Announcements

- No posting of code in the forum
- Check class announcements daily
Two-Dimensional Arrays

- JavaScript does not support actual two-dimensional arrays.
- You can simulate two-dimensional arrays by using arrays of arrays.

About two-dimensional arrays:
- You can pass them and return them from functions like one-dimensional arrays.
- Any modifications in the function will be permanent.
- You can have ragged arrays.
- Nested loops (in particular for loops) are used with two-dimensional arrays.

Example: TwoDimensionalArrays.html
Example: Let’s define a two-dimensional array of strings.
onload/onunload

- **onload** → Allow us to execute code when the page is loaded
  
  **Example:** clock.html, clock.js, clock.css

- **onunload** → Allow us to execute code when the user navigates away from a web page
  
  **Example:** clockPopUp.html
Objects

- Object → entity with values and operations
- Example of objects: document (document.writeln)
- You use the . (period) operator to access an object’s properties
  - `<OBJECT>..<PROPERTY>`
- A property value can be any data type we have seen including objects
- You can create your own objects by either:
  - `var myObj = {};`
  - `var myOtherObj = new Object();`
- You can create properties by assigning a value to it (we do not use `var`)
  - `myObj.created = “Monday”;`
- You can update the property by assigning a new value
- You can delete a property with the delete operator
  - `delete myObj.created;`
- You can check for the existence of a property using the “in” operator
- **Example:** ObjectEx.java
for/in

- General form
  *
  `for (propertyName in object) statement`

- Can be used to display the properties of an object
- for/in does not specify the order in which properties of an object are visited
- **Example:** ObjectEx.java
- The for/in does not loop through all the possible properties as some properties are considered non-enumerable
- User-defined properties are enumerable
Objects as a Maps

- We can also view an object as an entity that associates values with strings. How? Let’s first see how we can use the [ ] operator to access properties
- You can use [ ] operator instead of . (period) operator

```javascript
myObj.created → myObj[“created”]
```

```javascript
myObj.created = 10;
myObj[“created”] = 10;
```

- IMPORTANT: Notice that we have a string on the right side (“created”) whereas on the left side it is a property (variable)
- Using [ ] operator can provide a nice alternative to add properties to an object dynamically (when the program is executing)
- **Example:** AddingProperties.html
Global Object

- **Global object** → created by JavaScript interpreter when it starts up
  - Interpreter initializes the Global object with predefined values and functions. For example, parseInt, Infinity, etc.
- **Top-level code** → JavaScript code that does not belong to a function
- **Global variables** → variables in top-level code
  - Global variables are properties of the Global object. When you define a variable outside any function you are defining a global variable (a property of the global object)
  - You should avoid using global variables in your code
- In client-side JavaScript the Window object (window) represents the global object for all JavaScript code present in the browser window
  - You can use the keyword `this` to refer to the Global object
- **Example:** GlobalObject.html
- **Example:** DocumentProperties.html
Sessions

- Session → time period during which a person views a number of different web pages in a browser and then quit
- What would you like
  - To keep track of information throughout the session
  - For example, keeping track of color preferences, usernames, data selection, etc.
- What is the problem?
  - http (the protocol that makes possible the communication between browsers and web servers) is stateless (it has no memory)
  - Stateless → every page request is independent
- One Possible Solution
  - Cookies
Cookies

Cookie → small piece of information sent by a server and stored either in the browser’s memory or as a small file in the hard drive. Acceptance of the cookie depends on the client.

Browser sends the cookie back with every request to the server that sent the cookie.

Cookie → contains a name/value pair.

Setting a cookie → associating a value with a name.

Getting a cookie → getting the value associated with a name.

Constraints:
- Browser typically accept only 20 cookies per domain before dropping old cookies.
- 4KB per cookie.
- 300 cookies per domain.
Cookies

- Each cookie consists of name, value, expiration date, host, and path information
- This is how the cookie information may look like when sent by the server in the http header
  
  Set-Cookie: automobile=nelyota; path=/; domain=notRealCars.com

- If no expiration date is set for a cookie, the cookie expires when the user's session expires (i.e., when the user closes the browser)
- If the user accesses any page matching the path and domain of the cookie, the browser will resend the cookie to the server
- Let’s see cookies in our browser
Setting/Reading Cookies

- **Setting cookies**
  - We can set a cookie by using `document.cookie`
    ```javascript
    document.cookie = "school=UMCP";
    document.cookie = "mascot=terp";
    ```
  - **Example:** setCookie.html

- **Reading cookies**
  - `document.cookie` has a string with all the cookies
  - You must extract from the string each cookie
  - Cookies are separated by `;`
  - **Example:** readCookie.html
Cookies with an Expiration Date

- Cookies without an expiration date will expire when the browser is closed
- Specify expiration date using “expires” and date in GMT
  - GMT (Greenwich mean time)
  - Wdy, DD-Mon-YYYY HH:MM:SS GMT
  - Sun, 15-Apr-2012 11:29:00 GMT
- **Example:** setCookieExpiration.html
  - Syntax is very strict (you must have space after semicolon)
  - When updating a cookie make sure use the same features (expires, path, etc.)
  - To delete a cookie set the expiration time to some point in the past
Debugger

- Let’s see how we can use a debugger
- http://getfirebug.com/