client) requests to a web-site
  - In server-side scripting scripts are located and run within the webserver
  - A primary function of server-side scripting is to enable dynamic (*stateful*) web-sites as opposed to static (*stateless*) web sites
- In practice web-sites generally use both client-side and serverside scripting in a combined web-system

# **Scripting Languages**

## **Scripting Languages**

- A scripting language is a programming language that supports scripts
  - Scripts are (generally) small programs written to function in 'real-time' environments
  - Scripts are (generally) written to control and automate the execution of tasks and events
- Scripting languages (such as JavaScript and php) are (generally) interpreted
- High-level programming languages (such as 'Java' and 'C') are compiled
- A scripting language enables (generally) small programs to be combined into more complex programs

## **Scripting Languages**

- JavaScript (client-side) and PHP (server side) are frequently used together
  - PHP can naturally work with MySQL whereas JavaScript can not
- Environments to which a *scripting* can be applied include:
  - Software applications
  - Web-systems (web-pages and web-sites) running in a web-browser
  - Shell programming (in a Unix or Linux) operating system
  - Embedded systems
  - Online games

# JavaScript

## JavaScript Overview

- JavaScript is an important web-systems language
  - The association with web-browsers mane it the most popular web-programming language in the world
- JavaScript is a lightweight object-oriented scripting language which can be embedded within HTML (web-pages)
  - Object orientation will be considered later in the course
- The syntax is modelled on Java syntax which in turn is modelled on C syntax and C++ (an object-oriented C) syntax
  - However, JavaScript is a lambda language and it has much in common with Lisp and Scheme.

## JavaScript

- JavaScript is generally used as client-side scripting language
- It is mainly used to enable validation and other simple tasks
- JavaScript has limitations:
  - JavaScript can only connect to a database (MySQL) using 'bridging'
  - JavaScript provides limited interaction(s) with computer systems and resources (for security reasons)
  - Java script is useful for form interactions
  - JavaScript is useful in the control of the display of data to the user

# JavaScript Programming

## **Computer Programming**

- When writing computer program code there are two considerations:
  - 1. The code must be machine-readable
  - 2. The code will be human-readable (to understand the code)
- JavaScript ignores 'whitespace' between tokens
- In the processing of JavaScript the interpreter is not concerned with the readability of the code
- Spaces, tabs, and newlines may be used by the programmer to improve the human-readability of the program code.

## JavaScript Syntax

- JavaScript is case-sensitive
  - All *variables, function names,* and other *identifiers* must be typed in lowercase without capitalization
  - The use of capitals for GLOBAL variables is controversial but it is a common practice (in JavaScript and other programming languages)
  - Capitalization helps to identify GLOBAL variables
    - For example: a constant such as 'PI' may be written in UPPERCASE
  - The difference between *local* and *GLOBAL* variables lies in their scope
    - We will consider variable scope later in this course

#### **Statements**

- A statement is a compilation unit which contains a set of executable statements
  - In web-browsers each <script>...<\script> tag delivers a compilation unit that is interpreted and immediately executed
  - JavaScript processes all the statements in a common global namespace
  - When use in a function the var statement defines the function private variables and their value
- Statements can implement all the programming operations:
  - Sequential processes / Selection operations / Iterative operations
  - These operations will be introduced later in this course

## JavaScript Statements

- JavaScript statements are terminated by a semicolon (;)
- However:
  - When a statement is followed by a newline (the carriage return)
  - The terminating semicolon (;) may be omitted
    - This restricts where the programmer may legally break lines in JavaScript
    - A line of JavaScript code may not be broken over two lines if the first line is a legal JavaScript statement
- It is good programming practice to insert a semicolon (;) at the end of complete statements to improve human-readability

## JavaScript Syntax

- The documentation of computer program code using *comments* (ignored by the JavaScript interpreter at runtime) is very important
- To insert comments into JavaScript there are 2 methods:

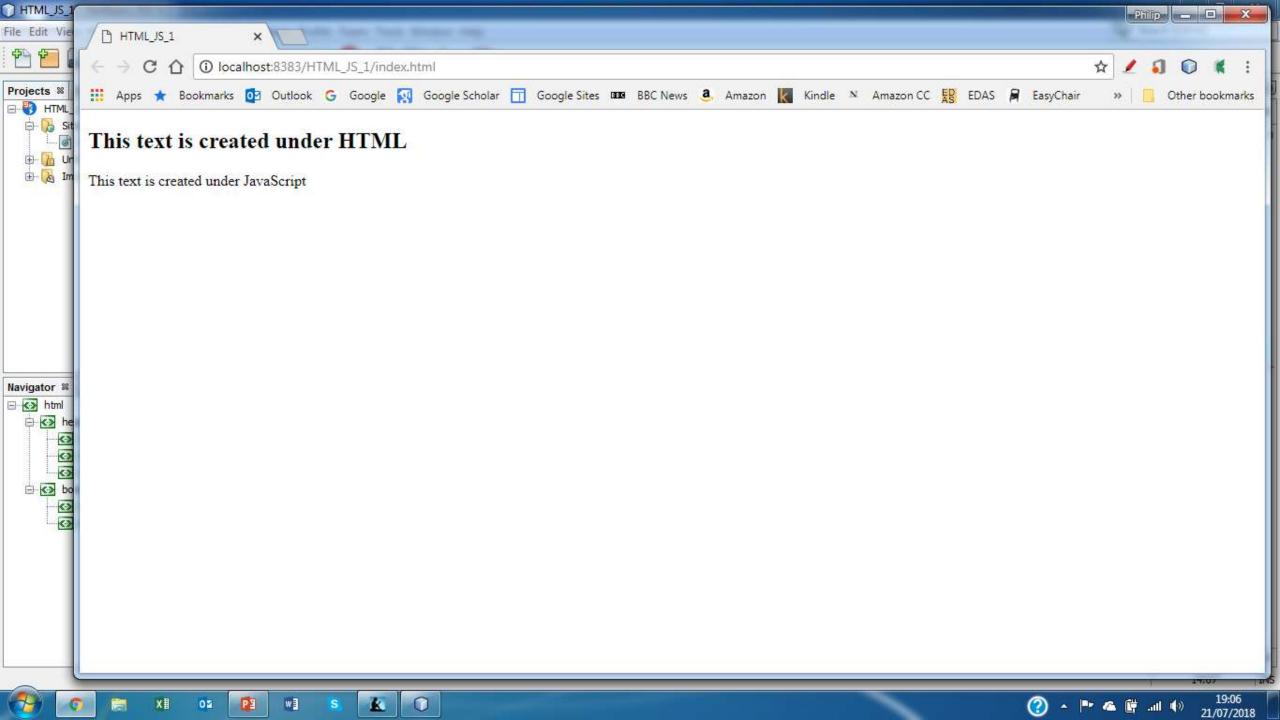
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/*
  * This is a block multi-line Java, C, and C++ style comment
  * With a second line
  */
/* Another comment*/
// This is a single line Java, C, and C++ style comment
```

## An HTML / JavaScript Template File

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!- comment -->
<html>
<head>
     <title></title>
</head>
  <body>
     <!- enter HTML here -->
     <script>
           //enter JavaScript program code here
     </script>
  </body>
 html>
```

### An HTML-JavaScript File

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<!--HTML JS 1-->
<html>
<head>
      <title>HTML JS 1</title>
</head>
   <body>
      <h2>This text is created under HTML</h2>
      <script>
            document.write('This text is created under JavaScript');
      </script>
   </body>
</html>
```



# **Expressions and Operators**

## Operator and Operand

- In computer programming there are two terms used in relation to data processing:
  - The operator
  - The operand
- The *operator* 
  - Is a method which operates on the data: examples include *addition* (+), comparison (<), logical operators such as (AND ( && ) / OR ( | | ))
- The operand
  - Is the data being operated on such as variables or strings

## Operator and Operand Example

- Consider the following arithmetic example: (7 + 13 = 20)
- In this example
  - Operator
    - The *operator* is the symbol (+) for the operation called addition
  - Operand
    - The *operand* (7) is one of the inputs (quantities) followed by the 'addition' *operator*
    - The *operand* (13) is the other input necessary for the operation

# **Operators**

Operator	Syntax	Example	Definition
addition	+	x + y	Sum of x and y
subtraction	-	x - y	Difference of x and y
multiplication	*	x * y	Product of x and y
division	/	x / y	Quotient of x and y
modulo	%	x % y	Remainder of x / y
exponent	**	x ** y	x to the y power
increment	++	X++	x plus one
decrement		X	x minus one

## **Expressions and Operators**

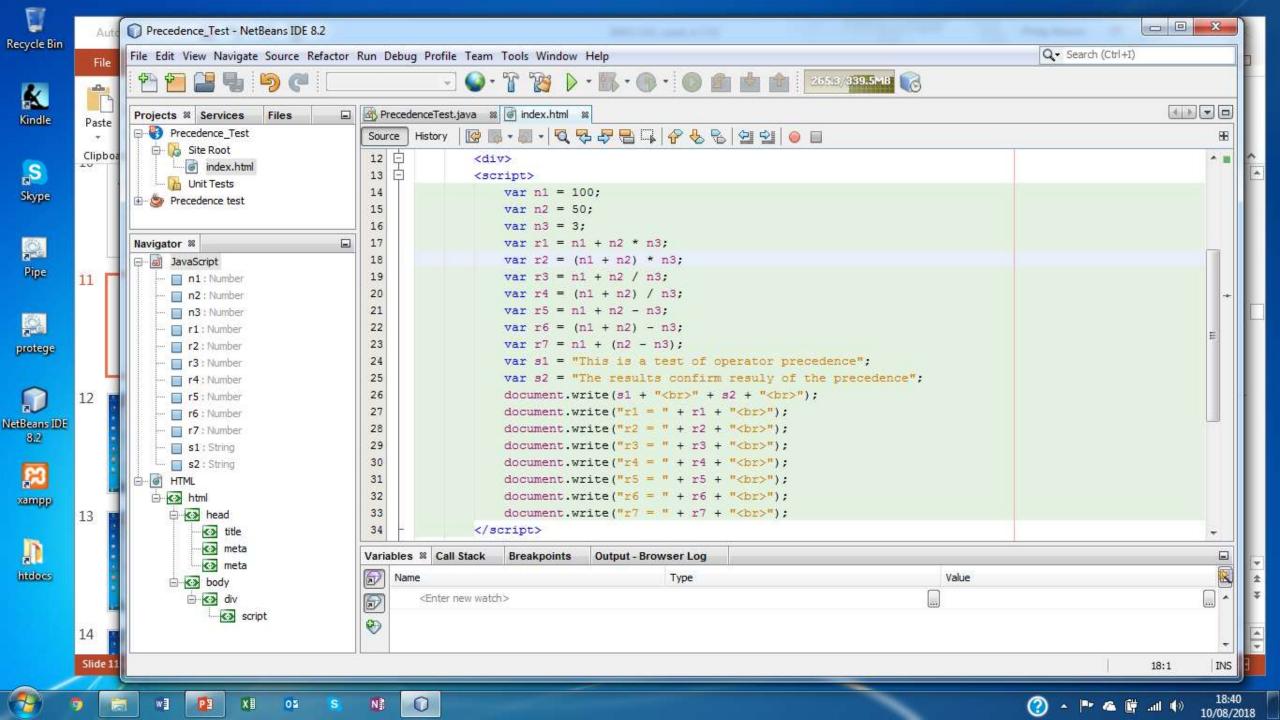
- A JavaScript expression is formed by combining values which can be any combination of the following:
  - Literals / variables / object properties / array elements / function invocations
  - Parenthesis ( ... ) can be used to group sub-expressions
    - This can be used to change the default evaluation (processing) order this is important because: while the JavaScript syntax may be correct the logic may be incorrect resulting in the wrong answer
- In JavaScript (in all programming languages) there is an operator precedence

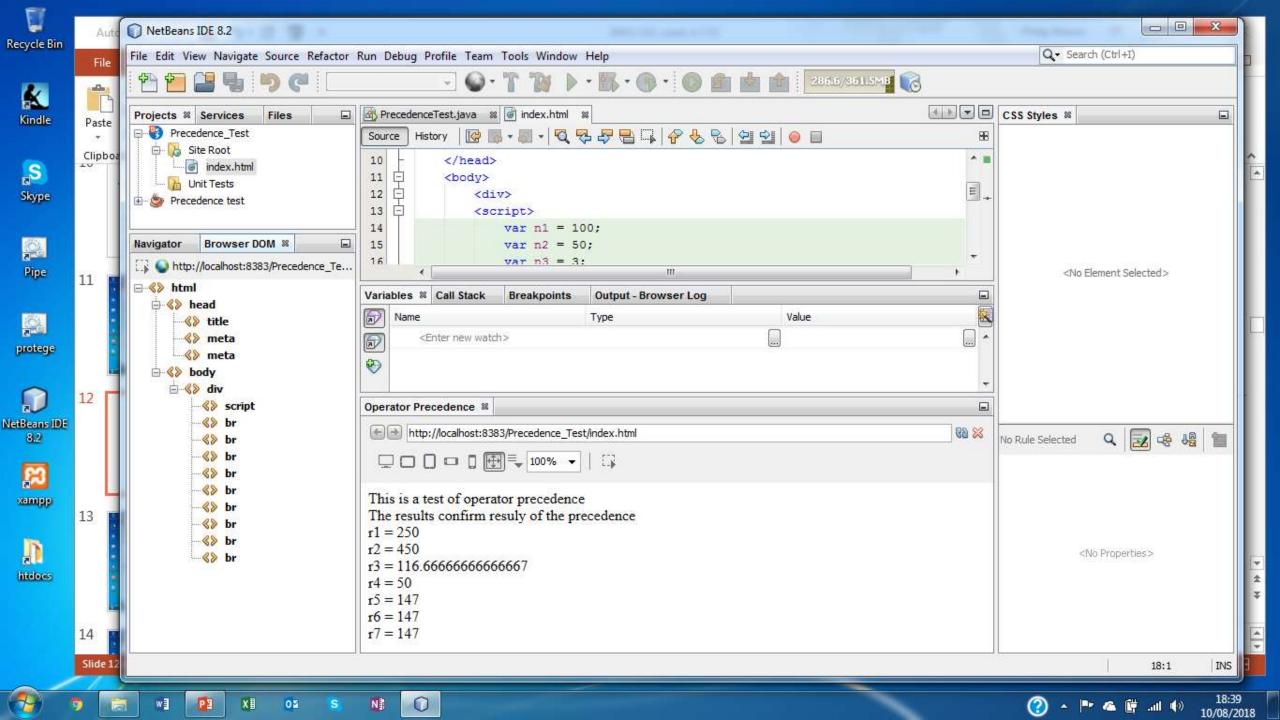
## Operator Precedence Examples

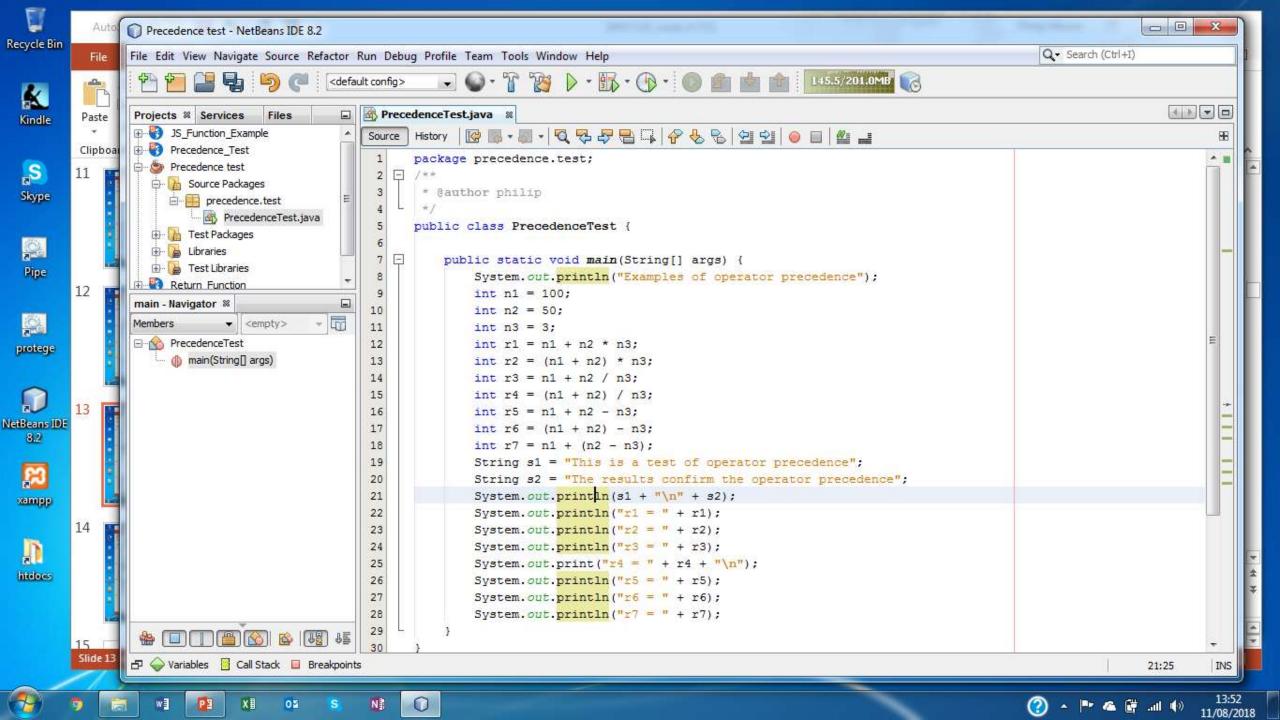
Arithmetic computation is processed from left to right

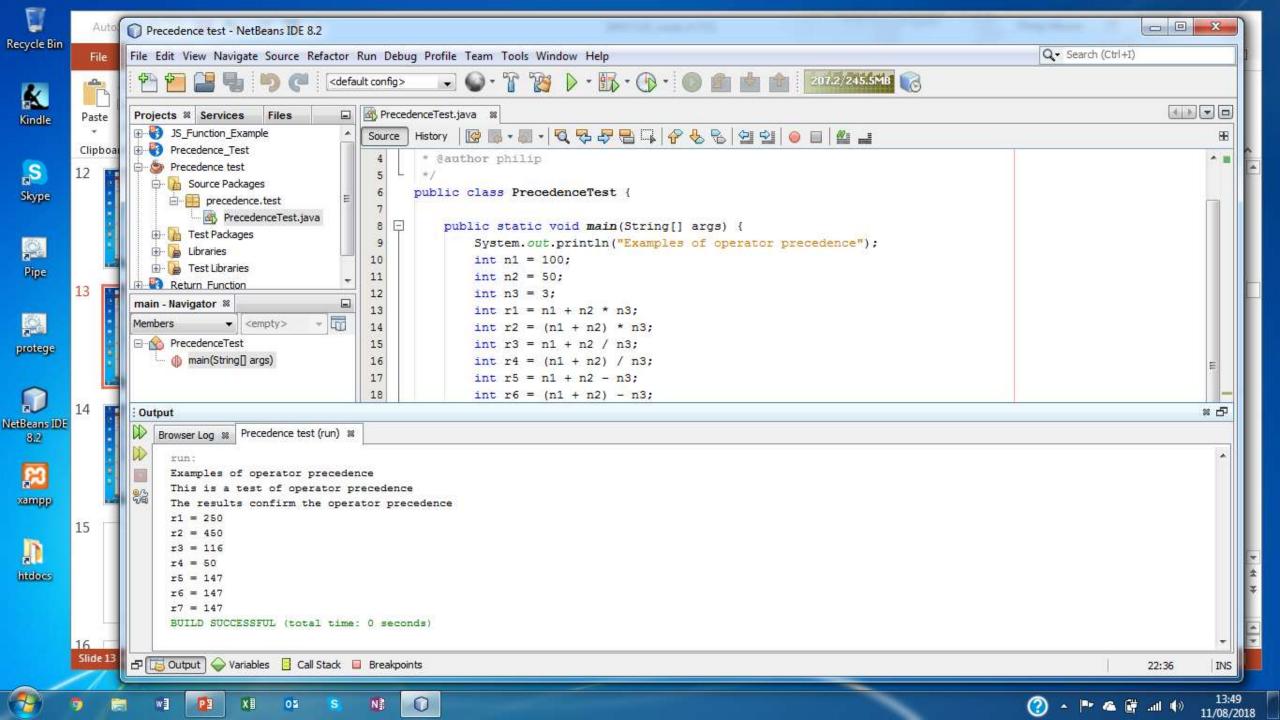
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\bullet 100 + 50 * 3 = 250
```

- multiplication has precedence over addition
- $\cdot$  (100 + 50) \* 3 = 450
  - multiplication has precedence over addition (but) parenthesis has precedence over multiplication
- $\bullet$  100 + 50 / 3 = 116.6666666666667
  - division has precedence over addition
- (100 + 50) / 3 = 50
  - division has precedence over addition (but) parenthesis has precedence over division
- $\cdot$  100 + 50 3 = 147









# JavaScript Syntax

## Naming Rules and Conventions

- In JavaScript there are *reserved keywords* which have a special meaning to the interpreter:
  - The *keywords* must not be used as *identifiers*
  - Trying to use a keyword in JavaScript program code will throw an error
- Additionally:
  - Creating variables that have the same name as GLOBAL properties and methods should be avoided
- HTML Event Handlers:
  - Using the name of all HTML event handlers in JavaScript program code should be avoided

## Naming Rules and Conventions

- In JavaScript there are types of reserved word (keyword)
  - JavaScript Reserved Words
  - Removed Reserved Words
  - JavaScript Objects
  - JavaScript *Properties*
  - JavaScript Methods
  - Java Reserved Words
  - Other Reserved Words

## Reserved Keywords

- Keywords (or reserved words) cannot be used for
  - Variables
  - Labels
  - function names
  - Objects
  - built-in objects
  - Properties
  - methods
- A list of keywords (and removed keywords) may be found in the course resources

### Naming Rules and Conventions

- We have seen the use of JavaScript keywords must not be used as identifiers
- using a keyword in JavaScript program code will throw an error
- There are two types of variable: a Global variable and a local variable
  - Creating variables that have the same name as Global variables, properties, and methods should be avoided
  - We will consider variables later in more detail later the course

#### **Variables**

- In computer programming the aim is to process and manipulate data to achieve a desired result
- A computer program uses variables to hold data
- We have introduced local and GLOBAL variables.
  - In this part of the course we are focusing on *local* variables
  - In later sessions we will introduce *local* variable with local function *scope*
- In JavaScript variables are untyped
  - This means that a variable can contain values of any datatype
  - Java has variables that are strongly typed

## JavaScript Variables

- In JavaScript global variables are part of a global object
  - This is a good program design feature as it simplifies the code writing
  - It is also a potentially bad program design feature as variables used in functions can be modified from outside the function
  - As we shall see later, we can create static variables within functions which have local scope
- In JavaScript variables are untyped
  - This means that a variable can contain values of any datatype
    - A numerical (a = 1) can be changed to (a = "a name") which may be a problem
  - Java, C, C++ has variables that are strongly typed

## **Identifiers**

### **Identifiers**

- Identifiers
  - Variables, functions, and label names are JavaScript identifiers
  - Identifiers are composed od any number of letters and digits and \$
     characters
- The first character of an identifier must not be a digit
- The following are legal identifiers (variables):
  - 77
  - my variable name //no spaces allowed use underscore (\_)
  - V13
  - \$str

### **Datatypes**

- JavaScript supports three primitive data types:
  - numbers
  - booleans (true or false)
  - strings
- In JavaScript are two compound data types
  - objects
  - arrays
- JavaScript defines specialized types of objects to represent
  - functions
  - dates
  - regular expressions (not included in this course)

#### **Numbers**

- In JavaScript numbers are represented in 64-bit floating-point format and makes no distinction between integers and floating-point numbers
  - The 64-bit format is the same as a 'double' in Java
- Numeric literals appear in JavaScript using the usual syntax of digits with an optional decimal point. For example:
  - 1
  - 3.14
  - 0001
  - 6.02e23
- Errors in numeric data processing result in a value that is 'not-a-number' (NaN)

#### **Booleans**

- In JavaScript we may need to represent if a statement is true or false
- The truth of falsity is represented by *Boolean* values
- The Boolean values can measure
  - Truth (or) on
  - False (or) off
- Boolean values are also measured numerically using an integer value
  - Truth is [1]
  - False by [0]

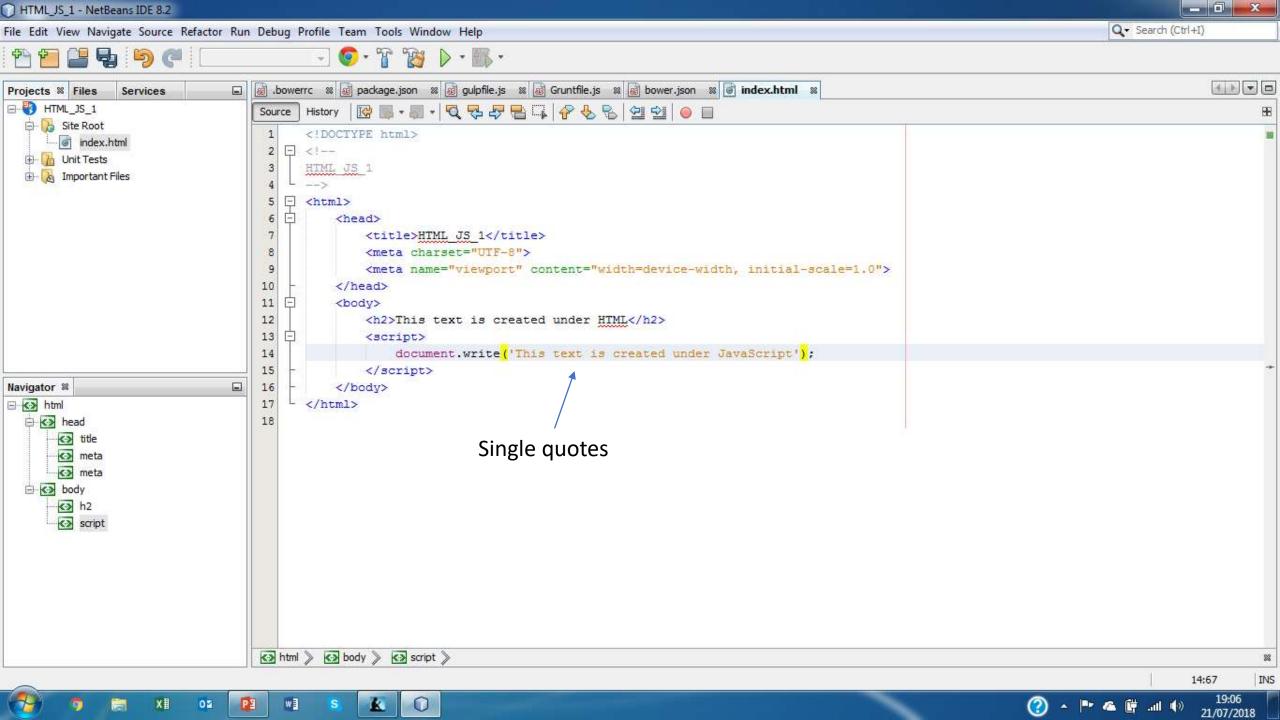
# **Strings**

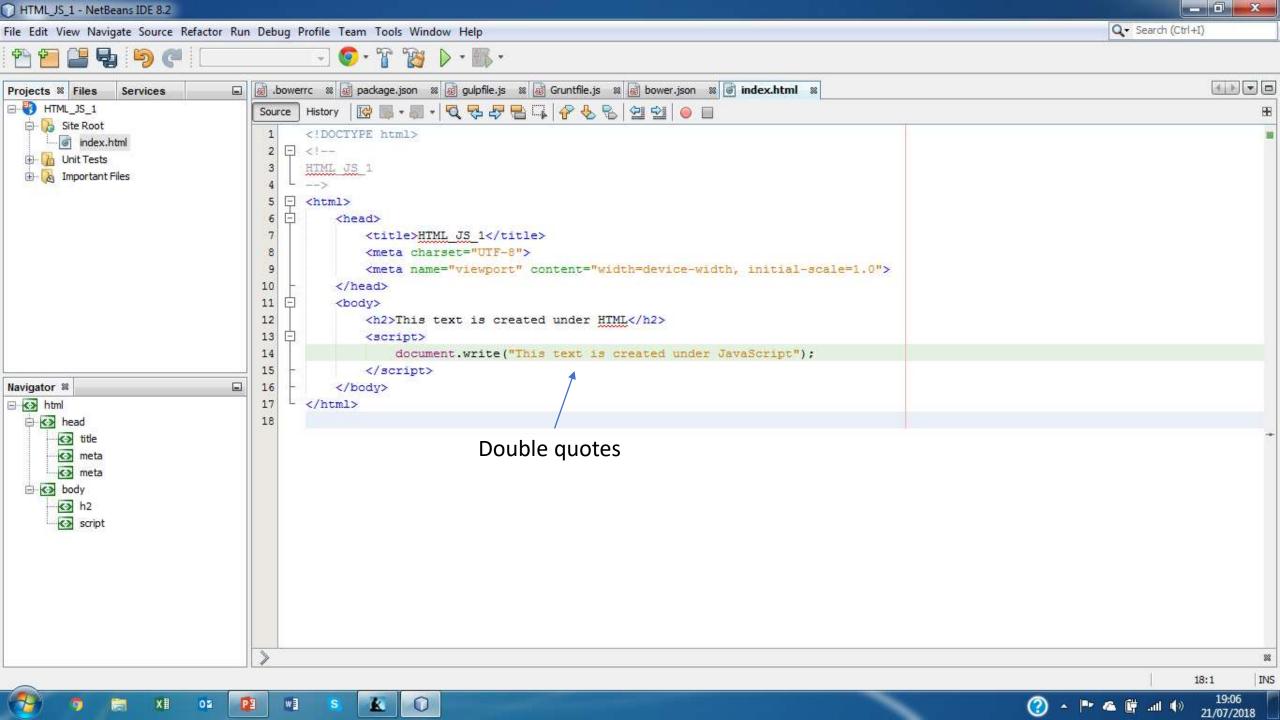
#### Literals

- There are two types of *literal*:
  - *String literals*: in JavaScript string literals appear between single quotes (' ... ') or double quotes (" ... ")
    - There is no difference between the two approaches
    - This is not always the case with other programming languages (e.g., PHP)
  - Object literals: are used to specify new objects
    - Objects and object literals will be covered in later sessions

### String

- In JavaScript, a *string* is a sequence characters enclosed in single or double quotes:
  - Using single quotation marks ('...')
  - Using double quotation marks ( " ... " )
- The choice of quoting style is up to the programmer as there is no type for a single character in JavaScript (everything is always a string)
  - 'abc' === "abc" (the output will be the same)
- Note: there are different rules for PHP



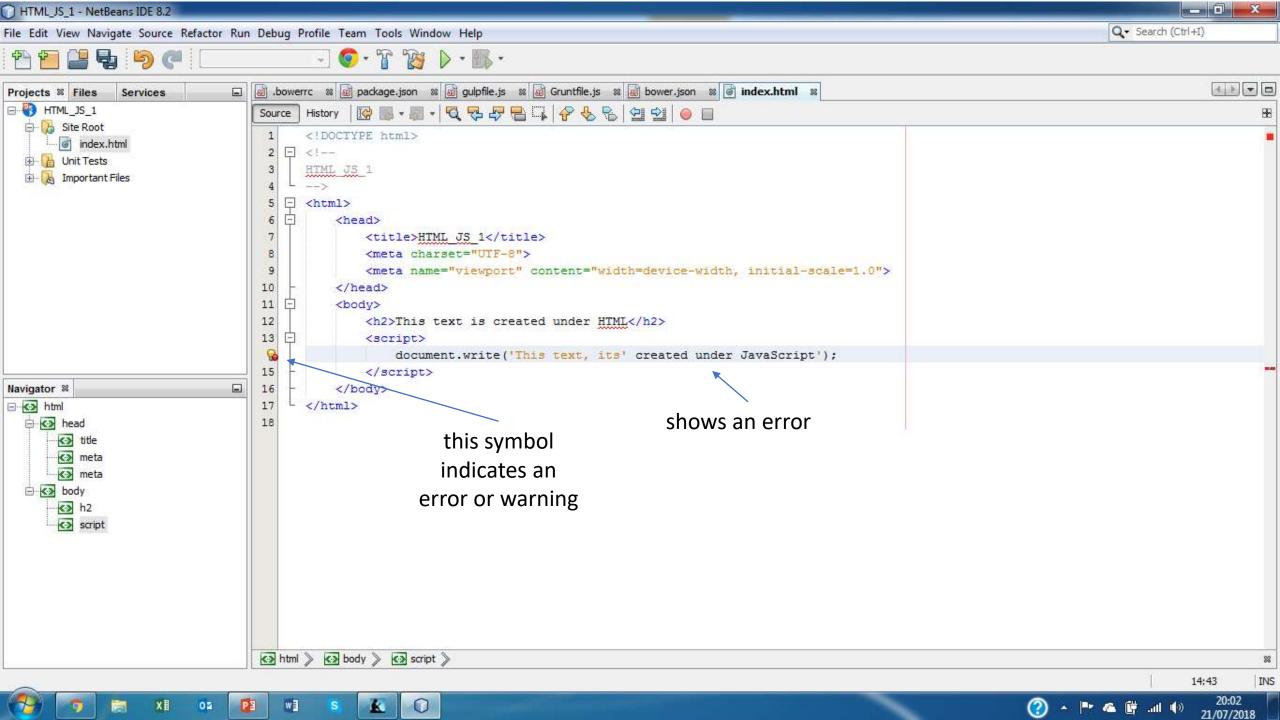


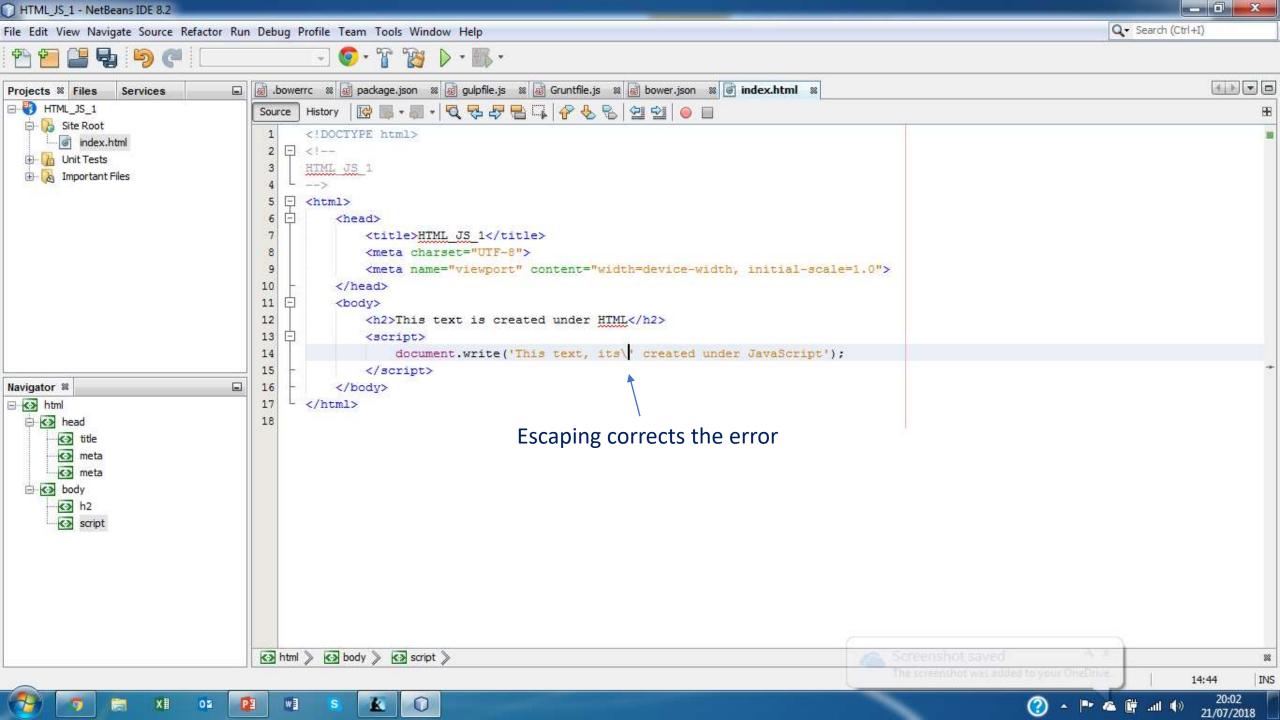
### **Escaping in Strings**

- In JavaScript when a backslash character (\) appears within a string literal it changes (or escapes) the meaning of the character that follows it
- There are cases where it is necessary to 'escape' a character.
- Consider the following strings:

'This text, its' created under JavaScript' (This creates an error)

'This text, its\' created under JavaScript' (This is correct)





#### Concatenation

- In JavaScript when two strings are joined
  - We say that the two strings have been concatenated
- We may also join strings and variables into a single string output
- The following slides show the NetBeans IDE and demonstrate
  - The string *concatenation* process program code
  - Strings are concatenated into a single string
  - A string and a variable are concatenated into a single string
  - The resulting output strings in the NetBeans embedded web kit

### **String Concatenation**

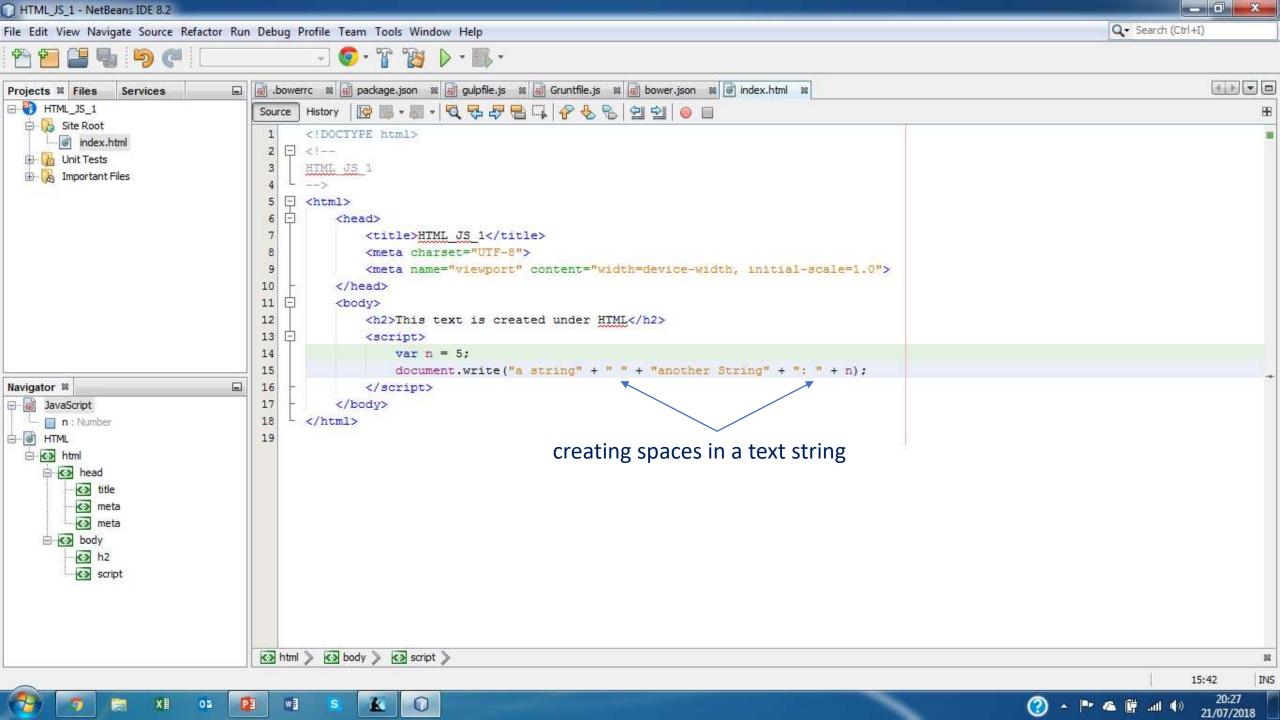
- In JavaScript two strings may be joined forming a single string
- Strings and variables may also be concatenated into an output string. For example:

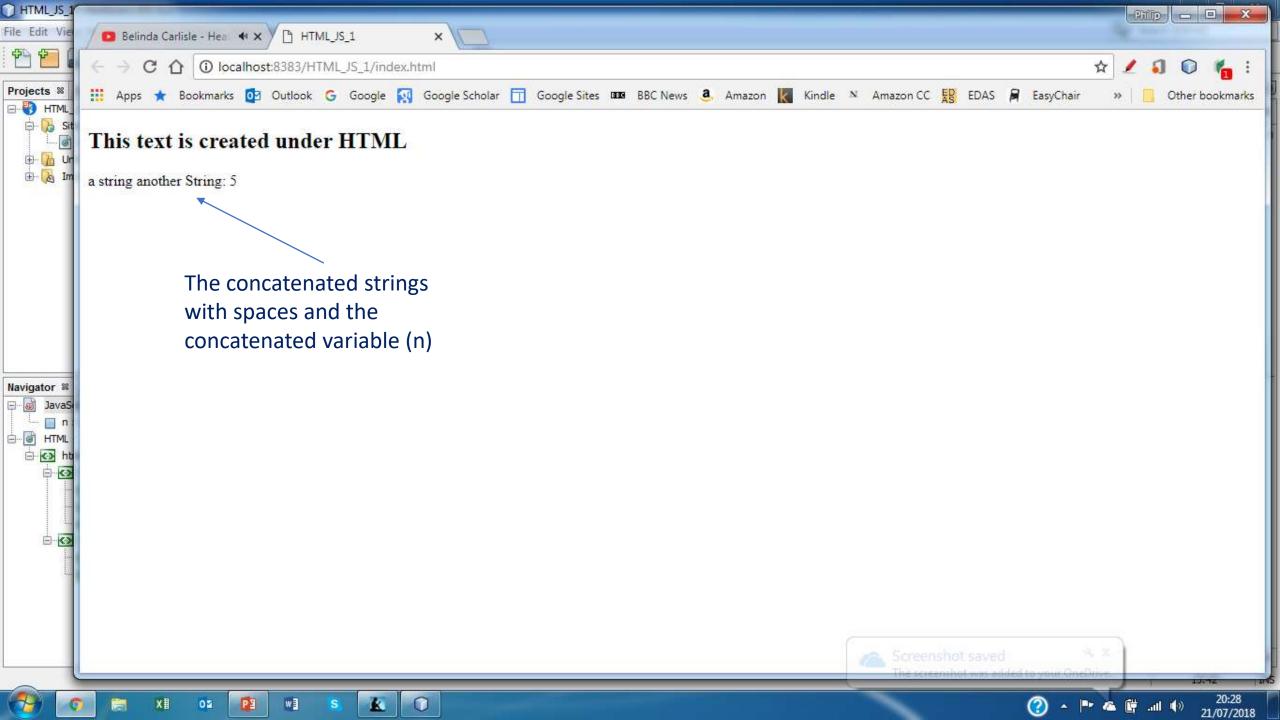
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document.write("a string" + "another String")
var n = 5;
document.write("a string" + "another String" + n);
```

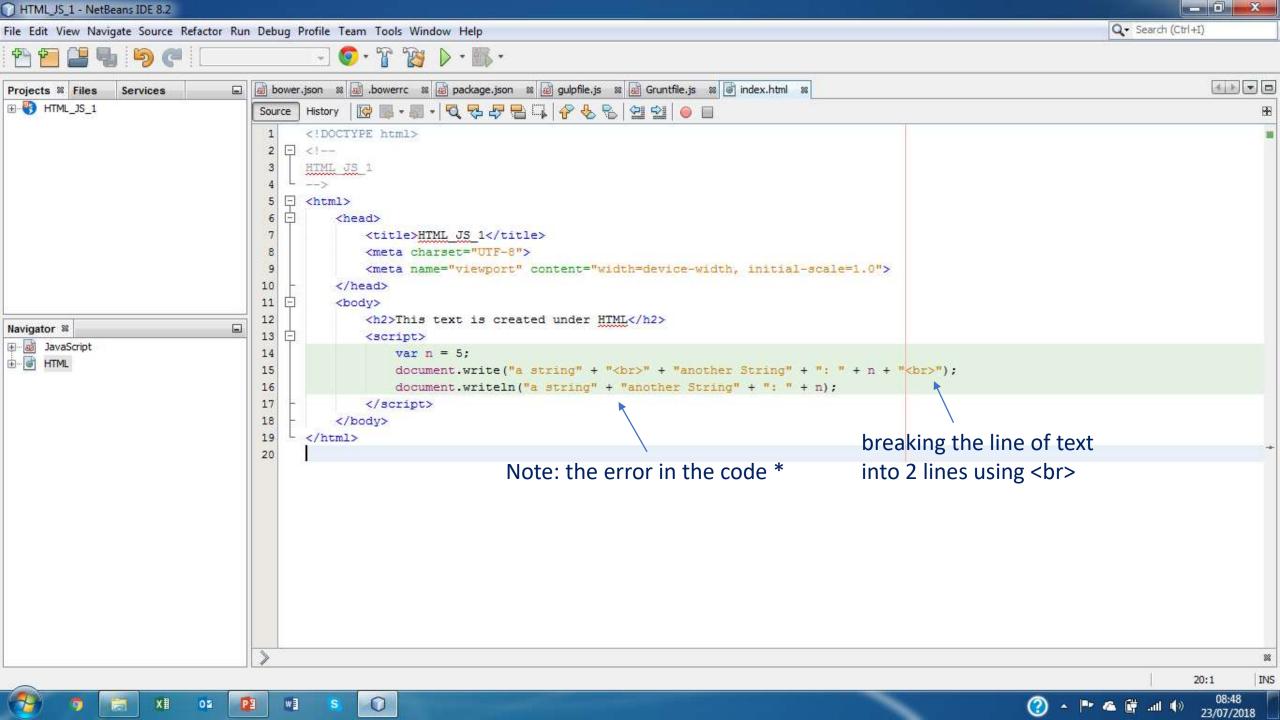
- In JavaScript strings are immutable
  - The string can not be changed methods that operate on a string typically return a copy

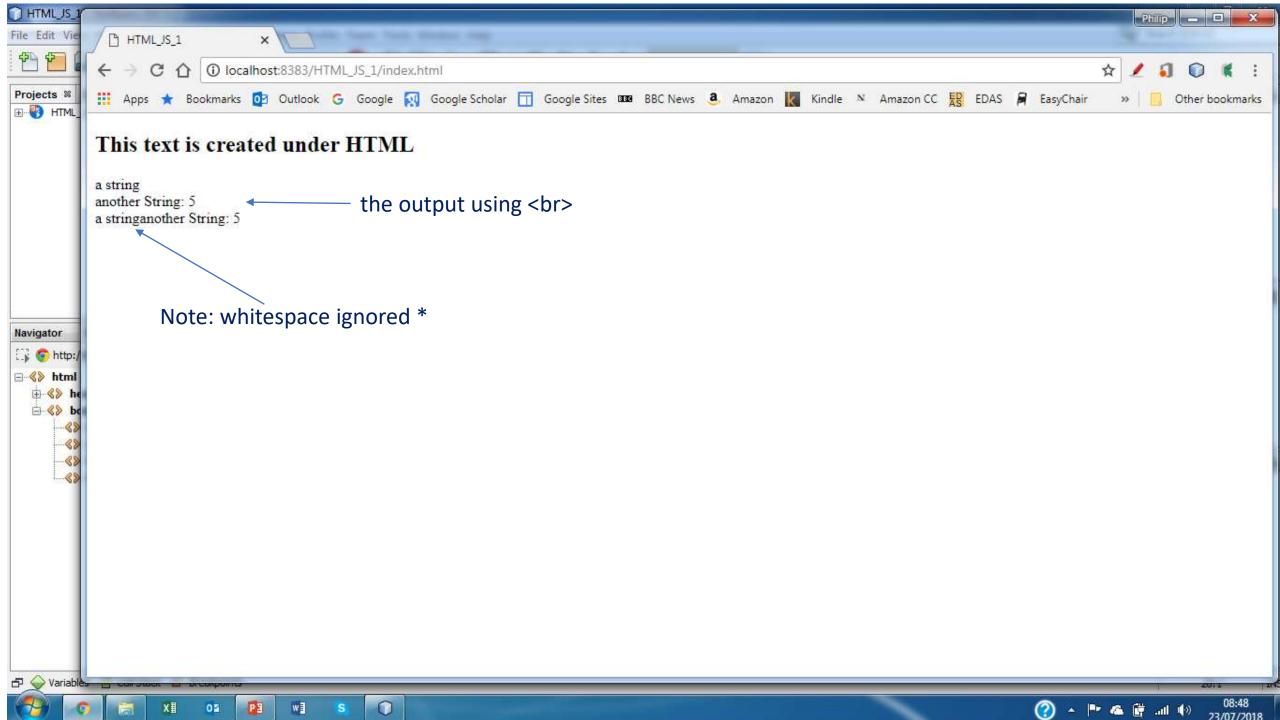
### JavaScript String Code

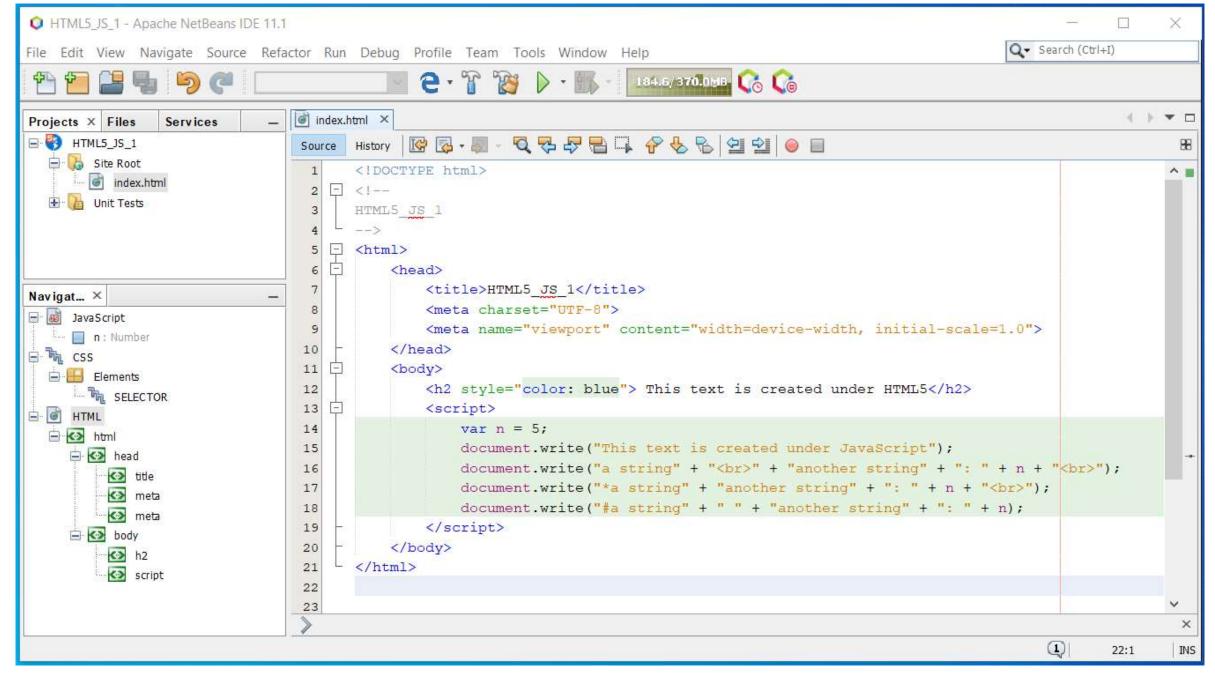
```
<body>
      <h2 style="color: blue">This text is created under HTML5</h2>
      <script>
            var n = 5;
            document.write("This text is created under JavaScript");
            document.write("a string" + "<br>" + "another String" + ": "
            + n + " < br > ");
            document.writeln("a string" + "another String" + ": " + n);
      </script>
                                                    Note: the error in the code*
</body>
                                                    Whitespace ignored
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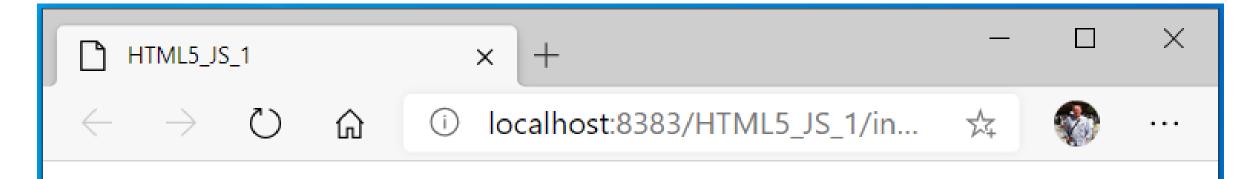












#### This text is created under HTML5

This text is created under JavaScripta string another string: 5

\*a stringanother string: 5

#a string another string: 5

### Conclusions

## Review (1)

- In this tutorial we have considered:
  - Scripting environments with an overview of client-side and server-side scripting
  - An overview of client-side and server-side scripting and scripting languages
  - The JavaScript, JavaScript programming, and JavaScript syntax with worked examples
  - Basic HTML and JavaScript template files
  - Scripting environments and scripting with JavaScript and statements including:
    - Whitespace / variables / datatypes / numbers / Booleans
  - JavaScript identifiers, datatypes, strings, and variables
  - String escaping with string and variable concatenation

### Review (2)

- Datatypes and variables (identifiers):
  - Primitive and compound datatypes
  - Specialised types of object
- JavaScript expressions, operators, and operands
- Working with strings in JavaScript with output to browsers using:
  - document.write() and document.getElementById()
  - In worked examples you will see both methods used
  - document.write() is a simple method which works for the purposes of the course
  - document.getElementBy() is the optimal approach when developing 'real-world' web sites