

## First-Class Functions

### First-Class Functions:

- "A programming language is said to have first-class functions if it treats functions as first-class citizens."

### First-Class Citizen (Programming):

- "A first-class citizen (sometimes called first-class objects) in a programming language is an entity which supports all the operations generally available to other entities. These operations typically include being passed as an argument, returned from a function, and assigned to a variable."

### Python Vs JavaScript

#### Python

```
def square(x):  
    return x * x
```

```
f = square(5)  # passed in 5 into the square function
```

```
print(square)  
print(f)
```

Returns ->> <function square at 0x11b4bd6a8>  
25

- function
- passed as argument
- returned from a function
- assign a function to a variable

#### JavaScript

```
function square(x) {  
    return x * x;  
}
```

```
var f = square(5)
```

```
console.log(square)  
console.log(f)
```

Returns - >> function square(x) {return x\*x;}  
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If a function accepts other function as arguments or returns function or their result then what we call on higher-order function?

## Python

**f = square**

```
print(square)
print(f)
```

$f$  is equal to our square function

What it means to be a first-class function

\* now we can treat  $f$  as a function

```
function square(x) {
  return x * x;
}
```

```
console.log(square)
console.log(f)
```

**Returns -->** `function square(x) {return x*x:}`  
`function square(x) {return x*x:}`

Python

```
def square(x):  
    return x * x
```

```
f = square
```

```
print(square)  
print(f(5))
```

*Treating f as a function*

Returns --> <function square at 0x10ddc8840>  
25

JavaScript

```
function square(x) {  
    return x * x;  
}
```

```
var f = square
```

```
console.log(square)  
console.log(f(5))
```

Returns --> function square(x) {return x\*x;}  
25

We can pass functions as arguments

★ Passing a function or an argument to another function. ★

### Custom Build Map Function

Python

```
def square(x):  
    return x * x
```

```
def my_map(func, arg_list):  
    result = []
```

```
    for i in arg_list:  
        result.append(func(i))
```

```
    return result
```

```
squares = my_map(square, [1,2,3,4,5])
```

```
print(squares)
```

```
def cube(x):  
    return x * x * x
```

Results --> [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

array

run each item  
through the function

now we call this function!

Note: When not adding the  
"()" to be it would  
try to execute the  
function

passing in square function

JavaScript

```
function square(x) {  
    return x * x;  
}
```

```
function my_map(func, arg_list){  
    result = [];  
    for (var i = 1; i <= arg_list.length; i++){  
        result.push(func(i))  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
var squares = my_map(square, [1,2,3,4,5])
```

```
console.log(squares)
```

```
function cube(x) {  
    return x * x * x;  
}
```

Results --> [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

## Pass the Cube Function in

Python:

```
def square(x):  
    return x * x  
  
def cube(x):  
    return x * x * x
```

```
def my_map(func, arg_list):  
    result = []  
  
    for i in arg_list:  
        result.append(func(i))
```

```
    return result
```

```
squares = my_map(cube, [1,2,3,4,5])
```

```
print(squares)
```

Returns --> [1, 8, 27, 64, 125]

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it's useful to pass around functions !

↙ passed in this new function as an argument

JavaScript:

```
function square(x) {  
    return x * x;  
}
```

```
function my_map(func, arg_list){  
    result = [];  
    for (var i = 1; i <= arg_list.length; i++){  
        result.push(func(i))  
    }  
    return result;
```

```
}  
var squares = my_map(cube, [1,2,3,4,5])
```

```
console.log(squares)
```

```
function cube(x) {  
    return x * x * x;  
}
```

Returns --> [1, 8, 27, 64, 125]



★ Return a function from another function. ★  
- One of the aspects of what it means to be  
a first-class function. Logger Example

Python

```
def logger(msg):
```

```
    def log_message():  
        print('Log:', msg)
```

```
    return log_message
```

Set Variable  
→

```
log_hi = logger('Hi!')
```

```
log_hi()
```

our function

passed in a message

our log-hi variable is now equal to  
log-message, that will get returned

Results --> Log: Hi!

★ Now we can run this log-hi variable  
just like it's a function bc it's a  
function

JavaScript

```
function logger(msg){  
    function log_message(){  
        console.log('Log: ' + msg)  
    }  
    return log_message  
}
```

```
log_hi = logger('Hi !')
```

```
log_hi()
```

Results --> Log: Hi !

★ We can treat log-hi variable just like  
log-message() function (it doesn't take in any  
arguments), and it's going to execute  
log-message and print out our message ★

# Why returning another function is useful:

## Wrap Text Function

### Python

```
def html_tag(tag):
```

```
    def wrap_text(msg):
```

```
        print('<{0}>{1}</{0}>'.format(tag, msg))
```

```
    return wrap_text
```

```
print_h1 = html_tag('h1')
```

```
print_h1('Test Headline!')
```

```
print_h1('Another Headline!')
```

```
print_p = html_tag('p')
```

```
print_p('Test Paragraph!')
```

Results:     <h1>Test Headline!</h1>  
              <h1>Another Headline!</h1>  
              <p>Test Paragraph!</p>

↖ passing in

We can now use print\_h1 like a function

~ pass in a message to our print\_h1 variable

~ pass in another message

↖ remembered the tag that we passed in before?

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### JavaScript

```
function html_tag(tag) {  
    function wrap_text(msg){  
        console.log('<' + tag + '>' + msg + '</' + tag + '>')  
    }  
    return wrap_text  
}
```

```
print_h1 = html_tag('h1')
```

```
print_h1('Test Headline!')
```

```
print_h1('Another Headline!')
```

```
print_p = html_tag('p')
```

```
print_p('Test Paragraph!')
```

Results:     <h1>Test Headline!</h1>  
              <h1>Another Headline!</h1>  
              <p>Test Paragraph!</p>