

# Functions & parameters

- What ?
- How ?
- Why ?

# Functions & Parameters – What ?

⌘ Subroutine, procedure, routine, method or subprogram.

```
char function3(int number)
{
    char selection[] = {'S','M','T','W','T','F','S'};
    return selection[number];
}
```

```
Private Function Function3(ByVal intValue as Integer) as String
    Dim strArray(6) as String
    strArray = Array("M", "T", "W", "T", "F", "S", "S")
    Function3 = strArray(intValue)
End Function
```

```
var x = myFunction(4, 3);

function myFunction(a, b) {
    return a * b;
}
```

Piece of code

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Type	Result
Undefined	"undefined"
Null	"object" (see below)
Boolean	"boolean"
Number	"number"
String	"string"
Symbol (new in ECMAScript 2015)	"symbol"
Host object (provided by the JS environment)	<i>Implementation-dependent</i>
Function object (implements <code>[[Call]]</code> in ECMA-262 terms)	"function"
Any other object	"object"

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```
function myFunction(a, b) {  
    return arguments.length;  
}
```

Length propertie



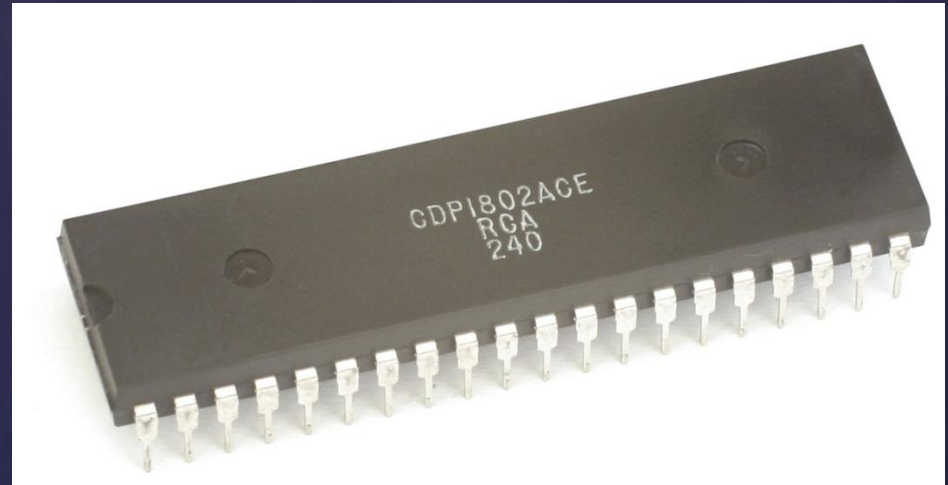
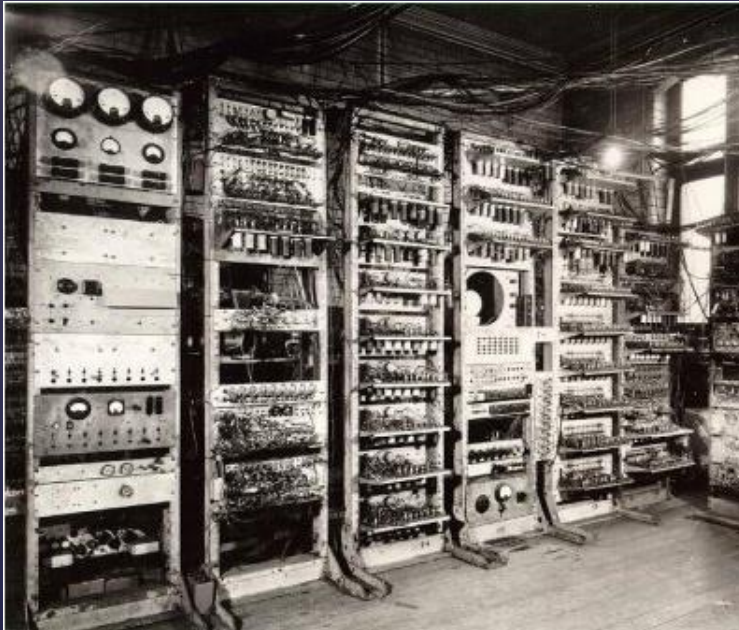
```
function myFunction(a, b) {  
    return a * b;  
}  
  
var txt = myFunction.toString();
```

ToString method



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- ⌘ Objects > properties and methods
- ⌘ "The earliest computers and microprocessors, such as the *Small-Scale Experimental Machine* and the *RCA 1802*, did not have a single subroutine call instruction."



1960s

# Functions & Parameters – What ?

- ⌘ Names listed in the function definition  
The real values passed to the function



```
functionName(parameter1, parameter2, parameter3) {  
    code to be executed  
}
```

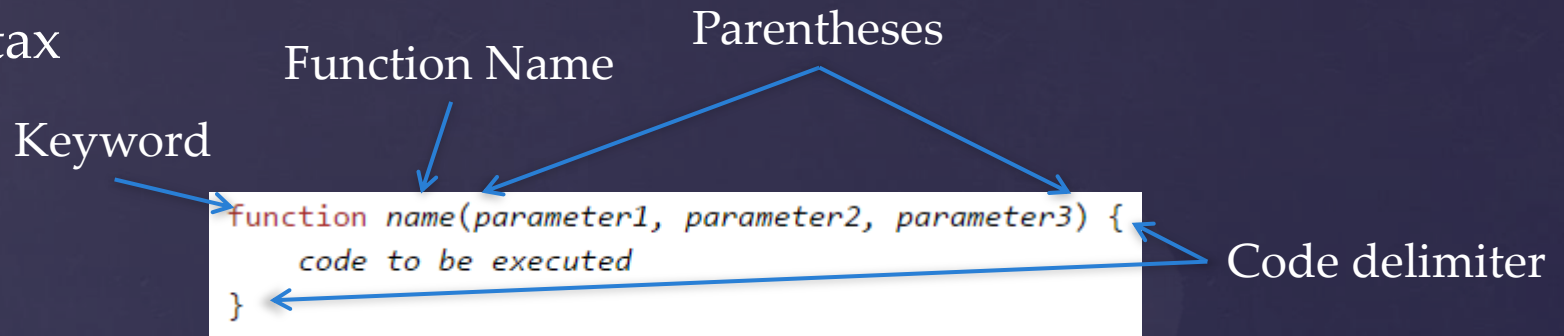


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- ⌘ Names listed in the function definition
  - The real values passed to the function
- ⌘ Whatever you want and as much as you want
- ⌘ Locals variables

# Functions & Parameters – How ?

## & Syntax



Function names can contain letters, digits, underscores, and dollar signs

```
var x = function (a, b) {return a * b};
```

```
var myFunction = new Function("a", "b", "return a * b");
```



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```
function factorial(num)
{
    // If the number is less than 0, reject it.
    if (num < 0) {
        return -1;
    }
    // If the number is 0, its factorial is 1.
    else if (num == 0) {
        return 1;
    }
    // Otherwise, call this recursive procedure again.
    else {
        return (num * factorial(num - 1));
    }
}

var result = factorial(8);
document.write(result);

// Output: 40320
```

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Invoked

Definition

  
FunctionName()  $\neq$  FunctionName

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- ⌘ Syntax
- ⌘ Invoke
- ⌘ Hoisting

Invoke

Declaration

```
myFunction(5);  
-----  
function myFunction(y) {  
    return y * y;  
}
```

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# Functions & Parameters – Why ?

- ⌘ You're lazy !
- ⌘ It's more readable
- ⌘ For update

```
Function merci(){  
  return « Thank you for your  
  attention »;  
}
```

```
console.log(merci());
```