

Exercises on the javascript quiz

In order to build up your understanding of the javascript code, try these questions, and add some of your own. Feel free to refer to the text. Keep in mind that many of these are tough questions, intended to help generate discussions, so don't worry if you are not sure how to answer them yet.

1. Consider the first call to the `handleQuestion` function, on line 57 of the code.
 - a. For each variable below, write what its value is after line 8 of the `handleQuestion` code has executed.
 - `number`
 - `text`
 - `correctAnswerNumber`
 - `answers`
 - `questionScore`
 - b. Which of these variables store integers? Which store strings (i.e. text)? Which stores an array of strings?
 - c. What value does `answers[3]` have?
 - d. If `userAnswerNumber` has value 2, what value does `answers[userAnswerNumber]` have?
 - e. The html code produced by the function will be viewed as:

Question 1:

What was the first computer bug?

The correct answer is

A moth

Your answer is:

A fruitfly

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is incorrect.

(i)

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The correct answer is

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Your answer, A fruitfly , is incorrect.

(ii)

- f. How would you change the function code so that the view would be as in (i) above?
 - g. How would you change the function so that the view would be as in (ii) above?
2. Suppose that the quiz is to be scored so that -1 , rather than 0 , is returned when the respondent gives an incorrect answer. How would you change the code to do this?
 3. Find one example of the following in the `quiz_results` code: an assignment statement, a control flow statement, a variable declaration statement, a variable, a parameter. Which variable is an array variable?
 4. Do you think that the code would behave differently if we changed the variable name `userAnswerNumber` everywhere to, say, `Vancouver`?
 5. How might the code be changed to handle a quiz where there may be more than one correct answer, and the user need only select one of these?
 6. Suppose the user answers 2 to the first question and 4 to the second question. Can you trace through the order in which the code is executed in `quiz_results`, and track how the data values change? (It is very tedious in this case to write down all the lines of code in the order that they are executed, but you should be able to do this in principle.)
 7. Some quizzes, like personality quizzes, assign a score to each question and the feedback at the end depends on the total score. How might you design such a quiz?
 8. The code is organized so that data about each question are passed as parameters to the `handleQuestion` function. Another way to organize the code would be to create data about all questions in the `handleQuestion` function itself. How might this be done? Which organization makes most sense to you?

quiz.html

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1. <html>
2. <head>
3. <title>CPSC101/WMST201 JavaScript Lab Sample Quiz</title>
4. </head>
5. <body>

6. <h1 align=center>CPSC101/WMST201 JavaScript Lab Sample Quiz</h1>
7. <form name=handoutquiz method=get action=handoutquiz_result.htm>
8. <table height="438">

9. <tr>
10. <td valign=top height="25"><strong>2.</strong></td>
11. <td colspan=4 height="25">What was the first computer bug? </td>
12. </tr>
13. <tr>
14. <td height="24"></td>
15. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=1 value=0> A COBOL error</td>
16. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=1 value=1> A fruit fly</td>
17. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=1 value=2> A moth</td>
18. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=1 value=3> An overheated vacuum tube</td>
19. </tr>

20. <tr>
21. <td valign=top height="25"><strong>1.</strong></td>
22. <td colspan=4 height="25">What is HTML? </td>
23. </tr>
24. <tr>
25. <td height="24"></td>
26. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=0 value=0> </td>
27. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=0 value=1> HyperText Markup
28. Language</td>
29. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=0 value=2>High Tech Manufacture
30. Ltd.</td>
31. <td height="24"><input type=radio name=0 value=3> </td>
32. </tr>

33. <tr>
34. <td height="28"></td>
35. <td colspan=3 height="28"><input type=submit value="Hand it in!"
    name=submit></td>
36. </tr>

37. </table>

38. </form>
39. <hr>
40. </body>
41. </html>
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quiz_result.html; (2 pages)

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1. <html>
2. <head>
3. <title>quiz results</title>
4. <script language="JavaScript1.1">
5. <!--
6. var lString = document.location + "";

   /* comment: lines 7—18 set variable userAnswerNumber to the answer chosen by the
      user of the quiz. You can ignore the details. */
7. function handleQuestion(number, text, correctAnswerNumber, answers) {
8.   var i, j, userAnswerNumber, questionScore = 0;

9.   if ((i = lString.indexOf(number-1 + "=")) >= 0) {
10.    i = lString.indexOf("=", i);
11.    j = lString.indexOf("&", i);
12.   }
13.   if (i < 0 || j < 0) {
14.    userAnswerNumber = 0;
15.   }
16.   else {
17.    userAnswerNumber = parseInt(lString.substring(i + 1, j))+1;
18.   }
19.   document.writeln("<p><strong>Question " + number + " :</strong>");
20.   document.writeln("<blockquote>");
21.   document.writeln(text);
22.   document.writeln("</blockquote>");
23.   document.writeln("The correct answer is");
24.   document.writeln("<blockquote>");
25.   document.writeln(answers[correctAnswerNumber]);
26.   document.writeln("</blockquote>");

27.   if (userAnswerNumber == correctAnswerNumber) {
28.    questionScore = 1;
29.   }
30.   document.writeln("You answered:");
31.   document.writeln("<blockquote>");
32.   document.writeln(answers[userAnswerNumber]);
33.   document.writeln("</blockquote>");
34.   document.writeln("</p>");
35.   return questionScore;
36. } // end handleQuestion()

37. //-->
38. </script>
39. </head>
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40. <body>
41. <h1 align=center>Quiz Results</h1>
42. <script language="JavaScript1.1">
43. <!--
44. var i, answers = new Array("(unanswered)", score = 0, correct=0;

45. correct = 3;
46. answers[1] = "A COBOL error";
47. answers[2] = "A fruit fly";
48. answers[3] = "A moth";
49. answers[4] = "An overheated vacuum tube";
50. score += handleQuestion(1, "What was the first computer bug? ", correct,
51.         answers);
52. document.writeln("<hr>");

53. correct = 2;
54. answers[1] = "";
55. answers[2] = "HyperText Markup Language";
56. answers[3] = "High Tech Manufacture Ltd.";
57. answers[4] = "";
58. score += handleQuestion(2, "What is HTML?", correct, answers);
59. document.writeln("<hr>");

60. document.writeln("<p>You scored " + score + " correct out of a possible 2");
61. //-->
62. </script>
63. Thank you for your time.
64. </body>
65. </html>

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(tear here and hand in at the end of class)

Rate your level of understanding of the quiz code.

I really don't follow it at all
 I have some idea of what it is doing
 I understand it well enough to make some small changes
 I have a very good understanding of the code

Can you say what aspect of the code is still most confusing?

What might help you understand the code better?