Announcements

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- Check class announcements daily
Review

- Let’s review some of the concepts we saw last time
- **Example**: JavaScriptTable.html, Variables.html
Reserved Words

- Reserved words – words you cannot use as identifiers
- Some of them are:
  - break
  - do
  - If
  - catch
Spaces, Semicolons, and Comments

- JavaScript ignores spaces, tabs, and newlines between tokens
- Use spaces to create nicely indented code
- The rules are usually one tab for indentation or three spaces. **You need to satisfy this requirement in programming assignments**
- A semicolon is generally used to mark the end of a statement and is optional when a statement appears on a separate line. For example, the following two set of statements are equivalent
  - `x = 1;`  
  - `y = 2;`  
  - `x = 1`  
  - `y = 2`
- In this course we will always use a semicolon to mark the end of a statement
Comments

- Comments in JavaScript
  - Used to provide information to the programmer
  - Used to identify sections in your code
  - Ignored by the JavaScript interpreter

- Two types of comments
  - Inline comment - // This is a comment until the end of the line
  - Block comment
    /* The following is a comment that spans several lines */
  - We can use a block comment for a single-line comment
  - Block comments cannot be nested
JavaScript (Dialog Boxes)

- We can perform input and output via dialog boxes
- Input via `prompt`.
- **Example:** InputOutput.html
  - Notice we can define several variables at the same time
  - `prompt` is a function that displays a dialog box with the specified title. It can be used to read any data
  - You can read numbers and strings via `prompt`
  - `prompt` → returns a string
  - If you need to perform some mathematical computation you might need to explicitly convert the value read it into a number
Strings

- You can use `' ` or `" "` for strings although we will use `" "` in this class.
- You can determine the number of characters in a string by accessing the length value.
  - `var s = “Hello”;`
  - `var x = s.length;`
- Some functions you can use with strings:
  - `toLowerCase()`
  - `toUpperCase()`
  - `substr(start, length) →` Copies segment of the source string beginning at start and continuing for length characters.
Conversions

- In JavaScript you don’t specify the type of variables
- Most of the time implicit transformations will take care of transforming a value to the expected one
- Example:
  ```javascript
  var age = 10;
  var s = "John Age: " + age;
  ```
- Sometimes you might need to explicitly transform a value
- Mechanism to transform values:
  - **Converting number to string**
    ```javascript
    var stringValue = String(number);
    ```
  - **Converting string to number**
    ```javascript
    var number = Number(stringValue);
    var number = parseInt(stringValue);
    var number = parseFloat(stringValue);
    ```
- **Example:** Conversions1.html, Conversions2.html
Math Functions/Constants

- Math.abs() → Absolute value
  - Example: Math.abs(-10)
- Math.max() → Maximum of two values
  - Example: Math.max(10, 20)
- Math.sqrt() → Square root
  - Example: Math.sqrt(4)
- Math.random() → Random value between 0 and less than 1
  - Example: Math.random()

Constants
- Math.PI – Mathematical constant pi
Boolean Type

- We have seen integer, float, and string values
- New type: boolean type
- Assumes the value true or false
- Variable declaration and initialization
  - var found = true;
  - var attending = false;
JavaScript (Comparisons)

- You can compare values by using the following operators
  - `===` → Returns true if the values are equal, false otherwise (e.g., `x === y`)
  - `!==` → Returns true if the values are different, false otherwise (e.g., `x !== y`)
  - `==` → Not as strict as the previous equality operator
  - `!=` → Not as strict as the previous inequality operator
- Relational Operators
  - `<` → Less than returns true if left value is less than right value (e.g., `x < y`)
  - `>` → Greater than
  - `<=` → Less than or equal
  - `>=` → Greater than or equal
- **Example:** Comparison1.html, Comparison2.html
JavaScript (If Statement)

- If statement – Control statement that allow us to make decisions
- **First Form**
  
  ```javascript
  if (expression)
  
  statement // executed if expression is true
  ```

  - **Example:** IfStm1.html

- **Second Form**
  
  ```javascript
  if (expression)
  
  statement1 // executed if expression is true
  
  else
  
  statement2 // executed if expression is false
  ```

  - To execute more than one statement use a set of `{ }`
  - **Example:** IfStm2.html