



Data Types

Assignments

```
var name = prompt( "What is your name?" );  
var name = Date();  
var name = window.location;
```



Types

- In many programming languages, variables need to have a single type
- In JavaScript, a variable can take on many different types
- What are these types?

Number

- Numerical values
 - with or without decimals

```
var width = window.innerWidth;  
var pi = 3.14;
```

String

- A String is a collection of characters (letters, numbers, punctuation,)
- To create a string you put the value in quotes “...”

```
var location = window.location;  
var name = “Colleen”;
```

Boolean

- In programming, a boolean value is one that is either true or false

```
var status=false;  
var windowStatus=window.closed;
```

- Later, we will learn how to write our own boolean expressions to check if things are true or false

Object

- Sometimes the variables are more complex
 - A node in the DOM a good example

```
var topic= document.getElementById('myID') ;
```

- Nodes are more than a single value, they have attributes



Array

- How can a function return more than one value?

```
var links= document.getElementsByTagName('a');
```


Accessing Array Elements

- Arrays store multiple value using a variable name, and an index for each element in the array

```
var links= document.getElementsByTagName('a') ;  
document.write(links[0]);
```

- We will cover arrays in depth later in the course



Review

- Luckily in JavaScript you have a lot of flexibility with the types of data
- For now, focus on learning the types of data returned by the most common APIs

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