

JavaScript

An introduction to JavaScript Programming

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Why we need JavaScript?

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Why we need JavaScript?

- JavaScript is a high-level language like Python and Java
- JavaScript, HTML and CSS are the primary languages used to build a website's front-end applications
- All browsers include a JavaScript engine to execute code
- JavaScript can even be used for server-side operations with node.js



Main attributes and properties

- JavaScript is a dynamically typed language
- Is a weakly typed language and prototype-based (objects)
- It is a multi-paradigm language, supporting functional and event-driven behavior
- It has an application programming interface (API), for handling text, arrays and HTML Document Object Model (DOM)
- JavaScript does not include input/output (I/O) module for networking, storage or any graphics interface



How to Add JavaScript into an HTML Document

Internal JavaScript

placed in head area of a document

External JavaScript

async: scripts with the async attribute are executed asynchronously defer: the script is downloaded in parallel while parsing the page

Inline JavaScript

<script> // code block </script> <script src = "scriptfile.js" async> </script> <button onclick="createParagraph() "CLick!!</button>



Just-in-time compiler (JIT)





JavaScript communication with user examples

- console.log("Hello world!");
- window.console.error("Error");
- window.alert("Hello world!"); //referencing the global object directly
- alert("Hello world!");

//shorthand way

window.prompt("Are you feeling ok");



JavaScript communication with user examples





JavaScript engines

Every browser starts two processes for every web page

- Rendering engine: it is responsible to display the web page. Parses the HTML and CSS and displays the content on the screen
- JavaScript engine: This is where JavaScript code gets executed

JavaScript is interpreted, not a compiled language. Modern browsers use a technology called Just-In-Time (JIT) compilation that compiles the code to an executable bytecode.



Document Object Model (DOM) tree structure





Can you count the elements in your structure?











JavaScript HTML DOM EventListener

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How to Make JavaScript Execute After HTML Load onload Event

If we use JavaScript to handle a Document Object Model (DOM) then our code executes after HTML (<u>blocked code until OK</u>!)





Execute JavaScript: parser-blocking scripts (synchronous)





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Asynchronous JavaScript

We can run function in parallel Asynchronously vs Synchronous coding:

is executed line by line (JavaScript has single thread execution)

each line waits for previous line to finish



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Variable Names

- JavaScript variable names cannot include any Unicode character
- First character can be any of a-z, A-Z or (_) or \$



typeof Operator

We can use the typeof operator to identify the data type of a Javascript variable:





JavaScript Arithmetic Operators Demo





TELETYPE TEXT

String in JavaScript

```
Declare:
   let abc = 'hi
   all'; \rightarrow The
   same
   let def = "hi
   all";
\land \rightarrow escape point
let "I\'m feeling
lucky";
```

concatenate them using +

let one =
 "Hello";
let two =
 "world!!!";
let concatenation
 = one + two





String methods in JavaScript

```
let myName = 'Manolis
```

> myName.length;

```
7
```

```
> myName[0];
```

'M'

```
> myName[myName.length-1];
's'
```

```
> myName.slice(0,3);
```

'Man'

- > myName.indexOf('lis');
 4
- > myName.slice(3);

'olis'

> myName.toLowerCase();

```
'manolis'
```

> myName.toUpperCase();
'MANOLIS'

>

myName.replace('lis','s');
'Manos'



Arrays in JavaScript

Arrays are objects which can hold multiple values:

```
> let numbers = ['one', 'two', 'three'];
```

undefined

> numbers

- ['one', 'two', 'three']
- > let values = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10];

undefined

```
> let variety = ['one', 7896, [0, 1, 2]];
```

undefined

```
> variety
```

```
[ 'one', 7896, [ 0, 1, 2 ] ]
```



JavaScript and html

JavaScript is a scripting language utilized within an HTML document, to add functionality to the document or if you prefer to make a document dynamic.

With JavaScript, what we add complex features on web pages, specifically, we can:

- Dynamically update html page content
- Control multimedia \images content of a page
- Control, change text



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Trigger a click event JavaScript– Button example HTML



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JavaScript Functions

Every function contains a set of instructions in a logical sequence so that a specific result is always achieved. For function in JavaScript:

- Every function must have a specific and unique name (e.g., myFunction)
- Same rules for naming variables apply to function names
- Word "function" must precede the name of a function (e.g., function myFunction).
- Each function name is followed by a pair of parentheses (e.g., function myFunction()).
- The set of instructions for each function is contained within curly braces { and } (e.g., function myFunction() { . . . })
- The function parameters may be included within the parentheses, and there may be 0, 1, or more parameters
- Each function is called by its name (e.g., myFunction())
- Instructions within a function are executed when the function is called by its name
- Each function could be called multiple times within a script
- An HTML document may contain more than one function
- All the functions are contained within the <script> and </script> tags or wherever else code is inserted

General syntax:	Example:
function FunctionName([param[, param[, param]]])	<script></td></tr><tr><td>{</td><td>function Hello() {</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>alert("Welcome!");</td></tr><tr><td>}</td><td>}</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></script>



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JavaScript Loops

for (Initial counter value; Condition; Counting step) {

// code block to be executed

}

Example:



while (condition) {

// code block to be executed







name=value pairs. For example: visitor=vist123. To write (or store) and read cookies on the machine, the command used is o

To write (or store) and read cookies on the machine, the command used is document.cookie. document.cookie = "cookieName=cookieValue";

Cookies are small text files that are stored on the computer and contain data in the form of

Overall, the cookie is stored as a string, and any additional parameters you can pass are separated by a question mark (;).

Example: document.cookie = "userid=Fe80gRCCijyH4mgdO; expires=Sun, 13 Jun 2021 20:31:59 GMT; path=/"

This is a JavaScript function to create a cookie:

Cookies store user/visitor information

When a browser requests a web page from the server, page cookies are added to that request

```
function setCookie(name, value, days) {
  var expires = "";
  if (days) {
    var date = new Date();
    date.setTime(date.getTime() + (days * 24 * 60 * 60 * 1000));
    expires = "; expires=" + date.toUTCString();
  }
  document.cookie = name + "=" + value + expires + "; path=/";
```





JavaScript Cookies





Accept cookies?



Privacy concerns

- Tracking
- Profiling
- Data Collection
- Third-Party vs First-Party Cookies

How to protect

- Browser Privacy Settings: private browsing, cookie blocking, and thirdparty cookie restrictions
- Cookie Blockers, extensions or browsers
- Anonymization with Tor (not 100% safe)
- Use of Tails, a portable operating system that protects against surveillance and hides your identity



Object-Oriented Programming With JavaScript (OOP)

The JavaScript language has been designed on an object-oriented basis. With OOP a developer can:

- Create their own objects and organize better the code by making it more flexible and maintainable
- Use the pre-made built-in objects provided by JavaScript (JSON, Date, Math)
- We use OOP to model or better describe real-world examples
- The objects can contain data or methods. With objects we incorporate the data and their behavior into a block of code
- Objects can interact with one another
- We can use an API methods to access and communicate with the object







JavaScript Built-in objects

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is used for storing and transmitting data, primarily in web applications.

- JSON objects share many similarities with Array objects.
- Data is recorded in the format key:value.



The date object is used for managing dates and times

Example:

Example:





Objects and Instances

In JavaScript, anything stored in a variable is an object. To use an object, we first need to create an instance of that object.

Creating an object is done using the new operator -> var d = new Date();

Each instance (or object, as we will call it) has:

- Properties or characteristics (features, properties, or fields)
- Functions or methods

functionname);

• Ability to handle events

An object can have sub objects (child objects) -> window.document

To add an event handler, we use the method -> addEventListener("eventname",

var btn = document.getElementById("myButton");
btn.addEventListener("click", getvalue);

vfunction getvalue() {
 ...
 ...
 }





JavaScript Custom Objects with functions

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Asynchronous JavaScript and AJAX

AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript And XML):

- It can communicate with remote web servers in an asynchronous manner
- It requests data from web servers dynamically





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Suggested resources for further reading

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn/JavaScript

JavaScript: The Definitive Guide, Author: David Flanagan





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How to organize your project folder and file structure





Thank you for watching my JavaScript presentation

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Have any questions?



