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From JavaScript Technical Interviews:

Using Closures to Optimize Fibonacci Calculations with Caching

When you're asked to write a function that calculates Fibonacci numbers, the real challenge isn't just getting the sequence right it's about how you optimize your solution. Let's take it up a caching with closures.

```
function createFibonacciCache() {  
  const cache = {};  
  
  return function fibonacci(n) {  
    if (n in cache) {  
      console.log(`Fetching from cache: ${n}`);  
      return cache[n];  
    }  
  
    console.log(`Calculating: ${n}`);  
    if (n <= 1) return n;  
  
    cache[n] = fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2);  
    return cache[n];  
  };  
}  
  
const fib = createFibonacciCache();  
console.log(fib(6)); // Calculates and caches  
console.log(fib(6)); // Fetches from cache  
console.log(fib(8)); // Fetches from cache for 1-6, calculates 7 and 8, caches them
```

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As an interviewer, I'm not just asking you to calculate Fibonacci numbers—I'm looking for a solution that:
Optimizes Performance: Using caching avoids redundant calculations. For example, when you call `fib(8)`, it reuses cached results for `fib(1)` through `fib(6)` from the previous call, calculating only `fib(7)` and `fib(8)`.

Demonstrates Mastery of Closures: The cache is neatly encapsulated within the closure, making the function self-contained and preventing global variable clutter.

Balances Trade-offs: Efficient caching improves performance but also requires memory. Knowing when and where to apply caching is just as important as implementing it.

Yeah you are right when $n < 0$ make sense to throw an error, but it's a question to interviewer))))

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