

Advanced JavaScript

JavaScript? Again?





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Plan

Today's talk will include

- Revision of basics
- Objects
- Classes
- Prototyping
- Async
- Nice things
- Pizza?

Revision

Dev Console

Chrome

The screenshot shows the Chrome browser interface. The address bar displays the URL `www.redbrick.dcu.ie`. The page content includes the Redbrick logo, navigation links (Home, About, Help, Events, Community, Services), and a main section for "TechWeek" with a "Week 4" announcement. The Dev Console is open at the bottom, showing the "Console" tab with a "Preserve log" button and a "rtp frame" dropdown.

Firefox

The screenshot shows the Firefox browser interface. The address bar displays the URL `www.redbrick.dcu.ie`. The page content is similar to the Chrome version but includes a "Sign In" button and a "Downloads" icon. The Dev Console is open at the bottom, showing the "Console" tab with a "Filter output" button and a "Net" dropdown.

Making JavaScript files

Make a new file, call it *main.js* or whatever you want

All code we will work on today will be saved there

Make a HTML file and paste this:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
  <head><script src="main.js"></script></head>  
</html>
```

Revision: Hello World

```
var hello = "Hello World"
```

```
function printWhatever(something){  
    console.log(something);  
}
```

```
printWhatever(hello);
```

data types

number: -4, 0, 1, 0.34, 4.352e+12

string: 'Hello World'

array: [1,2,3]

object: {hello: "world"}

function: hello()

boolean: true

undefined: null, undefined, "var x;"

Functions

```
function myFunc(){} // Empty Function  
function myFunc(){return true;} // Function returning true  
function myFunc(arg){ return arg;} // Function taking a argument  
var f = function(){} // Anonymous function assigned to f  
(function(){console.log("hi");})(); // Anonymous function in closure
```

JAVASCRIPT



Y U NO WORKKKKK!!!

Class - Object - Prototype

Objects: Basic Properties

Instance of *something*

Contain methods

Contain variables

Everything is public

Objects

Everything is an object*

Empty Object: {}

Key=>Value: {hello: "world"}

Can store any data type:

- { thing:{} }
- { multiple: [1,2,3] }
- {
 name: "Wojtek",
 interests: ["space", "servers"]
}

*Everything is an object? What?

```
var array = [1,2,3,4]
```

```
array.push(5) // [1,2,3,4,5]
```

Using Objects

```
var data = {  
    code: 200,  
    message: "OK"  
}  
console.log(data.code) // 200  
data.message = "Not OK... :("  
  
console.log(data) // Object: { code: 200, message: "Not OK... :("}  

```

Classes

They don't really exist... yet*

But, you have this:

```
function Car(make){  
    this.make = make;  
}
```

```
var tesla = new Car('tesla');
```

```
console.log(tesla) // Car {make: "tesla"}
```

```
console.log(tesla.make) // "tesla"
```


*Future Classes (ECMAScript 6)

```
class Car {  
    constructor(make) {  
        this.make = make  
    }  
}
```

Coming to browsers near you in... whenever everybody implements it

But we are not
there yet

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Classes: Naive way

```
function Car(make){  
  this.make = make;  
  this.drive = function(){  
    console.log("I drive a" + make);  
  }  
}
```

```
myCar = new Car("tesla");  
myCar.drive(); // I drive a tesla
```

Prototyping

- Proper way of making a class
- faster
- more memory efficient

```
function Car(make){  
    this.make = make;  
}
```

```
Car.prototype.drive = function(){  
    console.log("I drive a " + this.make);  
}
```

```
Car.prototype.getMake = function(){  
    return this.make;  
}
```

```
Car.prototype.setMake = function(newMake){  
    this.make = newMake;  
}
```

```
var tesla = new Car('tesla');  
tesla.drive();  
tesla.getMake();  
zoe = tesla  
zoe.setMake('zoe');
```

Async

Async

What does it do?

Doesn't block

Continues on with tasks

Revisits the task when it's done

Async

ADVANTAGES

- **Non-blocking**
- **Concurrent**

DISADVANTAGES

- **Hard to understand**
- **Limited scope**
- **Nested functions**

BUT WHY?

Consider this

PHP (yes, PHP)

```
$data = $_GET['data'];  
$done = sendToDB($data);           // This will take a while  
echo $done;  
echo "hi"
```

The above is blocking, meaning nothing else can be ran while sendToDB() is running

JavaScript Async: Example 1

```
var data = req.get['data'];  
sendToDB(data, function(){  
    res.send(true);  
});  
res.send("hi");
```

JavaScript Async: Example 2

```
// jQuery (frontend helper/framework)
var submit = $('#submit');
submit.click(function(){
    $.post(formData, function(status){
        statusBox.text(status);
    });
});
updateTimeBox();
```

Writing Async Code

```
function sumOf(n, callback){  
    var total = 0;  
    for(var i = 1; i < n; i++){ total += i }  
    callback(total);  
}
```

```
sumOf(Math.pow(2,51), function(result){  
    console.log(result);  
});
```

You want to hear a JavaScript joke?



I'll callback later.

Nice things

Time for fun

You are all experts now

Let's cover:

- JSON
- Errors
- Error catching
- Type casting
- Writing JavaScript
- JS: Not only in browsers

JSON

JavaScript Object Notation (JavaScript object as a string)

```
var data = {code: 200, message: "OK"};
```

```
var json = JSON.stringify(data);
```

```
console.log(json)
```

```
var newData = JSON.parse(json);
```

```
console.log(newData);
```


JSON

Don't

Do not stringify a object containing a method. It will fail

Errors

undefined.

```
var a = [1,2];  
console.log( a[1000000] );
```

Error Catching

Gotta Catch 'em All

```
var data = {}  
var bad = "{code:200}"  
try {  
    data = JSON.parse(bad);  
} catch( err ){  
    console.log("Bad json");  
}
```

Error Throwing

Make your own errors

```
var baby = "baby"
try{
    if(baby != "mine"){
        throw baby;
    }
} catch(bby){
    console.log(bby + " caught");
}
```

Type Casting

```
var raw = "Hello user 42";  
var arr = raw.split(" ");
```

```
var id = arr[2];  
console.log(id); // "42"
```

```
var id = Number(arr[2]);  
console.log(id) // 42
```

Type Casting

x.toString()

String()

Number(x)

Boolean(x)

Converts x to string

^^ same as above

Converts x to number

Converts x to Boolean

JS: Not only in browser

Servers

nodejs.org

Apps

phonegap.com

Drones

nodecopter.com

Desktop Apps

nwjs.io

WROTE JAVASCRIPT



CODE WORKED

Thank You