

# Function composition

Sure, let's dive deep into **Function Composition** — a powerful technique in functional programming and JavaScript that allows for clean, readable, and reusable code.

## What is Function Composition?

**Function composition** is the process of combining **two or more functions** to produce a new function, where the output of one function becomes the input of the next.

In simple terms:

 `compose(f, g)(x) = f(g(x))`

It's like chaining functions together in a logical **pipeline**.

## Why Use It?

- Makes code **cleaner, modular, and declarative**
- Encourages **reusability** of small functions
- Helps to **abstract complex logic**

## Basic Example:

```
const double = x => x * 2;  
const square = x => x * x;  
  
const composed = x => square(double(x));  
  
console.log(composed(3)); // double(3) = 6 → square(6) = 36
```

We manually composed `square` and `double` above.

## Manual `compose` Function

Let's create a generic `compose` function (right to left):

```
const compose = (f, g) => x => f(g(x));  
  
const double = x => x * 2;  
const square = x => x * x;  
  
const composed = compose(square, double);  
  
console.log(composed(5)); // 100 → square(double(5)) = square(10) = 100
```

## Compose Multiple Functions

To handle **more than two** functions:

```
const compose = (...fns) => x => fns.reduceRight((acc, fn) => fn(acc), x);  
  
const add = x => x + 1;  
const multiply = x => x * 3;  
const subtract = x => x - 2;  
  
const pipeline = compose(subtract, multiply, add);  
  
console.log(pipeline(4));  
// add(4) = 5 → multiply(5) = 15 → subtract(15) = 13
```

| `compose(subtract, multiply, add)` is the same as `subtract(multiply(add(x)))`

## vs. `pipe` (left to right)

Some libraries like **Ramda** or **RxJS** use `pipe`, which runs **left to right**:

```
const pipe = (...fns) => x => fns.reduce((acc, fn) => fn(acc), x);
```

```
const pipeline = pipe(add, multiply, subtract);
console.log(pipeline(4));
// add(4) = 5 → multiply(5) = 15 → subtract(15) = 13
```

compose(f, g)(x)	= f(g(x)) (right to left)
pipe(f, g)(x)	= g(f(x)) (left to right)

## Real-World Use Case

### Clean input before submitting to backend:

```
const trim = str => str.trim();
const toLowerCase = str => str.toLowerCase();
const sanitize = str => str.replace(/[^w\s]/gi, '');

const cleanInput = compose(sanitize, toLowerCase, trim);

console.log(cleanInput(" Hello@World! ")); // "helloworld"
```

## Summary

Concept	Description
Function Composition	Combining multiple functions to form a new one
<code>compose</code>	Applies functions from <b>right to left</b>
<code>pipe</code>	Applies functions from <b>left to right</b>
Benefit	Makes code modular, readable, and reusable

## Bonus: Use Lodash's `_.flow` or `_.flowRight`

Lodash offers built-in helpers for composition:

```
import { flowRight } from 'lodash';

const cleanInput = flowRight(sanitize, toLowerCase, trim);
```

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Would you like a mini project that applies function composition (like a form cleaner or math pipeline), or should we do a **full review** of all advanced function topics next?