

I'm learning: JavaScript



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Introduction

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- In these JavaScript lessons, we will use Mozilla Thimble, a text editor for writing HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. In these lessons we will focus on JavaScript.
- To use Thimble, open your web browser (Chrome or Firefox) and go to https://thimble.mozilla.org/. Create an account to be able to save your work and revisit it later to keep building (optional).



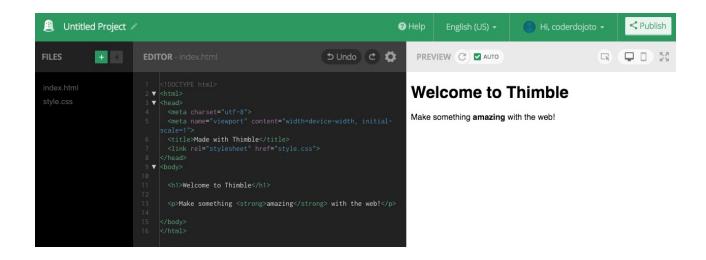
Click on the Start a project from scratch button, let's make something fun!



Project Set-up

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Thimble will open a new project, and you will see default Welcome to Thimble FILES, EDITOR, and PREVIEW.



FILES - Where code is saved.

EDITOR - Where code is edited.

PREVIEW - See your changes as you work.

Before we start coding, we need to set up the project. The first thing to do is Uncheck the AUTO toggle button.

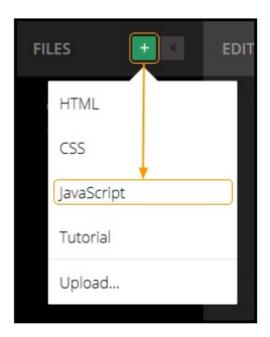


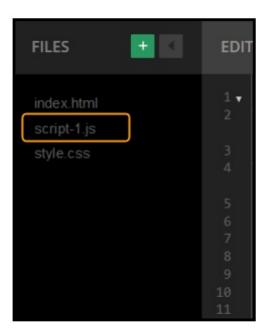
Next, create a new file by clicking the green [+] button. Select JavaScript from the menu.

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Notice now there is a new file called "script-1.js," this file will have our code inside.



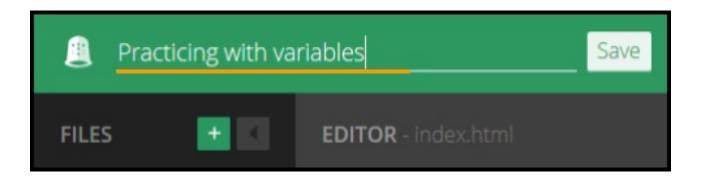


- Notice the file has sample text. We don't want that. Go ahead and clear it all away! Now we're ready to start coding.
- Next, in the Now go back to the index.html on the left-sidebar, and add the following line inside the <body> element: <script src="stylesheet" href="style.css">

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Now add a meaningful title to your project and Save. I called mine "Practice with variables".



We're ready to start coding using JavaScript.



Strings

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Let's start with a simple alert().

Open script.js and type the following:

alert("Hello");

- Click on the *Preview* button and see what happens.
- Now try:
 alert("Hi, this is an Alert!");
 alert("Okay, enough with the alerts!");

 And Preview.
- Let's not go into detail on what alert() is right now, and focus on what we put inside the brackets: ()
- We used quotes around text to create a piece of data called a string: "...".

"10228302" Yes, even numbers placed inside quotes are strings

Strings are text data that are placed inside quotes.

Below are more examples of Strings:

"I'm from Toronto." Notice the single quote inside the String

'My name is "Thimble" Notice here we started AND ended the String with single quotes. Start and end quotes must match.

- Go ahead and try more Strings inside alert(); . Press Preview to execute your code!
- You can join strings together using the plus sign: +

 alert("Mv favourite food is " + "sushi"):
 alert("JavaScript" + " is a pretty cool " + "programming language. I wonder what else we can do?");
- 9 Make up your own examples, and experiment with Strings you join together.

What happens if you join a number without quotes? alert('2 + 2 = ' + 4);

Variables

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Variables are a way to store values. For example, let's say you have the String "Vegetables", and I want to use that String in many places, there is a simple way of doing that. We will use the special keyword var.

```
var food = "Vegetables";
var myRank = "Code Ninja";
```

- Now, *food*, becomes a variable that represents the string "vegetables", and the *myRank* variable represents the value "code Ninja".
- Can you guess what the alert will say if you type the following code and run your script?

 alert("My favourite food is " + food);
- Try it out. What about... alert("A " + myRank + " is what I like to call myself!");
- You can change what a variable represents but assigning a new value to it.

```
var snack = "Cookie";
snack = "Apple Slices";
```

- First, we made *snack* represent the value "Cookie" but then we changed it to "Apple Slices".
- What do you think will be output when you try the following script?

```
var city = "Toronto";
var building = "CN Tower";
var year = "1976";
alert("The " + building + " is in " + city + " and it was built in " + year);
```

- Now, try writing a script with your own variables and outputting them out in a sentence.
- 9 Next let's look at another type of value, Numbers.

Numbers

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- 1 Strings allowed us to represent text values. Numbers will give us a way to represent numerical values.
- Let's create some Number variables.

```
var firstNumber = 200;
var secondNumber = 50;
alert( firstNumber + secondNumber );
```

What was the output?

With Numbers you can use:

+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
1	Division
%	Modulus (Shows you the remainder of a division)

Try practicing with doing some math using Numbers and the operators listed above.

```
alert( firstNumber * secondNumber );
alert( firstNumber / secondNumber );
alert( firstNumber - secondNumber );
alert( firstNumber % secondNumber );
alert( 7 % 2);
alert( 14 % 3);
firstNumber = firstNumber + 1;
alert( firstNumber );
```