

→ Assigned to variable

e.g. `var a = function (param) {  
 ← Returned from another function  
 return function xyz() {  
 console.log('ECF')  
 }  
}`

`a(function() {  
 :  
})`

→ Passed as an argument

→ When we use `let`, `const` instead of `var`, it behaves the same way.

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### \* Callback Functions ft. Event Listeners

→ A callback is a function passed as an argument to another function.

→ Functions are first class citizens i.e. take a function A and pass it to another function B. Here, A is callback function. So, basically we are giving access to function B to call A.

→ Callback functions give access to whole Asynchronous world in Synchronous world.



→ JS is synchronous and single threaded language. But we can do async things due to callbacks.

e.g. `setTimeout(function() {  
    console.log("Timer")  
}, 1000)`      → callback  
                    ↓  
                    Timer (1s)

→ If any operation blocks the call stack, it is called blocking the main thread.

→ Event Listener: A procedure in JS that waits for an event to occur.

e.g. click events on button

e.g. Counter button

```
<button id="clickMe">Increment </button>
index.js
```

// use closure for data abstraction

```
function eventListener() {
    let count = 0
    document.getElementById("clickMe")
        .addEventListener("click", function xyz() {
            console.log("Button clicked", ++count)
        })
}
```



eventListener()

→ Garbage Collection & remove Event Listeners

- Event Listeners are heavy as they form closures.
- So, even when the call stack is empty, Event Listeners won't free up memory allocated to count, because it doesn't know when someone will click again.
- So, we remove Event Listeners when we don't need them (garbage collected)
- onClick, onScroll, onHover all in the page can slow it down heavily.

→ If a function takes more time to run, JS has to wait for it to finish as it only has 1 call stack / main thread. This blocks the main thread.

→ So, always use async functions e.g. setTimeout when the function has to take more time to run.

→ Never block the main thread.

→ Everything executed in the page is executed through call stack only.