

You

Write a function that takes an array of strings as an argument and returns a sorted array containing the same strings, ordered from shortest to longest.

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Sure, here is a simple function in JavaScript that does that:

```
function sortStringsByLength(arr) {
  return arr.sort((a, b) => a.length - b.length);
}
```

This function uses the `sort` method of the array, which sorts the array in place. The `sort` method takes a comparator function that compares two elements of the array. In this case, the comparator function is `(a, b) => a.length - b.length`, which sorts the strings by their length in ascending order (from shortest to longest). If `a.length - b.length` is less than 0, `a` comes first. If it's greater than 0, `b` comes first. If it's equal to 0, `a` and `b` remain unchanged with respect to each other.

You can use this function like this:

```
let strings = ["short", "longer", "longest", "a"];
let sortedStrings = sortStringsByLength(strings);
console.log(sortedStrings); // Output: ["a", "short", "longer", "longest"]
```

This will print the array of strings sorted by length. Please note that this function modifies the original array. If you don't want to modify the original array, you can create a copy of the array before sorting it. You can do this by replacing `arr.sort(...)` with `arr.slice().sort(...)`. The `slice` method without arguments creates a shallow copy of the array.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you have any other questions. 😊

You

I'm writing code on python

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I see, you're using Python. Here's how you can write a function in Python to sort an array of strings from shortest to longest:

```
def sort_strings_by_length(arr):
    return sorted(arr, key=len)
```

This function uses the `sorted` function, which returns a new list containing all items from the original list in ascending order. The `key` argument is a function that serves as a key or a basis of sort comparison. In this case, `len` is used as the key function which means the strings will be sorted based on their length.

Here's how you can use this function:

```
strings = ["short", "longer", "longest", "a"]
sorted_strings = sort_strings_by_length(strings)
```

```
print(sorted_strings) # Output: ['a', 'short', 'longer', 'longest']
```

This will print the list of strings sorted by length. Note that this function does not modify the original list. If you want to sort the original list in-place, you can use the `list.sort()` method instead of the `sorted` function.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you have any other questions. 😊