

## Solution to Section #3

Portions of this handout by Eric Roberts and Patrick Young.

### Solution 1: Random circles

```
/*
 * File: RandomCircles.js
 * -----
 * This program draws a set of 10 circles with different sizes,
 * positions, and colors. Each circle has a randomly chosen
 * color, a randomly chosen radius between 5 and 50 pixels,
 * and a randomly chosen position on the canvas, subject to
 * the condition that the entire circle must fit inside the
 * canvas without extending past the edge.
 */

/* Constants */

const NCIRCLES = 10;
const MIN_DIAMETER = 10;
const MAX_DIAMETER = 100;
const GWINDOW_WIDTH = 500;
const GWINDOW_HEIGHT = 300;

/* Main function */

function main() {
    let gw = GWindow(GWINDOW_WIDTH, GWINDOW_HEIGHT);
    for (let i = 0; i < NCIRCLES; i++) {
        let d = randomInteger(MIN_DIAMETER, MAX_DIAMETER);
        let x = randomInteger(0, gw.getWidth() - d);
        let y = randomInteger(0, gw.getHeight() - d);
        let circle = new GOval(x, y, d, d);
        circle.setFilled(true);
        circle.setColor(randomColor());
        gw.add(circle);
    }
}
```

Note: on some runs of the program you might not *see* 10 circles because some circles will be drawn white or be drawn on top of previously drawn circles, potentially blocking them entirely from view.

## Solution 2: The Seeker and the Snitch

```
/*
 * File: CatchTheSnitch.js
 * -----
 * This program draws a snitch (a yellow GOval) on the screen
 * that will jump to random locations at set intervals. Your job
 * as the seeker is to click on the snitch to catch it and win
 * the game.
 */

/* Constants */
const GWINDOW_WIDTH = 500;
const GWINDOW_HEIGHT = 300;
const TIME_STEP = 1000;
const SNITCH_DIAMETER = 25;

/* Main program */
function main() {
    let gw = GWindow(GWINDOW_WIDTH, GWINDOW_HEIGHT);
    let snitch = initializeSnitch(gw);

    /* Sets the click action handler to allow the program
     * to terminate when the user clicks on the snitch */
    let clickAction = function(e) {
        let obj = gw.getElementAt(e.getX(), e.getY());
        if (obj === snitch) {
            console.log("You win!");
            clearInterval(timer);
            gw.remove(snitch);
        }
    };
    gw.addEventListener("click", clickAction);
    let step = function() {
        snitch.setLocation(getRandomX(), getRandomY());
    };
    let timer = setInterval(step, TIME_STEP);
}

/* Initializes the snitch and adds it to the GWindow */
function initializeSnitch(gw) {
    let snitch = GOval(getRandomX(), getRandomY(),
        SNITCH_DIAMETER, SNITCH_DIAMETER);
    snitch.setFilled(true);
    snitch.setColor("Yellow");
    gw.add(snitch);
    return snitch;
}

/* Returns a random, valid x or y location for the snitch. */
function getRandomX() {
    return randomInteger(0, GWINDOW_WIDTH - SNITCH_DIAMETER);
}
function getRandomY() {
    return randomInteger(0, GWINDOW_HEIGHT - SNITCH_DIAMETER);
}
```

### Solution 3: Tracing function execution

The output of `CalculateBill.js` is:

```
Your total before tip is: $100.  
Your final price is: $106.
```

For this problem, there are several concepts that we should understand.

#### (1) Parameters

Look at the following two lines:

```
let finalPrice = calculateBill(numSalads, numPizzas);  
function calculateBill(numPizzas, numSalads) { ... }
```

Here, note that we actually swap `numPizzas` and `numSalads` when passing them as parameters, so inside `calculateBill`, `numPizzas` should be 4 and `numSalads` should be 6.

There is no connection between the names given to variables in one function, and the names of the parameters which those variables are assigned to during a function call. **When passing a variable as an argument to a function, JavaScript assigns the first argument to the first parameter, the second argument to the second parameter, and so forth, regardless of the names they are given.** Giving confusing names to parameters though, while certainly possible, constitutes bad style and should be avoided.

#### (2) Closure

Remembering that when you define an inner function within an existing function, we call that a closure, and **closures can access the variables of the outer function**. This means:

- In `calculateBill`, `addSaladCosts` and `addPizzaCosts` can both access and modify `total` without passing `total` in as a parameter.
- However, `addTax` and `addTip` both require passing `total` in as a parameter because they are defined outside of `calculateBill`.
- Finally, note that even though `total` is changed in `addTax`, it will not affect the value of `total` in `calculateBill`.