## JavaScript Closures Simplified





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Closures are one of those concepts that many struggles to get their heads around and more importantly to recall in future.

## What is a Closure?

A closure is a feature in JavaScript where an inner function has access to the outer (enclosing) function's variables

– a scope chain.

The closure has three scope chains:

- It has access to its own scope variables defined between its curly brackets.
- It has access to the outer function's variables.
- It has access to the global variables.

## Let's understand from code.

```
function parent() {
   var house = 'WhiteHouse';

   function child() {
      var car = 'Tesla';
      console.log('I have:', house, car);
   }

   return child;
}

var legacy = parent();
console.log(typeof(legacy)); //legacy is of type function
legacy(); I have: WhiteHouse Tesla
```

## The closure has three scope chains:

- an outer function parent which has a variable house, and returns the child function.
- an inner function child which has its variable called car, and accesses a parent variable house, within its function body

The scope of variable house is limited to the parent function, and the scope of variable car is limited to the child function.