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Some thought questions and exercises:

- The solution relies on a single Boolean called first. What problem is first solving for us?
- During our trace of constructFactorization(180), factor assumed the values of 2, 3, 4, and 5. 2, 3, and 5 are prime numbers and therefore qualified to appear in a factorization? How does the implementation guarantee 4 will never make an appearance in the returned factorization?
- What is returned by constructFactorization(1)? How could you have changed the implementation to return "1 = 1" as a special case return value?
- Trace through the execution of constructFactorization (363) as we did for constructFactorization (180).
- Our implementation relies on a parameter named n to accept a value from the caller, and then proceeds to destroy n by repeatedly dividing it down to 1. Does this destruction of n confuse PrimeFactorizations's for loop? Note that its counting variable is also named n.

Exercise: Drawing A Checkerboard

• For the rest of lecture, we'll collectively design and decompose (and to the extent we have time, implement) a graphics program that draws the initial configuration for a game of checkers.





Exercise: Generating Prime Factorizations

- A more computationally intense problem is to generate the prime factorization of a positive integer n.
- An integer is prime if it's greater than 1 and has no positive integer divisors other than 1 and itself.
- ✓ 5 is prime: it's divisible only by 1 and 5.
- ✓ 6 is not prime: it's divisible by 1, 2, 3, and itself.
- Some prime factorizations:

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** Tunction: constructFactorization

** unable and returns that factorization as a string.

** the incoming parameter called n is assumed to be

**positive.*

*/ cution constructFactorization(n) {
    var first = true: /
    var factor = 2;
    while (n > 1) {
        if (first) result = n * = * * *;
        first = false;
        result = factor;
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        | alse (actor) |
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DrawCheckerboard.js









