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GETTING INTO JS

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YOU DON'T KNOW
JS

<https://github.com/getify/You-Dont-Know-JS>

```
1 var teacher = "Kyle";
2 var twitterHandle = "getify";
3 var age = 39;
4
5 function whoAmI(myName, myNickname, myAge) {
6     console.log(`
7         Hi, I'm ${myName} (aka ${myNickname}),
8         and I'm ${myAge} years old.
9     `);
10 }
11
12 whoAmI(teacher, twitterHandle, age);
```

Course Overview

- Programming Primer (in JS)
- Three Pillars of JS:
 - Types / Coercion
 - Scope / Closures
 - **this** / Prototypes

...but before we begin...

Programming Primer (in JS)

- Values
- Operations
- Variables
- Expressions and Statements
- Decisions
- Loops
- Functions

Values


```
1 42
2 3.14
3
4 "Hello, friend."
5
6 true
7 false
8
9 null
10 undefined
11
12 [ 1, 2, 3 ]
13 { name: "Kyle" }
```

Operations

```
1 3 + 4
2 43 - 1
3
4 "Kyle " + "Simpson"
5
6 !false
7
8 3.0 == 3
9
10 3 < 4
11
12 true || false
```

```
1 typeof 42 // "number"
2
3 typeof "Kyle" // "string"
4
5 typeof true // "boolean"
6
7 typeof undefined // "undefined"
8
9 typeof { age: 39 } // "object"
10
11
12 typeof null // "object" !?!?
13 typeof [1,2,3] // "object"
```

Variables

```
1 var name = "Kyle Simpson";  
2  
3 var age;  
4 age = 39;  
5  
6 var friends = [ "Brandon", "Marc" ];  
7  
8 console.log( friends.length );  
9 console.log( friends[1] );
```

```
1 var age = 39;
```

```
2
```

```
3 age++;
```

```
4 age += 2;
```

```
5
```

```
6 age; // 42
```

Expressions and Statements


```
1 var age = 39;
```

```
2
```

```
3 age = 1 + (age * 2);
```

Decisions

```
1 var age = 39;  
2  
3 if (age >= 18) {  
4     goVote();  
5 }
```

```
1 if (isEnrolled()) {  
2     takeClass();  
3 }  
4 else {  
5     enrollFirst();  
6 }
```

Loops

```
1 var students = [ /*..*/ ];
2
3 for (let i = 0; i < students.length; i++) {
4     greetStudent( students[i] );
5 }
6
7 for (let student of students) {
8     greetStudent( student );
9 }
```

```
1 var students = [ /*...*/ ];  
2  
3 while (students.length > 0) {  
4     let student = students.pop();  
5     greetStudent(student);  
6 }
```

Functions


```
1 function greetStudent(student) {  
2     console.log(  
3         `Hello, ${student.name}!`  
4     );  
5 }
```

```
1 function timeRemaining(timeElapsed, endTime) {  
2     return endTime - timeElapsed;  
3 }  
4  
5 var left = timeRemaining(42, 240);  
6  
7 left;           // 198
```

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Chapter 1

Three Pillars of JS

1. Types / Coercion
2. Scope / Closures
3. **this** / Prototypes

Types / Coercion

- Primitive Types
- Converting Types
- Checking Equality

Primitive Types

**"In JavaScript, everything
is an object."**

false

- **undefined**
- **string**
- **number**
- **boolean**
- **object**
- **symbol**

- **null?**
- **function?**
- **array?**

Primitive Types

In JavaScript, variables
don't have types,
values do.

```
1 var v;
2 typeof v; // "undefined"
3 v = "1";
4 typeof v; // "string"
5 v = 2;
6 typeof v; // "number"
7 v = true;
8 typeof v; // "boolean"
9 v = {};
10 typeof v; // "object"
11 v = Symbol();
12 typeof v; // "symbol"
```

Primitive Types: **typeof**

```
1 typeof doesntExist; // "undefined"
2
3 var v = null;
4 typeof v; // "object" OOPS!
5
6 v = function(){};
7 typeof v; // "function" hmmm?
8
9 v = [1,2,3];
10 typeof v; // "object" hmmm?
```

Primitive Types: **typeof**

NaN (“~~not a number~~”)

```
1 var greeting = "Hello, class!";
2
3 var something = greeting / 2; // ?!?!?
4
5 something; // NaN
6 Number.isNaN( something ); // true
7
8 Number.isNaN( greeting ); // false
```

NaN

Use **new**:

- **Object()**
- **Array()**
- **Function()**
- **Date()**
- **RegExp()**
- **Error()**

Don't use **new**:

- **String()**
- **Number()**
- **Boolean()**

Fundamental Objects

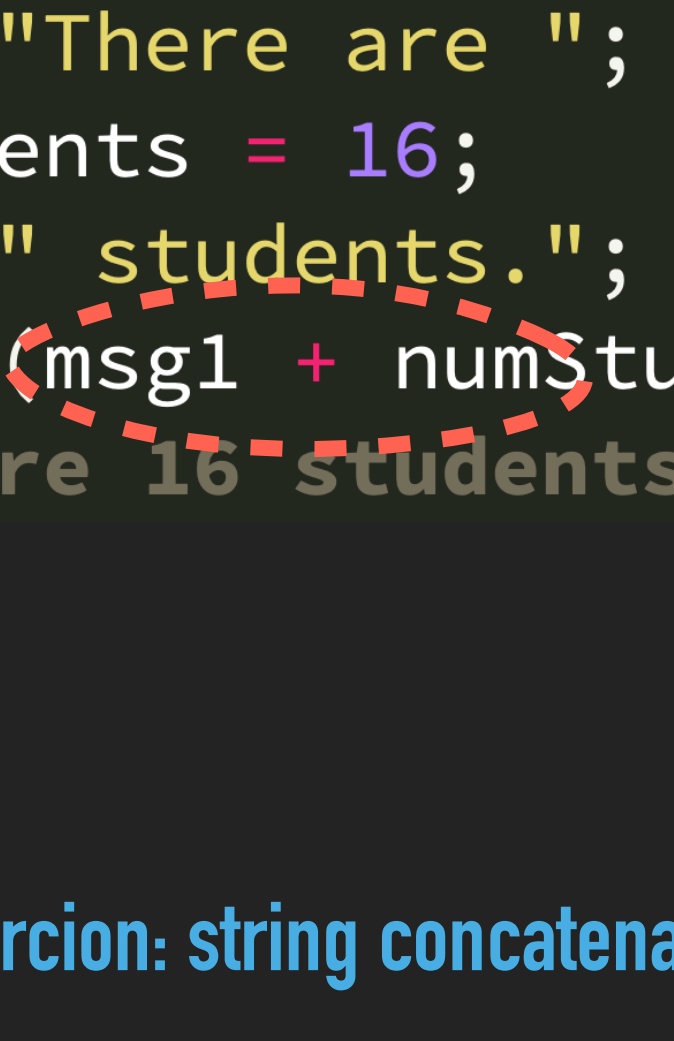
```
1 var yesterday = new Date("March 6, 2019");
2 yesterday.toUTCString();
3 // "Wed, 06 Mar 2019 06:00:00 GMT"
4
5 var myGPA = String(transcript.gpa);
6 // "3.54"
```

Fundamental Objects

Converting Types

**The way to convert from one
type to another: coercion**

```
1 var msg1 = "There are ";
2 var numStudents = 16;
3 var msg2 = " students.";
4 console.log(msg1 + numStudents + msg2);
5 // "There are 16 students."
```



Coercion: string concatenation (number to string)

```
1 var numStudents = 16;
2
3 console.log(
4     `There are ${numStudents} students.`
5 );
6 // "There are 16 students."
```

Coercion: string concatenation (number to string)

Number + Number = Number

Number + String = String

String + Number = String

String + String = String

```
1 function addAStudent(numStudents) {  
2     return numStudents + 1;  
3 }  
4  
5 addAStudent(  
6     Number(studentsInputElement.value)  
7 );  
8 // 17
```

Coercion: string to number

Falsy

""

0, -0

null

NaN

false

undefined

Truthy

"foo"

23

{ a:1 }

[1,3]

true

function(){..}

...

Coercion: boolean

```
1 if (studentsInputElement.value) {  
2     numStudents =  
3         Number(studentsInputElement.value);  
4 }
```

```
1 while (newStudents.length) {  
2     enrollStudent(newStudents.pop());  
3 }
```

Coercion: boolean


```
1 if (!!studentsInputElement.value) {  
2     numStudents =  
3         Number(studentsInputElement.value);  
4 }
```

```
1 while (newStudents.length > 0) {  
2     enrollStudent(newStudents.pop());  
3 }
```

Coercion: boolean

```
1 var workshopEnrollment1 = 16;
2 var workshopEnrollment2 = workshop2Elem.value;
3
4 if (Number(workshopEnrollment1) < Number(workshopEnrollment2)) {
5     // ..
6 }
7
8 if (workshopEnrollment1 < workshopEnrollment2) {
9     // ..
10 }
```

Coercion: implicit can be good (sometimes)

**A quality JS program embraces
coercions, making sure the types
involved in every operation are
clear.**

~~"If a feature is sometimes useful
and sometimes dangerous and if
there is a better option then always
use the better option."~~

-- "The Good Parts", Crockford

Useful: when the reader is
focused on what's important

Dangerous: when the reader
can't tell what will happen

Better: when the reader
understands the code

Checking Equality

== vs. **===**

== checks value (loose)

=== checks value and type (strict)



Loose Equality vs. Strict Equality

~~== checks value (loose)~~

~~=== checks value and type (strict)~~

== allows coercion (types different)

=== disallows coercion (types same)

Coercive Equality vs. Non-Coercive Equality


```
1 var studentName1 = "Frank";
2 var studentName2 = `${studentName1}`;
3
4 var workshopEnrollment1 = 16;
5 var workshopEnrollment2 = workshopEnrollment1 + 0;
6
7 studentName1 == studentName2; // true
8 studentName1 === studentName2; // true
9
10 workshopEnrollment1 == workshopEnrollment2; // true
11 workshopEnrollment1 === workshopEnrollment2; // true
```

Coercive Equality: == and ===

```
1 var workshop1 = { topic: null };
2 var workshop2 = {};
3
4 if (
5     (workshop1.topic === null) || (workshop1.topic === undefined) &&
6     (workshop2.topic === null) || (workshop2.topic === undefined) &&
7 ) {
8     // ..
9 }
10
11 if (
12     workshop1.topic == null &&
13     workshop2.topic == null
14 ) {
15     // ..
16 }
```

Coercive Equality: null == undefined

Like every other operation, is coercion helpful in an equality comparison or not?

Coercive Equality: helpful?

== is not about comparisons
with unknown types

== is about comparisons
with known type(s), optionally
where conversions are helpful

JavaScript has a (dynamic) type system, which uses various forms of coercion for value type conversion, including equality comparisons

**You simply cannot write quality
JS programs without knowing
the types involved in your
operations.**

Scope / Closures

- **Nested Scope**
- **Closure**

Scope: where to look for things

```
1 x = 42;
```

```
2 console.log(y);
```

```
1 var teacher = "Kyle";
2
3 function otherClass() {
4     teacher = "Suzy";
5     topic = "React";
6     console.log("Welcome!");
7 }
8
9 otherClass();           // Welcome!
10
11 teacher;               Suzy // ??
12 topic;                 React // ??           Scope
```

The diagram illustrates variable scope resolution in JavaScript. Red dashed arrows show the lookup path for variables: 'teacher' is resolved to 'Suzy' (line 4) and 'topic' is resolved to 'React' (line 5). A red dashed circle highlights the 'topic' variable on line 5, indicating its local scope within the function.

undefined
vs.
undeclared

Scope

Function Expressions

```
1 var clickHandler = function(){
2     // ..
3 };
4
5 var keyHandler = function keyHandler(){
6     // ..
7 };
```

Named Function Expressions

```
1 var ids = people.map(person => person.id);
2
3 var ids = people.map(function getId(person) {
4     return person.id;
5 });
6
7 // *****
8
9 getPerson()
10 .then(person => getData(person.id))
11 .then(renderData);
12
13 getPerson()
14 .then(function getDataFrom(person) {
15     return getData(person.id);
16 })
17 .then(renderData);
```

Arrow Functions?

```
1 var teacher = "Kyle";
2
3 (function anotherTeacher() {
4     var teacher = "Suzy";
5     console.log(teacher); // Suzy
6 } )();
7
8 console.log(teacher); // Kyle
```

<http://benalman.com/news/2010/11/immediately-invoked-function-expression/>

Function Scoping: IIFE

Block Scoping

Instead of an IIFE?

```
1 var teacher = "Kyle";  
2  
3 ( function anotherTeacher() {  
4     var teacher = "Suzy";  
5     console.log(teacher); // Suzy  
6 } )();  
7  
8 console.log(teacher); // Kyle
```

Block Scoping: encapsulation

```
1 var teacher = "Kyle";
2
3 {
4   let teacher = "Suzy";
5   console.log(teacher); // Suzy
6 }
7
8 console.log(teacher); // Kyle
```

Block Scoping: encapsulation

```
1 function diff(x,y) {  
2     if (x > y) {  
3         let tmp = x;  
4         x = y;  
5         y = tmp;  
6     }  
7  
8     return y - x;  
9 }
```

Block Scoping: let

```
1 function repeat(fn, n) {  
2     var result;  
3  
4     for (let i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
5         result = fn(result, i);  
6     }  
7  
8     return result;  
9 }
```

Block Scoping: let + var

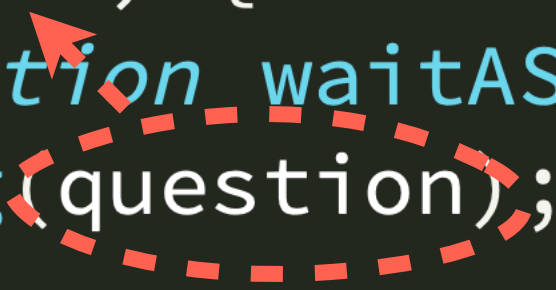
```
1 function formatStr(str) {
2   { let prefix, rest;
3     prefix = str.slice( 0, 3 );
4     rest = str.slice( 3 );
5     str = prefix.toUpperCase() + rest;
6   }
7
8   if (/^FOO:/.test( str )) {
9     return str;
10  }
11
12  return str.slice( 4 );
13 }
```

Block Scoping: explicit let block

Closure

Closure is when a function “remembers” the variables outside of it, even if you pass that function elsewhere.

```
1 function ask(question) {
2     setTimeout(function waitASec() {
3         console.log(question);
4     }, 100);
5 }
6
7 ask("What is closure?");
8 // What is closure?
```




```
1 function ask(question) {  
2     return function holdYourQuestion() {  
3         console.log(question);  
4     };  
5 }  
6  
7 var myQuestion = ask("What is closure?");  
8  
9 // ..  
10  
11 myQuestion(); // What is closure?
```

Closure

this / Prototypes

- this
- Prototypes
- class { }

this

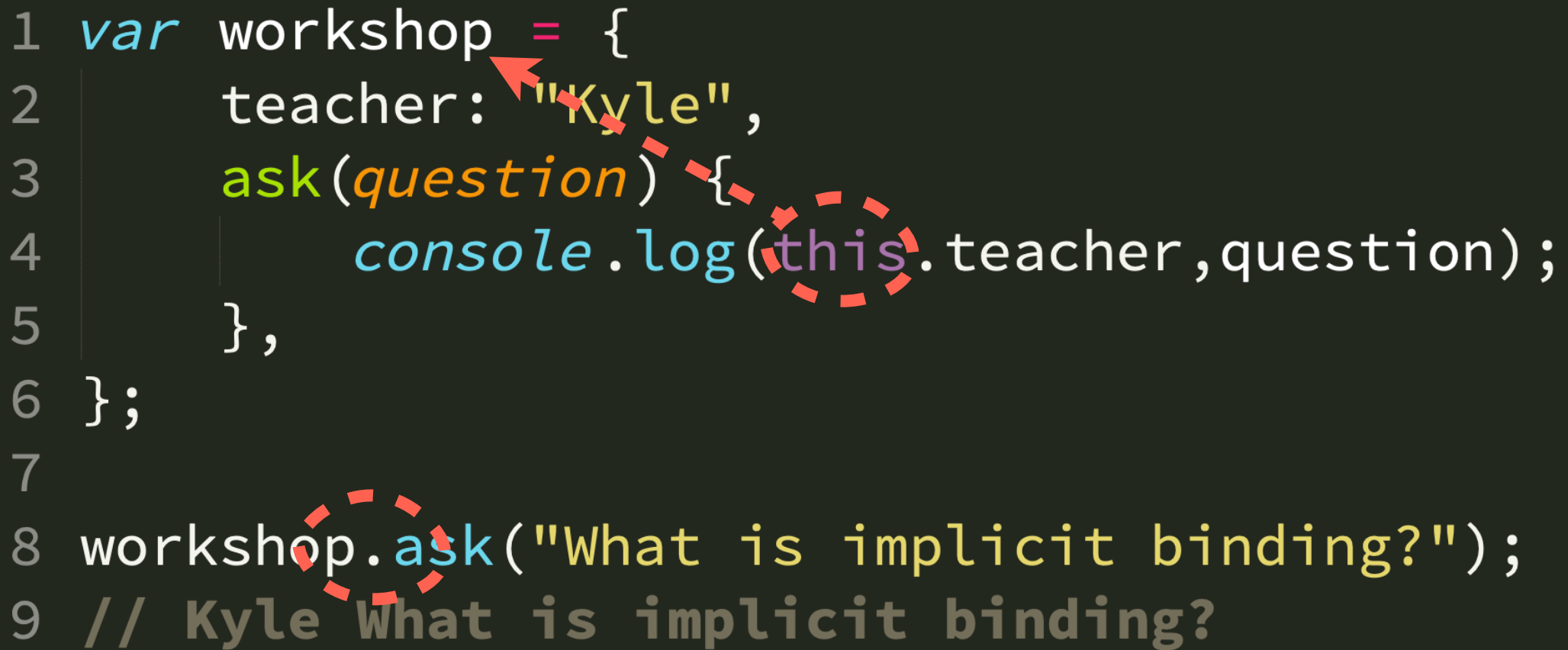
A function's **this** references the execution context for that call, determined entirely by how the function was called.

this: dynamic context

A **this**-aware function can thus have a different context each time it's called, which makes it more flexible & reusable.

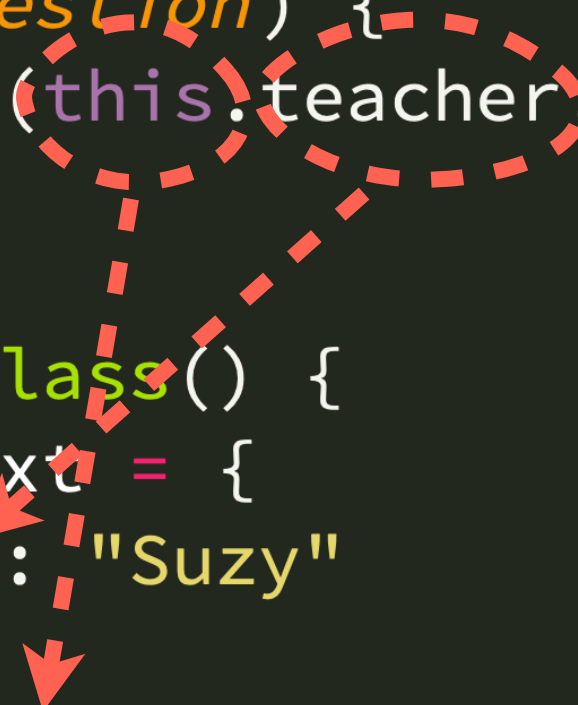
this: dynamic context

```
1 var workshop = {
2   teacher: "Kyle",
3   ask(question) {
4     console.log(this.teacher, question);
5   },
6 };
7
8 workshop.ask("What is implicit binding?");
9 // Kyle What is implicit binding?
```



this: dynamic context

```
1 function ask(question) {
2     console.log(this.teacher, question);
3 }
4
5 function otherClass() {
6     var myContext = {
7         teacher: "Suzy"
8     };
9     ask.call(myContext, "Why?"); // Suzy Why?
10 }
11
12 otherClass();
```



this: dynamic context

Prototypes

```
1 function Workshop(teacher) {
2     this.teacher = teacher;
3 }
4 Workshop.prototype.ask = function(question) {
5     console.log(this.teacher, question);
6 };
7
8 var deepJS = new Workshop("Kyle");
9 var reactJS = new Workshop("Suzy");
10
11 deepJS.ask("Is 'prototype' a class?");
12 // Kyle Is 'prototype' a class?
13
14 reactJS.ask("Isn't 'prototype' ugly?");
15 // Suzy Isn't 'prototype' ugly?
```

Prototypes: as "classes"

class {}

```
1 class Workshop {
2     constructor(teacher) {
3         this.teacher = teacher;
4     }
5     ask(question) {
6         console.log(this.teacher, question);
7     }
8 }
9
10 var deepJS = new Workshop("Kyle");
11 var reactJS = new Workshop("Suzy");
12
13 deepJS.ask("Is 'class' a class?");
14 // Kyle Is 'class' a class?
15
16 reactJS.ask("Is this class OK?");
17 // Suzy Is this class OK?
```

ES6 class

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Chapter 2

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