

JavaScript 2

JavaScript Resources

JavaScript URLs on the course page

JavaScript the Definitive Guide 4th ed, by David Flanagan (O'Reilly)

The "Rhino" book

Important to get the latest edition, since the language (and browsers) have evolved a lot

JavaScript and Beyond

JavaScript has all sorts of features we're not going to worry about: objects, exceptions, regular expressions

But we're not messing with that

It is, at its heart, a simple language, intended for non-programmers, so a little goes a long way

Undefined

The "undefined" value is like undef in Perl

The value of a variable that has not been given a value

Use == to test for undefined

```
if (a == undefined) { ...
```

Strings

Either " or ' work as delimiters

Use + to concat strings (converts ints to string form automatically)

```
s.toLowerCase() // returns lowercase form
```

== does a "deep" string compare (unlike Java)

```
s.indexOf(target) // returns the index of the target, or -1
```

Arrays

```
a = new Array(); // new empty array
```

```
var b = new Array(); // as above, but "b" is a local variable
```

Add three elements

```
  a.push(1);
```

```
  a.push(2);
```

```
  a.push("hello");
```

a[0] -- access element 0

```
a[100] = "foo"; // makes array bigger
```

```
a.length // current length of array
```

Other obvious built-in functions: pop(), shift(), unshift(), sort(), join(), reverse()

```
c = [1, 2, "hello"]; // [...] literal defines an array on the fly
```

```
array.toString() // returns a string form, but without the [ ]: 1,2,hello
```

Arrays - Objects

Arrays and objects are actually the same thing -- the a[1] syntax is just an alternate way of saying a.1.

So to access a.foo may be written as a["foo"]

For Loop - Array

Syntax to loop an index over an array..

```
for (int i in array) {  
    // i iterates 0..len-1  
    // use array[i] to access the actual elements  
}
```

I like the Perl foreach a little better, since it does the [i] for you

Form/Field/ImgAccess

Suppose we have with a name=foo that contains a field with name=bar

Can refer to the field as document.foo.bar

Can refer to the value of the field as document.foo.bar.value

For checkbox, field.checked is true if the checkbox is checked

Names also work for images , and the src may be accessed as document.imgname.src

document.forms, document.images -- arrays of the elements, in the order they occur in the doc

Id access

Names do not work for all HTML elements

However, any element may have an "id"

HTML -- the <div> tag is a way of identifying a section in the HTML

```
<div id="foo"></div>
```

JavaScript

```
var node = document.getElementById("foo");  
if (node != null) { ...
```

Node HTML

Given a pointer to a node, can manipulate the HTML

This is the same DOM tree-of-nodes that is used in XML

DOM way to add text after a node...

```
node.childNodes[0].data = text;
```

There are lots of other DOM functions that can be used to edit the DOM
innerHTML way -- this is easier, but not official. However, it works on modern

browsers. The text can include its own tags.

```
node.innerHTML = text;
```

onclick="foo()";

onclick="callJSFunction();" -- works in ...

```
<input type=submit onclick="foo();">
```

```
<button onclick="foo();">Button</button>
```

`foo` -- the return false prevents the jump to the next page (doesn't work in some IE versions)

onsubmit

Runs on form submit

Use "return false;" to prevent the actual submit back to the server

text -- onchange, onkeypress

For text field and textareas, detect changes to the text

onchange is most widely supported

onkeypress, onkeydown, onkeyup are less standard, but allow you to detect individual keypresses. Onkeyup is handy, since it runs **after** the char has been added to the field

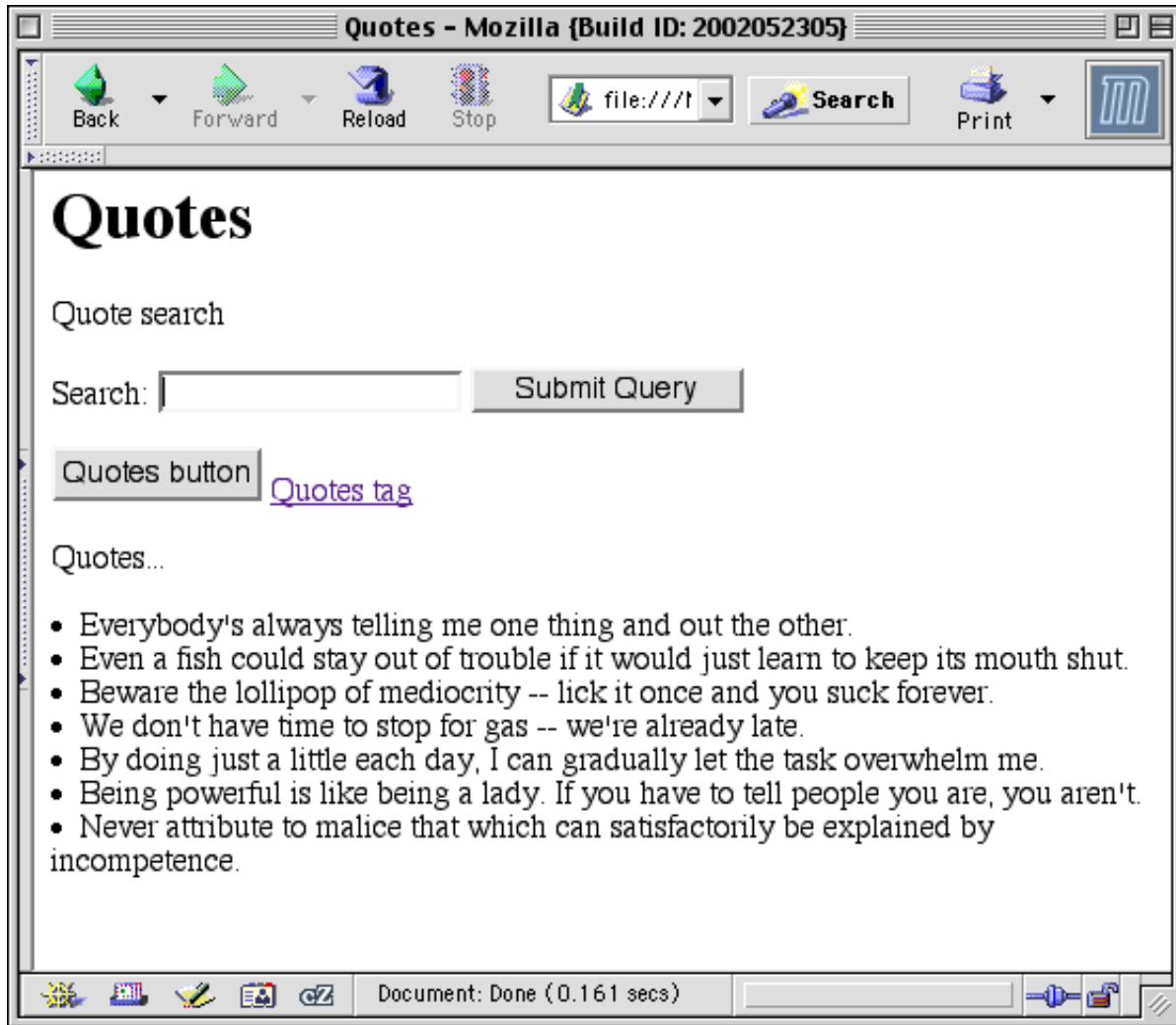
body -- onload

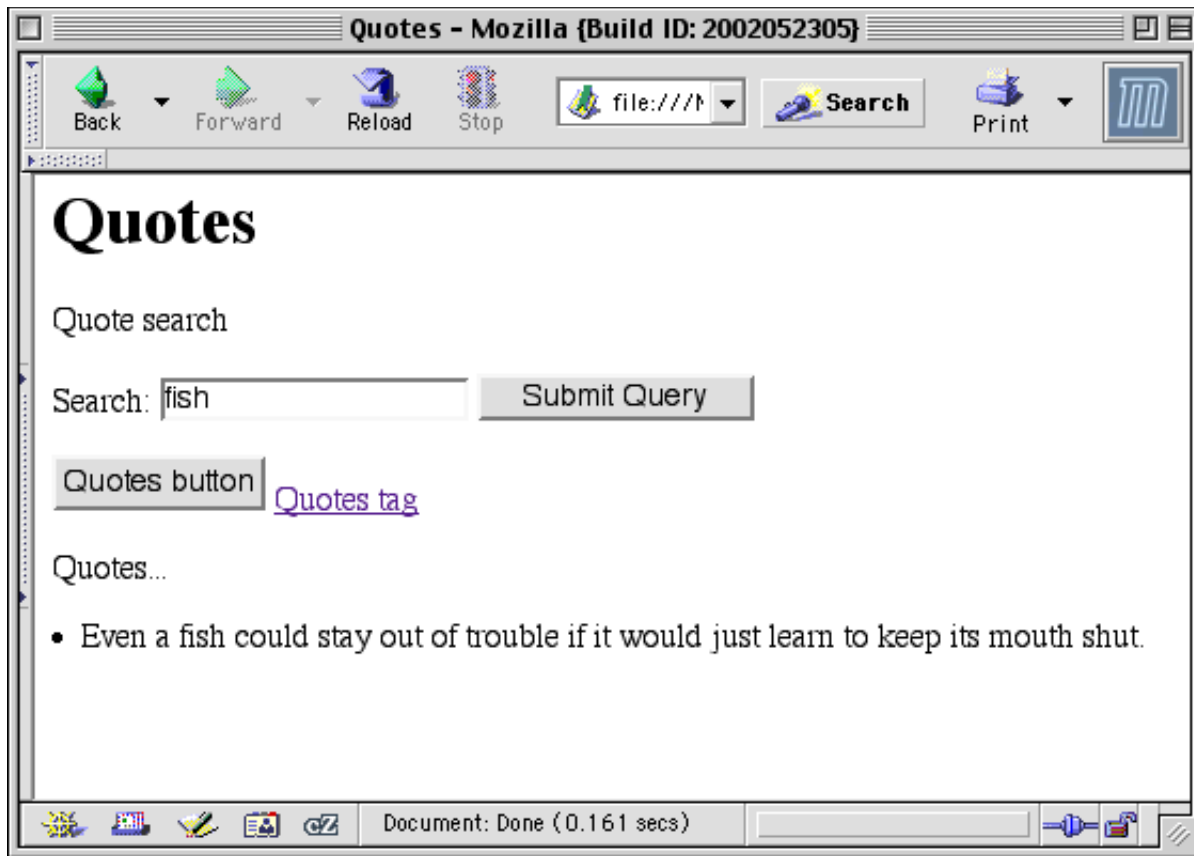
`<body onload="foo();">`

Only works in the <body tag ... runs when the entire document has been loaded

Use to call some function that you want to run after everything is loaded

Quotes Example





Quotes Code

```
<html>
<head>
<title>Quotes</title>

<script language="JavaScript">

lines = new Array();

lines.push("Everybody's always telling me one thing and out the other.");
lines.push("Even a fish could stay out of trouble if it would just learn to keep its
mouth shut.");
lines.push("Beware the lollipop of mediocrity -- lick it once and you suck
forever.");
lines.push("We don't have time to stop for gas -- we're already late.");
lines.push("By doing just a little each day, I can gradually let the task overwhelm
me.");
lines.push("Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are,
you aren't.");
lines.push("Never attribute to malice that which can satisfactorily be explained by
incompetence.");
```

```

function setText(id, text) {
    var node = document.getElementById(id);
    if (node != null) {
        //node.childNodes[0].data = text;
        node.innerHTML = text;
    }
}

function setQuotes() {
    var target = document.control.target.value;
    //alert(target);
    var contents = "";
    target = target.toLowerCase();
    for (var i in lines) {
        if (lines[i].toLowerCase().indexOf(target)!=-1) {
            contents = contents + "<li>" + lines[i] + "\n";
        }
    }
    setText("result", contents);
}

</script>
</head>

<body onload="setQuotes();" >

<h1>Quotes</h1>

<p>Quote search

<form name=control onsubmit="setQuotes(); return false;" >

Search: <input type=text name=target >
<input type=submit>

</form>

<!-- could use this in the text field : onkeyup="setQuotes();" -->

<p>
<!-- can use button outside of a form to trigger things -->
<button onclick="setQuotes();">Quotes button</button>

<!-- can use an a tag, but need the return false so it doesn't jump to the href
(this form doesn't work in some IE versions) -->
<a href onclick="setQuotes(); return false;">Quotes tag</a>

<p>Quotes...

<!-- the div we refer to from the script -->
<div id=result></div>

</body>

```