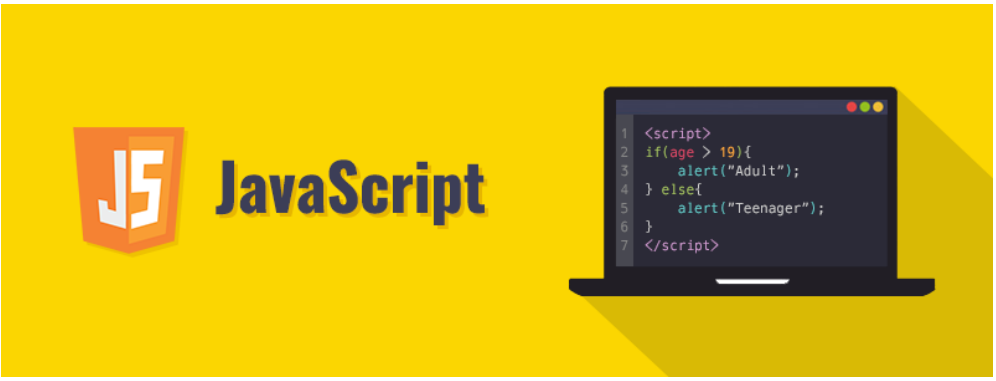
JavaScript Foundation – Training Day-3



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Duration: 16 hours | Schedule: 8 days @ 2 hours/day

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1	WED (10/12/2025)	Module 1: Introduction to JavaScript and Basics	JavaScript Overview, Syntax, and Variables
2	FRI (12/12/2025)	Module 2: Control Flow and Loops	Conditional Statements and Iteration
3	MON (15/12/2025)	Module 3: Functions and Scope	Function Declaration, Expressions, and Scope
4	TUE (16/12/2025)	Module 4: Arrays and Array Methods	Array Manipulation and Higher-Order Functions
5	WED (17/12/2025)	Module 5: Objects and Object-Oriented Programming	Objects, Properties, Methods, and Prototypes
6	THU (18/12/2025)	Module 6: DOM Manipulation and Events	Document Object Model and Event Handling
7	FRI (19/12/2025)	Module 7: Asynchronous JavaScript	Callbacks, Promises, and Async/Await
8	MON (22/12/2025)	Module 8: ES6+ Features and Best Practices	Modern JavaScript Features and Code Quality

Day3: Function Declaration, Expressions, and Scope (JavaScript)

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Function declarations and expressions
Arrow functions and syntax
Parameters and arguments
Return values and default parameters
Function scope and closures
Global vs local scope
Hoisting concepts
Callback functions introduction

What is a Function?

A function is a reusable block of code designed to perform a specific task.

```
// Function = input → processing → output
```

Function Declaration:

A **function declaration** defines a named function using the function keyword.

```
function functionName(parameters) {
  // function body
  return value;
}
```

```
function add(a, b) {
  return a + b;
}

console.log(add(5, 3)); // 8
```

Key Characteristics

✅ Has a **name**
✅ **Hoisted** (can be called before it is defined)
✅ Commonly used for reusable, general-purpose logic

Function Expression:

A **function expression** stores a function inside a variable.

```
const functionName = function(parameters) {
  // function body
};
```

```
const multiply = function(a, b) {
  return a * b;
};

console.log(multiply(4, 5)); // 20
```

Key Characteristics

❌ Not hoisted
✅ Can be anonymous
✅ Useful for conditional logic and callbacks

Named vs Anonymous Function Expressions

Anonymous Function Expression

```
const greet = function() {
  console.log("Hello");
};
```

Named Function Expression

```
const greet = function sayHello() {
  console.log("Hello");
};
```

Comparison Example:

Using Function Declaration

```
function calculateTotal(price, tax) {
  return price + tax;
}
```

Using Function Expression

```
const calculateTotal = function(price, tax) {
  return price + tax;
};
```

Both work the same **after definition**, but differ in **hoisting**.

Function Declaration is like a **permanent position** —available anytime.
Function Expression is like a **contract position** —available only after declaration.

When to use **Function Declaration** and **Function Expression**

- Use **function declarations** for reusable logic
- Use **function expressions** for callbacks and conditional functions
- Hoisting is the **main difference**
- Expressions give **more control**

Next topic: Arrow functions

Arrow Functions in JavaScript (ES6)

What is an Arrow Function?

An **arrow function** is a **shorter and more modern syntax** for writing functions in JavaScript, introduced in **ES6 (2015)**.

It is mainly used for:

- Cleaner code
- Short callbacks
- Preserving this context

Basic Syntax

Traditional Function

```
function add(a, b) {
  return a + b;
}
```

Arrow Function

```
const add = (a, b) => {
  return a + b;
};
```

Shorter Version

```
const add = (a, b) => a + b;
```

Arrow functions replace the function keyword with =>, making code concise and readable.

Anatomy of an Arrow Function

```
(parameters) => { function body }
```

- () → parameters
- => → arrow
- {} → function body

Arrow Function Variations:

a) No Parameters

```
const sayHello = () => {
  console.log("Hello!");
};
```

b) Single Parameter (Parentheses Optional)

```
const square = x => x * x;
```

Parentheses can be omitted if **only one parameter** exists.

c) Multiple Parameters

```
const multiply = (a, b) => a * b;
```

d) Multi-line Function Body

```
const calculate = (a, b) => {
  const sum = a + b;
  return sum;
};
```

If {} are used, **return must be explicit**.

e) Implicit Return (Single Expression)

```
const greet = name => "Hello " + name;
```

Arrow Functions vs Function Expressions

Function Expression:

```
const add = function(a, b) {
  return a + b;
};
```

Arrow Function:

```
const add = (a, b) => a + b;
```

Arrow functions are:

- Shorter
- Cleaner
- Easier for callbacks

Arrow Functions and this (Very Important)

Traditional Function (this depends on caller)

```
const obj = {
  value: 10,
  show: function() {
    console.log(this.value);
  }
};
```

Arrow Function (this is lexical)

```
const obj = {
  value: 10,
  show: () => {
    console.log(this.value);
  }
};
```

Key Rule:

Arrow functions **do not have their own this**
They inherit this from the surrounding scope.

Where Arrow Functions Are Best Used

✓ Callbacks

```
function greet(name, callback) {
  console.log("Hello " + name);
  callback();
}

function sayBye() {
  console.log("Goodbye!");
}

greet("Srikanth", sayBye);
```

✓ Array methods

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4];
const squares = numbers.map(n => n * n);
```

Where Arrow Functions Should NOT Be Used

Object methods (when this is needed)

```
const Person = (name) => {
  this.name = name;
};
```

Arrow functions cannot be constructors

What is a Constructor?

A **constructor function** is used to create objects using the new keyword.

```
function Person(name) {
  this.name = name;
}
const p1 = new Person("Ram");
console.log(p1.name); // Ram
```

✓ Works because:

- Person has its own this
- JavaScript sets up a new object when new is used

Trying the Same with an Arrow Function

```
const Person = (name) => {
  this.name = name;
};
const p1 = new Person("Ram");
```

Reason:

Arrow functions do **not** have a prototype and do **not** create their own this.

Because constructors rely on:

1. A new object being created
2. this pointing to that new object
3. A prototype chain

Parameters vs Arguments:

Parameters

Defined in function definition.

Arguments

Values we pass during function call.

```
function multiply(a, b) {  // a, b = parameters
  return a * b;
}

multiply(5, 2, 4); // 5, 2 = arguments
```

JavaScript allows fewer or more arguments than parameters; extras go to arguments (for non-arrow functions) or can be collected with rest syntax (...rest).

```
function greet(name) {
  console.log("Hello " + name);
}
greet("Ravi"); // Hello Ravi
greet();       // Hello undefined
```

arguments

```
function showArgs() {
  console.log(arguments[0], arguments.length);
}
showArgs("a", "b"); // "a", 2
```

Default values combined with destructuring:

```
function connect({ host = 'localhost', port = 80 } = {}) {
  console.log(host, port);
}
connect(); // "localhost", 80
connect({ host: 'example.com' }); // "example.com", 80
```

Rest parameters (preferred):

```
function sum(...nums) {
  return nums.reduce((s, n) => s + n, 0);
}
console.log(sum(1,2,3)); // 6
```

This code uses reduce() to add all numbers in the array, starting from 0.

reduce() is an **array method** used to **reduce an array to a single value**.

Common uses:

- sum of numbers
- product
- flatten arrays
- build objects

It has 2 main arguments:

1. **Callback function** → (s, n) => s + n
2. **Initial value** → 0

This callback runs **once for each array element**.

Parameter	**Meaning**
s	accumulator (running total)
n	current array element

On each step: s = s + n

s starts at 0 **Initial Value (0)**

This is important for safety and clarity

Return values and default parameters

Explanation

- return stops execution and gives a value back.
- No return → function returns undefined.
- Default parameters provide fallback values.

Examples

Early return pattern:

```
function divide(a, b) {
  if (b === 0) return null; // early guard
  return a / b;
}
```

Default params and expressions:

```
function multipl(a = 1, b = a) {
  return a * b;
}
console.log(multipl());     // 1
console.log(multipl(5));    // 25 (b defaults to a)
```

Return of complex values:

```
function createUser(name) {
  return { id: Date.now(), name };
}
const u = createUser("Me");
```

If a function reaches return, it sends back a value and exits;

if it reaches the end without return, JavaScript returns undefined.

What does return do?

- Sends a value **back to the caller**
- **Immediately stops** function execution

Example

```
function add(a, b) {
  return a + b;
  console.log("This will NOT run");
}

const result = add(2, 3);
console.log(result);
```

Falling Off the End of a Function

If a function **does not explicitly return anything**, JavaScript **automatically returns undefined**.

Example

```
function add(a, b) {
  const sum = a + b;
}

const result = add(2, 3);
console.log(result);
```

Conditional Return vs Falling Off

```
function checkAge(age) {
  if (age >= 18) {
    return "Allowed";
  }
}

console.log(checkAge(20));
console.log(checkAge(15));
```

Missing return paths lead to **unexpected undefined**.

Always return **something meaningful** if the function is expected to produce a value.

Better Version

```
function checkAge(age) {
  if (age >= 18) {
    return "Allowed";
  }
  return "Not allowed";
}
```

side effects vs pure functions

What is a Side Effect?

A side effect happens when a function:

- Changes something outside itself, or
- Depends on external state

📌 **Examples of side effects:**

- Modifying global variables
- Changing object/array arguments
- Logging to console
- Making API calls
- Updating DOM

Function WITH Side Effects

Global variable modification

```
let total = 0;
function addToTotal(n) {
  total = total + n; // side effect
}
addToTotal(5);
addToTotal(3);

console.log(total);
```

Why this has side effects Function changes external state (total)

What is a Pure Function?

A **pure function**:

1. Returns the **same output** for the same input
2. Has **no side effects**

✓ No external state
✓ No mutation

Example: Pure Function

```
function add(a, b) {
  return a + b;
}
add(2, 3); // always 5
```

Why this is pure

- Output depends only on inputs
- Does not modify anything outside

Next topic: Function scope and closures

Function scope and closures

What is Scope?

Scope determines **where a variable can be accessed** in your code.

In JavaScript, scope: From where can I use this variable?

Types of Scope (Quick Overview)

Scope Type	Description
Global Scope	Accessible everywhere
Function Scope	Accessible only inside the function
Block Scope	Accessible only inside {} (let/const)
Lexical Scope	Scope determined by code location

Function Scope (Core Concept)

Definition

A variable declared **inside a function** is **function-scoped** and **cannot be accessed outside** that function.

```
function greet() {
  let message = "Hello";
  console.log(message); // ✅ Accessible
}

greet();
console.log(message); // ❌ ReferenceError
```

Key Rule

Variables declared inside a function live only inside that function.

Function Scope with var, let, and const

Using var

var is **function-scoped**, not block-scoped.

```
function testVar() {
  if (true) {
    var x = 10;
  }
  console.log(x); // ✅ 10
}
```

Using let / const

let and const are **block-scoped**.

```
function testLet() {
  if (true) {
    let y = 20;
  }
  console.log(y); // ❌ ReferenceError
}
```

Interview Tip

var ignores blocks, but **respects functions**.

Global Scope vs Function Scope

```
let count = 0; // Global

function increment() {
  let count = 10; // Function scope
  console.log(count);
}

increment();      // 10
console.log(count); // 0
```

Explanation

- Inner count **shadows** outer count
- They are **different variables**

Nested Functions and Scope Chain

JavaScript uses **lexical scoping**.

```
function outer() {
  let outerVar = "I am outer";

  function inner() {
    console.log(outerVar); // ✅ Access outer scope
  }

  inner();
}

outer();
```

Scope Chain

inner()

→ outer()

→ global

JavaScript searches **inside → outside → global**

What is a Closure?

Simple Definition

A **closure** is created when a function **remembers variables from its outer scope**, even after the outer function has finished executing.

Formal Definition

A closure is a function bundled together with its lexical environment.

Closure Example (Classic)

```
function outer() {
  let count = 0;

  return function inner() {
    count++;
    console.log(count);
  };
}

const counter = outer();

counter(); // 1
counter(); // 2
counter(); // 3
```

What's Happening?

1. outer() runs and returns inner
2. outer() finishes execution
3. inner() **still remembers count**
4. count is preserved in memory

This memory retention = closure

Visualizing a Closure:

counter → inner()

|

└── count = 0 → 1 → 2 → 3

Even though outer() is gone, count lives on.

Why Closures Are Powerful

Data Encapsulation (Private Variables)

```
function createBankAccount() {
  let balance = 0;

  return {
    deposit(amount) {
      balance += amount;
    },
    getBalance() {
      return balance;
    }
  };
}

const account = createBankAccount();
account.deposit(100);
console.log(account.getBalance()); // 100
```

balance cannot be accessed directly.

Common Closure Mistake (Loop Problem)

Using var

```
for (var i = 1; i <= 3; i++) {
  setTimeout(() => console.log(i), 1000);
}
// Output: 4 4 4
```

var is function-scoped

One shared i

Fix with let

```
for (let i = 1; i <= 3; i++) {
  setTimeout(() => console.log(i), 1000);
}
// Output: 1 2 3
```

Each iteration gets its **own closure**.

Closure vs Normal Function

Feature	Normal Function	Closure
Access outer variables	❌	✅
Preserves state	❌	✅
Memory retention	❌	✅

Performance Note (Important)

Closures **keep variables in memory**

- Avoid creating unnecessary closures in loops
- Release references when not needed

Next topic: Global vs Local Scope in JavaScript

Global vs Local Scope in JavaScript

What is Scope?

Scope defines **where a variable can be accessed** in your program.

“Who can see this variable?”

Global Scope

Definition

A variable declared **outside of all functions and blocks** is in **global scope**.

```
let appName = "MyApp"; // Global variable

function showApp() {
  console.log(appName); // ✅ Accessible
}

showApp();
console.log(appName); // ✅ Accessible
```

Key Characteristics

✅ Accessible **anywhere**
❌ Can be modified from anywhere
⚠ Risk of name collisions

Local Scope

Definition

A variable declared **inside a function or block** is **local** to that scope.

```
function login() {
  let user = "Admin"; // Local variable
  console.log(user); // ✅ Accessible
}

login();
console.log(user); // ❌ ReferenceError
```

Rule

Local variables **exist only inside their scope**.

Function Scope (Local Scope Type)

Variables declared with var, let, or const **inside a function** are **function-scoped**.

```
function calculate() {
  var x = 10;
  let y = 20;
  const z = 30;

  console.log(x, y, z); // ✅
}
calculate();
console.log(x); // ❌
```

Block Scope vs Function Scope

Block Scope (let, const)

```
if (true) {
  let a = 5;
  const b = 10;
}

console.log(a); // ❌
console.log(b); // ❌
```

Function Scope (var)

```
function test() {
  if (true) {
    var x = 100;
  }
  console.log(x); // ✅
}
```

⚠ var **ignores block scope**

Global vs Local Scope – Side by Side

```
let count = 1; // Global

function update() {
  let count = 5; // Local (shadows global)
  console.log(count);
}

update();          // 5
console.log(count); // 1
```

Scope Chain (Very Important)

JavaScript looks for variables in this order:

Local scope

→ Parent scope

→ Global scope

```
let site = "Google";

function outer() {
  let page = "Home";

  function inner() {
    console.log(site); // Global
    console.log(page); // Outer local
  }

  inner();
}
```

Accidental Global Variables (Common Mistake)

❌ Without let, var, or const

```
function test() {
  score = 100; // ❌ Becomes global!
}
test();
console.log(score); // 100
```

Real-World Analogy

🏠 **Global Scope** → Living room (everyone can access)

🛏️ **Local Scope** → Bedroom (private access)

Next topic: Hoisting Concepts

Hoisting Concepts in JavaScript (In-Depth Explanation)

Hoisting is one of the most **important JavaScript concepts**.

What is Hoisting?

Hoisting is JavaScript's behavior of moving declarations to the top of their scope during the compilation phase.

⚠ Important:

- **Only declarations are hoisted**
- **Assignments are NOT hoisted**
- Hoisting happens **before code execution**

Think of JavaScript as doing **two passes**:

1. **Memory Creation Phase (Hoisting)**
2. **Execution Phase**

JavaScript Execution Context & Hoisting

Every time JavaScript runs code, it creates an **Execution Context**.

Memory Creation Phase

- Variables are registered
- Functions are registered
- Space is allocated in memory

Execution Phase

- Code is executed line by line
- Values are assigned
- Functions are called

Hoisting with var

Example

```
console.log(a);
var a = 10;
// What actually happens internally
var a;          // hoisted
console.log(a);
a = 10;
```

Explanation

- var a is hoisted
- Value assignment (= 10) stays in place
- Variable exists but has value undefined

✅ **var is hoisted and initialized with undefined**

Hoisting with let and const

Example

```
console.log(b);
let b = 20;
```

Output

ReferenceError: Cannot access 'b' before initialization

Why?

- let and const are **hoisted**
- BUT they are placed in the **Temporal Dead Zone (TDZ)**

Temporal Dead Zone (TDZ)

TDZ is the time between variable creation and initialization where access is forbidden.

```
// TDZ starts
console.log(x); // ❌ Error
let x = 5;      // TDZ ends
```

✅ Prevents bugs caused by accidental early access
✅ Makes code more predictable

Hoisting Comparison: var vs let vs const

Feature	var	let	const
Hoisted	✅ Yes	✅ Yes	✅ Yes
Initialized during hoisting	✅ undefined	❌ No	❌ No
Temporal Dead Zone	❌ No	✅ Yes	✅ Yes
Re-declaration allowed	✅ Yes	❌ No	❌ No
Block scoped	❌ No	✅ Yes	✅ Yes

Function Hoisting

Function Declaration (Fully Hoisted)

```
sayHello();

function sayHello() {
  console.log("Hello!");
}
```

✅ Works perfectly
📌 Function declarations are **fully hoisted (body + name)**

Function Expression (NOT Fully Hoisted)

```
sayHi();

var sayHi = function () {
  console.log("Hi!");
};
```

Output

TypeError: sayHi is not a function

Why?

- var sayHi is hoisted as undefined
- Function assignment happens later

Arrow Function Hoisting

```
greet();

const greet = () => {
  console.log("Hello");
};
```

❌ ReferenceError (TDZ)

Function Hoisting Summary

Function Type	Hoisted?	Callable before definition?
Function declaration	✅ Yes	✅ Yes
Function expression (var)	Partial	❌ No
Arrow function (let/const)	Partial	❌ No

Global vs Local Hoisting

```
var x = 10;

function test() {
  console.log(x);
  var x = 20;
}

test();
```

Output

undefined

Explanation

- Local var x is hoisted inside test
- Shadows global variable

Best Practices to Avoid Hoisting Issues

✅ Always declare variables at the **top of the block**
✅ Prefer **let and const over var**
✅ Define functions **before using them**
✅ Avoid relying on hoisting behavior
✅ Use **strict mode**

"use strict";

Next topic: Callback Functions

Callback Functions – Introduction (JavaScript)

A **callback function** is a **core JavaScript concept** and the foundation for understanding **asynchronous programming**.

What is a Callback Function?

A callback function is a function that is passed as an argument to another function and is executed later.

📌 In simple words:

- You **don't call** the function yourself
- You **give it to another function**
- That function **calls it back** at the right time

Why Do We Need Callbacks?

JavaScript:

- Is **single-threaded**
- Executes code **one task at a time**

Callbacks allow JavaScript to:

- Handle **async operations**
- Avoid blocking execution
- Run code **after** something finishes (timer, API, event)

Basic Callback Example (Synchronous)

```
function greet(name, callback) {
  console.log("Hello " + name);
  callback();
}

function sayBye() {
  console.log("Goodbye!");
}

greet("Srikanth", sayBye);
```

Output

Hello Srikanth

Goodbye!

✅ sayBye is passed
✅ Executed **inside** greet

Callback with Anonymous Function

```
function calculate(a, b, operation) {
  operation(a, b);
}

calculate(5, 3, function (x, y) {
  console.log(x + y);
});
```

Arrow Function as Callback

```
calculate(10, 5, (x, y) => {
  console.log(x * y);
});
```

✓ Cleaner
✓ More readable

Asynchronous Callback Example (setTimeout)

```
console.log("Start");

setTimeout(() => {
  console.log("Inside callback");
}, 2000);
console.log("End");
```

Output

Start

End

Inside callback

📌 Callback runs **after delay**, not immediately

Callback vs Normal Function

Feature	Normal Function	Callback Function
Called directly	✅ Yes	❌ No
Passed as argument	❌ No	✅ Yes
Execution timing	Immediate	Controlled by another function
Common usage	General logic	Async & event handling

Callback Hell (Problem)

When callbacks are **nested deeply**, code becomes hard to read.

```
setTimeout(() => {
  console.log("Task 1");
  setTimeout(() => {
    console.log("Task 2");
    setTimeout(() => {
      console.log("Task 3");
    }, 1000);
  }, 1000);
}, 1000);
```

How to Avoid Callback Hell

✅ Use **named functions**
✅ Use **Promises** (A Promise represents a value that will be **available now, later, or never**.)
✅ Use **async / await**

```
async function runTasks() {
  await task1();
  await task2();
  await task3();
}
```