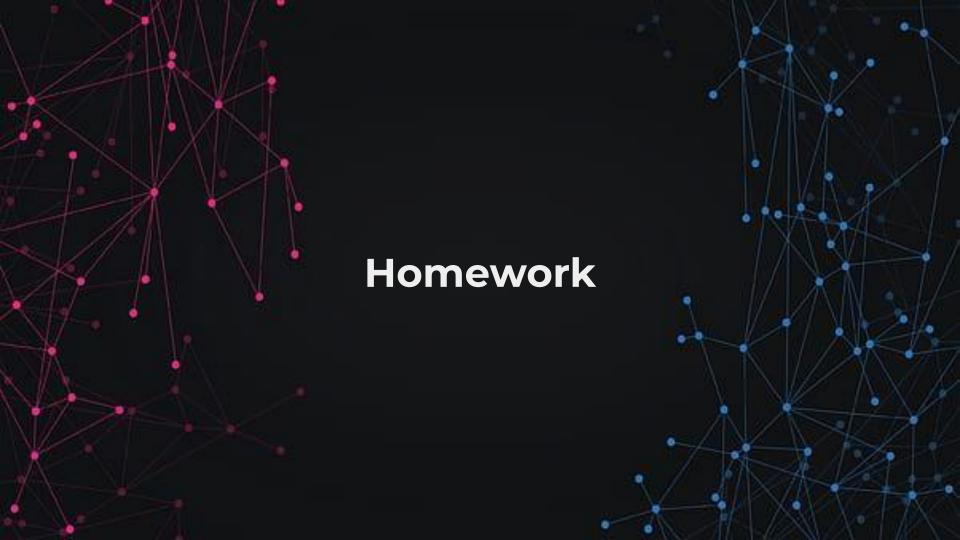
Welcome to lecture 3!

# **Agenda**

#### **Session Objectives**

- Review homework
- Understand what functions are and how to define/use them
- Use conditional statements to make decisions in code
  - $\circ$  if
  - o if...else
  - switch
- Use loops to repeat actions efficiently
  - while
    - do...while
  - o for
- Coding session
- Q&A
- Homework (due tomorrow)



# **Problem: Age Calculator**

- Prompts the user for their birth year.
- Calculates the current age using the current year.
- Calculates the year the user will turn 100 (by adding 100 to the birth year).
- Displays both messages using alerts.

```
let birthYear = prompt("Enter your birth year:"));
const currentYear = 2025;
let age = currentYear - Number(birthYear);
let hundredYear = birthYear + 100;

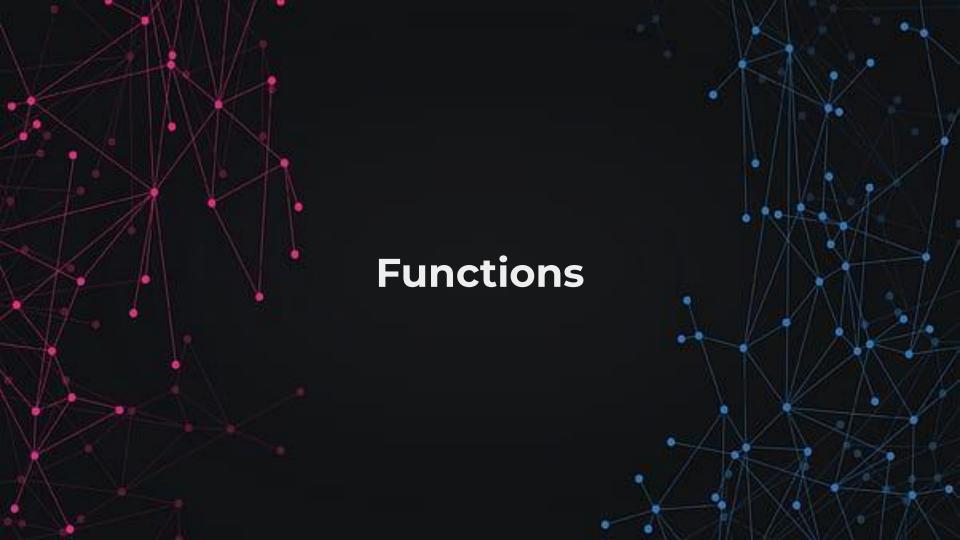
alert("You are " + age + " years old.");
alert("You will turn 100 in the year " + hundredYear + ".");
```

Important concept: Type casting used to convert a string (birthYear) to number

# **Type Casting**

- What is type casting?
  - Converting data from one type to another
  - o Implicit Type Casting: Javascript tries to perform operations between different data types
  - Explicit Type Casting: developer intentionally converts data from one type to another

```
// Output: '53'; Recall '+' operator is used for concatenation & arithmetic
console.log('5' + 3);
                                // Output: 2
console.log('5' - 3);
let str = "123";
let num = Number(str);  // num is 123
let num = 456:
let str = String(num);
                                // str is "456"
let value = 0;
let isTrue = Boolean(value);  // isTrue is false
```



# Lift off: Expressions

- What is an expression?
  - A unit of code that <u>evaluates to a value</u>
  - Expressions simply perform a computation and returns a value
- Examples

```
5 + 3  // arithmetic expression evaluates to 8

"Hello, " + "world!"  // string expression evaluates to "Hello, world!"

(2 + 3) * 4  // arithmetic expression evaluates to 20
```

## **Lift off: Statements**

- What is a statement?
  - o Complete instruction that <u>performs an action</u>
- Examples

```
let sum = 5 + 3; // creates a variable, sum, and assign it a value 8
- the string ("The sum is: ") is concatenated with an arithmetic expression
- arithmetic expression (5 + 3) produces the value 8
- so, the alert box displays the message "The sum is: 8"
alert("The sum is: " + (5 + 3));
```

## **Functions**

- What is a function?
  - A function is a <u>reusable set of statements</u> that performs a task or calculates a value
  - Functions can take inputs (parameters), execute a series of statements, and optionally return a value.
- Example:

```
function name: add
parameters: x of data type number & y of data type number
returns: a value of data type number

*/
function add(x, y) {
  return x + y;
}
```

# Parameters vs. Arguments

- What are parameters?
  - Variables listed in a function's definition
- What are arguments?
  - Actual values passed to the function when it is called
- Example

```
// 'x' and 'y' are parameters: they are placeholders defined in the function declaration
function add(x, y) {
    return x + y;
}
// 5 and 3 are arguments: they are the actual values passed to the "add" function
add(5, 3);
```

## **Return Type**

- What are return types?
  - The type of value a function sends back to the caller after completing its execution
  - Return types: undefined, null, boolean, number, string. We'll learn more in the next lesson!
- Example:

```
// Function: isPositive
// Parameter(s): num of type number
// Returns a Boolean value
function isPositive(num) {
    return num > 0; // Evaluates to true or false based on the condition
}
console.log(isPositive(-5)); // Output: false
```

# **Examples**

#### Return type:

```
/* Function name: ____; Parameters: ____; Returns: ____*/
function isEven(num) {
    return num % 2 === 0;
}
console.log("ls 4 even? " + isEven(4)); // Output: ?
```

#### return type:

```
/* Function name: ____; Parameters: ____; Returns: ____*/
function getNothing() {
    return null;
}
console.log("Nothing: " + getNothing()); // Output: ?
```

#### **Functions: Problem**

• Fill in the blanks. What's the output of the below code?

```
Function name: ___
      Parameters:
      Returns:
function createMultiplier(multiplier) {
 return function(num) {
  return num * multiplier;
const multiplyBy3 = createMultiplier(3);
console.log(multiplyBy3(4)); // Output: ?
```



## **Conditional Statements**

- What are conditional statements?
  - Allow your code to make decisions based on certain conditions
  - o Conditionals checks can be achieved using if, if-else, and switch cases
- Example:

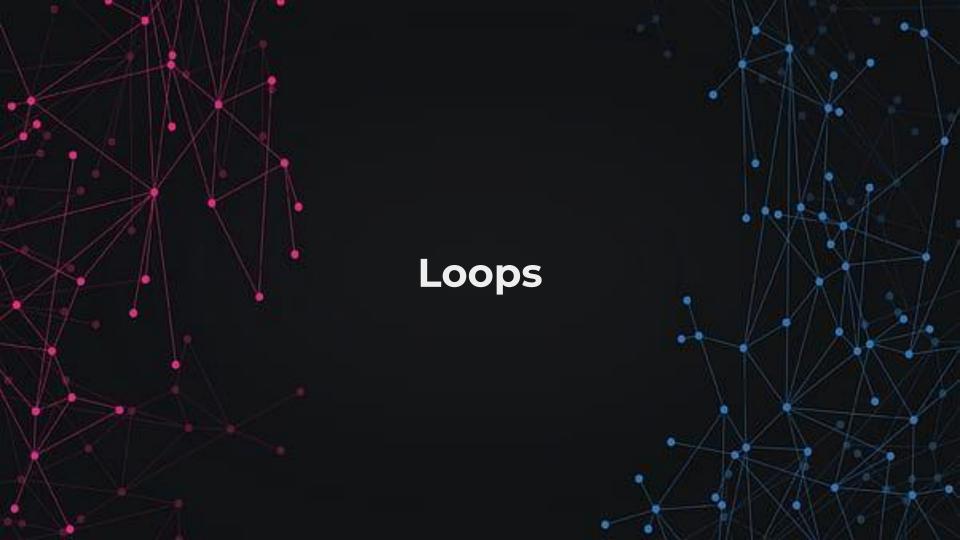
## **Conditional Statements: if-else**

- What's an if-else condition?
  - The if-else statement provides an alternative block of code to execute if the condition is false
- Example:

## **Conditional Statements: switch**

- What's a switch condition?
  - The switch statement allows you to choose from multiple possible blocks of code based on the value of an expression
- Example:

```
let fruit = "apple";
                          // Declare a variable 'fruit' and assign it a string value
switch (fruit) {
                          // statement evaluates the expression (fruit) & matches it against multiple cases
 case "apple":
                          // does the value of fruit equal "apple"
  alert("Apple pie!");
                          // alert() displays an alert box with the message
                          // break statement exits the switch block to prevent executing other cases
  break:
 case "banana":
                          // Case for when fruit is "banana"
  alert("Banana split!");
  break:
 default:
                          // The default case is executed if none of the above cases match
  alert("Fruit salad!");
```



# **Loops: An Introduction**

- What are loops?
  - Allow you to execute a block of code repeatedly as long as a specified condition remains true
  - o Different ways to use loops: while, do-while and for
- Example:

# Loops: do-while

- What's a do-while?
  - A do while loop will first execute a series of steps and then check a condition, define a variable and ability to mutate the variable
- Example:

# Loops: for

- What's for loop?
  - Series of statements that will be executed N times given a condition, defined variable and increment/decrement option
- Example:

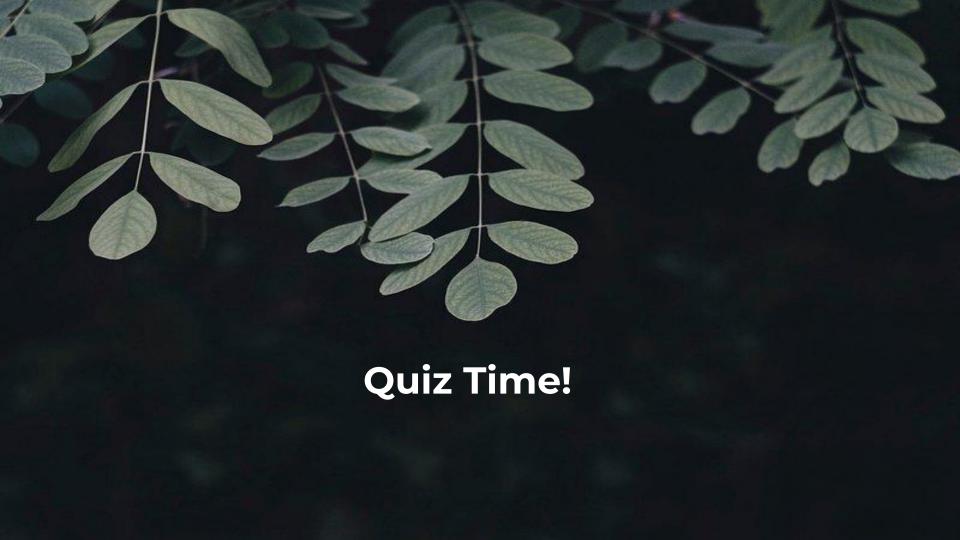
```
// The 'for' loop: It initializes a variable, checks the condition, and increments the variable all in one line.  
for (let i=0; i<3; i=i+1) {
    // This block executes for each value of i from 0 to 2.
    console.log("i is " + i);
}

// What's the output?
```

# **Loops with conditionals**

Conditional loop with break:

#### Conditional loop with continue:



#### 1. Functions

- If a function does not use a return statement, what value is returned when you call it?
  - o A) string
  - o B) boolean
  - o C) undefined
  - o D) null

```
function noReturn() {
    /* Returns nothing */
}
console.log(noReturn()); // output: undefined
```

Correct Answer: C

#### 2. Functions

- In a function definition, what are the variables in the parentheses called? And what are the values you provide when calling the function called?
  - A) Syntax; Semantics
  - o B) Null; Undefined
  - C) Parameters; Arguments

```
/*
    Function name: subtract
    Parameters: a (data type: number), b (data type: number)
    Returns: a number

*/

function subtract(a,b) {
    return a - b;
}

console.log(subtract(3,5)); // output: ?
```

Correct Answer: C

# 3. Loops

- How many times will the following loop run?
  - o A) 6
  - o B) **5**
  - o C) 4
  - o D) 3

```
for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
     console.log(i);
}</pre>
```

Correct Answer: B

#### 4. Switch statement

- What keyword do we use to prevent execution from falling through to the next case?
  - o A) Break
  - o B) Default
  - o C) Switch
  - o D) Function

```
let temperature = 45;
switch (temperature) {
   case temperature <= 20:
    console.log("Cold");
   break;
   case (temperature > 20 && temperature <= 30):
    console.log("Warm!");
   break;
   default:
    console.log("Hot");
}</pre>
```

# Recap

- Functions: reusable code blocks
  - takes an input, performs actions; may return a value
- Conditional statements: tools for decision-making
  - If, if/else or switch
- Loops: useful to repeat code blocks
  - while: evaluates a condition before repeatedly running some code
  - do-while: runs a code once, evaluates a condition and repeatedly runs the code
  - o for: runs some code N number of times. You define N.

#### References

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# **Task: Shopping Cart Total Calculator**

- Write a program that simulates a simple shopping cart calculator. Your program should:
  - Repeatedly prompt the user to enter the price of an item
  - If the user enters a negative number or a non-number value, display an alert saying
     "Invalid price, try again!" and skip adding that input
  - Continue prompting until the user clicks cancel
  - Calculate the total cost of the entered items.
  - After the user finishes entering prices, use an if statement to check the total:
    - If the total is greater than 100, alert "Your total is Rs X. You qualify for a discount!"
    - Otherwise, alert "Your total is \$X."
  - Write a function named calculateTotal that handles the price-collecting loop and returns the total

# Deadline: Sunday, March 9th before 6PM. Send to nikhil.nair48@gmail.com