

JavaScript Async Programming

Practice Problems - setTimeout, Callbacks & Asynchronous Operations

Total Problems: 15 | Difficulty: Beginner to Intermediate

Section 1: Basic Level

Difficulty: ★ Beginner | Focus: setTimeout fundamentals + basic conditions

1 Delayed Greeting

Create a function `greetUser(name)` that implements delayed greeting with validation.

Tasks:

- Wait 2 seconds before displaying the greeting
- Then print: Hello <name>
- If name is empty → print Invalid Name immediately (without timeout)

Concepts: Conditional logic + setTimeout + string interpolation

2 Countdown Timer

Write a program that prints a countdown sequence.

Output Required:

- 5 (after 1 second)
- 4 (after 2 seconds)
- 3 (after 3 seconds)
- 2 (after 4 seconds)
- 1 (after 5 seconds)
- Go! (after 6 seconds)

Rules:

- Each number should appear after 1 second interval
- Use loop + setTimeout
- Do NOT use setInterval

Concepts: Loop with setTimeout + closure + delay calculation

3 Delayed Array Processing

Process an array after a delay and calculate the sum.

```
const numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8];
```

Tasks:

- After 3 seconds, print the sum of array elements
- If array is empty → print "No Data"
- Use reduce method for calculation

Concepts: Array methods (reduce) + setTimeout + validation



Section 2: Intermediate Level

Difficulty: ** Intermediate | Focus: Complex conditions + async logic

4 Fake Login System

Create a function `login(username, password)` that simulates an authentication system.

Behavior:

- Immediately print "Checking credentials..."
- After 2 seconds check credentials:
 - If username = "admin" AND password = "1234" → "Login Success"
 - Else → "Login Failed"

Concepts: Conditional logic + setTimeout + logical operators (&&)

5 Filter Array with Async

```
const numbers = [10, 25, 30, 45, 60];
```

Tasks:

- Create a function that filters numbers greater than 30
- Use setTimeout to return result after 2 seconds
- Print "No numbers found" if result array is empty

💡 Expected output: [45, 60] (after 2 seconds)

Concepts: Array filter + setTimeout + callback/promise pattern

6 Student Pass/Fail Checker

```
const marks = [40, 55, 70, 20];
```

Tasks:

- Write a function that checks each mark
- If mark $\geq 35 \rightarrow$ print "Pass"
- Else \rightarrow print "Fail"
- Display result one by one every second using setTimeout

💡 Output format: "Student 1: Pass", "Student 2: Pass", "Student 3: Pass", "Student 4: Fail"
(Each appearing 1 second apart)

Concepts: Loop + setTimeout + conditional + delay multiplication

7 Async Fetch Simulation

Create a fake async function getUsers() that simulates fetching user data.

```
const users = [ {name: "Alice", age: 25}, {name: "Bob", age: 17}, {name: "Charlie", age: 30}, {name: "David", age: 16} ];
```

Tasks:

- Return array of users after 2 seconds
- Loop through users
- If age $> 18 \rightarrow$ print "[Name] is Adult"
- Else \rightarrow print "[Name] is Minor"

Concepts: Async simulation + array iteration + object access + conditions

8 Shopping Cart Logic

```
const prices = [100, 250, 75, 300];
```

Tasks:

- Create async function `calculateTotal()`
- Use `setTimeout` to simulate processing delay (2 seconds)
- Calculate total price
- If total > 500 → print "Discount Applied - Total: [amount]"
- Else → print "No Discount - Total: [amount]"

Concepts: Array reduce + `setTimeout` + conditional output + calculation

9 Sequential Delays

```
const letters = ["A", "B", "C", "D"];
```

Tasks:

- Print each letter with 1-second gap
- Use function + `setTimeout`
- If letter is "C" → print "C - Special Letter"
- Otherwise → print just the letter

Concepts: Sequential `setTimeout` + array iteration + special case handling

🔥 Section 3: Advanced Challenges

Difficulty: *** Advanced | Focus: Complex async patterns + multiple operations

10 Multi-Step Order Processing

Simulate a multi-step order processing system with different delays.

Steps:

- Step 1: Print "Order Received" (immediately)
- Step 2: Print "Processing Payment..." (after 1 second)
- Step 3: Print "Payment Confirmed" (after 3 seconds total)
- Step 4: Print "Order Shipped" (after 5 seconds total)
- Step 5: Print "Order Delivered" (after 7 seconds total)

Concepts: Nested setTimeout + sequential async operations + accumulating delays

11 Traffic Light Simulator

Create a traffic light sequence that runs once.

Sequence:

- "🚦 RED" (0 seconds - start immediately)
- "🚦 YELLOW" (after 3 seconds)
- "🚦 GREEN" (after 5 seconds total)
- "🚦 YELLOW" (after 10 seconds total)
- "🚦 RED - Cycle Complete" (after 12 seconds total)

Concepts: Sequential timing + state management + visual feedback

12 Async Data Validator

```
const formData = { email: "user@example.com", password: "pass123", age: 25 };
```

Tasks:

- Validate email (must contain @) - takes 1 second
- Validate password (must be at least 6 characters) - takes 1 second
- Validate age (must be ≥ 18) - takes 1 second
- Each validation should run sequentially
- If all pass \rightarrow print "Validation Success"
- If any fails \rightarrow print "Validation Failed: [reason]" and stop

Concepts: Sequential validation + early termination + string/number checks

13 Race Condition Simulator

Simulate three async tasks with different completion times.

```
const tasks = [ {name: "Task A", duration: 3000}, {name: "Task B", duration: 1000}, {name: "Task C", duration: 2000} ];
```

Tasks:

- Start all tasks simultaneously
- Print "[Task Name] completed" when each finishes
- Track and print which task finishes first
- When all complete, print "All tasks completed"

Concepts: Parallel setTimeout + completion tracking + race conditions

14 Retry Mechanism

Create a function that simulates API calls with retry logic.

Requirements:

- Create `fetchData()` that randomly succeeds or fails
- If it fails, retry up to 3 times
- Wait 2 seconds between retries
- Print attempt number each time
- If all retries fail → print "Failed after 3 attempts"
- If successful → print "Success on attempt [number]"

💡 Use `Math.random() > 0.5` to simulate success/failure

Concepts: Retry logic + recursive `setTimeout` + random simulation + counter

15 Bank Transaction Queue

```
const transactions = [ {type: "deposit", amount: 1000}, {type: "withdraw", amount: 500},  
  {type: "deposit", amount: 200}, {type: "withdraw", amount: 1500} ];
```

Tasks:

- Starting balance: 1000
- Process each transaction after 1 second interval
- For deposit: add amount and print new balance
- For withdraw: check if sufficient balance
 - If yes: deduct and print new balance
 - If no: print "Insufficient funds" and skip
- Print final balance when all transactions complete

Concepts: State management + sequential processing + balance validation + accumulator



Bonus Section: Real-World Scenarios

Difficulty: ★★★ Advanced | Focus: Practical applications

B1 Typing Animation Effect

Create a typing effect that displays text character by character.

```
const message = "Welcome to JavaScript Async Programming!";
```

Tasks:

- Display each character after 100ms delay
- When complete, print "✓ Message displayed"

B2 Progress Bar Simulation

Simulate a download progress bar from 0% to 100%.

Tasks:

- Start at 0%, increment by 10% every 500ms
- Print progress: "Downloading... 10%", "Downloading... 20%", etc.
- When reaching 100%, print "Download Complete!"

B3 Auto-Save System

Simulate an auto-save feature that saves data every 3 seconds, 5 times total.

Tasks:

- Print "Auto-saving... [timestamp]" every 3 seconds
- Save 5 times total
- After 5 saves, print "Auto-save disabled"

Total Practice Problems: 18

Basic (3) • Intermediate (6) • Advanced (6) • Bonus (3)

🔗 Focus Areas: [setTimeout](#) • [Callbacks](#) • [Async Logic](#) • [Conditional Statements](#) • [Array Methods](#) • [State Management](#)

