**Immediately Invoked Function Expression**

Welcome back to JavaScript Functions series. Earlier in this series we have covered different ways to define a function in JavaScript using Function Declaration, Function Expression and Anonymous Functions. In this article we will cover another aspect of JavaScript language – Immediately Invoked Function Expression [IIFE]. Unlike Function declaration and function expression syntax, IIFE is NOT another way of declaring a function, however there are few inherent benefits of declaring function using IIFE syntax, which we will cover in this article. So let’s get started.

**IIFE - What’s in the name?**

Some people refer IIFE as *Self-executing anonymous functions* or *Self-invoked anonymous functions* and sometimes it gets utterly confusing to follow one naming convention. Just to be clear, all these names refer to same concept in JavaScript language. I prefer to call it as IIFE.