

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**
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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
```

<code>compose(f, g)(x)</code>	= <code>f(g(x))</code> (right to left)
<code>pipe(f, g)(x)</code>	= <code>g(f(x))</code> (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 right to left
<code>pipe</code>	Applies functions from left to right
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);
```

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?