

Detailed JavaScript Functions & Methods Explanation



I'll explain this code comprehensively with all scenarios and references.

1 Basic Functions - Introduction

Problem Without Functions

```
var num1 = 6
var num2 = 5
console.log(num1+num2) // 11

var num3 = 3
var num4 = 2
console.log(num1+num2) // Still 11 (forgot to change variables!)
```




Problem: Code repetition, hard to maintain

Solution: Using Functions

```
function sum() {
  var num1 = 6
  var num2 = 5
  console.log(num1+num2)
}

sum() // Calling the function - Output: 11
```

Benefits:

-  Reusable code
-  Easy to maintain
-  Organized structure

Reference: [W3Schools - JS Functions](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_functions.asp)

2 Function Parameters & Arguments

Basic Parameters

```
function sum(num1, num2) {  
    console.log(num1 + num2)  
}
```

```
sum(2, 3)      // 5  
sum(10, 20)    // 30
```

Terminology:

- **Parameters:** num1, num2 (variables in function definition)
- **Arguments:** 2, 3 (actual values passed when calling)

Default Values with OR Operator

```
function sum(num1, num2) {  
    num1 = num1 || 0  
    num2 = num2 || 0  
    console.log(num1 + num2)  
}
```

Scenarios:

```
sum()           // 0 + 0 = 0  
sum(5)          // 5 + 0 = 5  
sum(2, 3)       // 2 + 3 = 5  
sum(true, true) // 1 + 1 = 2 (true converts to 1)  
sum(2, 3, 4)    // 2 + 3 = 5 (4 is ignored)
```

How || Works:

```
num1 = num1 || 0  
// If num1 is undefined/null/false/0/"" → use 0  
// Otherwise use num1  
...`
```

```
**Visual Flow:**
...

sum() called
├─ num1 = undefined → num1 || 0 → num1 = 0
├─ num2 = undefined → num2 || 0 → num2 = 0
└─ console.log(0 + 0) → 0
```

3 Types of Functions

1. Built-in Functions

Functions provided by JavaScript:

```
// Number conversions
var num1 = Number("10.6")    // 10.6 (keeps decimal)
var num2 = parseInt("10.6")  // 10 (removes decimal)

console.log("Number:", num1)  // Number: 10.6
console.log("ParseInt:", num2) // ParseInt: 10
```

Comparison Table:

Function	Input	Output	Use Case
Number("10.6")	"10.6"	10.6	Keep decimals
parseInt("10.6")	"10.6"	10	Get integer only
Number("abc")	"abc"	NaN	Invalid conversion
parseInt("10abc")	"10abc"	10	Stops at first non-digit

Reference: [W3Schools - Number Methods](#)




2. User-Defined Functions

A) Function Statement (Declaration)


```
function sayHello(name) {
    console.log("Welcome " + name)
```

```
}  
  
sayHello("Ahmed") // Welcome Ahmed
```

Characteristics:

-  **Hoisted** (can be called before declaration)
-  Has a name
-  More readable

Hoisting Example:




```
sayHello("Sara") //  Works! Output: Welcome Sara  
  
function sayHello(name) {  
    console.log("Welcome " + name)  
}
```

Reference: [W3Schools - Function Definitions](https://www.w3schools.com/js/default_function.asp)

B) Function Expression

```
var result = function(name) {  
    console.log("Welcome " + name)  
}  
  
result("Ahmed") // Welcome Ahmed
```

Characteristics:

-  **NOT Hoisted** (must be defined before use)
-  Anonymous (no name)
-  Can be assigned to variables

Hoisting Example:

```
result("Sara") //  Error! result is not a function  
  
var result = function(name) {
```

```
    console.log("Welcome " + name)
}
```

Why the Error?

```
// JavaScript sees this:
var result = undefined // Hoisted declaration
result("Sara")          // Trying to call undefined()
result = function(name) { ... } // Assignment happens later
```

Function Declaration vs Expression - Summary

Feature	Function Declaration	Function Expression
Syntax	function name() {}	var name = function() {}
Hoisting	✅ Yes	❌ No
Call Before Define	✅ Yes	❌ No
Anonymous	❌ Must have name	✅ Can be anonymous
Use Case	Regular functions	Callbacks, conditionals

4 Return Statement

Function Without Return


```
function sum(num1, num2) {
    console.log(num1 + num2)
}

var result = sum(2, 3)
console.log(result) // undefined
```

Why undefined?

- Function prints but doesn't **return** a value
 - Default return is `undefined`
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Function With Return

```
function sum(num1, num2) {  
    return num1 + num2  
}  
  
var result = sum(2, 3)  
console.log(result) // 5 
```

Return Scenarios:

```
function sum(num1, num2) {  
    return num1 + num2  
    console.log("This never runs") // Code after return is unreachable  
}  
  
function checkAge(age) {  
    if(age >= 18) {  
        return "Adult"  
    }  
    return "Minor"  
}  
  
function getData() {  
    return true // Returns boolean  
    return [1, 2, 3] // Can return arrays  
    return {name: "Sara"} // Can return objects  
}
```

Reference: [W3Schools - Function Return](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_function_return.asp)

5 Hoisting in Detail

Variable Hoisting

```
console.log(fname) // undefined (not error!)  
var fname = "Mohamed"  
console.log(fname) // Mohamed
```

What JavaScript Does:

```
// Step 1: Hoisting phase
var fname = undefined


// Step 2: Execution phase
console.log(fname)    // undefined
fname = "Mohamed"
console.log(fname)    // Mohamed
```

Function Hoisting

```
sayHello("Ahmed")  //  Works! Output: Welcome Ahmed

function sayHello(name) {
  console.log("Welcome " + name)
}
```

But Function Expression Doesn't Hoist:

```
result("Ahmed")  //  Error: result is not a function

var result = function(name) {
  console.log("Welcome " + name)
}
```

Reference: [W3Schools - JS Hoisting](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_hoisting.asp)

6 Callback Functions

What is a Callback?

A function passed as an argument to another function.

```
function greet(name, callback) {
  console.log("Welcome " + name)

  if(typeof callback === 'function') {
    callback()
  } else {
    console.log("Is not a function")
  }
}
```

```
    }  
  }  
  
  function jsTrack() {  
    console.log("Hello JS track")  
  }  
  
  greet("Ahmed", jsTrack)  
  // Output:  
  // Welcome Ahmed  
  // Hello JS track
```

Anonymous Callback

```
greet("Ahmed", function() {  
  console.log("Callback function")  
})  
  
// Output:  
// Welcome Ahmed  
// Callback function
```

Real-World Callback Example

```
// Simulating async operation  
function fetchData(callback) {  
  console.log("Fetching data...")  
  setTimeout(function() {  
    console.log("Data received!")  
    callback()  
  }, 2000)  
}  
  
fetchData(function() {  
  console.log("Processing data...")  
})  
  
// Output (after 2 seconds):  
// Fetching data...
```



```
// Data received!  
// Processing data...
```

Reference: [W3Schools - JS Callbacks](#)

7 String Methods

Common String Methods

```
var name1 = "welcome pd Track"  
  
console.log(name1.toUpperCase()) // "WELCOME PD TRACK"  
console.log(name1.toLowerCase()) // "welcome pd track"  
console.log(name1.length)       // 16
```

Accessing Characters

```
console.log(name1[0])           // "w"  
console.log(name1[40])          // undefined (out of range)  
console.log(name1.charAt(0))    // "w"  
console.log(name1.charAt())     // "w" (default index 0)
```

Difference between `[]` and `charAt()` :

Method	Out of Range	Read-only
<code>[index]</code>	undefined	Yes
<code>charAt(index)</code>	"" (empty string)	Yes

String Manipulation

```
var name1 = "welcome pd Track"  
  
// Concatenation  
console.log(name1.concat(" ahmed", " mohamed"))
```

```
// "welcome pd Track ahmed mohamed"

// Check endings
console.log(name1.endsWith('ck'))    // true
console.log(name1.endsWith('cki'))   // false
console.log(name1.startsWith('w'))    // true

// Find position
console.log(name1.indexOf('c'))        // 3 (first occurrence)
console.log(name1.lastIndexOf('c'))    // 14 (last occurrence)
```

Reference: [W3Schools - String Methods](#)

Split and Join

```
var email = "name=sara;email=sara@gmail.com"

// Split by semicolon
console.log(email.split(';'))
// ["name=sara", "email=sara@gmail.com"]

// Split and rejoin
console.log(email.split(';').join(' | '))
// "name=sara | email=sara@gmail.com"

// Practical example
var csv = "apple,banana,orange"
var fruits = csv.split(',') // ["apple", "banana", "orange"]
```

Slice Method

```
var text = "Hello World"

console.log(text.slice(0))    // "Hello World" (from index 0)
console.log(text.slice(2))    // "llo World" (from index 2)
console.log(text.slice(2, 5)) // "llo" (from 2 to 5, not including 5)
console.log(text.slice(-5))   // "World" (last 5 characters)
...

**Visual Representation:**
```

```
...
Index:  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10
Text:   H  e  l  l  o      W  o  r  l  d
        ↑          ↑
      slice(0)    slice(2)
```

8 Array Methods

Basic Array Operations

```
var arr1 = ["sara", "ahmed", "mohamed", "sara", "belal", "skss"]

console.log(arr1.length) // 6
```

Adding Elements

```
var arr = ["sara", "ahmed"]

// Add to end
arr.push("mostafa")
console.log(arr) // ["sara", "ahmed", "mostafa"]

// Add to beginning
arr.unshift("mahmoud")
console.log(arr) // ["mahmoud", "sara", "ahmed", "mostafa"]
...

**Visual:**
...

Before push:      ["sara", "ahmed"]
After push:       ["sara", "ahmed", "mostafa"]

Before unshift:   ["sara", "ahmed", "mostafa"]
After unshift:    ["mahmoud", "sara", "ahmed", "mostafa"]
```

Removing Elements

```
var arr = ["mahmoud", "sara", "ahmed", "mostafa"]

// Remove from end
arr.pop()
console.log(arr) // ["mahmoud", "sara", "ahmed"]

// Remove from beginning
arr.shift()
console.log(arr) // ["sara", "ahmed"]
```

Reference: [W3Schools - Array Methods](https://www.w3schools.com/js/js_array_methods.asp)

Slice Method (Non-Destructive)

```
var arr1 = ["sara", "ahmed", "mohamed", "belal", "skss"]

console.log(arr1.slice(1, 4)) // ["ahmed", "mohamed", "belal"]
console.log(arr1)             // Original unchanged
```

Parameters:

- `slice(start, end)` : Extracts from `start` to `end` (not including `end`)
- Returns **new array**
- Original array **unchanged**

Examples:

```
var arr = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

console.log(arr.slice(2)) // [2, 3, 4, 5]
console.log(arr.slice(1, 4)) // [1, 2, 3]
console.log(arr.slice(-2)) // [4, 5] (last 2)
console.log(arr.slice(0)) // [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5] (copy array)
```

Sort Method

```
var arr2 = [3, 4, 6, 100, 90, -3]
```

```
// Default sort (converts to strings!)
console.log(arr2.sort()) // [-3, 100, 3, 4, 6, 90] ❌ Wrong!
```

Why Wrong?

- Default sort converts numbers to strings
 - Compares as: "-3" , "100" , "3" , etc.
 - "100" comes before "3" alphabetically!
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Correct Numerical Sort

```
var arr2 = [3, 4, 6, 100, 90, -3]

// Ascending order
console.log(arr2.sort(function(a, b) {
    return a - b
}))
// [-3, 3, 4, 6, 90, 100] ✅ Correct!

// Descending order
console.log(arr2.sort(function(a, b) {
    return b - a
}))
// [100, 90, 6, 4, 3, -3] ✅
```

How it Works:

```
function(a, b) {
    return a - b
}

// If a - b < 0: a comes first
// If a - b > 0: b comes first
// If a - b = 0: keep original order
...

**Examples:**
...

Compare 100 and 3:
100 - 3 = 97 (positive) → 3 comes first
```

Compare 3 and -3:
3 - (-3) = 6 (positive) → -3 comes first

Reference: [W3Schools - Array Sort](#)

Summary Table

Function Types

Type	Syntax	Hoisting	Use Case
Declaration	function name() {}	✓ Yes	Regular functions
Expression	var name = function() {}	✗ No	Callbacks

String Methods

Method	Purpose	Example
toUpperCase()	Convert to uppercase	"hello" → "HELLO"
slice(start, end)	Extract substring	"hello".slice(1,4) → "ell"
split(separator)	Split into array	"a,b,c".split(',') → ["a","b","c"]

Array Methods

Method	Purpose	Mutates Array?
push()	Add to end	✓ Yes
pop()	Remove from end	✓ Yes
slice()	Extract portion	✗ No
sort()	Sort elements	✓ Yes

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