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### Overview: Programming Concepts

- Programming: Act of formulating an algorithm or program
- Basic concepts have been developed over last 50 years to simplify common programming tasks
- Concepts will be expressed in JavaScript
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## Programming Concepts

- Names, values, variables
- Declarations
- Data types, numbers, string literals and Booleans
- Assignment
- Expressions
- Conditionals, or branches
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<i>Identi</i> that n	<i>ifier</i> is the character sequence nakes up a variable's name
* Mus	t have a particular form
• M	ust <i>begin</i> with a letter or underscore (_)

- followed by any sequence of letters, digits, or underscore characters
- Cannot contain spaces
- Case sensitive (Capitalization matters!)

Ide <u>FIT100</u>	entifiers and Their Rules
Valid	Invalid
firstOne	1stOne
first1	first-1
first_1	first\$1
first_One	first One
FirstOne	First1!
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### A Variable Declaration Statement

- Declaration: State what variables will be used
  - \* Command is the word var
  - \* For example, a program to calculate area of circle given radius, needs variables area and radius:

var radius, area;

• The declaration is a type of statement

## The Statement Terminator

- A program is a list of statements
- The statements may be run together on a line
  - \* Use whatever spacing you need to read your code and understand your program
- Each statement is terminated by the *statement terminator* symbol
- \* In JavaScript, all statements terminate with the semicolon ( ; )



#### Names, Values, And Variables

- Declaring a variable
  - Names a particular area in computer memory where you can store values
     Gives you a name, or handle, that is
  - Gives you a name, or nandle, that is independent of the current value





### Initializing a Declaration

- We can set an initial value as part of declaration statement:
  - \* var taxRate = .088
- Related variables may be grouped in one declaration/initialization; unrelated variables are usually placed in separate statements

var num1 = 42, num2, num3;

var num1 = 42; var num2; var num3:



Three Basic Date Types of Javascript

- Numbers
- Strings
- Booleans
  - \* These kind of values are called *data types* or just *types*

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#### Numbers

- Rules for Writing Numbers
  - \* There are no "units" or commas
  - $\ast$  Can have about 10 significant digits and can range from 10^{-324} to 10^{308}

#### Strings

- Strings are sequences of keyboard characters
- Strings are always surrounded by single ('') or double quotes ("")
  - \* No smart quotes!
- Strings can initialize a declaration
  var hairColor = "black";
- Quotes can nest
- <sup>18-1</sup>**%** firstLine = "Johnson called, 'Dude!'"





Literals

- String Literals stored in the computer
  - \* Quotes are removed (they are only used to delimit the string literal)
  - Any character can be stored in memory
    - Even a character that cannot be typed can be stored, using escape mechanism – in JavaScript, the backslash ( \ )







- Two logical values: True and False
- They are values, not identifiers or strings
- Used implicitly throughout programming process; only occasionally for initializing variables
- \* Mostly used to compare data or make 18-24 decisions













Expression and its Syntax

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- Algebra-like formula called an *expression*
  - \* Describe the means of performing the actual computation
  - Built out of values and operators
    Standard arithmetic operators are symbols of basic arithmetic

#### Arithmetic Operators

- Multiplication must be given explicitly with the asterisk (\*) multiply operator
- Multiply and divide are performed before add and subtract
  - \* Unless grouped by parentheses
- \* Within parentheses multiply and divide are performed first
- JavaScript does not have an operator for exponents
- Binary operators operate on two operands (like + and \*)
- Unary operators operate on one operand (like for negate)
- $\mathit{Modulus} \, \text{or} \, \text{mod} \,$  ( % ) divides two integers and returns  $_{18\cdot3}$  the remainder



### **Relational Operators**

- Make comparisons between numeric values
- Outcome is a Boolean value, *true* or *false*
- < less than
- <= less than or equal to</li>
- == equal to
  - (Note difference between = and ==)
- != not equal to
- >= greater than or equal to
- > greater than

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If Statements and Their Flow of Control

- The Boolean statement, called a predicate, is evaluated, producing a true or false outcome
- If the outcome is true, the then-statement is performed
- If the outcome is false, the thenstatement is skipped
- Then-statement can be written on the same line as the Boolean or on the next <sub>18-3</sub>line

### Compound Statements

- Sometimes we need to perform more than one statement on a true outcome of the predicate test
- You can have a sequence of statements in the then clause
- Group these statements using curly braces {}
  - \* They are collected as a compound statement

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### The Espresso Program

- Line 3 is a basic conditional statement
- Lines 4-4c use an if statement with conditionals in the then statement
- Line 5 uses basic if statement
- Lines 6, 7 compute using arithmetic operators

# Summary

## Programming is the exact specification of an algorithm

JavaScript is typical ... with many rules

\* Learning strategy

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- Do the reading first
- Practicing is better than memorizing for learning the rules
- Use the program-save-reload-check plan
- Precision is your best friend