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JavaScript Syntax Cont.

- 1. Conditional statements
- 2. Looping statements
- 3. Functions
- 4. Objects





Conditional statements

- In many real world cases you may want to base your decision on a specified criterion
- For example a condition needs to be met for something to happen (e.g. if you are registered for this course you can view the course information)
- So you need conditional statements



Conditional statements cont.

- When the browser interprets the JavaScript, it executes the statements one after the other
- First set the condition to evaluate whether it is met, then the execution of other statements can follow

if(condition) { statement; }



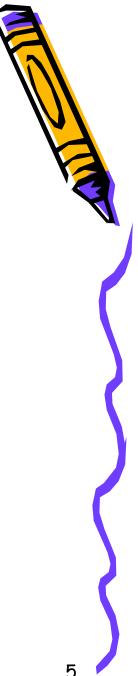
Conditional statements syntax

- The condition is contained within brackets
- It returns a *true* or *false* Boolean value •
- Only the statement(s) within the {} will be executed if the condition is true

if (1>2) { alert("oops there is something wrong"); { } is not a must but better to use, this line of code is also valid:

if (1>2) alert("oops there is something wrong");





if statement

- Can be extended using *else*
- Statements within the *else* clause will be executed if the condition returns a *false* value

```
if (1>2) {
    alert("this cannot be right!");
}
else {
    alert("this is correct!");
}
```

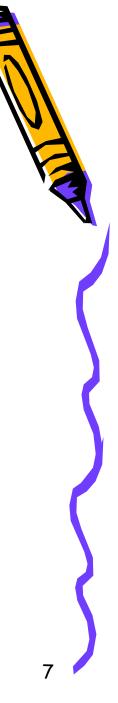


Example Lab3-1

Write an *if* and *else* statement

```
<script type="text/javascript">
<!--
if("A">"B"){
    document.write("This is wrong!");
}
else {
    document.write("this is correct");
}
//-->
</script>
```





Comparison operators

Meaning	Syntax	Returns
Equals to	X==y	false
Not equal to	X!=y	true
Less than	Х<у	true
Greater than	Х>у	false
Less than or equal to	X<=y	true
Greater than or equal to	X>=y	false
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example

var my_order = "large"; Wrong way to
var your_order = "medium"; check for
if (my_order = your_order) {
 document.write("our orders are the same");
}

var my_order = "large"; corre
var your_order = "medium"; che
if (my_order == your_order) {
 document.write("our orders are the same");
}

This is the correct way to check for equality

or

if (my_order != your_order) {
 document.write("we have different orders");

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Logical operators (operands)

- Are used to combine conditions in a conditional statement
- For example if I want to check if a variable is not equal to something and is equal to something else:

```
if (order_size>0 && size==small) {
    alert( "We have orders for size small");
  }
Or
  if (customer_num>0 // order_num !=0) {
    alert("We have got an order");
  }
```



Looping statements

Looping statements allow you to repeat specific operations for a specified number of times

- while
- do ... while
- · for





while loop

Similar to if statement:

```
while (condition) {
statements;
}
```

The statements will be repeated as long and the condition is true:

```
var count = 0;
while (count<=10){
alert (count);
count++
```





Example Lab3-2

```
Write a do - while loop counting from 1 to 6
<html>
<body>
<script type="text/javascript">
var i=0;
do
 document.write("The number is " + i);
 document.write("<br />");
 i++;
 }
while (i<5);
</script>
</body>
</html>
```



do ... while loop

If you intend to execute a condition for at least once, then you use the *do ... while* loop:

do {

statements; } while (condition);

// in this case even if the condition evaluates as false on the first
loop, the statements contained within the { ... } will still be
executed once.





Compare the two... (lab3-3)

```
var count = 1;
do {
    document.write("the number is:" count);
    document.write("<br />");
    count++;
} while (count<=5);</pre>
```

with
do{
 do(
 document.write("the number is:" count);
 document.write("
");
 count++;
 } while (count<1);</pre>





for loop

Is a convenient way to repeat a set of operations for a specified number of time:

for (initial condition; test condition, alter condition) {
 statements;
}

```
for (var i = 1, i <=5; i++){
alert (i);
}
```

Operations on array elements:

var team = Array("me", "you", "her", "him"); for (var i= 0; i< team.length; i++){ alert(team[i]);



Example lab3-4

for loop and Array

```
<html>
<body>
<script type="text/javascript">
var team= Array("me", "you", "her", "him");
for (var i=0;i<team.length; i++)
{
alert(team[i]);
}
</script>
</body>
</html>
```





Functions

- For the purpose of reusability of a piece of code you can wrap statements into Functions
- A function is a set of statements that can be invoked from anywhere in your code
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Define your function before invoking it

function name(argument){ statements;



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Example lab 3-5

```
Function to display a message
<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function displaymessage()
{
alert("To cenvert celsius to Farenheit: F= 1.8C+32");
}
</script>
</head>
<body>
<form>
<input type="button" value="Click me!" onclick="displaymessage()" />
</form>
</body>
</html>
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```



Objects

- An object is a self-contained selection of data
- It's a neat way to represent data
- Objects consist of properties and methods
 - 1. Property is an attribute (i.e. variable) belonging to an object
 - 2. Method is a function that an object can invoke



Accessing properties and methods

Object.property

Object.method()

For example:

car.colour car.enginesize

```
car.calculatespeed( )
car.calculatehp( )
```

All these properties and methods are grouped together under the term car.





Instantiating Objects

- You will now use the car Object to describe instances of a specific car specifications
- To create an instance of an object you need to:

var toyota = new car; // creates a new instance of the object car //called toyota

toyota.colour toyota.enginesize





Types of Objects

- User-defined
- Native objects for example Array, Maths.round(num) today.getDay()...
- Host Objects not part of JavaScript but part of the host application that it runs in, such as: Form, Image and Elements.



