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JavaScript exercises with functions

AGENDA

Today we will recap what we learned so far and do exercises in JavaScript. Also we will look into functions.

REMEMBER THIS EXAMPLE

The Euclidean algorithm

Find the greatest common divisor of 2 positive integers.

In math, the GCD of 2 or more positive integers is the largest positive integer that divides each of the integers.

The pseudo-code on Github

JAVASCRIPT FUNCTIONS

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You can only have **one** return value.
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- (arguments) add the arguments in parentheses
- > ; always remember to use a semicolon

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- > If there are more, they will be added inside the array arguments.

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- > inside the function declaration (=recursive functions)

RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

A recursive function calls itself inside its code block.

```
var countdown = function(value) {
  if (value > 0) {
    console.log(value);
    return countdown(value - 1);
} else {
    return value;
}
};
countdown(10);
```

DEFAULT ARGUMENTS

You can give default arguments when declaring a function.

```
var myFunction = function(arg1=5, arg2=3, arg3=1) {
   return arg1 + arg2 * arg3;
}

myFunction();
myFunction(20);
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- > Functions stored in variables do not need function names. They are called **anonymous** functions.

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- > An arrow function cannot be used as a method.

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No parameters

```
() => {
  let x = 5 + 100;
  alert(x);
}
```

1 PARAMATER

```
a => {
  let x = a + 100;
  alert(x);
}
```

More paramaters

```
(a, b) => {
  let x = a + b;
  alert(x);
}
```

EXPRESSION

 $(a, b) \Rightarrow a + b;$

Exercises

SAY HELLO

Create a program in JavaScript that prompts for your name and prints a greeting using your name.

Counting the number of characters

Create a program in JavaScript that prompts for an input string and displays output that shows the input string and the number of characters the string contains.

Printing quotes

Create a program that prompts for a quote and an author. Display the quotation and author as shown here:

[Author] says, "[Quote]" (Replace [Author] and [Quote] with the actual values

AGE CALCULATOR

Improve your age calculator

- > First add an input for the month
- > Then change that to using a function
- Call that function several times

WHAT NUMBER IS BIGGER?

Write a function named greaterNum that:

- > Takes 2 arguments, both numbers.
- > Returns whichever number is the greater (higher) number.
- > Call that function 2 times with different number pairs
- > Log the output, e.g. "The greater number of 5 and 10 is 5."

RETIREMENT CALCULATOR

Improve your retirement calculator by using function(s)

TIP CALCULATOR

Improve your tip calculator by using function(s).

THE WORLD TRANSLATOR

Write a function named helloWorld that:

- > Takes 1 argument, a language code (e.g. "es", "de", "en")
- > Returns "Hello, World" for the given language, for at least 3 languages. It should default to returning English.
- Call that function for each of the supported languages and log the result to make sure it works

Work on your project