### Programming

#### • Why is programming fun?

 Third is the fascination of fashioning complex puzzle-like objects of interlocking moving parts and watching them work in subtle cycles, playing out the consequences of principles built in from the beginning. The programmed computer has all the fascination of the pinball machine or the jukebox mechanism, carried to the ultimate.

Source: Frederick P. Brooks, Jr. *The Mythical Man-Month Essays on Software Engineering.* 



### Schedule Changes

#### Labs 7 and 8:

- \* Both due *next* week
  - Tuesday, February 19, at 5pm
- Rubric for Lab 8 will be available before lab tomorrow



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#### Announcements

- This week's quiz:
  - \* Chapters 20, 21, and 22 of Fluency
  - \* Review
    - Questions at ends of chapters 20 and 21
    - Answers at back of book



### Announcements

- This week's quiz topics
  - Variables—global and local
  - Functions—syntax, names, declaring, calling, arguments, parameters,
  - Loops—iteration variables, counters, step increase,
  - Arrays—syntax, declaration, indexes, elements, using with the World-Famous Iteration

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### Announcements

- This week's quiz topics (continued)
  - Opening windows
  - Dates
  - Event handlers—onclick, onchange, onsubmit, onload, etc.
  - Concatenation



#### Announcements

- Project and lab turn-ins
  - \* Catalyst Collect It shows date and time
  - \* Your html files show date and time
  - \* Do NOT keep working on your html files after the due date or they will be marked late!

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#### Announcements

- Project turn-ins
  - \* 1-1-1 Rule (see Syllabus online)
    - One project part, such as Project 1A, can be one day late one time during the quarter
- If you have used up your 1-1-1 rule for the quarter, turn in as much as you have finished so you get at least partial credit—rather than no credit!



### Announcements

- At end of quarter,
  - \* We will drop your
    - Lowest quiz score
    - Lowest lab score



### Thinking Big: Programming Functions

A function is a package for an algorithm; once written, it can be used over and over.

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### Anatomy of a Function

- Functions are packages for algorithms
- 3 parts
- \* Name
- \* Parameters
- \* Definition
- These parts are the *function*



### Parameters

- Parameters are the values the function will compute on, the input values
- They are given names
- Listed parameters are separated by commas
- Parameter names follow usual rules for identifiers

function convertC2F (tempInC)

<statement list>







Declaration versus Call

- A function's declaration is different from its call (use)
- Functions are declared once
- Functions can be called as many times as their answers are needed

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### Forms and Functions

- Construct a web page in which to run a function
- Recall <form> and <input /> tags and event handlers in HTML
  - \* Event handlers usually implemented as functions
- Using an input window, the value in that window can be used as an argument to a function  $_{\rm ^{20-16}}$





### Calling to Customize a Page

- How a browser builds a page:
  - \* Reads through HTML file, figuring out all tags and preparing to build page
  - \* Removes JavaScript tags and all text between them, and does whatever the JavaScript tells it to do
    - It could tell the browser to put some text back in the file, as in *document.write()*

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- Put *document.write()* within the <script> </script> tags to create the rows of the table
- Put Celsius values in first column cells, second column cells can call conversion 20-2 function



### Writing Functions, Using Functions

- Flipping Electronic Coins
  - \* A coin flip is an unpredictable event whose two outcomes are "equally probable"
  - \* Computers can generate pseudorandom numbers
    - An algorithm that produces a sequence of numbers that passes the statistical tests for randomness
- We can just call them random numbers



### Flipping Electronic Coins

- *Math.random()* is JavaScript's built-in function for generating random numbers
  - Each time it is called, it generates a random number between 0 (inclusive) and 1 (exclusive)
- A function to flip electronic coins: function coinFlip() { return Math.round(Math.random());

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}











The Body Mass Index Computation (cont'd)

- To put this function in a web page, we add radio buttons to select type of units
- Two new features of radio buttons:
  - \* All related buttons share same name (clicking one on turns the other off)
  - \* Can be preset using *checked='true'*
- Add event handlers for the radio buttons







20-33 program (global to the function)





### Scoping

- *Local variables* come into existence when a function begins, and when it ends, they vanish
- Global variables are around all the time
- If information must be saved from one function call to the next, it must be in a *global variable*

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### Global/Local Scope Interaction (cont'd)

- y is globally declared and can be referenced anywhere
- y is also declared as a local variable in the tricky() function
- They are two different variables
- Which y is assigned the parameter x?
  - \* The local y, because it is declared in the function's scope, making it the "closest" declaration and hiding the global y
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### The Memory Bank Web Page

- Create a web page for remembering useful computations and storing them in an interactive form
- Practice programming with functions

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- Start with the row from the BMI computation page
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### Random Additions

- Add the row from the coin-flipping page
- Program event handler to keep track of the number of heads and tails flipped
- Use global variables so they keep their values across function calls

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### Revising Random Choice <u>FIT100</u> Function • Write a function that chooses

 Write a function that chooses random whole numbers in a range from 0 to n, not including n

function randNum ( range ) {
 return Math.floor( range \* Math.random() );
}

- For coin-flipping, the range will be 2: 0 and 1
- 20-43 randNum(2)

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### The Coin-Flipping Row

- Flip button and textboxes for current flip Outcome, Heads total, and Tails total
- Use global variables to keep track of the number of heads and tails flipped
  - \* Increment appropriate variable with each flip
- Update/display current flip outcome and total number of heads or total number of tails with each flip

mproving the Memory Bank Web

• Needs to be fancier and include more

Unlike a link, this allows both pages to

• Program the memory bank to splash new

Page

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features

pages onto the screen

display at the same time

### "I'm Thinking of a Number" <u>FTT100</u> "I'm Chinking of a Number" Row • Guessing game – choose a number from 1 to *n* • Use randNum() function, but shift the range by 1 \* randNum(n)+1: • This table row is similar to coin-flipping row, but has a text box to set the upper end of the range

- \* Declare global variable (topEnd) to say what the limit of the range is
- When the user clicks button, the randNum() function is called with topEnd as the argument, and the result is incremented to shift its range. The result is displayed.

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### A Counting Page

- To keep track of counts of things
- Counter Assistant application:
  - \* Count button increments Total field
  - \* Meaning field can be filled in with any text to remind us what the counter is
  - \* C clears all the fields for that row

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Recap: Two Reasons to Write Functions

- Packaging algorithms into functions
- Reuse
  - \* Building blocks of future programming\* Make them as general as possible
- Complexity management
   \* Help us keep our sanity while we're
   solving problems

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- Add web links
  - Add any useful links (online dictionary, etc) in their own column or in a row at the bottom of the table

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# Assess the Web Page Design

- Table data which spans two columns using colspan=2 attribute in tag
- Links are grouped by topic
- Red bullet is used to separate entries
- Link area has a neat structure; adding new links is easy
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