

# Fibonacci refactored

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*“I've combined (for fun) a few WTFs to make something bigger. Just in case... don't code in JS like that. Seriously.”*

*<http://wtfjs.com/2013/02/12/obfuscated-fibonacci>*

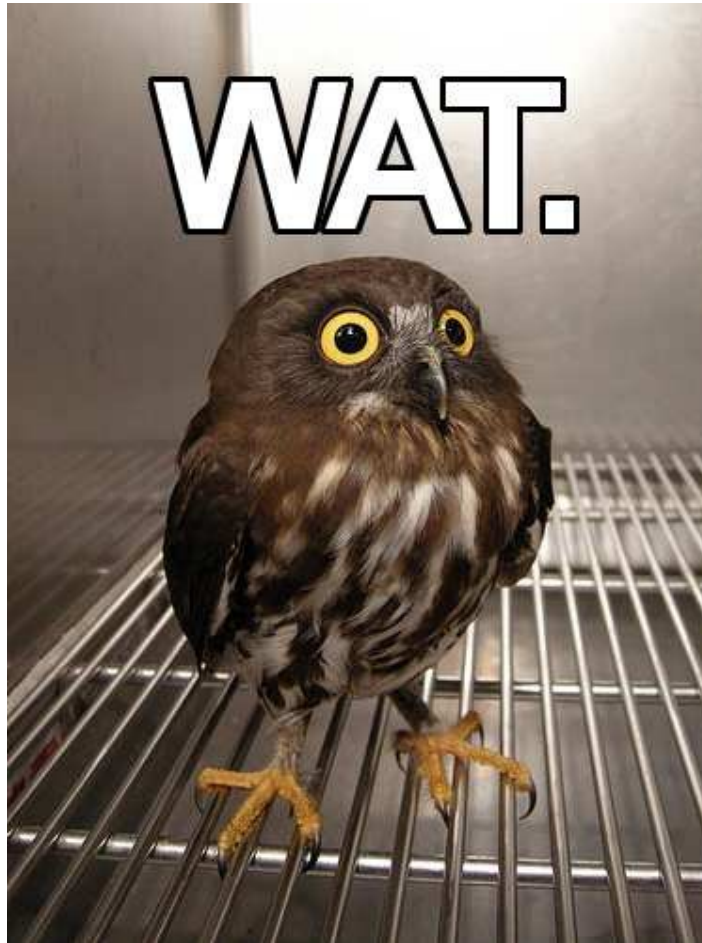
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```

function fibonacci(_) {
  for(_=[+[],++[[]][+[]],+[],_],_[++[++[++[[]][+[]]][+[]]][+[]]]=(((_[++[++[[]][+[]]][+[]]][+[]]]-(++[[]][+[]]))&(((--[[]][+[]])>>>(++[[]][+[]]))))=
  (_[++[++[++[[]][+[]]][+[]]][+[]]]-(++[[]][+[]]))?(_[++[++[[]][+[]]][+[]]][+[]]]
  ++[[]][+[]],_[++[++[++[[]][+[]]][+[]]][+[]]][+[]]]-(++[[]][+[]])):+[];_[++[++[+
  ]][+[]]][+[]]][+[]]]--;_[++]=(_[++[[]][+[]]]=_[++[++[[]][+[]]][+[]]]=_[++
  +_[++[[]][+[]]])-_[++]);
  return _[++[++[[]][+[]]][+[]]];
}

```

WAT.



Rename argument `_` to `n`.

```
function fibonacci(_) {  
  for(_=[+[],++[[]][+[]],+[],_,_[++[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]]=(((_[++[++  
  [[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]-(+[[[]][+[]]))&(((--[[]][+[]])>>>(+[[[]][+[]]))))=;  
  (_[++[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]-(+[[[]][+[]])))?(_[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]]  
  ++[[]][+[]],_[++[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]-(+[[[]][+[]]))]:+[];_[++[++[+  
  ][+[]][+[]][+[]]-;_[++]=(_[++[[]][+[]]]=_[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]]]=_++  
  +_[++[[]][+[]])-_[++]);  
  return _[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]]);  
}
```

`+ [ ]`

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  for(n=[+[],++[[]][+[]],+[],n),n[++[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]]]=(((n[++[++  
  [[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]-(+[[[]][+[]]))&(((--[[]][+[]])>>>(+[[[]][+[]]))))=;  
  (n[++[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]-(+[[[]][+[]])))?(n[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]]  
  ++[[]][+[]],n[++[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]][+[]]-(+[[[]][+[]]))]:+[];n[++[++[+  
  ]][+[]][+[]][+[]]-;n[+[]]=(n[++[[]][+[]]]=n[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]]]=n[+  
  +n[++[[]][+[]]) - n[+[]]);  
  return n[++[++[[]][+[]][+[]]];  
}
```

The unary `+` operator converts values to numbers, thus `+ [ ]` is equal to `+Number ( [ ] )`.

`Number ( [ ] )` executes `[ ] . valueOf ( )` and gets an object instead a primitive returned (that is `[ ]`).

Therefore it returns `[ ] . toString ( )`, which is `" "`.

Finally the operator can convert the empty string: `+ " "` is `0`.



`++[[]][0]` equals `1`, `--[[]][0]` equals `-1`.

`++[++[[]][0]][0]` equals `2`.

`++[++[++[[]][0]][0]][0]` equals `3`.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  for (  
    n=[0,++[[]][0],0,n],  
    n[++[++[++[[]][0]][0]][0]]=((n[++[++[++[[]][0]][0]][0]]-(++[[]][0])),  
      (((--[[]][0])>>>(++[[]][0]))))===(n[++[++[++[[]][0]][0]][0]]-(  
        ++[[]][0]))?(n[++[++[[]][0]][0]][0]=++[[]][0],  
        n[++[++[++[[]][0]][0]][0]]-(++[[]][0])):0;  
    n[++[++[++[[]][0]][0]][0]--;  
    n[0]=(n[++[[]][0]]=n[++[++[[]][0]][0]]=n[0]+n[++[[]][0]])-n[0]);  
  return n[++[++[[]][0]][0];  
}
```

Similarly to the previous slide the array again is converted:

`++[[]][0]` gives `++Number( )`, which is `++""`.

For `++""` (and `--""`) the string again has to be converted, which gives `++0` (or `--0`), which is of course `1` (or `-1`).



n is reused.

So another variable m is extracted.

This block also can be put before the loop.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  for (  
    n = [0, 1, 0, n],  
    n[3] = (((n[3] - (1)) & (((-1) >>> (1)))) == (n[3] - (1))) ?  
      (n[2] = 1, n[3] - (1)) : 0;  
    n[3]--;  
    n[0] = (n[1] = n[2] = n[0] + n[1]) - n[0]  
  );  
  return n[2];  
}
```

Reformulation of the loop's afterthought: `m[3]--` is  
`m[3]>0; m[3]--`.

It's allowed to use the body of the loop.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 0, n];  
  m[3] = (((m[3] - (1)) & (((-1) >>> (1)))) === (m[3] - (1))) ?  
    (m[2] = 1, m[3] - (1)) : 0;  
  for (;  
    m[3]--;  
    m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0]  
  );  
  return m[2];  
}
```

`m[3]` can be eliminated.

`n - 1` can be extracted.

The iterater can be extracted, too.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 0, n];  
  m[3] = (((m[3] - (1)) & (((-1) >>> (1)))) === (m[3] - (1))) ?  
    (m[2] = 1, m[3] - (1)) : 0;  
  for (; m[3] > 0; m[3]--) {  
    m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0];  
  }  
  return m[2];  
}
```

`-1 >>> 1` is equal to `2147483647`.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
    var m = [0, 1, 0],  
        p = n - 1,  
        q = ((p & (-1 >>> 1)) === p) ? (m[2] = 1, p) : 0;  
    for (; q > 0; q--) {  
        m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0];  
    }  
    return m[2];  
}
```

`>>>` is the zero-fill right shift bitwise operator (operands are converted to signed 32-bit integers in big endian order).

`-1` corresponds to binary `11111111 11111111 11111111 11111111` (first bit is the sign, the rest is the two's complement of 1).

Calculating the two's complement means to negate all bits, then add 1.

`-1 >>> 1` thus is binary `01111111 11111111 11111111 11111111` (which is decimal `2147483647`).

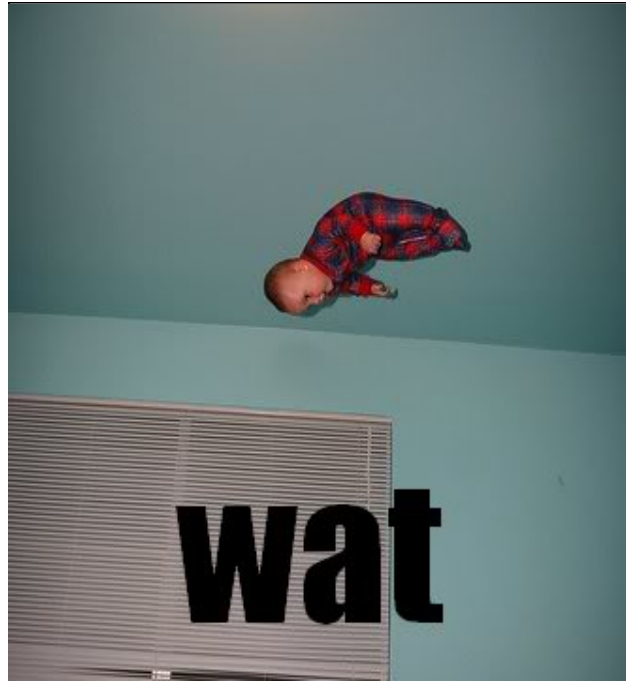
`(p & 2147483647) === p` is equal to `p >= 0`.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 0],  
      p = n - 1,  
      q = ((p & 2147483647) === p) ? (m[2] = 1, p) : 0;  
  for (; q > 0; q--) {  
    m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0];  
  }  
  return m[2];  
}
```

`p & 2147483647`: All non-sign bits are masked by the bitwise AND.

Since negative integers are represented as the two's complement of their absolute value, the expression

`(p & 2147483647) === p` corresponds to `p >= 0`.



`m[2] = 1, p` returns `p`.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 0],  
      p = n - 1,  
      q = p >= 0 ? (m[2] = 1, p) : 0;  
  for (; q > 0; q--) {  
    m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0];  
  }  
  return m[2];  
}
```

All expressions separated by the comma operator are evaluated, then the result of the last expression is returned.

For  $p \leq 0$  we never run through the loop, so we return 0 prematurely.

$m[2] = [0, 1, 1]$

The loop directly can use  $p$  as its loop counter.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
    var m = [0, 1, 0],  
        p = n - 1,  
        q;  
    if (p < 0) {  
        q = 0;  
    } else {  
        m[2] = 1;  
        q = p;  
    }  
    for (; q > 0; q--) {  
        m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0];  
    }  
    return m[2];  
}
```



The loop is traversed  $n - 1$  times and contains no reference in its body on the loop counter, so we can count in ascending order.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
    var m = [0, 1, 1];  
    if (n < 1) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    for (var p = n - 1; p > 0; p--) {  
        m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0];  
    }  
    return m[2];  
}
```

This is separable in 3 expressions.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 1];  
  if (n < 1) {  
    return 0;  
  }  
  for (var i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
    m[0] = (m[1] = m[2] = m[0] + m[1]) - m[0];  
  }  
  return m[2];  
}
```

The (right associative) assignment operator returns the assigned value.

`m` serves as buffer for 3 Fibonacci numbers.

In `m[2]` the next Fibonacci number is calculated from the previous two numbers, which are stored in `m[0]` and `m[1]`.

It is not necessary for the next iteration to calculate `m[1]` again, if `m[0]` and `m[1]` are assigned in the right order.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 1];  
  if (n < 1) {  
    return 0;  
  }  
  for (var i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
    m[2] = m[0] + m[1];  
    m[1] = m[2];  
    m[0] = m[1] - m[0];  
  }  
  return m[2];  
}
```

Shifting elements in an array can be done better with `shift()`.

But then we must return `m[1]` at the end.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 1];  
  if (n < 1) {  
    return 0;  
  }  
  for (var i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
    m[2] = m[0] + m[1];  
    m[0] = m[1];  
    m[1] = m[2];  
  }  
  return m[2];  
}
```

Cleanup:

Avoid magic numbers.

Leave `m[2]` empty initially.

Rename variables.

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var m = [0, 1, 1];  
  if (n < 1) {  
    return 0;  
  }  
  for (var i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
    m[2] = m[0] + m[1];  
    m.shift();  
  }  
  return m[1];  
}
```

```
function fibonacci(n) {  
  var fib = [0, 1];  
  if (n < 1) {  
    return fib[0];  
  }  
  for (var i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
    fib[2] = fib[0] + fib[1];  
    fib.shift();  
  }  
  return fib[1];  
}
```

(done :-)

# Thank you for your attention!

