



Welcome to CS 106S!

Introduction to CS for Social Good, our
map for the quarter, and JavaScript!

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Welcome to the First Day of Class!



Hi! I'm Ben

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Intros!

- ❑ Name & pronouns if you're comfortable sharing!
- ❑ What you're studying / thinking about studying
- ❑ Year
- ❑ Fun fact 🤔😱 or **any one of the following!**
 - ❑ What are you looking forward this autumn / year? 🌲
 - ❑ Something you did over the summer 🟩
 - ❑ Music / book recommendations? 🎵📚
 - ❑ Anything else you'd like to share! :)

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The Map For Today

- 1 syllabus & logistics
- 2 getting set up for the class
- 3 HTML/CSS/javascript basics
- 4 caesar ciphers!



Course Logistics

- ❑ 1 unit, S/NC
- ❑ **Attendance (8/9*)**
 - ❑ Relaxed, workshop-style environment
 - ❑ **Brief check-off forms**
- ❑ Canvas for announcements
- ❑ Questions welcome!

***Please do reach out to us if difficult circumstances arise! We understand life can be very stressful and challenging, and will always create a path for you to pass 106S.**



Course Website!

cs106s.stanford.edu



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Place & Time

Lathrop 190

Thurs, 4:30 - 6:20 PM; usually try to keep class to 90 minutes ish

Course Schedule

Week 1 Sep 26 Intro, JavaScript, Ciphers

Week 2 Oct 3 Sentiment Analysis & Refugee Tweets

Week 3 Oct 10 CS for Climate Change

Week 4 Oct 17 KNN for Cancer Detection

Week 5 Oct 24 Cybersecurity and Ethical Hacking

Week 6 Oct 31 Web Deployment & Open Source

Tuesday, Nov 5, Election Day – Go Vote! 🗳️

Week 7 Nov 7 Mental Health & Chatbots

Week 8 Nov 14 Trust & Safety

Week 9 Nov 21 What's Next – Beyond 106S, End-Term Boba Party 🧋

Nov 28 **Thanksgiving Recess**

Week 10 Dec 5 **No class; good luck on your finals!** 🍀

**Subject to change – please let me know if you
have any feedback or suggestions at any point!**

Overview of Classes!

Coding for Social Good

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In **what areas & industries** can we use technology + CS for positive impact?

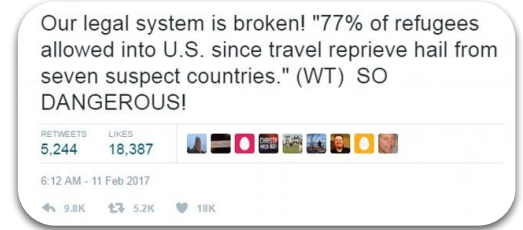
Coding for **Social Good**



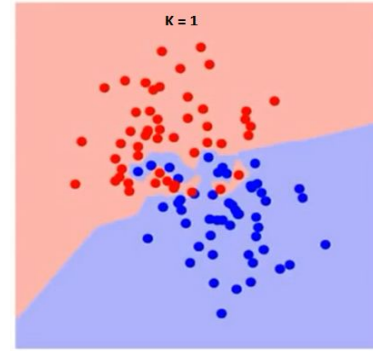
How can we use **JavaScript** to materialize ideas into **real-world applications**?

For what current problems is programming **NOT the answer**?

Overview of Classes!



Sentiment Analysis for Detecting Hate Speech on Twitter

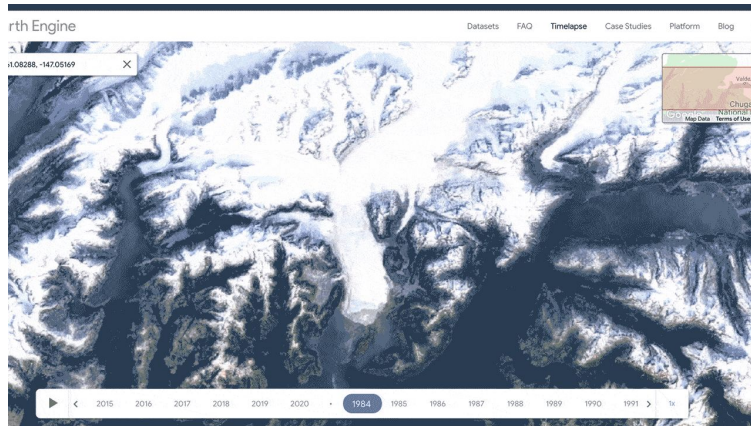


Cancerous

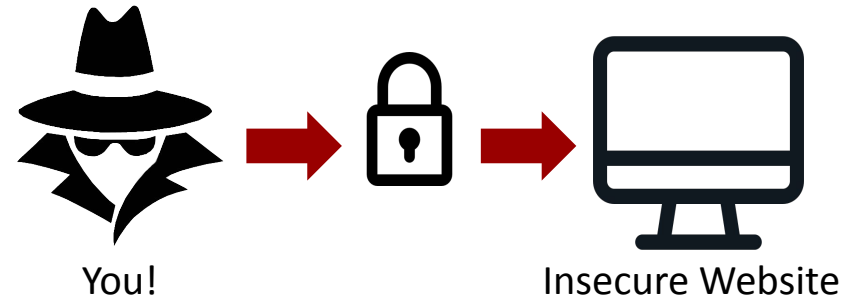
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Cancer Diagnosis with K-Nearest Neighbors

Overview of Classes!



**Mapping + Quantifying the
Impacts of Climate Change with
Google Earth Engine**



**Ethical Cybersecurity: Hacking an
Insecure Website—to Discover
Vulnerabilities to Patch**

And more!

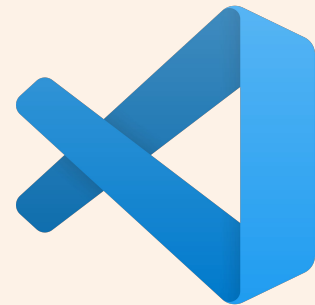
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Let's Dive In!



install Chrome

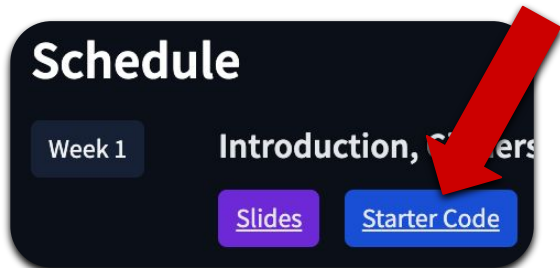
**Getting
Set Up**



install VS Code

(or an editor of your choice)

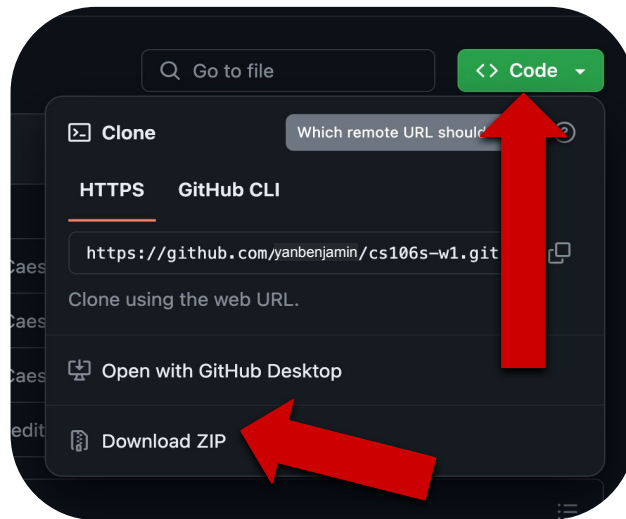
Opening the Starter Code



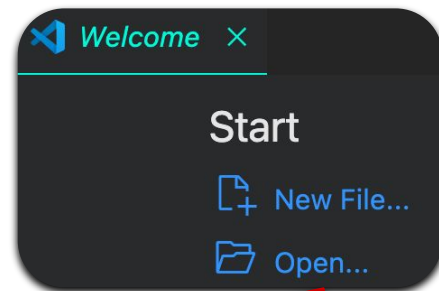
- 1 Navigate to Week 1 of the Schedule section of cs106s.stanford.edu

Also, at this link:

<https://github.com/yanbenjamin/cs106s-w1>



- 2 Click the bright **“Code”** button, then click **“Download ZIP”**



In VSCode

- 3 Unzip the download (clicking .zip file should do the trick) and open the folder / files in your editor

HTML, CSS, JS Overview

.html

Hypertext Markup Language

.css

Cascading Style Sheets

.js

JavaScript

- HTML for defining the **webpage content and basic structure**
- CSS for **regulating style and formatting**
- JavaScript for **enabling the HTML/CSS page to be interactive**
 - “Language of the Web”
 - 99% of websites use JavaScript on the client side, making it essential for building browser applications

HTML/CSS

Note: CS 106S isn't a dedicated web development course — but I think it's helpful to at least cover the basics.

index.html

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
  <head>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="style.css">
  </head>
  <body>
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    <img src = "obiwan.jpg" width = 400>
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onward!</p>
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HTML/CSS

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BODY contains everything displayed on the webpage (e.g., text, images, GIFs, etc)

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HTML/CSS

Tags such as `<h2>` enclose each of the HTML elements. Typically have end tag (`</h2>`), but not always (``)

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HTML/CSS

Question: How can we stylize each of these webpage elements embedded in tags?

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HTML/CSS

Strategy: We use a separate CSS file to specify stylization, colors, etc.

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HTML/CSS

style.css

```
*{
    font-family: 'Courier New', monospace !important;
} /* sets everything (*) on page to Courier New font */

h2{
    color: darkred;
} /* sets section heading to a dark red color */
```

HTML/CSS – Browser Rendering

Resulting webpage from `index.html` and `style.css`



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Heading `<h2>` tag,
with dark red color
from CSS

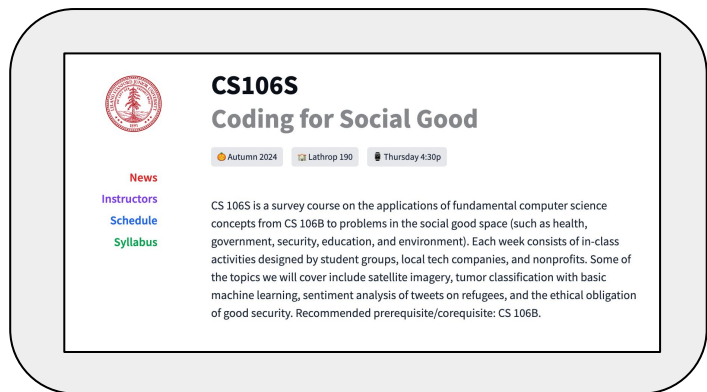
`` tag, loading in
image [obiwan.jpg](#)

Text in paragraph
tag `<p>`

Any questions so far?

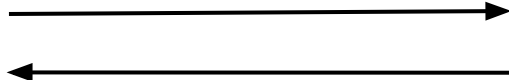
What is index.html?

- In the starter code, you'll find a file named **index.html**; using Finder or your OS equivalent, **open it in Google Chrome**
- This is the **homepage** of a website.



Client Browser

HTTPS Request for
<https://cs106s.stanford.edu/>

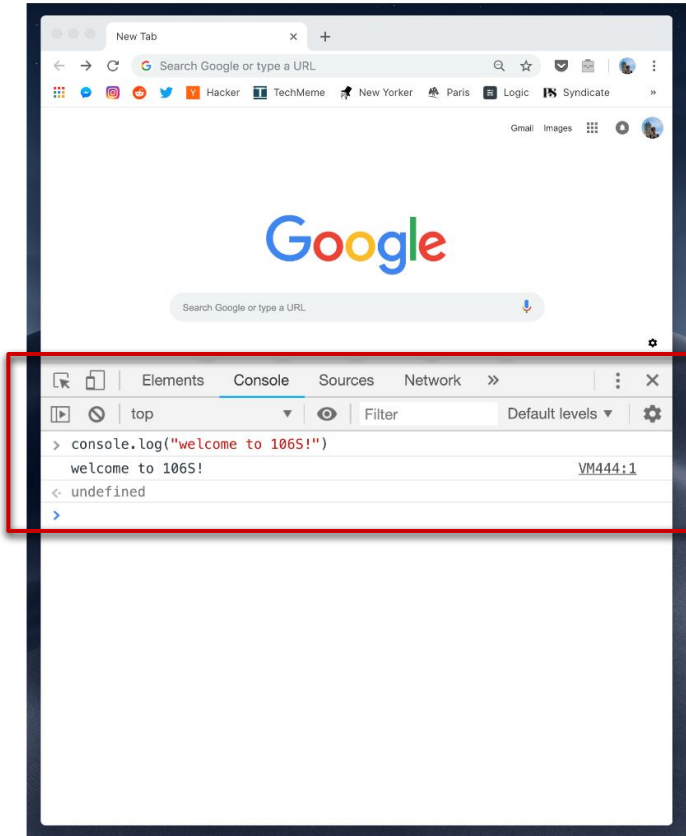


HTTPS Response of
index.html



Web Server

JavaScript in Chrome



1. Open **index.html** in Chrome

2. On Mac: Press **cmd** — **option** — **j**

On Windows: Press **ctrl** — **shift** — **j**

Don't let go of the previous key while pressing the next.

Here, **in the console that pops up**, we can input and run JavaScript code!

Onto the JavaScript Tutorial!

To follow along, inspect the file `tut.js` in your code editor; we'll be running the JavaScript commands inside on the Chrome console!



JavaScript – Hello World

- Unlike Python, **do not use print()** for outputting to console; it will try printing ... to a physical printer lol

```
tut.js  
  
console.log("Hello World!");
```



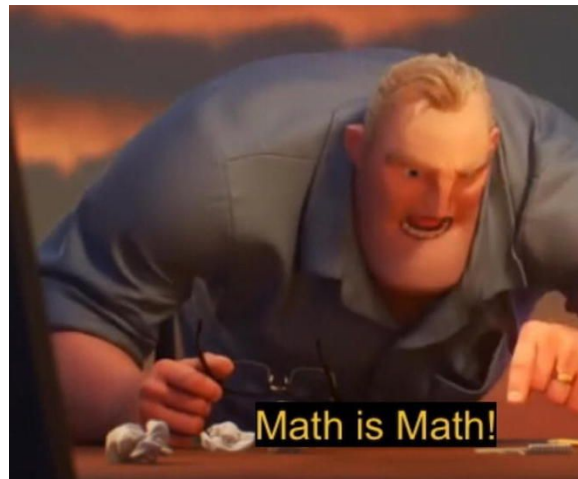
JavaScript – Math Operations

- Works similarly to Python; note the (optional) semi-colon

tut.js

```
1 + 1; // => 2
10 - 4; // => 6
2 * 7; // => 14
3 / 2; // => 1.5

/* mod: remainder function */
4 % 2; // => 0
5 % 2; // => 1
6 % 2; // => 0
10 % 26; // => 10
```



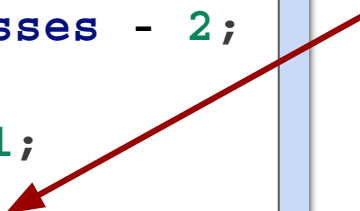
JavaScript – Variables

- Use **let** keyword to define **variables of any type** (int, string, array, etc.), and **const** instead for variables with fixed values

```
let variableName = expression;
```

tut.js

```
let num_classes = 4;  
num_classes += 1; // modified  
num_classes = num_classes - 2;  
  
const CS106S_UNITS = 1;  
var total_units = 17;
```



Note: **var** (in the place of **let**) is often seen in older JS code; as a general principle, **avoid using it**. **tut.js** has an explanation of the key difference (var scoping)

JavaScript – Functions & Calls

```
// general structure
function functionName(arg list) {
    statements in function body
}
```

tut.js

```
function add(x,y) {
    let answer = x+y;
    return answer;
    // Just like Python!
}
```

```
// calling function
functionName(args)
```

JS console

```
> add(3,5)
< 8
> add(add(1,2), 3)
> 6
```

JavaScript – Conditionals (if, else if, else)

tut.js

```
function getMax(x,y,z) {  
  if (x >= y && x >= z) {  
    return x;  
  }  
  //either y or z is max  
  else if (y >= z) {  
    return y;  
  }  
  else {  
    return z;  
  }  
}
```

=== Equality !== Non-equality

&& Logical AND || Logical OR

< <= > >=

Operate as mathematically expected

Note: A **return** statement exits out of the function immediately i.e. the following lines are not run.

JavaScript – Objects

JS objects are akin to Python **dictionaries** **i.e. key-value pairs** enclosed in `{}`. Entries can be of different type!

tut.js

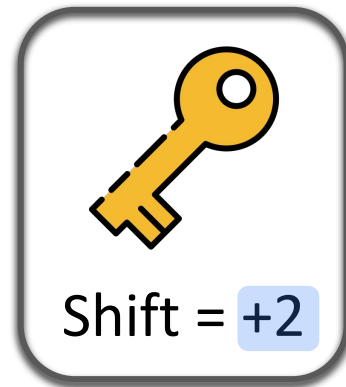
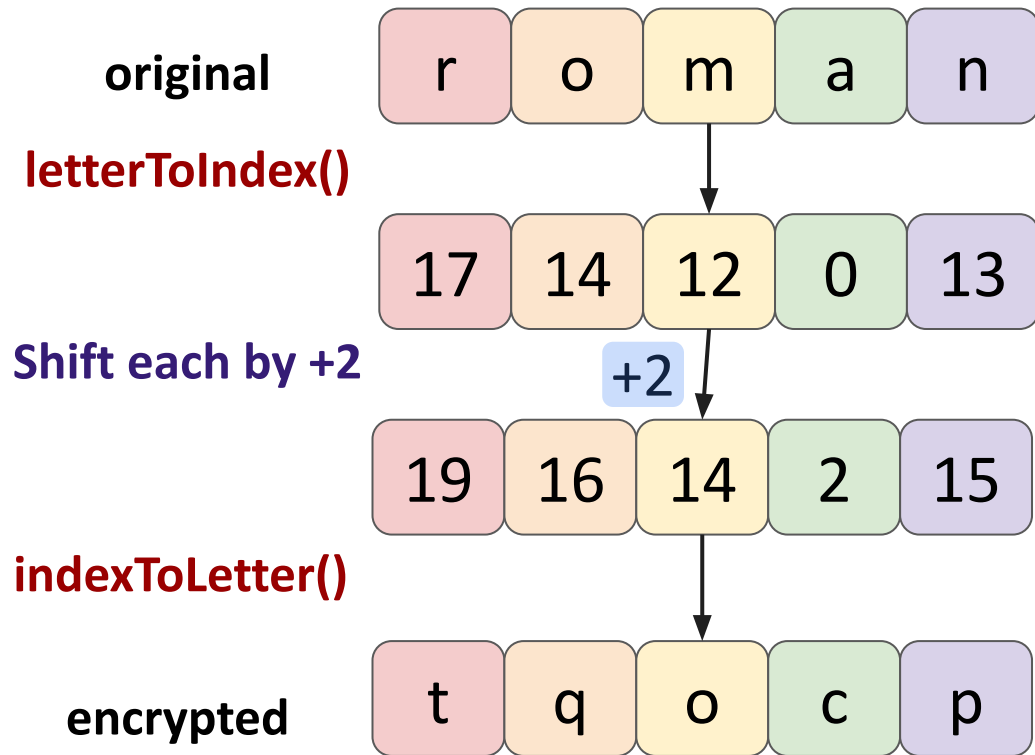
```
let menuPrices = {  
  "hotdog": 5,  
  "soda": 3,  
  "pretzel": 4.50,  
  "funnelcake": 9,  
}
```

Use `[]` bracket notation to get values!

JS console

```
> menuPrices["soda"]  
< 3  
  
> menuPrices["pretzel"]  
> 4.50
```

Today's Coding – Caesar Ciphers



Checkpoint #1

- Traverse over to **assignment.js** on your code editor.

Task

Implement the function `letterToIndex()`

Input: A lowercase letter (a-z)

Output: Index in alphabet (a=0, b=1, c=2, ..., z=25)

Tip - You may find the key-value object `mapping` in the file useful.

Note: After editing the JS file, make sure to click **File -> Save in VSCode**, and **refresh the Chrome page**, for the edits to manifest in the console.

JavaScript – Arrays

- **Ordered lists of any / heterogeneous data type**, 0-indexed in JS.
- Mutable and of variable length.

tut.js

```
let myArray = ["sorcery", -5, true];  
myArray[0]; // => "sorcery"  
myArray[1]; // => -5  
  
myArray.push("earth");  
myArray.length; // => 4  
myArray[2] = "water";
```

"sorcery"	-5	true	
0	1	2	index

"sorcery"	-5	true	"earth"
0	1	2	3

"sorcery"	-5	"water"	"earth"
0	1	2	3

Checkpoint #2

Task in assignment.js

Implement the function `indexToLetter()`

Input: Non-negative index of a letter, can be >25

Output: Corresponding lowercase letter; numbers above 25 wrap around i.e. $0=a, 1=b, \dots, 25=z, 26=a, 27=b, \dots$

Tip - The array `alphabet=['a','b',...,'z']` may come in handy. For dealing with overflow, take any letter, say 'a'; how are all its possible indices related?

Checkpoint #3

Task in assignment.js

Implement the function
`shiftLetter()`

Inputs: `original` (letter to shift), `shift` (length to transpose letters by)

Output: shifted letter

Tip - Use `letterToIndex()` and `indexToLetter()`!

Example Functionality

JS Console

```
> shiftLetter('a', 1)
< 'b'

> shiftLetter('a', 4)
< 'e'

> shiftLetter('z', 3)
< 'c'
```

JavaScript – Strings

- **Text or sequence of characters**, wrapped in quotation marks.
- Like Python/C++, strings can be concatenated using + operator

```
● ● ● JS Console  
> "your " + "name";  
< "your name"  
  
> "m" + "o" + "v" + "i" + "e"  
< "movie"
```

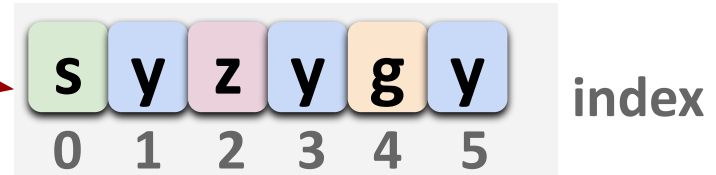


JavaScript – Strings

- Indexing similar to arrays, though unlike arrays, strings are immutable i.e. **its contents cannot be changed once declared.**

tut.js

```
let myString = "syzygy";  
myString[1]; // => y  
myString[2]; // => z  
myString.length; // => 6  
  
//attempt to change a letter  
myString[0] = "a";
```



Does nothing!

String stays identical.

JavaScript – String Methods

- However, strings can be replaced.
- String methods (like +) actually create an **entirely new string**, then re-assign the variable name to that string!



tut.js

```
let myString = "syzygy";  
myString += "!";  
myString = myString + "!";
```

JavaScript – Loops!

- ‘For’ loops for executing a block of code a fixed number of times; JS **syntax is similar to C++/Java**

tut.js

```
function sayHelloThereNTimes(N) {  
    //loop runs N times  
    //(i = 0,1,2,...,N-1)  
    for (let i = 0; i < N; i++) {  
        console.log("Hello There!");  
    }  
}
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Each time this runs, the value of **i** is incremented by 1, starting from **i = 0**.

The block will be executed **until condition $i < N$ is broken**, i.e. i reaches N , which occurs after **N runs**.

Please do not run `sayHelloThereNTimes(1000000);`

JavaScript – Iterating Over String

tut.js

```
function printAllLetters(str) {  
  for (let i = 0; i < str.length; i++) {  
    //get ith letter of string  
    let letter = str[i];  
    console.log(letter);  
  }  
}
```

JS Console

```
> printAllLetters("kind")  
k  
i  
n  
d
```

str

k

i

n

d

str[0] str[1] str[2] str[3]

Final Checkpoint – The Full Pipeline

Task in assignment.js

Implement `encryptCaesar()`

Inputs: `original` (string to encrypt), `shift` (how many places to move each letter down the alphabet)

Output: The encrypted string

Tip - Loops! And take advantage of functions you've already written!

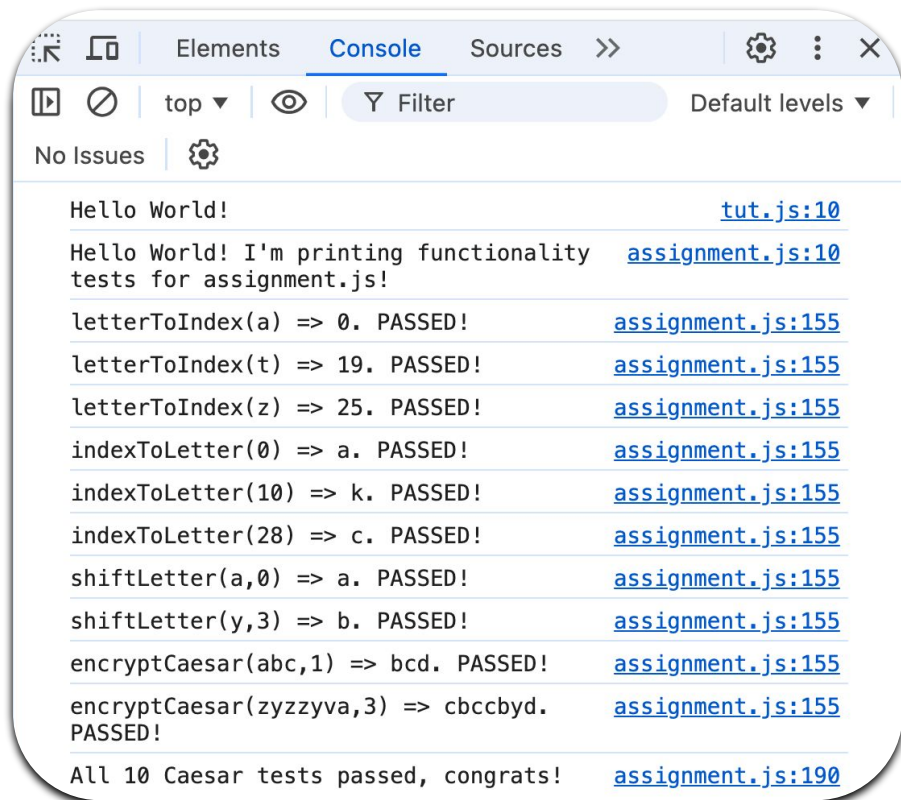
Sample Functionality

JS Console

```
> encryptCaesar('abc', 1)
< 'bcd'

> encryptCaesar('zyzzyva', 3)
< 'cbccbyd'
```

Sanity Testing



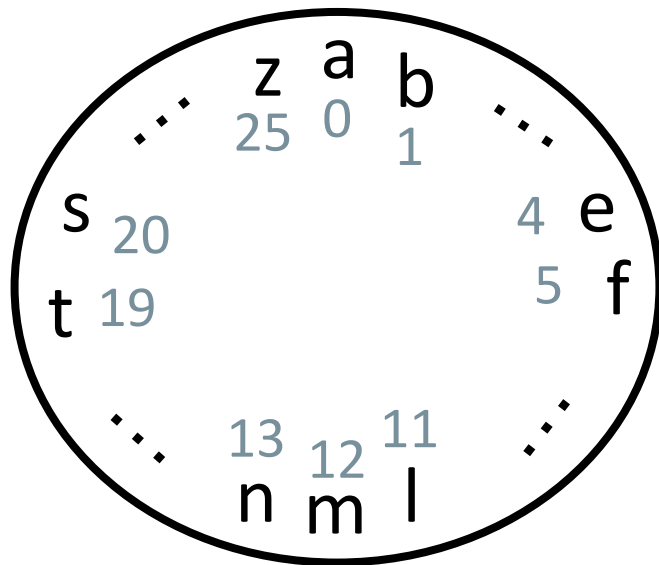
```
Elements Console Sources >>
top Filter Default levels
No Issues
Hello World! tut.js:10
Hello World! I'm printing functionality tests for assignment.js! assignment.js:10
letterToIndex(a) => 0. PASSED! assignment.js:155
letterToIndex(t) => 19. PASSED! assignment.js:155
letterToIndex(z) => 25. PASSED! assignment.js:155
indexToLetter(0) => a. PASSED! assignment.js:155
indexToLetter(10) => k. PASSED! assignment.js:155
indexToLetter(28) => c. PASSED! assignment.js:155
shiftLetter(a,0) => a. PASSED! assignment.js:155
shiftLetter(y,3) => b. PASSED! assignment.js:155
encryptCaesar(abc,1) => bcd. PASSED! assignment.js:155
encryptCaesar(zyzyyva,3) => cbcbyd. PASSED! assignment.js:155
All 10 Caesar tests passed, congrats! assignment.js:190
```

All tests should pass after **encryptCaesar()** is successfully implemented!

Solution code available on website right after class :)

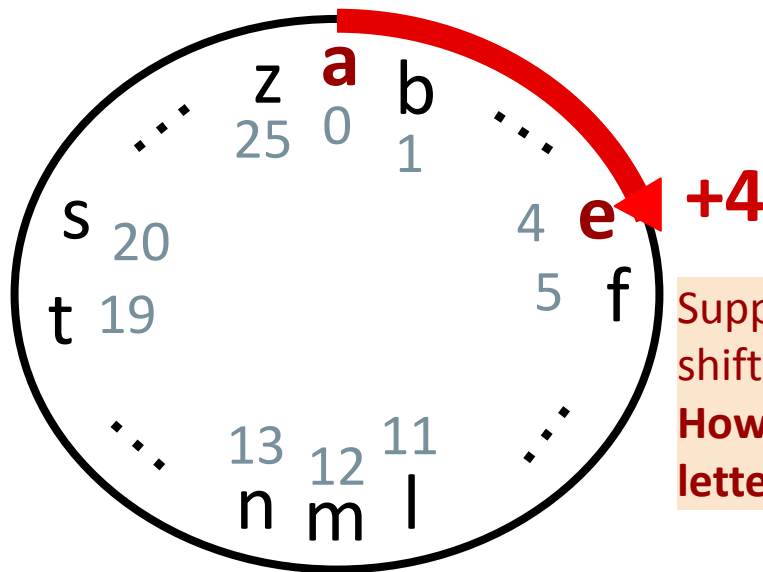
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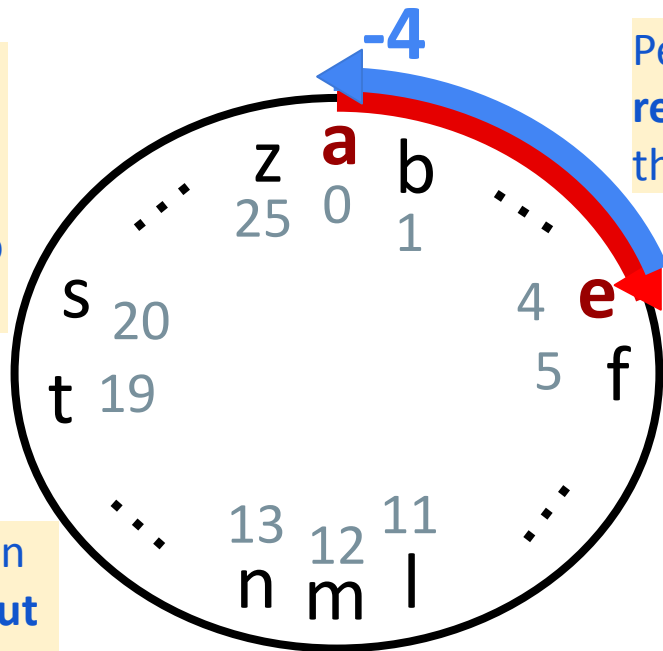


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This decodes 'e' **but has a problem**. If the negative shift is too large, the index will go negative.



Perhaps, we can do a **reverse shift of -4!** So that $e \Rightarrow a$.

So how might we attain the same effect **without a negative shift?**

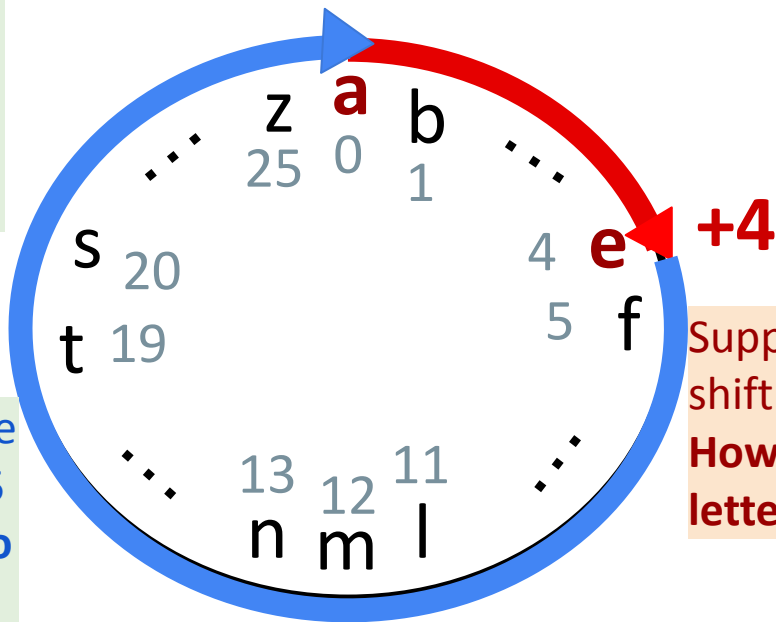
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How large should this shift be? Keep in mind, alphabet / circle length is 26.

Positive shift! Since we can handle indices >25 (Checkpoint #2), we go this way around the circle instead.

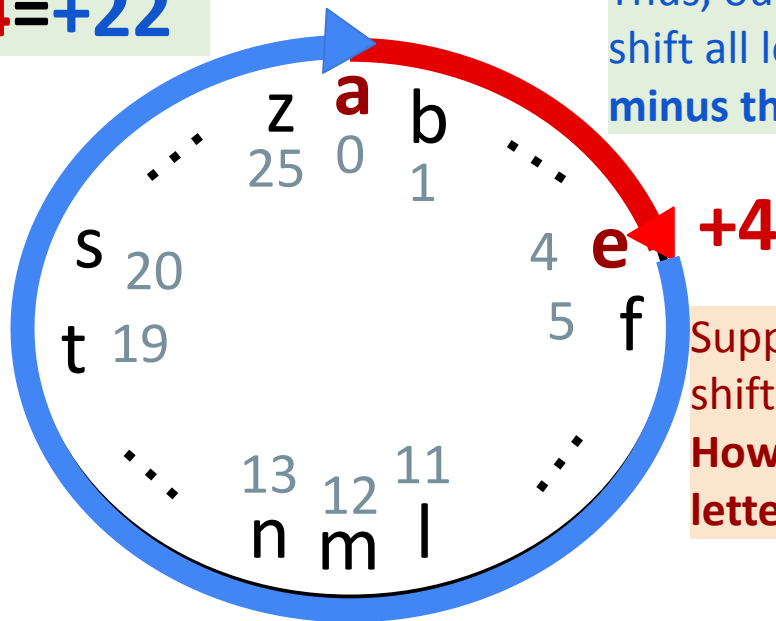


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$$26 - 4 = +22$$



Thus, our decryption scheme will shift all letters by +22, or 26 minus the encryption shift.

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(Optional) Caesar Decryption

assignment.js

```
/* Decrypts the given string from Caesar cipher with a given shift length.*/  
function decryptCaesar(ciphertext, shift){  
  let reverse_shift = 26 - shift;  
  return encryptCaesar(  
    ciphertext, reverse_shift);  
}
```

We observe that decryption **reverses** each letter shift in the encryption—thus recovering the original message.

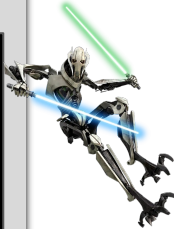
Obi-Wan

```
> encryptCaesar  
(`hellothere`, 4)  
< mjqqtymjwj
```



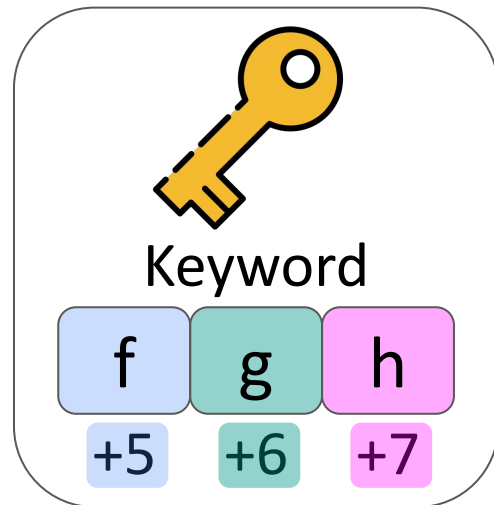
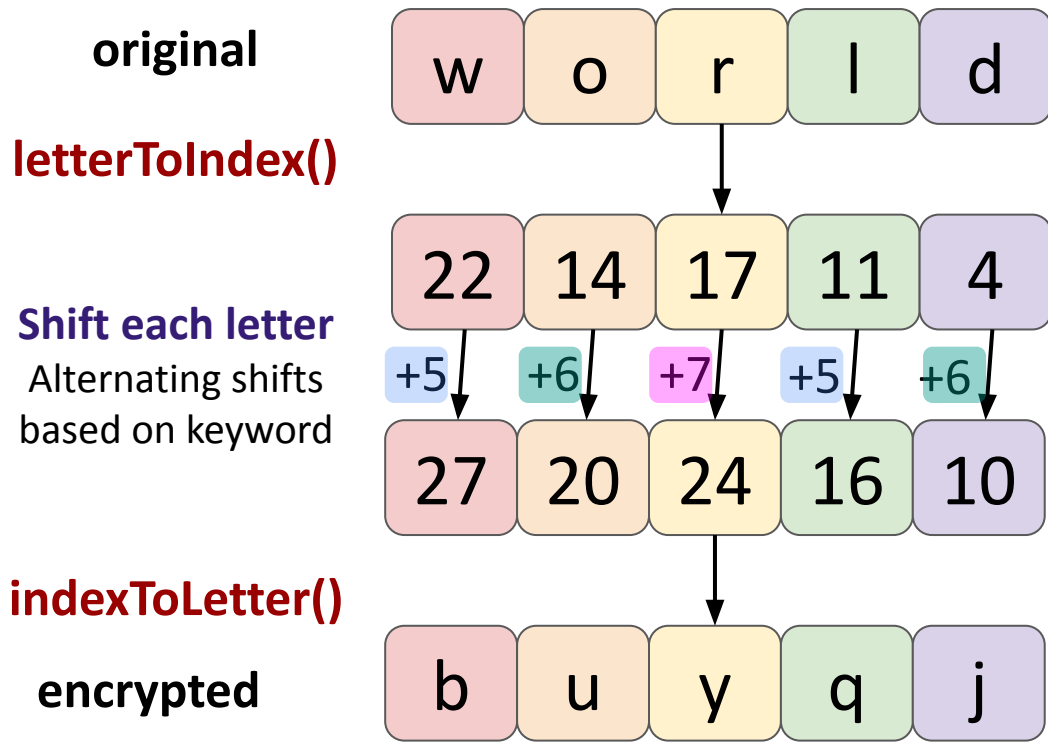
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> decryptCaesar  
(`mjqqtymjwj`, 4)  
< hellothere
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(Optional Extension) Vigenère Ciphers

We won't get to this in class, but feel free to try it out on your own!



Remark: It's like having multiple Caesar ciphers in one encryption!

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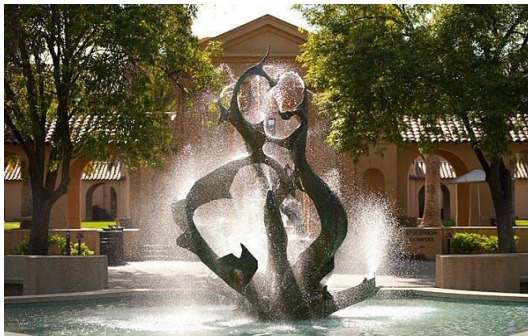
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Looking Forward to this Autumn



Teaching this 1-unit wonder has been a truly wonderful privilege for me.

Thank you for being here to learn with us, and I hope this will be, for you, a fun, rewarding adventure.



Have an awesome first week of classes! :)

