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Callback

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JavaScript is everywhere. Millions of webpages are built on JS.

A few examples will help you understand the JavaScript Callback function in this post.

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Function

A Function is a block of code that performs a certain task when called.

```
function greet(name) {  
    console.log('Hi' + ' ' + name);  
}  
  
greet('Imtiyaz');  
// Hi Imtiyaz
```

- In the above program, a string value is passed as an argument to the greet() function.
- In JavaScript, you can also pass a function as an argument to a function.



Callback Function

This **function** that is passed as an **argument** inside of another function is called a **callback function**.

```
// callback funtion
function myDisplayer(sum) {
  console.log("Total sum is: "+sum);
}
// function
function myCalculator(num, myCallback) {
  let sum = num + 5;
  myCallback(sum);
}
// passing myDisplayer funtion as an argument to the
// myCalculator funtion
myCalculator(8, myDisplayer);

/* Output
   Total sum is: 13
*/
```



- In this example, the `myDisplay` function is the **callback**.
- It is passed as an **argument** to the `myCalculator` function.
- When the `myCalculator` function is **called**, it calculate the sum of num and 5, and then calls the `myDisplay` function, passing the **sum** as an argument.
- The `myDisplay` function then log the **sum**.



Benefits

1. **Asynchrony:** Callbacks allow you to execute a function after a certain task is completed, without blocking other code from executing in the meantime.
2. **Reusability:** Callback functions can be defined once and then passed as arguments to be used multiple times.
3. **Flexibility:** Callback functions can be added or removed at runtime, providing greater flexibility in your code.



Example Of Async. Task

```
// A function that simulates a time-consuming task
function heavyTask(callback) {
  setTimeout(() => {
    console.log("Heavy task finished!");
    callback();
  }, 2000);
}

// A function that is called after the heavy task is
// completed
function done() {
  console.log("Done!");
}

console.log("Starting...");

// Calling the heavy task and passing the "done" function
// as a callback
heavyTask(done);

console.log("Continuing with other work...");

// Output:
// Starting...
// Continuing with other work...
// Heavy task finished!
// Done!
```



Here is an **Example** of using a **callback function** to perform an **asynchronous task** in JavaScript.

In this example, **heavyTask** simulates a time-consuming task that takes 2 seconds to complete.

The **done** function is passed as a **callback** to **heavyTask**, and is executed when the **heavy task is finished**.

Meanwhile, the rest of the code **continues to execute**, allowing for other tasks to be performed while the **heavy task is in progress**.

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