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Business Programming Concepts

Week 11, Part 01

Overview

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Week 11 Overview

- Week 9 review
 - Object references
 - Built-in objects
 - Date
 - String
 - Number
 - Math

See the documentation
for details!

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Week 11 Overview

- Week 9 review
 - Arrays
 - length property
 - for...in loops
 - in operator tests array index membership
 - Arrays grow as needed
 - Arrays can be sparse
 - Many methods – **see the documentation!**

Week 11 Overview

- Outcomes
 - Insert, remove, and search array-based data.
 - Compare and contrast linear and binary search algorithms.
 - Work with associative arrays.



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Week 11, Part 02

Associative Arrays

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Associative Arrays

- Associative vs. Standard Arrays
 - Standard arrays
 - Indexed using an integer $[0, n - 1]$ for array of length n .
 - Find items in the array fast when you already know the index. Otherwise, you need to search.
 - What about alphabetic lookups (e.g. a phone directory)?

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Associative Arrays

- Associative vs. Standard Arrays
 - Associative arrays
 - Use any arbitrary object as an index value (strings, most commonly).
 - Don't use the Array constructor, but rather the Object constructor instead.

Associative Arrays

- Ex: Using associative arrays

```
var obj = new Object();
obj["name"] = "John Smith";
obj["birthday"] = new Date(1981, 7, 16);
obj["gpa"] = 3.84;
obj.major = "ITEC";
var alertStr = "";
for (property in obj) {
    alertStr += property + ":" + obj[property] + "\n";
}
alert(alertStr);
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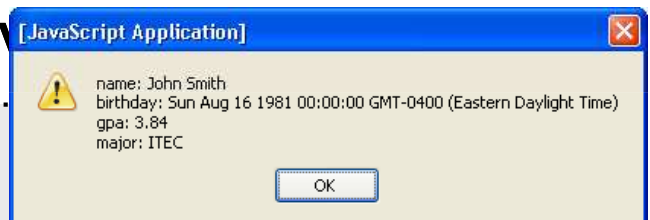
Notice, use Object() constructor, not Array() constructor.

Can use both the subscript notation with strings or the dot notation.

Associative Arrays

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Associative Arrays

- Shortcuts:

```
// two ways to create an empty Object  
var obj1 = new Object();  
var obj2 = { };
```

```
// two ways to create Object properties  
var obj = new Object();  
obj.prop1 = 42;  
obj["prop2"] = "Life, the Universe, and Everything";
```

Associative Arrays

- Shortcuts:

```
// Initializing objects  
var obj = {  
  "prop1" : 42,  
  prop2 : "Life, the Universe and Everything"  
}
```

Used as a property name regardless of quotes. Not interpreted as a variable.



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Week 11, Part 03
Common Array Operations:
Inserting, Removing, Copying,
Searching

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Common Array Operations

- Collections of data
 - **Add**: put a new element into the collection
 - **Remove**: take an element out of the collection
 - **Search**: determine if (or where) an element exists in the collection
 - **Sort**: order elements according to some criterion – next week.

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Common Array Operations

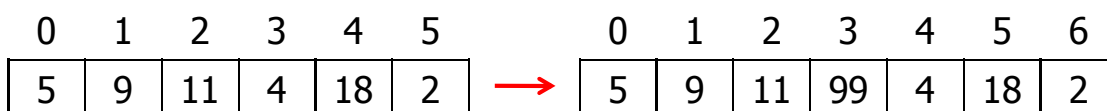
- Adding to the end of an array
 - JavaScript arrays grow to accommodate new elements.
 - Assign the value into the array at the index equivalent to the length. E.g.

```
// appending to an array  
arr[arr.length] = someNewValue;  
// or...  
arr.push(someNewValue);
```

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Common Array Operations

- Adding at an arbitrary array index
 - Must “slide” each element to the right by one to open up space for the new value. Stop sliding when a free slot is found (usually at the end of the array).
 - Ex: add 99 at index 3:



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Common Array Operations

- Adding at an arbitrary array index

```
function insertAtIndex(arr, element, index) {  
  do {  
    var temp = arr[index];  
    arr[index] = element;  
    element = temp;  
    ++index;  
  } while (element != undefined);  
}
```

Common Array Operations

- Removing at an arbitrary index
 - Reverse the previous operation. Slide elements to the left.

Common Array Operations

- Removing at an arbitrary index

```
function removeAtIndex(arr, index) {
  var element = arr[index];
  if (index in arr) {
    while (index + 1 < arr.length) {
      arr[index] = arr[index + 1];
      ++index;
    }
    arr.pop();
  }
  return element;
}
```

Common Array Operations

- Removing at an arbitrary index

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function removeAtIndex(arr, index) {
  var element = arr[index];
  if (index in arr) {
    while (index + 1 < arr.length) {
      arr[index] = arr[index + 1];
      ++index;
    }
    arr.pop();
  }
  return element;
}
```

Removes the last element
of the array (a duplicate).

Common Array Operations

- Copying an array
 - Recall assignment of objects results in a *shallow copy* of the reference

```
var arr1 = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
var arr2 = arr1;  
arr1.pop();  
alert(arr2);
```



Common Array Operations

- Copying an array
 - Recall assignment of objects results in a *shallow copy* of the reference
 - To create a *deep copy* involves creating an entirely new array, and copying over all the elements.

Common Array Operations

- Copying an array

```
// first attempt -- one level deep
function arrayCopy(arr) {
  var result = new Array();
  for (index in arr) {
    result[index] = arr[index];
  }
  return result;
}
```

Common Array Operations

- Copying an array

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  for (index in arr) {
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  }
  return result;
}
```

Problem: what if this element is itself an array (an array within an array)?

Common Array Operations

- Copying an array

```
// recursive deep copy
function arrayCopy(arr)
{
    var result = new Array();
    for (index in arr) {
        if (arr[index] instanceof Array)
            result[index] = arrayCopy(arr[index]);
        else
            result[index] = arr[index];
    }
    return result;
}
```

instanceof: an operator that checks to see if the left-hand operand is of a compatible type with the right-hand operand.

Online Examples

- More array examples online
- Many Array function examples

<http://www.java2s.com/Code/JavaScript/Language-Basics/Array.htm>

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Common Array Operations

- Searching an array
 - Find and return the index where the element exists in the array. If the element doesn't exist in the array, return an invalid index (usually -1).

Common Array Operations

- Searching an array
 - Brute-force approach: linear search
 - Start at index zero, comparing one element against another until the match is found.
 - If no match is found, return -1 upon reaching the end of the array.

Common Array Operations

- Searching an array – linear search

```
// search an array for a matching value
function search(array, value) {
  for (var i in array) {
    if (array[i] == value) {
      return i;
    }
  }
  return -1;
}
```

Common Array Operations

- Searching an array
 - The search can be much faster if the array is already sorted – binary search.
 - Like the High/Low game on “The Price is Right.”

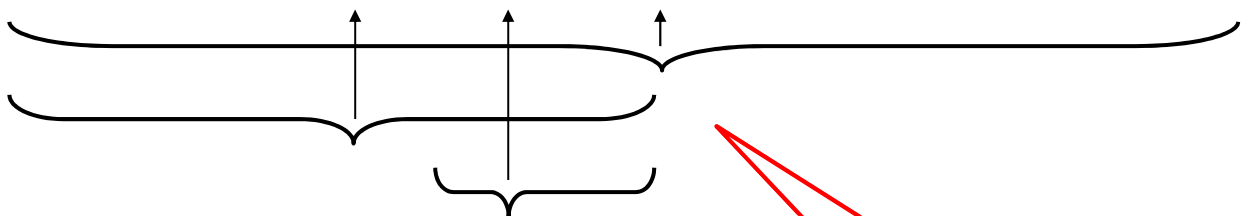
Common Array Operations

- Searching an array – binary search
 - Search between [left, right) bounds.
 - Pick the middle index: $(\text{left} + \text{right}) / 2$; see if it is too high or too low.
 - If too low, search the right half of the array (i.e. [mid + 1, right))
 - Otherwise, search the right half of the array (i.e. [left, mid))

Common Array Operations

- Searching an array – binary search

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3	9	11	16	20	21	32	41	47	49	53	60	73	82	85	96



Determine if 32 is in this sorted array

Common Array Operations

- Searching an array – binary search

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left	right	mid	arr[mid]
0	16		

Common Array Operations

- Searching an array – binary search

```
function binarySearch(array, value, left, right) {  
  while (left < right) {  
    var mid = Math.floor((left + right) / 2);  
    if (array[mid] < value)  
      left = mid + 1;  
    else if (array[mid] > value)  
      right = mid;  
    else  
      return mid;  
  }  
  return -(left + 1);  
}
```

Common Array Operations

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}
```

Right bound is not included in the search range.

If the value had been in the array, it would have been at left+1.

Questions?

Next Week

- More arrays!
 - Sorting arrays using selection sort, insertion sort, and bubble sort.
 - Multi-dimensional arrays.

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Self Quiz

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Self Quiz

- Create a function that receives a name, salary, and date of birth and returns an object with those three properties set.
- Use the enhanced for-loop to write a function `toString` that takes any object as a parameter and returns a string with all properties displayed.

Self Quiz

- Write a function `nextIndexOf` that takes an array, a starting index, and a value to search for. Starting at the given index, find the next element.

Self Quiz

- Write a function `allIndicesOf` that takes an array and a value as parameters. It should return an array containing all the indices in the parameter array that match the value.

Self Quiz

- Write a function `makeHistogram` that takes an array of integers in the range [0-100] as a parameter. It should return a string representing a histogram of the data in tenths, one asterisk for each value in the array.

Self Quiz

- Write a function `letterFrequency` that takes a string as a parameter and returns an associative array containing the frequencies of each letter in the string.

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Upcoming deadlines



Upcoming Deadlines

- Pre-class 12: due March 23
- Homework 9: due March 23