

CS106AJ FINAL REVIEW SESSION

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GAME PLAN

- Run through course material in syllabus order
 - If you see material you are uncomfortable with, make a note of it and we can do some practice problems
 - You don't have to have all of this *memorized*. (In fact, that's not a good use of time.) However, you should feel familiar with it such that you can remember what you need, find it in the book, and use it to solve a problem.
- Talk tips for taking the final
- Work through practice problems

STRUCTURE OF THE FINAL

- 1) Short answer (trace problems)
- 2) “Simple” graphics
- 3) Interactive graphics
- 4) Strings
- 5) Arrays
- 6) Working with data structures (combining arrays and objects)
- 7) Reading data structures from embedded XML

FUNCTIONS

- (Optionally) takes some input, does something, and (optionally) returns some output
- Syntax:

```
function calcHypotenuse(a, b) {  
    return Math.sqrt(a * a + b * b);  
}
```

Or:

```
let calcHypotenuse = function(a, b) {  
    return Math.sqrt(a * a + b * b);  
}
```

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function main() {  
    let str = "hello world";  
    print();  
}  
function print() {  
    console.log(str);           // error!  
}
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  a = addTwo(a);  
  console.log(a); // prints 2  
}  
  
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    console.log(point);  
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  point = reset(point);  
  console.log(point); // prints {x: 0, y: 0}  
}  
function reset(point) {  
  point = {x: 0, y: 0};  
  return point;  
}
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  let point = {x: 1, y: 2};
  scale(point);
  console.log(point);
}

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}
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function main() {  
    let point = {x: 1, y: 2};  
    scale(point);  
    console.log(point); // prints {x: 2, y: 4}  
}  
  
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 - Caveat: objects/arrays can be *modified*, but they can't be *reassigned*. (The reference gets copied, not the object/array itself.)
- Tip for trace problems: draw “stack cards” to illustrate the value of variables in each function, and draw out the values of arrays/objects

CLOSURES

- A nested function gets access to all of its parent's variables

```
○ function main() {  
    let str = "hello world";  
    function print() {  
        console.log(str);    // works!  
    }  
    print();  
}
```

- This works for functions nested arbitrarily deep (although stylistically, you shouldn't do that)
- Important for timers (via `setTimeout` or `setInterval`) and mouse event handlers
- Style note (not important for final): don't abuse/overuse closures!

GRAPHICS

- Remember that coordinates for most GObjects specify the top-left of the object.
- ```
let gw = GWindow(width, height);
let line = GLine(x0, y0, x1, y1);
let oval = GOval(x, y, diameterX, diameterY);
let rect = GRect(x, y, width, height);
```
- The coordinates for a GLabel specify the left point on the baseline for the text

# GRAPHICS

- Remember that coordinates for `GArc`, `GCompound`, and `GPolygon` specify the origin that you defined when creating the object. This might be better understood through example.

```
let diamond = GPolygon();
```

```
diamond.addVertex(-DIAMOND_WIDTH / 2, 0);
```

```
diamond.addVertex(0, DIAMOND_HEIGHT / 2);
```

```
diamond.addVertex(DIAMOND_WIDTH / 2, 0);
```

```
diamond.addVertex(0, -DIAMOND_HEIGHT / 2);
```

```
gw.add(diamond, gw.getWidth() / 2, gw.getHeight() / 2);
```

# GRAPHICS

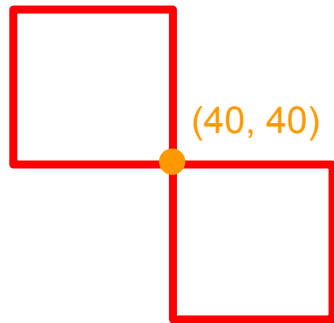
```
const SIZE = 30;
```

```
let compound = GCompound();
```

```
compound.add(GRect(-SIZE, -SIZE, SIZE, SIZE));
```

```
compound.add(GRect(0, 0, SIZE, SIZE));
```

```
gw.add(compound, 40, 40);
```



# GRAPHICS

- Tips for graphics problems:
  - Draw it out! Draw what the screen should look like. Then figure out the coordinates that are necessary for the screen to look like that
  - If you're dealing with many shapes (like the pyramid problem), it doesn't hurt to draw an example situation (e.g. BRICKS\_IN\_BASE = 3) and manually figure out the coordinates for each individual brick. Then, try to figure out a general formula that applies for any brick.
  - If you are dealing with animations, figure out what variables you will need ahead of time. Leave extra room. Be careful of where you define your variables:
    - Variables defined in a `step` function will be reset on every step
    - Variables defined in one closure function will not be available to a different closure function

# GRAPHICS

- Mouse events:

```
function listenerFunction(e) { ... }
gw.addEventListener("click", listenerFunction);
```

- Know how to use `gw.getElementAt(x, y)` to get a reference to a `GObject`

## Mouse Events

- The following table shows the different mouse-event types:

|             |                                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| "click"     | The user clicks the mouse in the window.       |
| "dblclick"  | The user double-clicks the mouse.              |
| "mousedown" | The user presses the mouse button.             |
| "mouseup"   | The user releases the mouse button.            |
| "mousemove" | The user moves the mouse with the button up.   |
| "drag"      | The user drags the mouse with the button down. |

- Certain user actions can generate more than one mouse event. For example, clicking the mouse generates a "mousedown" event, a "mouseup" event, and a "click" event, in that order.
- Events trigger no action unless a client is listening for that event type. The `DrawDots.js` program listens only for the "click" event and is therefore never notified about any of the other event types that occur.

# GRAPHICS

- Timer events
  - Events that occur after a specific time interval
  - Allows you to add animation to a JavaScript program
- Timer functions
  - `let timer = setTimeout(func, delay)`
    - “One-shot” timer
  - `let timer = setInterval(func, delay)`
    - Repeated timer
  - `clearTimeout(timer)`



# RANDOMLIB.JS

- `<script type='text/javascript'  
src='http://cs106aj.stanford.edu/jslib/RandomLib.js'>  
</script>`
- See pg 123 of course reader
- `randomInteger(low, high); // [low, high] inclusive`
- `randomReal(low, high); // [low, high) inclusive, exclusive`
- `randomChance(probability);`
- `randomColor();`

# STRINGS

- Ordered collection of characters
- Represented in quotes
  - Example: "CS106J is awesome!"
  - Example: ""
- Character positions in a string are identified by an index
  - Indices begin with 0, not 1
  - `let exam = "The final"`
  - `exam.charAt(0) -> "T"`
  - `exam.charAt(5) -> "i"`
  - `exam.length -> 9`
  - `exam.indexOf("f") -> 4`

# STRINGS

- Concatenation
  - Fancy word for combining strings together
  - Ex: "Jerry Cain and " + "Ryan Eberhardt"  
    -> "Jerry Cain and Ryan Eberhardt"
- Substrings
  - Extract parts of a string
  - `str.substring(p1, p2)`
    - `p1` is first index position in desired substring
    - `p2` is index immediately following the last index you want
- Comparison
  - `a === b` to check if strings `a` and `b` are equal
  - if `a < b`, `a` comes before `b` in dictionary
  - if `a > b`, `a` comes after `b` in dictionary

# STRINGS

## Other Methods in the **String** Class

**String.fromCharCode** (*code*)

Returns the one-character string whose Unicode value is *code*.

**charCodeAt** (*index*)

Returns the Unicode value of the character at the specified index.

**toLowerCase** ()

Returns a copy of this string converted to lower case.

**toUpperCase** ()

Returns a copy of this string converted to upper case.

**startsWith** (*prefix*)

Returns **true** if this string starts with *prefix*.

**endsWith** (*suffix*)

Returns **true** if this string starts with *suffix*.

**trim** ()

Returns a copy of this string with leading and trailing spaces removed.

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  - `let s = "hello!";`  
`s = s.toUpperCase();`  
`console.log(s); // prints "HELLO!"`
- In most string problems, we take some existing string, loop over its characters, and build up a new string from scratch
- Try to come up with an approach in your head before you think about any code

# ARRAYS

- Arrays are *ordered* collections of elements
- Like strings, indices start from 0 and go to `arr.length - 1`
- ```
let arr = ["a", "b", "c"];  
console.log(arr.length); // prints 3  
console.log(arr[1]);     // prints b
```
- **Array “iteration”:**

```
for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {  
    // do something with arr[i]  
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    console.log(arr[arr.length - 1 - i]);  
}
```

ARRAYS

- Add one or more elements:

```
arr.push(element, ...)
```

- Remove and return the first element:

```
arr.shift()
```

- Remove and return the last element:

```
arr.pop()
```

- Remove the element at index *i*:

```
arr.splice(i, 1)
```

- Find an element:

```
["a", "b", "c"].indexOf("b") -> 1
```

ARRAYS FOR TABULATION

- If we have an array of digits (0-9), how can we find the most common number (the mode)?

```
let digits = [3, 2, 6, 8, 0, 6, 2, 4, 4, 6, 7, 5, 6, 4, 9, 2, 3, 1, 3, 3];
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```

- ```
let counts = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0];
```

```
for (let i = 0; i < digits.length; i++) {
```

```
 let digit = digits[i];
```

```
 counts[digit]++;
```

```
}
```

```
// find largest digit
```

```
let largestCount = 0;
```

```
let largestIndex = 0;
```

```
for (let i = 0; i < counts.length; i++) {
```

```
 if (counts[i] > largestCount) {
```

```
 largestCount = counts[i];
```

```
 largestIndex = i;
```

```
 }
```

```
}
```

```
console.log("Mode: " + largestIndex);
```

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(use a map!)

# 2D ARRAYS

- Literally an array of arrays:

```
let 2dArr = [
 [1, 2, 3],
 [4, 5, 6],
 [7, 8, 9]
];
```

- `2dArr.length` is the number of rows (i.e. the height) of the matrix
- `2dArr[0].length` is the number of columns (i.e. the width) of the matrix
- `console.log(2dArr[1][2]);` // prints 6
- You can get the pixels from an image as a 2D array via `img.getPixelArray()`
- You can create an image from a pixel array as `let img = GImage(2dArr);`



# READING FROM A FILE

- ```
let callback = function(text) {
    let lines = JSFile.convertToLineArray(text);
    while (lines.length > 0) {
        let line = lines.shift();
        // Do something with line
    }
};
JSFile.chooseTextFile(callback);
```

READING FROM EMBEDDED XML

- The XML data from `index.html` is stored internally in the DOM.

Access it using the following three methods:

<code>document.getElementById(id)</code>	Returns the element with the specified id attribute
<code>element.getElementsByTagName(name)</code>	Returns an array of the elements with the specified tag name
<code>element.getAttribute(name)</code>	Returns the value of the named attribute
<code>element.innerHTML</code> (no parentheses!)	Returns the literal contents of the HTML tag as a string

READING FROM EMBEDDED XML

- Recall how the Teaching Machine reads the question data into an internal form:

- ```
<course id="CourseData" title="JavaScript">
 <question name="Q1">
 True or false: Numbers can have fractional parts.
 <answer response="true" nextQuestion="Q3" />
 <answer response="false" nextQuestion="Q2" />
 </question>
 <question name="Q2">
 That's incorrect.
 True or false: Numbers can be negative.
 <answer response="true" nextQuestion="Q3" />
 <answer response="false" nextQuestion="Q1" />
 </question>
 ...
</course>
```

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```
• let courseXML = document.getElementById("CourseData");
 let questionElements = courseXML.getElementsByTagName("question");
 for (let i = 0; i < questionElements.length; i++) {
 let questionXML = questionElements[i];
 let name = questionXML.getAttribute("name");
 let lines = questionXML.innerHTML.split("\n");
 let answerElements =
 questionXML.getElementsByTagName("answer");
 for (let i = 0; i < answerElements.length; i++) {
 let answerXML = answerElements[i];
 let nextQuestion = answerXML.getAttribute("nextQuestion");
 // ...
 }
 }
```

# REQUESTING INPUT

- ```
let callback = function(input) {  
    // Do something with input...  
  
    // Request input a second time:  
    console.requestInput("> ", callback);  
};  
// Request input the first time:  
console.requestInput("> ", callback);
```

OBJECTS

- ```
let obj = {
 key: "value"
};
obj.key2 = "value2";
console.log(obj.key);
console.log(obj["key"]);
```
- **Objects are super flexible. Many ways to use them**
  - Aggregates
  - OOP objects
  - Maps

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- Aggregates are the most “primitive” way to use objects. Just a collection of variables
  - `let point = {x: 1, y: 2};`
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○ function Employee() {
 let salary = 100;
 return {
 getSalary: function() { return salary; },
 setSalary: function(newSalary) {
 if (newSalary > 0) salary = newSalary;
 else console.log("Salary must be positive!");
 }
 };
}
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console.log(label["getLabel"]);
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- Say we have XML like this:
- We can write a phonebook simulator:

```
<directory id="Directory">
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 <person name="Jerry"
 number="(123) 456-4587" />
</directory>
```

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let directory = document.getElementById("Directory");
let people = directory.getElementsByTagName("person");
let phoneNumbers = {};
for (let i = 0; i < people.length; i++) {
 let name = people[i].getAttribute("name");
 let number = people[i].getAttribute("number");
 phoneNumbers[name] = number;
}
let lookUpPerson = function(name) {
 console.log(phoneNumbers[name]);
}
console.requestInput("Enter a person to look up: ", lookUpPerson);
```

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# OBJECTS

- Iterating through maps:

```
for (let key in map) {
 console.log(key + ": " + map[key]);
}
```

- Remember, objects are unordered collections!
- Keys are unique; values are not necessarily unique

# OBJECTS

- ```
let obj = {a: null};  
console.log(obj[a]);
```


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console.log(obj.a);
```

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console.log(obj[a]);  
console.log(obj.a);  
console.log(obj["a"]);
```

OBJECTS

- ```
let obj = {a: null};
console.log(obj[a]); // error! a is undefined
console.log(obj.a); // prints null
console.log(obj["a"]); // prints null
let a = "b";
console.log(obj[a]);
```

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- ```
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# STRUCTURE OF THE FINAL

- 1) Short answer (trace problems)
  - Understand scoping rules
  - Understand the idea of functions as objects
- 2) “Simple” graphics
  - Simple as in “no animation or interactivity”
  - Draw things on paper
- 3) Interactive graphics
  - Be familiar with event handlers and timers
- 4) Strings
- 5) Arrays
- 6) Working with data structures (combining arrays and objects)
- 7) Reading data structures from embedded XML

# TIPS FOR TAKING THE FINAL

- Don't panic!
  - You *can* do this. Try writing out different things or try thinking through different approaches. Don't sit and stare; move on and come back if you're stuck
- Go in with a plan (e.g. write pseudocode or write your approach)
- Leave extra space between your lines
- Make sure you're familiar with the book or with your notes
  - Be able to look things up quickly
- Commenting is optional but can be a really good idea
  - Commenting helps your grader figure out what you were doing and can help us give you partial credit
- Tackle the problem in chunks
  - If you figure out a high level decomposition strategy first, it will be much easier than trying to take the problem one line at a time