CS1320
Creating Modern Web and Mobile Applications

Lecture 6:

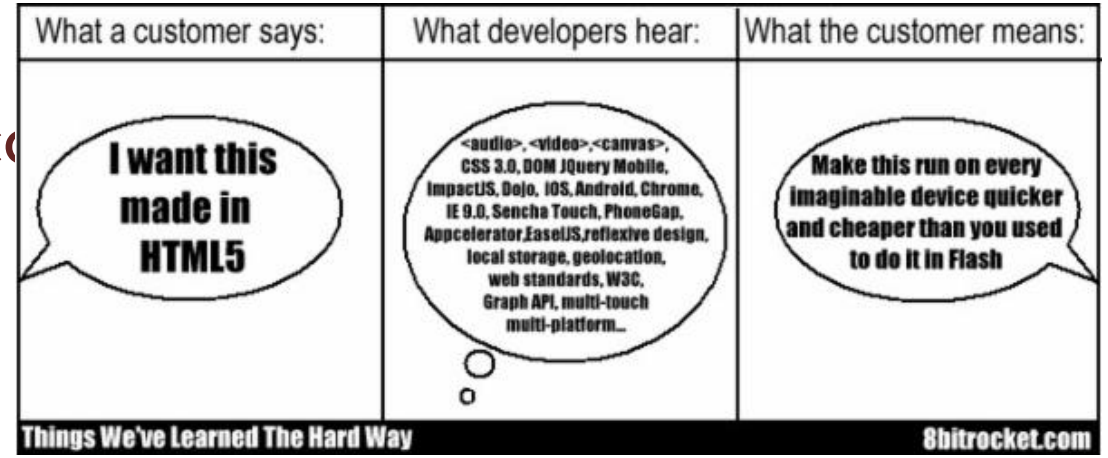
Dynamic Web Pages II

Final Projects

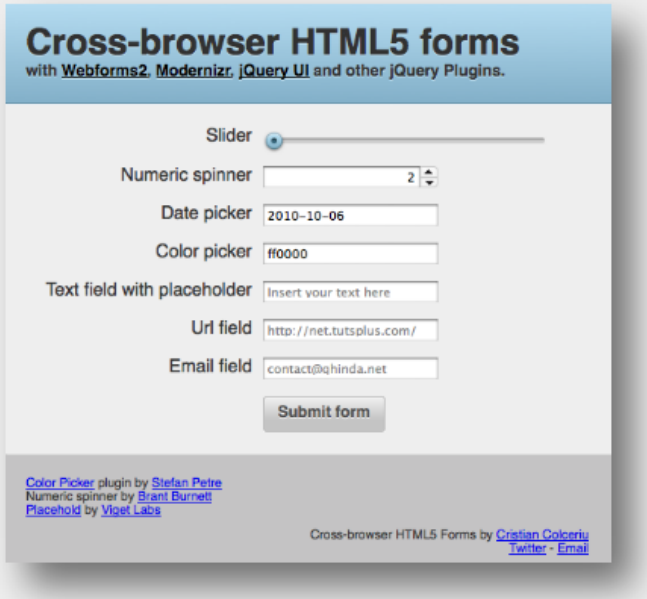
- Team and project assignments posting
  - If you have issues, mail the head TAs
- This week
  - Team should meet as a group
  - Decide responsibilities
  - Discuss project ideas and understanding
    - Make sure you are all on the same page
  - Contact sponsor – they are waiting to hear from you
    - Introduce yourselves
    - Set up a meeting for this weekend or early next week

HTML = HTML5

- HTML5 is designed to support modern web apps
  - More interaction
  - More devices
- Multimedia and animations are more c
  - A large fraction of web sites are using them
  - They shouldn't require plugins to be usable
  - These should be standard in all browsers
- Other features have similar properties
  - Simple databases, cookie management, …
- Basic HTML doesn't provide enough context information
  - About the page (for search, readers, …)
  - About forms (numbers, dates, …)

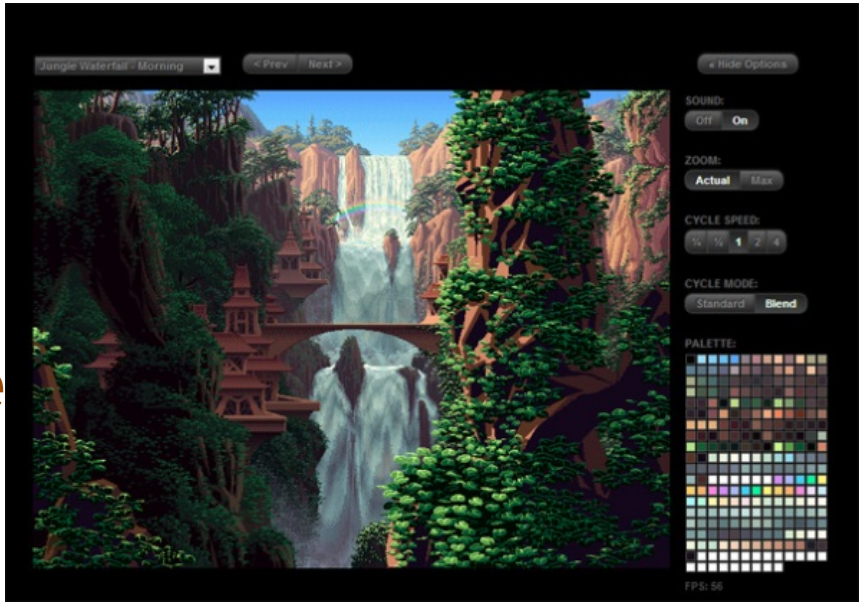


HTML5 Forms



- Do forms work on your smart phone/tablet?
- Forms are the basis for much HTML interactio
  - But they are quite limiting
  - And not well-oriented to tablets / smart phones
  - And require JavaScript to validate
- HTML5 significantly expands the input types in forms
  - Text, password, submit, radio, checkbox, button
  - Color, date, datetime, email, month, number, range, search, tel, time, url, week
  - With built-in validation
  - Generic regular-expression based validation

HTML5 Canvas



- A canvas is a drawing area on the page
  - Use JavaScript to draw on that canvas
  - Drawing is similar to Java2D drawing
    - Similar primitives, transformations, coordinates, etc.
    - Rectangles, paths, arcs, text
    - Java Graphics2D maps to HTML5 Context
  - Can be used for static graphics and animations
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnAiEJEBLJg
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZInfZ0wecw

SVG Graphics

- Different approaches to graphics
  - Procedural calls to draw everything
  - Structure representing what should be drawn
- SVG takes the second approach
  - The structure is part of the DOM
    - Can be manipulated by JavaScript
  - Objects correspond to various primitives
  - Often easier than functional drawing
    - Refresh handled automatically
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SDKN-Amlyo

HTML5 Multimedia

- <audio> and <video> tags
  - Controls
  - Multiple formats can (and have to) be provided
- Examples

```
<video width="320" height="240" controls="controls">
        <source src="movie.mp4" type="video/mp4" />
        <source src="movie.ogg" type="video/ogg" />
        Your browser does not support the video tag.
</video>
<audio controls="controls“>
        <source src="song.ogg" type="audio/ogg" />
        <source src="song.mp3" type="audio/mpeg" />
        Your browser does not support the audio element.
</audio>
```

HTML5 Drag and Drop

- Direct manipulation interfaces are sometimes based on drag and drop
  - That's what users have come to expect
- HTML5 lets any element be dragged
  - And any element can be a drop target
- HTML5 also provides JavaScript events to support
  - On drag start (set the content of the drag)
  - On drag over (allow/disallow drop)
  - On drop (use the contents)
- Much simpler to use than Java drag and drop

Drag and Drop Example

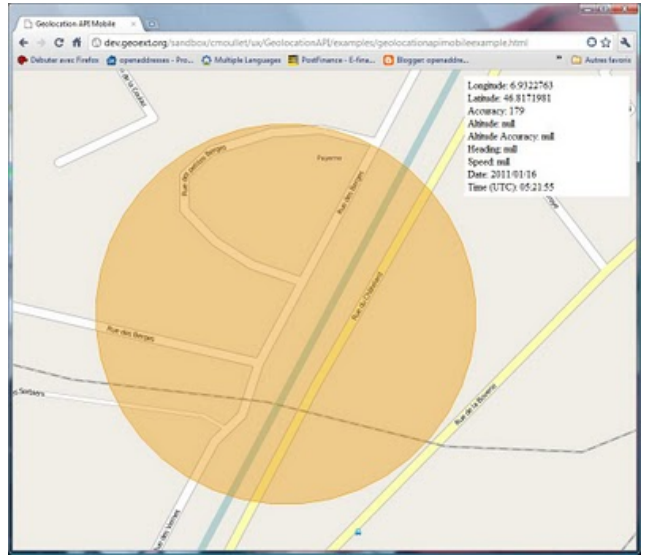

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html> <head> <script type="text/javascript">
function allowDrop(ev)      { ev.preventDefault(); }
function drag(ev) { ev.dataTransfer.setData("Text",ev.target.id); }
function drop(ev)
{
      var data=ev.dataTransfer.getData("Text");
      ev.target.appendChild(document.getElementById(data));
      ev.preventDefault();
}
</script> </head> <body>
<div id="div1" ondrop="drop(event)“ ondragover="allowDrop(event)"></div>
<img id="drag1" src="img_logo.gif" draggable="true“ ondragstart="drag(event)" width="336"
height="69" />
</body> </html>
```

HTML5 Web Storage

- Cookies are not efficient or secure
  - Have to be sent with each HTTP request
- HTML5 offers several new facilities
  - Local storage (name-value) of arbitrary data
    - Permanent, fixed time, or session-based
  - Generation of public-private keys
    - Offers secure communication
    - Rarely used – use HTTPS instead

HTML5 Geolocation

- HTML5 enables using the current location
  - Accurate from a device with GPS
  - Approximate from other computers
- Can use this with JavaScript
  - Locally (place on a map)
  - Globally (send to server)
- Can also get automatic updates
  - JavaScript code that is invoked as the position changes
  - There's an event for that



Geolocation Example

```
<script>
var x=document.getElementByName(“demo”);
function getLocation()
{
	if (navigator.geolocation) {
		navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(showPosition);
	}
	else { x.html("Geolocation is not supported.”);}
}
function showPosition(position)
{
	x.html("Latitude: " + position.coords.latitude +
		"<br />Longitude: " + position.coords.longitude);
}
</script>
```

HTML5 Messaging

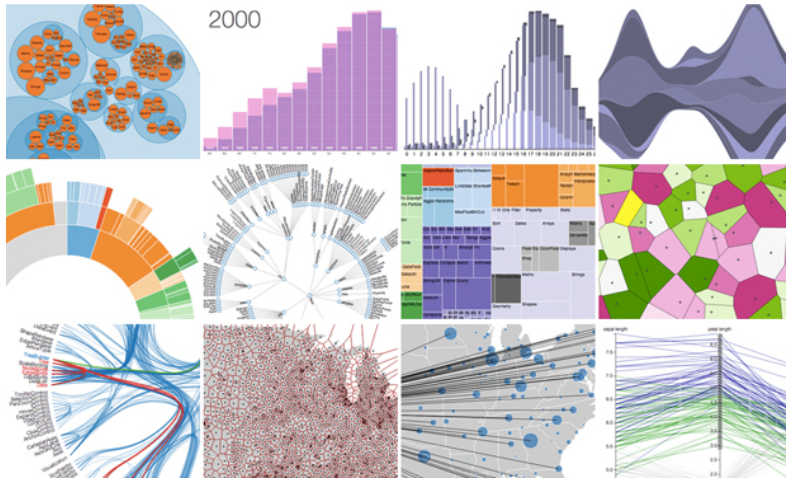
- Mashups
  - Web pages composed of information from multiple sources
  - Browsers limit where requests can be sent based on URLs
    - Make mash-ups difficult to implement
  - Messaging allows this to be bypassed in a selective manner
  - Usually embedded in libraries – not something you do directly
    - Maps: Google maps, leaflet.js
    - Payments: Stripe, Paypal
    - Other: address decoding, weather, …
- Web Sockets
  - Continuous communication with your server
  - Easy to set up and use (callback functions on both ends)

Animation on Web Pages

- Is animation a good idea in a web application?
- Something moving (changing) on the screen
- Properties
  - Can be one-time or continuous
  - Can be smooth or jerky
    - All animation is jerky, why does it appear smooth
    - Persistence of vision, frames per second
- Types of animation
  - Movies
  - Sound
  - Bitmap animation (canvas)
  - Vector animation (svg, flash)

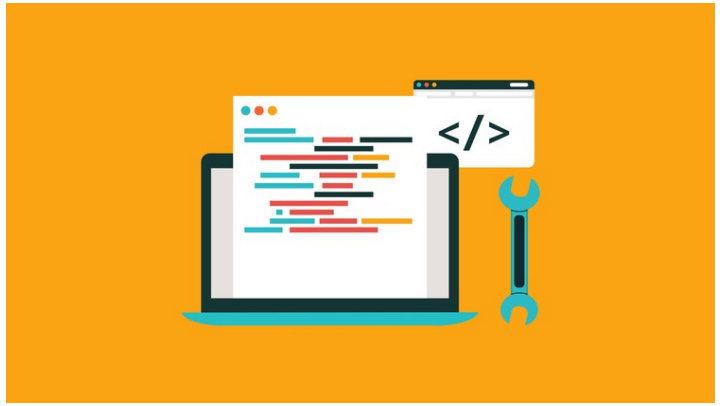
Data Visualization

- Canvas/SVG
- D3
  - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oOC2FYNo1M



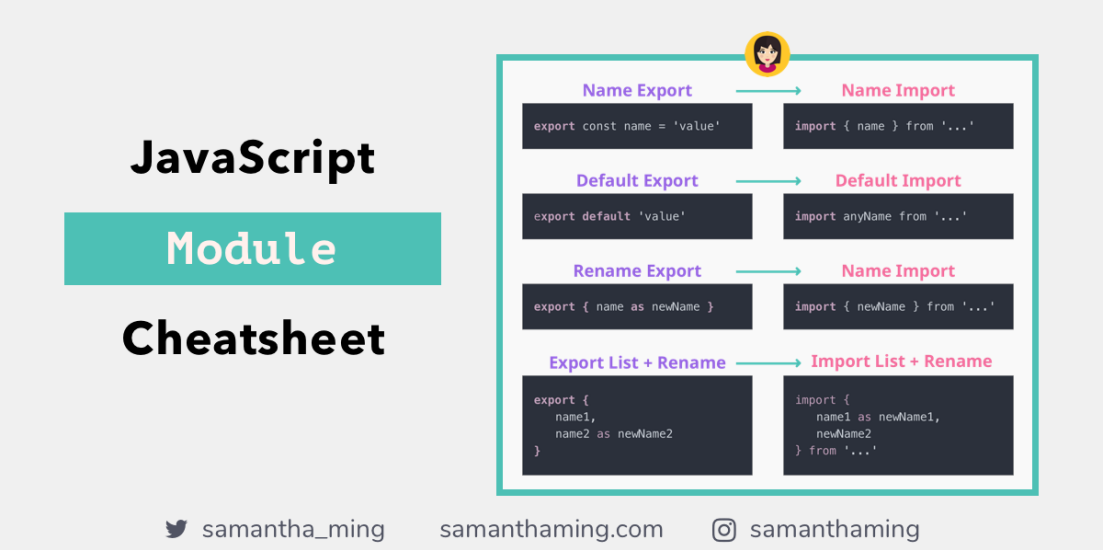
Other JavaScript Features

- Modules
  - Ability to write code in separate files without name conflicts
  - export names from a file to be used elsewhere (selective set of names)
  - import names from a module (and give them a local name)
  - This makes is possible to write more complex programs
- Multiple assignments
  - Multiple variables, array elements, object fields
- Promises

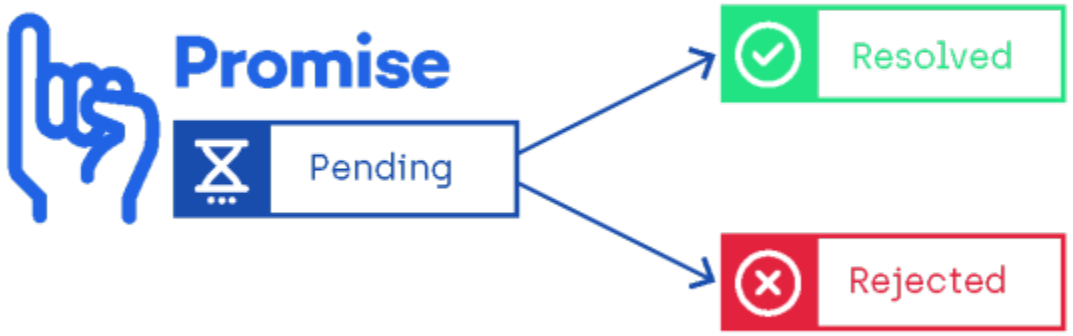


Modules

- Separate files with separate name sp
- File can export specific elements
  - export function x { … }
  - function x { …} ; export x;
- Other files can import a module of individual components
  - import ‘module’
  - import { name, name, … } from ‘module’
- Use script type module
  - <script type=‘module’ src=‘name.mjs’></script>
  - You can also package all the modules and the main file into one file (for production)



Promises



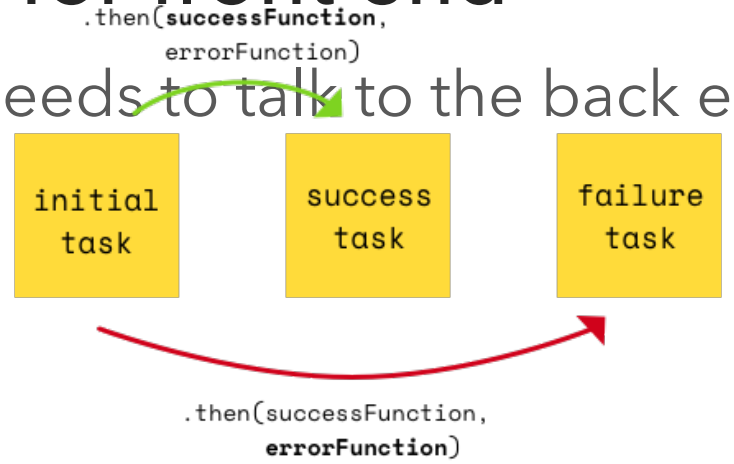
- Proxy for a value not necessarily known
  - Pending: initial state
  - Fulfilled: value known, execution successful
  - Rejected: operation failed
- let first = new Promise((resolve,reject) => { function body}
  - setTimeout(function() { resolve("Success!") },250); });
  - Useful when the internal function is asynchronous
  - Use instead of passing callbacks directly into function
- Allow chaining of callback functions
  - promise.then(), promise.catch()
  - let first = new Promise(
  - let second = first.then((msg) => { console.log("Show: " + msg) });
  - let third = second.then(…)
  - let x = new Promise(…).
    - .then(…).then(…).then(…)

Promises

- Traditional coding
  - function work1(callback) { …. callback(result,error); }
- Traditional coding
  - function work1(..) { … action(function(err,rslt) { work2(arg,err,rslt); }); }
  - function work2(..) { … action(function(rslt) { work3(arg,rslt); }) }
  - …
- Promise based coding
  - new Promise()(work1).then(work2).catch(err2).then(work3)…
  - function work1(resolve,reject) { … resolve(arg,rslt); else reject(err); }
  - function work2(arg,rslt) { … return { a: arg,r : result, r1: val } }
  - function work3(obj) { … }

Promises

- Not that useful for simple JavaScript
- However, will be very useful when coding the back end (Node.JS)
- And will be useful for front end
  - When the front end needs to talk to the back end and act when it gets a reply



Simplified CSS: less

- Variables
  - @width: 10px
  - #header { width: @width; }
- Mixins
  - .bordered { … }
  - .post { .bordered(); … }
- Nesting
  - #header { …; .navigation { … } }
  - Used in place of #header .navigation { … }
- Expressions, maps, scoping, importing
- Requires running lessc to generate the actual css
  - Also does syntax checking to catch CSS errors

Simplified CSS: scss / sass

- Variables
  - $color : #ff00ff
- Mixins
  - @mixin name() { … }
  - .elt { @include name(); … }
- Nested Rules
  - As in less
  - &:xxx : qualified nesting
- Expressions, control flow, etc.
- Requires a preprocessor (scss)
  - Essentially the same capabilities as less, different syntax

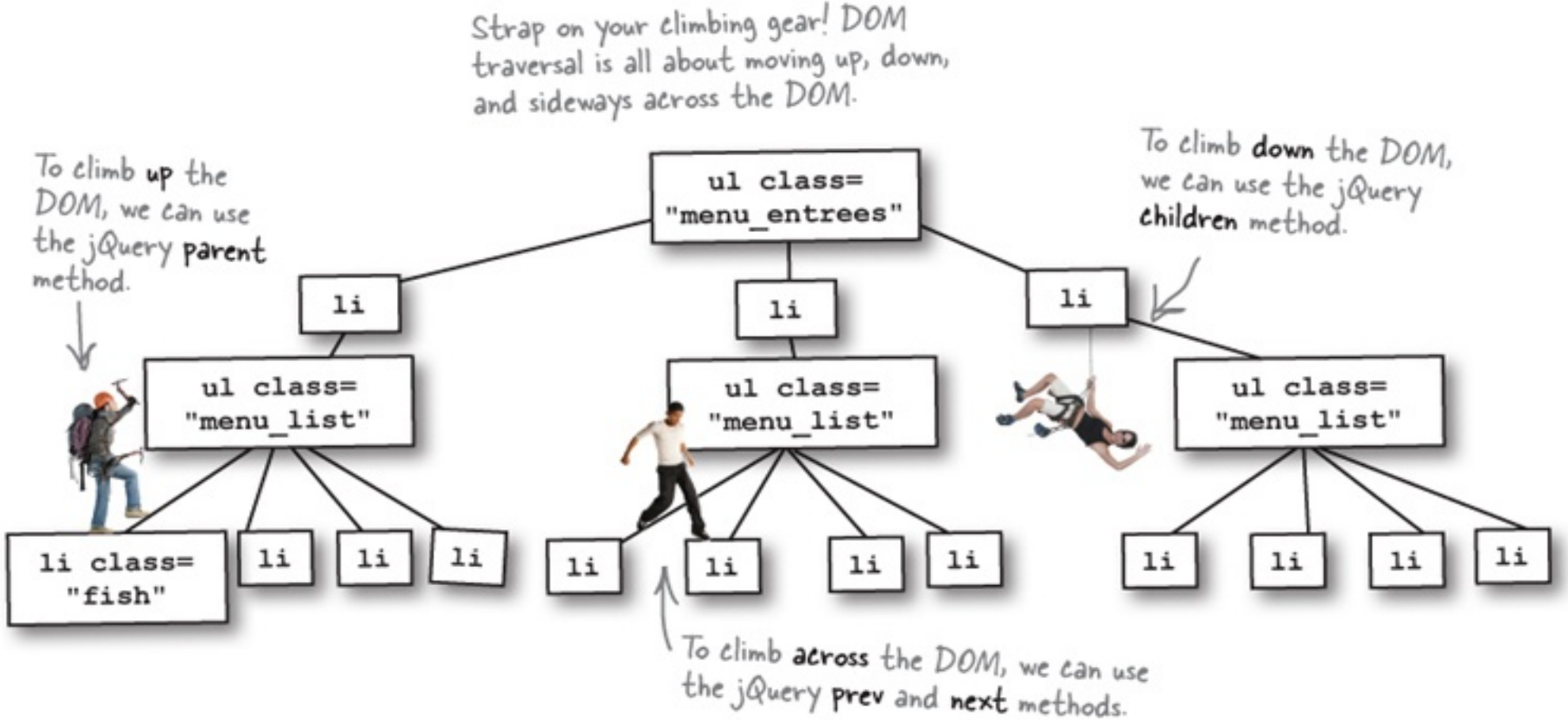
jQuery : A DOM Manipulation Library

- Last time we saw how to manipulate the DOM using JavaScript
  - getElementById, querySelector, querySe
  - Setting classes, styles, text
    - For individual elements
  - Creating new HTML
- Not the easiest to use or the bes
- jQuery provides an alternative

jQuery DOM Access

- jQuery is a library to simplify DOM access/modification
  - Plus make it easier to do standard manipulations
- $("selector")
  - Selector is effectively a CSS selector
  - What follows applies to **ALL** matching elements
  - $(".test").hide(), $("#Sum").val(sum)
  - $("#sample").html("This is sample text");
  - $(".error").attr("color","red");
- Using jQuery is pretty standard
  - And easier than using pure JavaScript

jQuery DOM Traversal

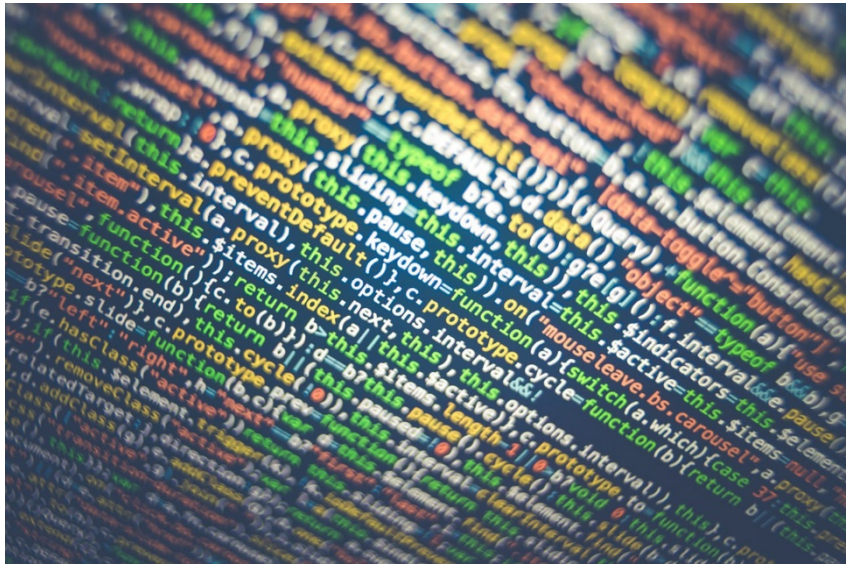


Using jQuery

- $(…).onChange(function() { … }) [onXXX for all events]
- $(" …. ") (returns the corresponding DOM)
- $(…).html("<….>"),
- $(…).text(" string")
- $(…).show(), $(…).hide()
- $(function() { … })
- $(…).animate({height:300},"slow")

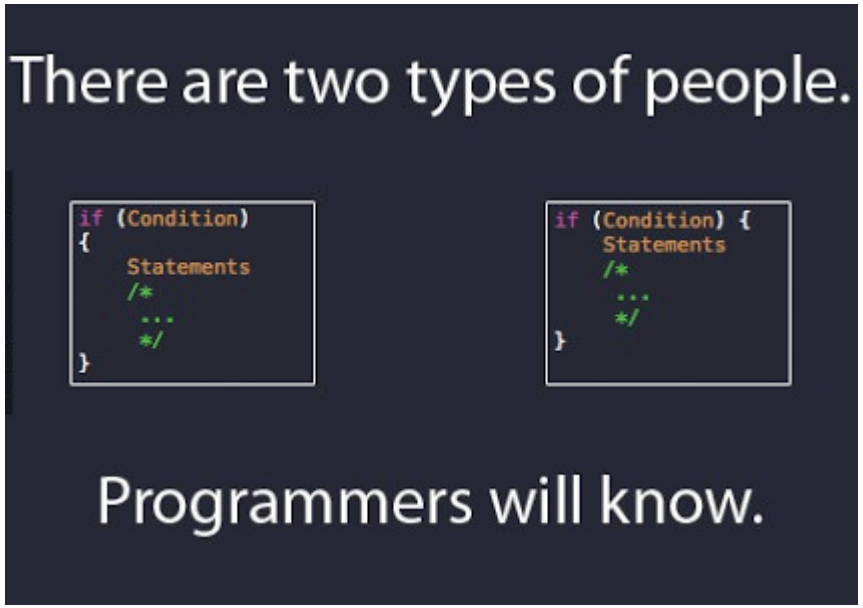
- <script type='text/javascript' src='https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.3.1/jquery.min.js'> </script>

jQuery Pros and Cons



- Pros
  - Simpler to write (less typing)
  - Can create complex html from a string easily
  - Operations work on multiple elements by default
- Cons
  - Need to include the jQuery script file (more to download)
  - More difficult to debug
  - Not a framework

HTML/JavaScript Coding Style



- The browser is very forgiving
  - HTML is case insensitive
  - New lines are optional
  - Often don't need to close elements or quote attribute values
- JavaScript can be written in various ways
  - Variable names can be long or short
  - Functions can be inline, use => notation, nested
  - Objects can be declared in various ways
- But STYLE is important, especially in your final project

HTML, CSS, and JavaScript Style

- Your HTML, CSS, and JavaScript are going to ch
  - The system will evolve
  - Bugs will be detected
  - New features will be added
- Write your code to be READ by a human
  - Not just to compile
  - Other than yourself – should be clear to whoever is reading it
  - Assume others in your final project will need to change your code
- Write your code with CHANGE in mind
  - Make it easy to change
  - Try to anticipate what might change
  - Assume things will get more complex, not simpler

Consistency and Complexity

- HTML, JavaScript, CSS should be consistent
  - Have a set of conventions and stick to it
  - Naming conventions
  - Formatting conventions
  - Coding conventions
- Consistency across the project
  - Teams should agree to and stick to a coding standard
- Avoid complexity
  - Complex code, complex HTML, …

Checking Style: ESLINT

- Tools exist for checking coding style
- For JavaScript, use eslint
- ESLINT
  - Can find (potential) problems with the JavaScript code
    - Common programming errors (e.g. undefined variables)
  - Can find violations of coding style
- ESLINT has a vast set of possible rules
  - Things that can be checked
  - A configuration file determines which you want checked

ESLINT Usage

- Example .eslintrc.js file
- Embedded in environm
- Example of running it

```
vagrant@precise32:~$ eslint uploader.js

uploader.js
   1:13  error  'angular' is not defined             no-undef
   1:28  error  Strings must use doublequote         quotes
   7:15  error  Strings must use doublequote         quotes
   7:28  error  Strings must use doublequote         quotes
   7:34  error  Missing "use strict" statement       strict
   9:20  error  Expected '===' and instead saw '=='  eqeqeq
  10:17  error  Expected '===' and instead saw '=='  eqeqeq
  14:20  error  Strings must use doublequote         quotes
  27:16  error  'FormData' is not defined           no-undef
  34:17  error  'XMLHttpRequest' is not defined     no-undef
  35:1   error  Trailing spaces not allowed         no-trailing-spaces
  36:12  error  Strings must use doublequote         quotes
  45:1   error  Unexpected blank line at end of file  eol-last

â 13 problems

vagrant@precise32:~$
```

Next Time

- Requirements and Specifications
- Homework:
  - PreLab 2: to familiarize yourself with JavaScript