

## JavaScript Recursion

For something simple to start with – let's write a function `pow(x, n)` that raises `x` to a natural power of `n`. In other words, multiplies `x` by itself `n` times.

```
pow(2, 2) = 4  
pow(2, 3) = 8  
pow(2, 4) = 16
```

### **var 1**

```
function pow(x, n) {  
  let result = 1;  
  // multiply result by x n times in the loop  
  for (let i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    result *= x;  
  }  
  return result;  
}
```

```
alert( pow(2, 3) ); // 8
```

### **var 2 Recursive thinking: simplify the task and call self:** **check how `n` changes on each `pow` call**

```
function pow(x, n) {  
  if (n == 1) {  
    return x;  
  } else {  
    return x * pow(x, n - 1);  
  }  
}
```

```
alert( pow(2, 3) ); // 8
```

## **Recursive traversals**

```

let company = { // the same object, compressed for brevity
  sales: [{name: 'John', salary: 1000}, {name: 'Alice', salary: 1600 }],
  development: {
    sites: [{name: 'Peter', salary: 2000}, {name: 'Alex', salary: 1800 }],
    internals: [{name: 'Jack', salary: 1300}]
  }
};

// The function to do the job
function sumSalaries(department) {
  if (Array.isArray(department)) { // case (1)
    return department.reduce((prev, current) => prev + current.salary, 0);
  } // sum the array
  else { // case (2)
    let sum = 0;
    for (let subdep of Object.values(department)) {
      sum += sumSalaries(subdep); // recursively call for subdepartments,
    } // sum the results
    return sum;
  }
}

alert(sumSalaries(company)); // 7700

```

## Tasks

### 1. Sum all numbers till the given one

```

function sumTo(n) {
  if (n == 1) return 1;
  return n + sumTo(n - 1);
}

alert( sumTo(100) );

```

2. The [factorial](#) of a natural number is a number multiplied by "number minus one", then by "number minus two", and so on till 1.

The factorial of  $n$  is denoted as  $n!$

```
function factorial(n) {  
  return n ? n * factorial(n - 1) : 1;  
}
```

```
alert( factorial(5) ); // 120
```

3. The sequence of [Fibonacci numbers](#) has the formula  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ . In other words, the next number is a sum of the two preceding ones.

First two numbers are 1, then  $2(1+1)$ , then  $3(1+2)$ ,  $5(2+3)$  and so on: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21....

Fibonacci numbers are related to the [Golden ratio](#) and many natural phenomena around us.

Write a function `fib(n)` that returns the  $n$ -th Fibonacci number.

```
function fib(n) {  
  return n <= 1 ? n : fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2);  
}
```

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