



# What is Function Overloading and Overriding in JavaScript?

## ✓ Function Overloading



### Definition:

**Function Overloading** means having **multiple functions** with the **same name** but **different parameters** [type or count]. It's common in languages like **Java or C++**, but **JavaScript does NOT support it natively**.



### Example in Other Languages (Java-like):

```
void greet()           // No parameter
void greet(String name) // One parameter
```

But in **JavaScript**, if you define functions with the same name, the **last one will overwrite the previous ones**.



### Not True Overloading in JS:

```
function greet() {
  console.log("Hello");
}

function greet(name) {
  console.log("Hello, " + name);
}

greet();           // Output: Hello, undefined
greet("Milan");    // Output: Hello, Milan
```



Only the second function `greet(name)` is used — the first is ignored.



### Simulated Overloading in JS (Using if/else):

```
function greet(name) {
  if (name === undefined) {
    console.log("Hello");
  } else {
    console.log("Hello, " + name);
  }
}

greet();           // Output: Hello
greet("Milan");    // Output: Hello, Milan
```



This is how we simulate **overloading** in JavaScript using **optional parameters**.



## Function Overriding



### Definition:

**Function Overriding** means **child class redefines** a method that already exists in the **parent class** with the **same name and parameters**.



It is a form of **runtime polymorphism** [dynamic].



### Example in JavaScript:

```
class Animal {  
  speak() {  
    console.log("The animal makes a sound.");  
  }  
}  
  
class Dog extends Animal {  
  // Overriding the parent method  
  speak() {  
    console.log("The dog barks.");  
  }  
}  
  
const myDog = new Dog();  
myDog.speak(); // Output: The dog barks.
```