

HTML, XHTML, and XML

3rd Edition

Tutorial 10

Programming with JavaScript

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Objectives

- Learn the history of JavaScript
- Create a script element
- Understand basic JavaScript syntax
- Write text to a Web page with JavaScript
- Learn about JavaScript data types



Objectives

- Declare and work with variables
- Create and call a JavaScript function
- Access an external JavaScript file
- Add comments to JavaScript code
- Learn about basic debugging techniques and tools



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Staff Directory

Name	Phone	E-Mail
Catherine Adler Library Director	555-3100	
Michael Li Head of Adult Services	555-3145	
Kate Howard Head of Technical Services	555-4389	
Robert Hope Head of Children's Services	555-7811	
Wayne Lewis Circulation Services Supervisor	555-9001	
Bill Forth Interlibrary Loan	555-9391	

e-mail addresses are missing from the directory

Monroe Public Library 580 Main Street, Monroe, OH 45050 Phone (513) 555-0211 Fax (513) 555-0241

Scramble the e-mail addresses within the HTML code, but they should be viewable when the page is rendered by a browser....
Protection against E-mail harvester – spammer...



Scrambling e-mail addresses

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
  showEM("reldac","vog.lpm");  
</script>
```

e-mail address scrambled with JavaScript,
keeping it from appearing in the page code



the browser runs a JavaScript program
to unscramble the e-mail address ...

Harvesting e-mail addresses

```
<tr>  
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>  
  <td>555-3100</td>  
  <td><a href="mailto:cadler@mpl.gov">cadler@mpl.gov</a>  
</td>  
</tr>  
<tr>  
  <td>Michael Li<br />Head of Adult Services</td>  
  <td>555-3145</td>  
  <td><a href="mailto:mikeli@mpl.gov">mikeli@mpl.gov</a>  
</td>  
</tr>  
<tr>  
  <td>Kate Howard<br />Head of Technical Services</td>  
  <td>555-4389</td>  
  <td><a href="mailto:khoward@mpl.gov">khoward@mpl.gov</a>  
</td>  
</tr>
```

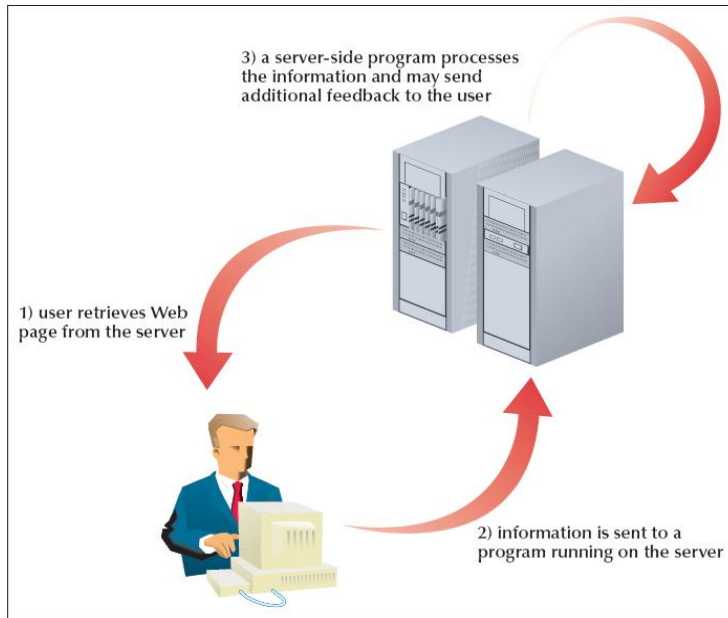
e-mail addresses in
the staff directory



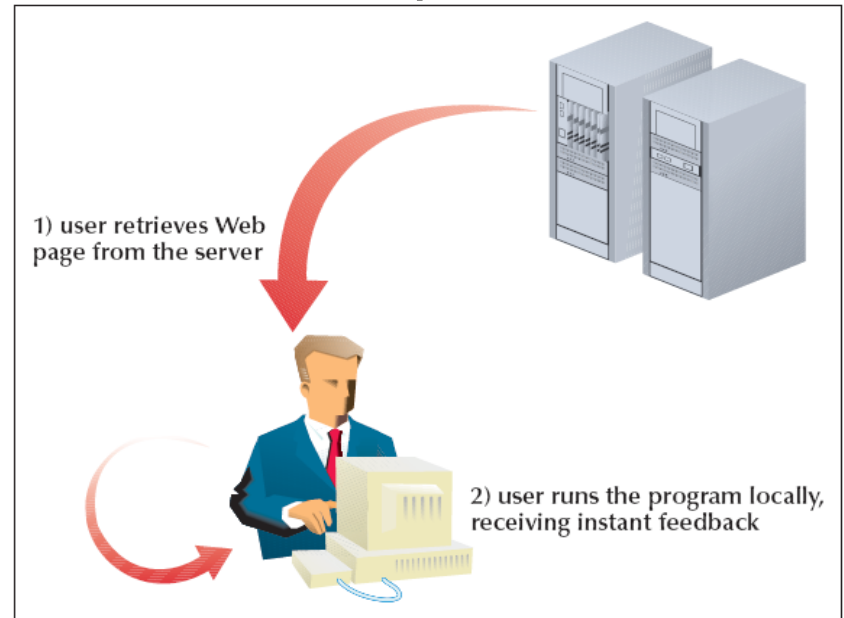
the end user can view

Introducing JavaScript

- **Server-side** programs are placed on the server that hosts a Web site



- **Client-side** programming runs programs on each user's computer



In practice both are combined.



The Development of JavaScript

- JavaScript is a subset of Java, but different in many ways

Java	JavaScript
A compiled language	An interpreted language
Requires the JDK (Java Development Kit) to create the applet	Requires a text editor
Requires a Java virtual machine or interpreter to run the applet	Requires a browser that can interpret JavaScript code
Applet files are distinct from the HTML and XHTML code	JavaScript programs are integrated with HTML and XHTML code
Source code is hidden from the user	Source code is accessible to the user
Powerful, requiring programming knowledge and experience	Simpler, requiring less programming knowledge and experience
Secure; programs cannot write content to the hard disk	Secure; programs cannot write content to the hard disk; however, there are more security holes than in Java
Programs run on the client side	Programs run on the client side

- Not as powerful as Java, but simple to use and meets the needs of most users



The Development of JavaScript

- Jscript is a version of JavaScript supported by Internet Explorer
- The European Computer Manufacturers Association (ECMA) develops scripting standards
 - The standard is called ECMAScript but browsers still generally call it JavaScript



WORKING WITH THE SCRIPT ELEMENT



Creating Script Element

- A JavaScript program can either **be placed directly in a Web page file** or saved in an external text file
- Insert a client-side script in a Web page by using the **script** element

```
<script type="mime-type">  
    script commands  
</script>
```

```
<script type="text/JavaScript">  
    JavaScript commands  
</script>
```



Inserting JavaScript into a Web Page File

- When a web browser encounters a script element within an HTML file, the browser treats any line (statement) in the script element as commands to be run
 - Each statement—also known as a command—is a single line that indicates an action for the browser to take
 - The semicolon notifies the browser that it has reached the end of the statement
- Script elements are processed in the order they appear in the HTML file. They can be in the head or body section.
- If they are in body, the browser runs them as it loads the different elements of the Web page
- JavaScript commands created in one script element can be referenced by commands in another script element

```
<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td><a href="mailto:cadler@mpl.gov">cadler@mpl.gov</a>
</td>
</tr>
<tr>
```

```
<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      document.write("cadler@mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```

script to write content
to the Web document

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e-mail address inserted
using JavaScript



Objects and Methods

- In JavaScript, many commands involve working with objects in the **Web page** and **browser**
- An **object** is any item—from the browser window itself to a document displayed in the browser to an element displayed within the document (mouse pointer, scrollbar etc.)
- A **method** is a process by which JavaScript manipulates or acts upon the properties of an object

```
<script type="text/JavaScript">  
    document.write("some text");  
</script>
```



Writing Output to the Web Page

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```
<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      document.write("cadler@mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```

script to write content
to the Web document

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Writing Output to the Web Page

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```
<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td><a href="mailto:cadler@mpl.gov">cadler@mpl.gov</a>
</td>
</tr>
```

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```
<tr>
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  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      document.write("<a href='mailto:cadler@mpl.gov'>");
      document.write("cadler@mpl.gov");
      document.write("</a>");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```



Writing Output to the Web Page

- To write text to a Web page, use the following JavaScript commands:

```
document.write("text");
```

or

```
document.writeln("text");
```

where *text* is the content to be written to the page. The `document.write()` and `document.writeln()` methods are identical, except that the `document.writeln()` method preserves any line breaks in the text string



Understanding JavaScript Syntax

- JavaScript is case sensitive: doc vs. Doc vs dOc
- Ignores most occurrences of extra white space
- Do not break a statement into several lines
- The + symbol used in the following command combines several text strings into a single text string

```
<script type="text/JavaScript">  
    document.write("some text" +  
" Some other text" +  
"more text");  
</script>
```



```
<script type="text/javascript">  
    document.write("<a href='mailto:cadler@mpl.gov'>");  
    document.write("cadler@mpl.gov");  
    document.write("</a>");  
</script>
```



XHTML my try to process `<>&` in JavaScript, to avoid this problem

```
<script type="text/JavaScript">
```

<![CDATA[

JavaScript commands

]]>

```
</script>
```



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WORKING WITH VARIABLES

- A variable is a **named item** in a program that stores information
- Most JavaScript programs use variables to represent values and text strings



Declaring a JavaScript Variable

- You can declare variables with any of the following JavaScript commands:

```
var variable;
```

```
var variable = value;
```

```
variable = value;
```

where *variable* is the name of the variable and *value* is the initial value of the variable. The first command creates the variable without assigning it a value; the second and third commands both create the variable and assign it a value

- You must **declare** a variable before using it



Working with Variables and Data

- JavaScript variable types:

- Numeric variables

- any number, such as 2, 3.4 etc
 - rather than `year="2011";`

```
year = 2011;
```

- String variables

- any group of text characters,
 - Must be enclosed within either double or single quotations (but not both)

```
name = "turgay";
```

- Boolean variables

- accepts only true and false values

```
useIE = false;
```

- Null variables

- has no value at all

```
link = null;
```



Working with Variables and Data

- Variable's type is determined by the context. So variables can switch type

```
Month = 5;
```

```
Month = "March";
```

- JavaScript is a weakly typed language
- The + symbol can be used with either numeric values or text strings

```
var total = 5 + 4;
```

```
var emLink = "cadler" + "@" + "mpl.gov";
```

- How about?

```
x=5; y="4"; z=x+y;
```

text string 54, why?

```

<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      var userName = "cadler";
      var emServer = "mpl.gov";

      document.write("<a href='mailto:cadler@mpl.gov'>");
      document.write("cadler@mpl.gov");
      document.write("</a>");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>

```

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```

<script type="text/javascript">
  var userName = "cadler";
  var emServer = "mpl.gov";
  var emLink = userName + "@" + emServer;

  document.write("<a href='mailto:cadler@mpl.gov'>");
  document.write("cadler@mpl.gov");
  document.write("</a>");
</script>

```

the value stored
in the emLink
variable is
cadler@mpl.gov

```

<script type="text/javascript">
  var userName = "cadler";
  var emServer = "mpl.gov";
  var emLink = userName + "@" + emServer;

  document.write("<a href='mailto:" + emLink + "'>");
  document.write(emLink);
  document.write("</a>");
</script>

```



Will you use the previous code for each individual listed in the staff directory?

When you need to reuse the same commands through your web page, you store the commands in a function!

JAVASCRIPT FUNCTIONS



Creating a JavaScript Function

- A function is a collection of commands
 - It performs an action and/or
 - It returns a value

```
function function_name (parameter values) {  
    JavaScript commands  
}
```

- A **function name** identifies a function
- **Parameters** are values used by the function
- The function is executed only when **called** by another JavaScript command
- Put all functions in the **head** section

JavaScript Function Performing an Action

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```
<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      var userName = "cadler";
      var emServer = "mpl.gov";
      var emLink = userName + "@" + emServer;
      document.write("<a href='mailto:' + emLink + '>");
      document.write(emLink);
      document.write("</a>");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```

```
<title>Monroe Public Library</title>
<link href="mplstyles.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />

<script type="text/javascript">
  function showEM(userName, emServer) {
    var emLink = userName + "@" + emServer;
    document.write("<a href='mailto:' + emLink + '>");
    document.write(emLink);
    document.write("</a>");
  }
</script>
```

```
</head>

<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("cadler", "mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```




JavaScript Function Performing an Action

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```
<tr>
  <td>Michael Li<br />Head of Adult Services</td>
  <td>555-3145</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("mikeli","mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>Kate Howard<br />Head of Technical Services</td>
  <td>555-4389</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("khoward","mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>Robert Hope<br />Head of Children's Services</td>
  <td>555-7811</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("rhope","mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>Wayne Lewis<br />Circulation Services Supervisor</td>
  <td>555-9001</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("wlewis","mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>Bill Forth<br />Interlibrary Loan</td>
  <td>555-9391</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("bforth","mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```

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Creating a Function to Return a Value

- For a function to return a value, it must include a return statement

```
function function_name(parameters) {  
    JavaScript commands  
    return value;  
}
```

```
function CalcArea(length, width) {  
    var area = length * width;  
    return area;  
}
```

```
var x = 8;  
var y = 6;  
var z = CalcArea(x, y);
```



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Accessing an External JavaScript File

- The code to access an external script file is:

```
<script src="url" type="mime-type">
</script>
```

- Place all script elements that reference external files in the document head

```
function stringReverse(textString) {
    if (!textString) return '';
    var revString='';
    for (i = textString.length-1; i>=0; i--)
        revString+=textString.charAt(i)
    return revString;
}
```

```
<title>Monroe Public Library</title>
<link href="mplstyles.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
```

```
<script src="spam.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
```

```
<script type="text/javascript">
    function showEM(username, emServer) {
        var emLink = username + "@" + emServer;
        document.write("<a href='mailto:' + emLink + '>");
        document.write(emLink);
        document.write("</a>");
    }
</script>
```

```
</head>
```

```
<script type="text/javascript">
  function showEM(userName, emServer) {

    userName = stringReverse(userName);
    emServer = stringReverse(emServer);

    var emLink = userName + "@" + emServer;
    document.write("<a href='mailto:" + emLink + "'>");
    document.write(emLink);
    document.write("</a>");

  }
</script>
```

reverse the order
of the characters
in the userName
and emServer
parameters

```
<tr>
  <td>Michael Li<br />Head of Adult Services</td>
  <td>555-3145</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("mikeli", "mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>Kate Howard<br />Head of Technical Services</td>
  <td>555-4389</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("khoward", "mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
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  <td>555-7811</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("rhope", "mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>Wayne Lewis<br />Circulation Services Supervisor</td>
  <td>555-9001</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("wlewis", "mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>Bill Forth<br />Interlibrary Loan</td>
  <td>555-9391</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("bforth", "mpl.gov");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```

Name	Phone	E-Mail
Catherine Adler Library Director	555-3100	reldac@vog.lpm
Michael Li Head of Adult Services	555-3145	ilekim@vog.lpm
Kate Howard Head of Technical Services	555-4389	drawohk@vog.lpm
Robert Hope Head of Children's Services	555-7811	epohr@vog.lpm
Wayne Lewis Circulation Services Supervisor	555-9001	siwelw@vog.lpm
Bill Forth Interlibrary Loan	555-9391	htrofb@vog.lpm

text of each
username
and e-mail
server is
reversed

Entering the reversed userName and emServer parameter values

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```
<tr>
  <td>Catherine Adler<br />Library Director</td>
  <td>555-3100</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("reldac","vog.lpm");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>

<tr>
  <td>Michael Li<br />Head of Adult Services</td>
  <td>555-3145</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("ilekim","vog.lpm");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>

<tr>
  <td>Kate Howard<br />Head of Technical Services</td>
  <td>555-4389</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("drawohk","vog.lpm");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>

<tr>
  <td>Robert Hope<br />Head of Children's Services</td>
  <td>555-7811</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("epohr","vog.lpm");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>

<tr>
  <td>Wayne Lewis<br />Circulation Services Supervisor</td>
  <td>555-9001</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("siwelw","vog.lpm");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>

<tr>
  <td>Bill Forth<br />Interlibrary Loan</td>
  <td>555-9391</td>
  <td>
    <script type="text/javascript">
      showEM("htrofb","vog.lpm");
    </script>
  </td>
</tr>
```

```
<script type="text/javascript">
  function showEM(userName, emServer) {

    userName = stringReverse(userName);
    emServer = stringReverse(emServer);

    var emLink = userName + "@" + emServer;
    document.write("<a href='mailto:" + emLink + "'>");
    document.write(emLink);
    document.write("</a>");

  }
</script>
```

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Bill Forth Interlibrary Loan	555-9391	bforth@mpl.gov



Commenting JavaScript Code

- Commenting your code is an important programming practice

```
<script type="text/javascript">
  function showEM(userName, emServer) {
    /*
      The showEM() function displays a link to the user's e-mail address.
      The text of the user and e-mail server names are entered in
      reverse order to thwart e-mail harvesters.
    */

    userName = stringReverse(userName); // reverse the text of the userName parameter
    emServer = stringReverse(emServer); // reverse the text of the emServer parameter

    var emLink = userName + "@" + emServer; // combine the text of userName and emServer
    document.write("<a href='mailto:" + emLink + "'>");
    document.write(emLink);
    document.write("</a>");
  }
</script>
```




Using Comments to Hide JavaScript Code

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
  <!--Hide from nonJavaScript browsers  
      JavaScript commands  
  // Stop hiding from older browsers -->  
</script>
```

Now all browsers can process JavaScript, so no need to worry about this...

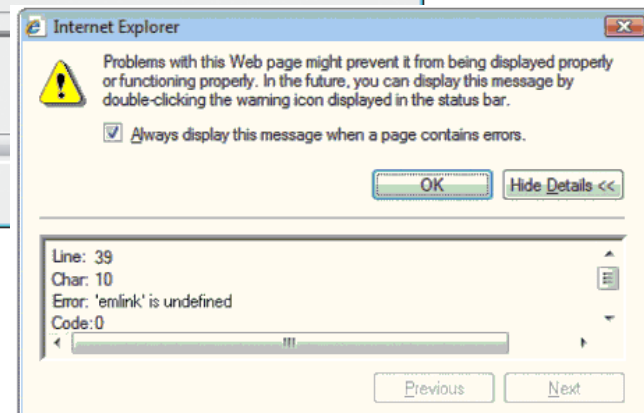
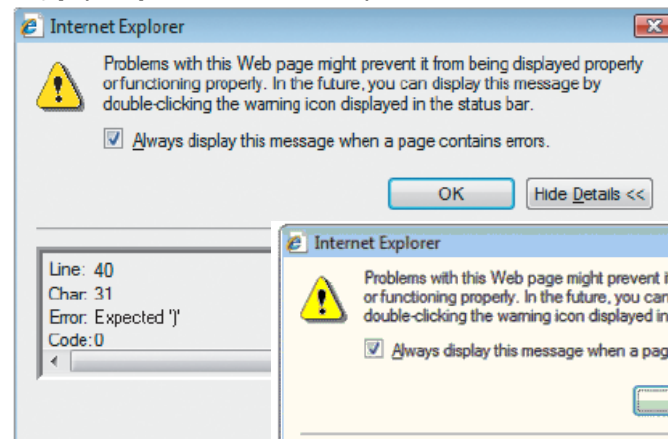


Debugging Your JavaScript Programs

- Debugging is the process of searching code to locate a source of trouble
- There are three types of errors:
 - Load-time errors (e.g., syntax error, similar to compiler error)
 - Run-time errors
 - Logical errors

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Robert Hope Head of Children's Services	555-7811	mpl.gov@rhope
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Bill Forth Interlibrary Loan	555-9391	mpl.gov@bforth

usernames and e-mail
server names are
displayed in the
wrong order



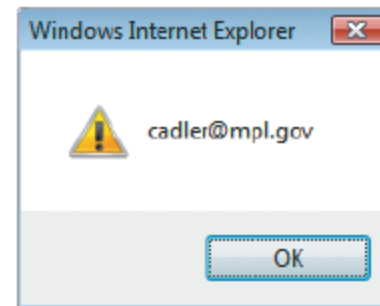
[L, XHTML, and XML,
, 3rd Edition



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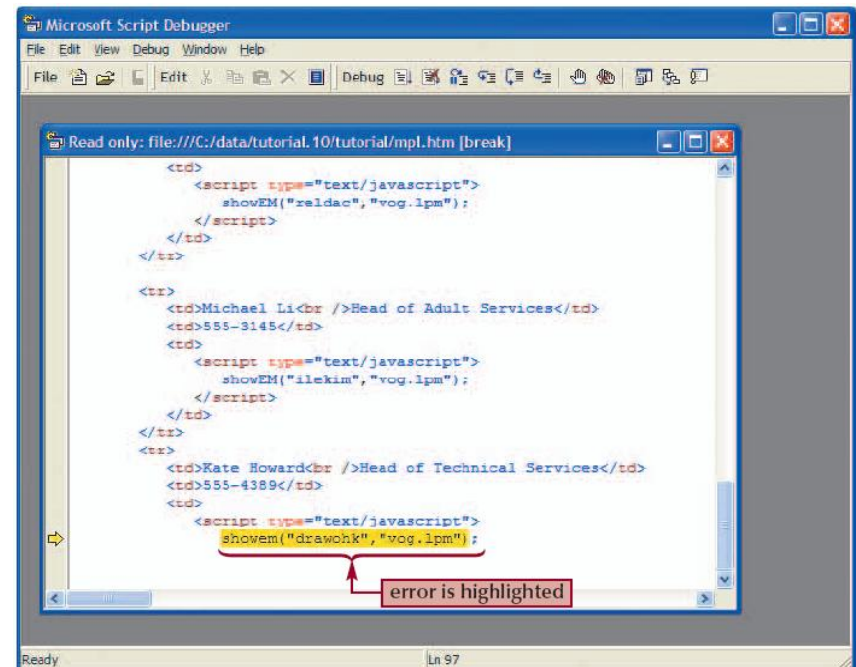
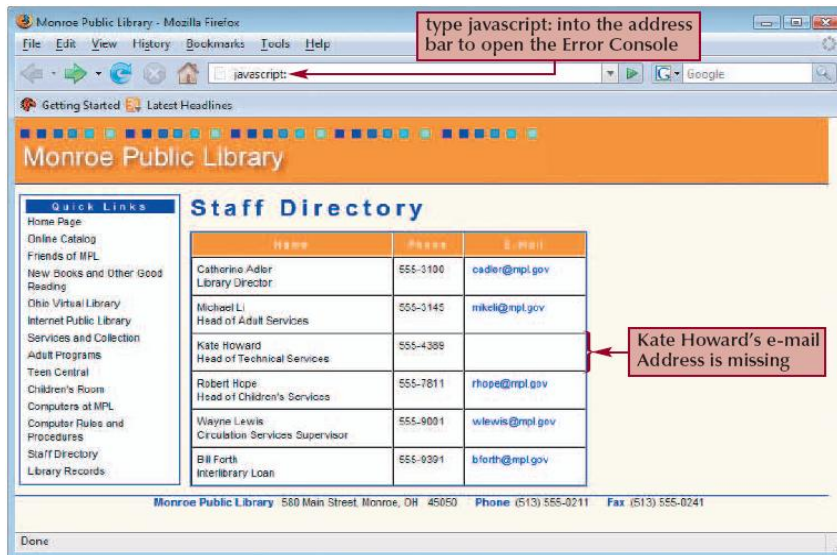
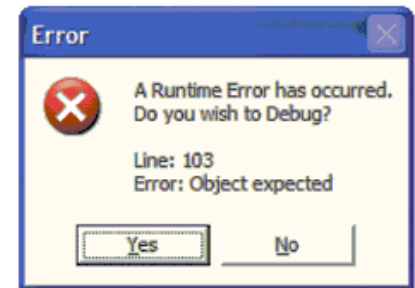
- Modular code entails breaking up a program's different tasks into smaller, more manageable chunks
- An alert dialog box is a dialog box generated by JavaScript that displays a text message with an OK button

```
alert(text);
```



Debugging Your JavaScript Programs

- Microsoft offers the Microsoft Script Debugger
- Firefox also provides the Firefox Error Console





JavaScript Events

<http://www.w3schools.com/js>

```
<html><head>
<script type="text/javascript">
  function displayDate()
  {
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML=Date();
  }
</script>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>My First Web Page</h1>
  <p id="demo"></p>
  <button type="button" onclick="displayDate()">
    Display Date</button>
</body>
</html>
```

**onLoad, onUnload, onSubmit, onFocus,
onBlur, onChange, onMouseOver**



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JS Statements

Variables

Operators

Comparisons

If..Else

Switch

Popup Boxes

Loops (for, while, break ...)

Events

Try ... Catch

Throw

JS Objects (String, date, array, math ...)

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