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JavaScript Logic for your Portfolio - Part Two

Build your portfolio site and use
JavaScript to make it come alive.

ROADMAP

- Opening the project on your computer
- Opening Visual Studio Code
- Overview of project files
- JavaScript variables, JS functions, the Document Object Model (DOM) and DOM methods
- JS 'strict mode'
- Browser developer tools and `console.log()`;
- Writing our first code!

JS VARIABLES

- In JS, data can be stored in variables
- Examples of variable declarations:

```
let randNum = 0;
```

```
const numNoChg = 7;
```

- Variables declared with 'let' can be reassigned

```
randNum = 14; (this would be allowed)
```

- Variables declared with 'const' cannot be reassigned

```
numNoChg = 14; (this would NOT be allowed)
```

JS FUNCTIONS

- Functions are reusable blocks of code
- Functions can take input(s) and return an output, or can just perform an action
- Functions allow us to avoid repeating ourselves in code, simplifying our codebase
- Example of a JS function:

```
function printName(yourName) {  
    console.log(yourName);  
};
```

- Invoking the above function and its output:

Input: `printName('mike');`

Output: `mike`

JS FUNCTIONS

- “Functions” versus “methods”
 - A function is an independent code block that can return a value or accomplish an action
 - A method is just like a function, except it is designed to act only on specific data structures (basically, only designed to act on specific elements within our program)
- JS has many built-in methods that we can use to accomplish common tasks. For example:

```
Array.push();
```

(adds an element to an array)

```
String.toUpperCase();
```

(makes all letters in a string uppercase letters)

- So, for now, we will define our own functions, and we will use built-in JS methods

DOM = DOCUMENT OBJECT MODEL

- The DOM is basically the structure of an HTML document
- The DOM gives us access to methods and properties that allow us to use JS to make changes to HTML elements

- Examples of these:

```
element.addEventListener();  
classList.toggle();  
document.getElementById('burger');
```

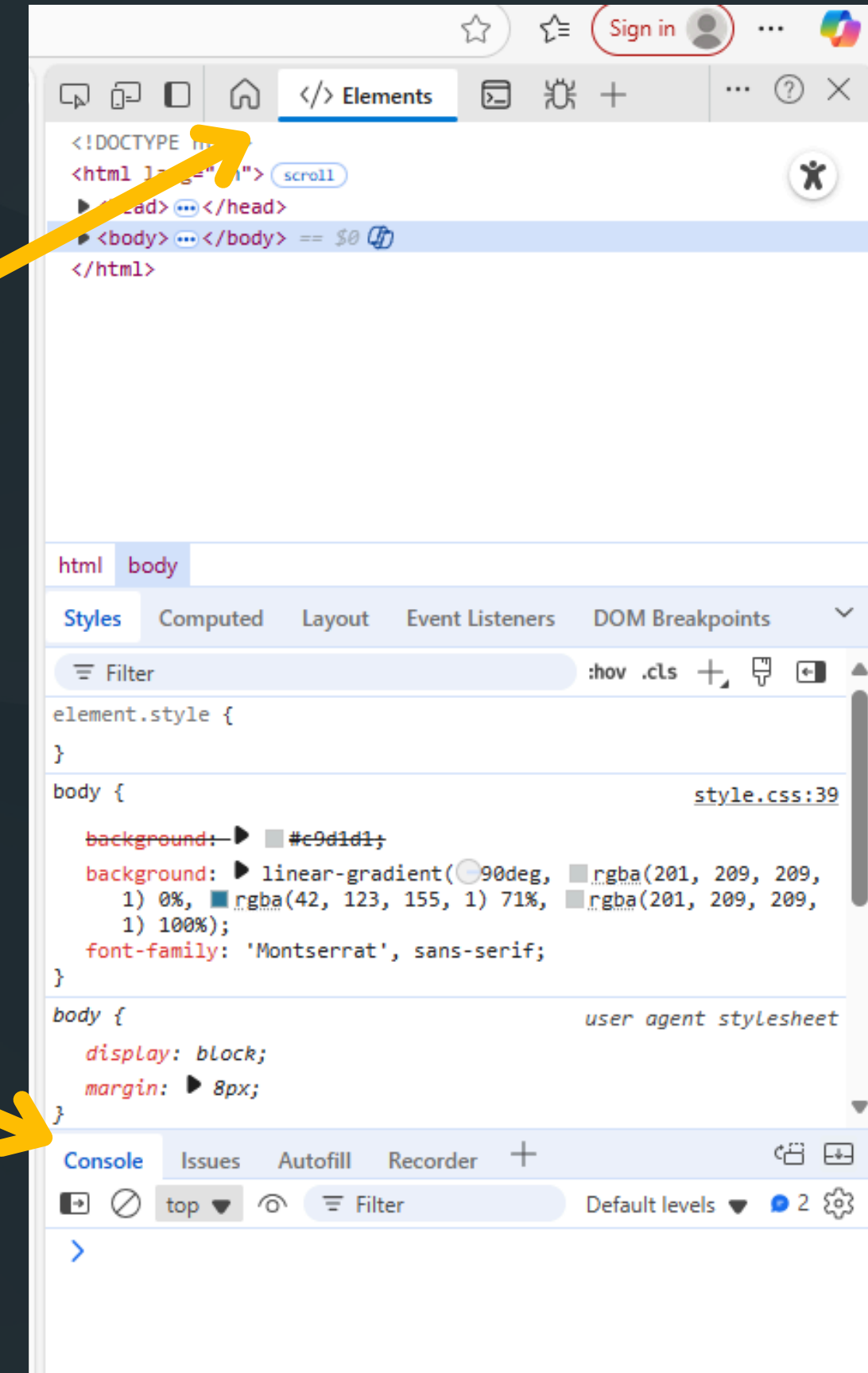
- Using JS to make changes to an HTML doc is called “DOM manipulation”

JAVASCRIPT 'STRICT MODE'

- Makes it easier to identify mistakes in our code
- Eliminates some potential security vulnerabilities in our JS
- Protects syntax that may be used in future updates to JS

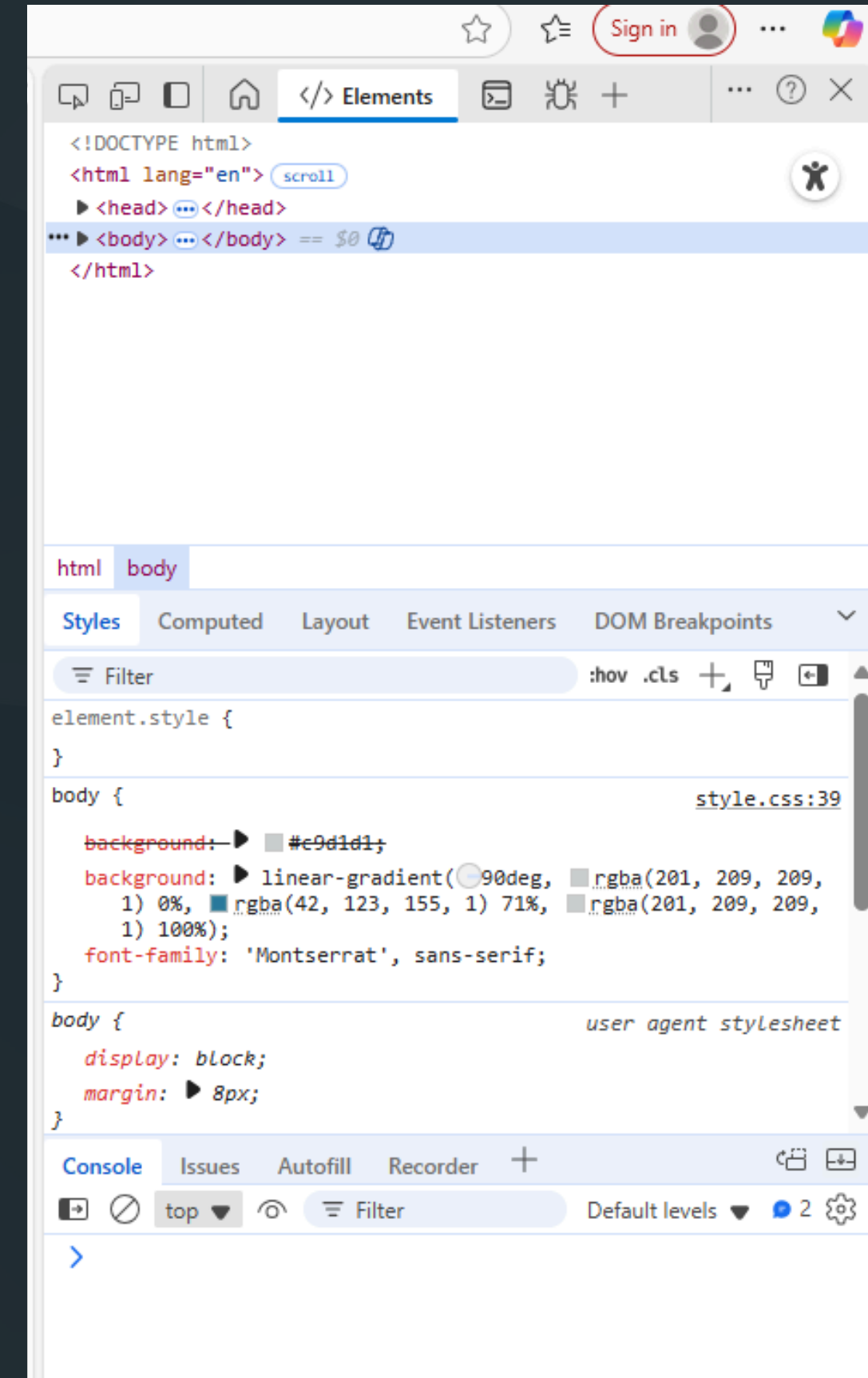
DEVELOPER TOOLS

- To access your browser's built-in developer tools, open up a web page and press CTRL-SHIFT-J
- We want both the **Elements tab** and the **Console tab** to be visible
 - If you don't see the **Console tab**, press Esc and it should open below the Elements tab



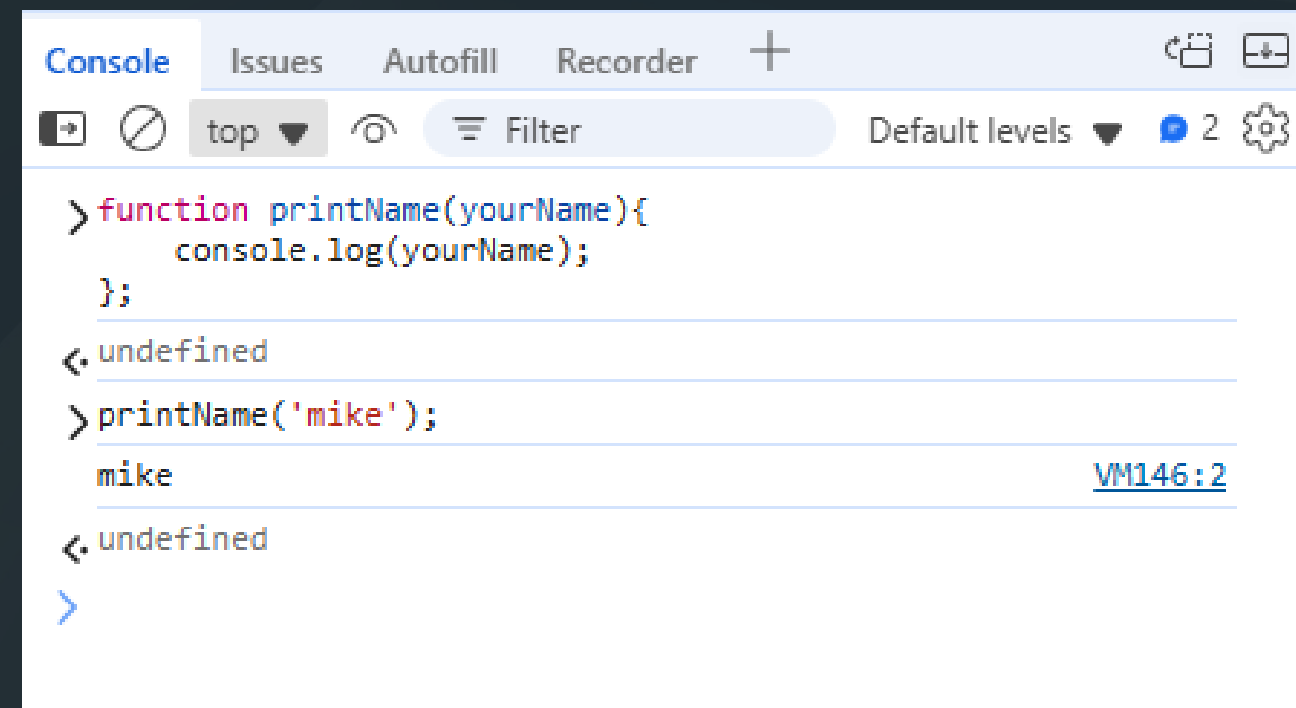
DEVELOPER TOOLS

- The Elements tab
 - Shows us the HTML structure of the web page
- The Console tab
 - Allows us to execute JS code
 - Allows us to see any data that is logged to the console



CONSOLE.LOG

- `console.log();` is a method that allows us to print data to the browser console
 - Used for debugging and learning
- For example:



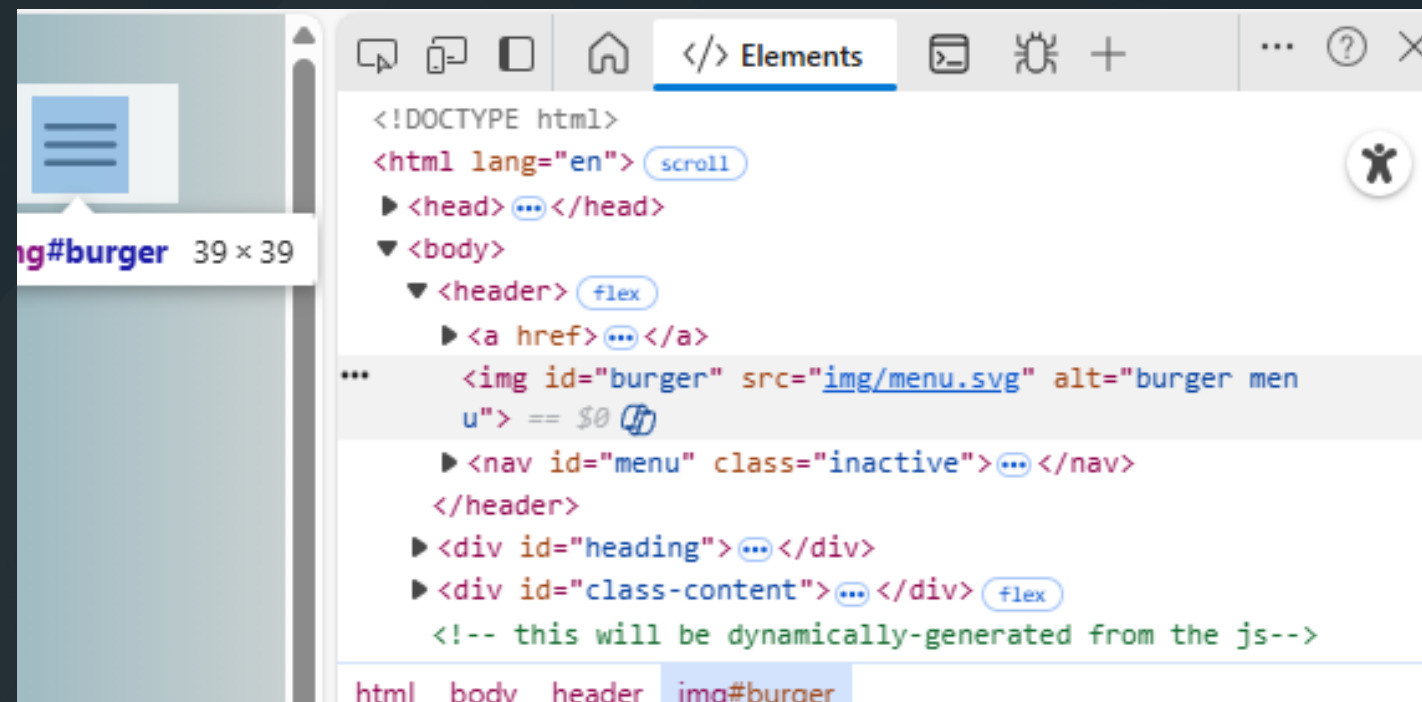
```
> function printName(yourName){  
  console.log(yourName);  
};  
⏪ undefined  
> printName('mike');  
mike VM146:2  
⏪ undefined  
>
```

The screenshot shows a browser's developer console with the 'Console' tab selected. The console contains two log entries. The first is the result of a function definition, which is 'undefined'. The second is the result of calling the function with the argument 'mike', which is 'mike'. The console also shows the source location 'VM146:2' for the second log entry.

ON TO OUR FIRST CODE!

- Time to write some code!
- Before we go through it together, try to do the following:

In the script.js file in Visual Studio, use the DOM method `document.getElementById()`, to grab the burger image and assign it to a const variable



GREAT WEBSITES FOR REFERENCE!

- I use the following websites when I need to look something up or understand something better:
 - <https://www.w3schools.com/js/>
 - <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference>
 - <https://stackoverflow.com/questions>

Check them out!

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- See links on this page for:
 - This presentation in PDF form
 - The link to the starter code from my GitHub profile
 - Additional learning resources coming soon!
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