

# Module 4 Day 7

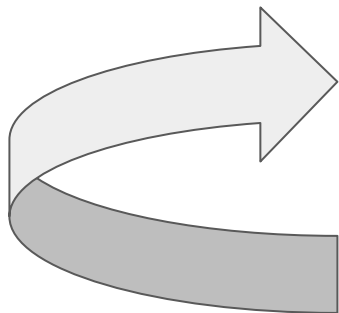
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- The function is the primary organizational unit of JavaScript, as opposed to classes in Java.
- Logically, we can also think of javascript functions as being similar to methods within Java classes - they have input parameters, can have outputs you can return etc.

# JavaScript Functions: Defining and Calling

Here is an extremely simple function definition, and a call to that function:



```
// A function is defined:  
function doSomething() {  
    console.log('Function is like a method');  
}  
  
// A method is called:  
doSomething();
```

Note that unlike Java, no return data type is defined.

# JavaScript Functions: Arguments

JavaScript can take in arguments, here is an example:

```
// A function is defined:
function doSomething(a, b) {
    console.log(a+b);
}

function returnSomething(a, b) {
    return a * b;
}

// A method is called:
doSomething(3, 9); // 12
let result = returnSomething(9,2);
console.log(result); // 18
```

# JavaScript Functions: Argument Optional

Unlike Java, passing in a parameter is optional, regardless of how a function is defined! You can also assign an optional value for when no argument for the parameter is passed in:

```
function returnSomething(a = 2, b = 5) {  
    return a * b;  
}  
  
let result = returnSomething();  
console.log(result); //10
```

Let's write some functions

# Anonymous Functions

An anonymous function is one that does not have a name. Thus far, all the functions we've seen have a name following the form "function." Consider the following:

```
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7];  
let evensOnly = listOfNumbers.forEach( (num) => (console.log(num * 2)) ); // 4 6 14
```

The anonymous function is highlighted in red, note that this function has an input (num), which represents each element of the array, it will print out that element multiplied by 2.

# Anonymous Functions in Use

Anonymous functions are generally used in situations requiring a callback function.

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

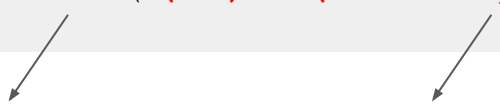
We will be looking at some examples of functions that require callback functions, and how we can use anonymous functions to make the code less verbose.



# For Each with Anonymous Function

The For Each function iterates through the elements of the array. We can define an anonymous function to define what action will be undertaken during each iteration:

```
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7];  
let evensOnly = listOfNumbers.forEach( (num) => (console.log(num * 2)) ); // 4 6 14
```



Call the forEach  
method.

Use an anonymous function to tell the  
forEach what to do during each  
iteration of the loop.

# For Each without Anonymous Function

The preceding code could have been written without an anonymous function:

Without Anonymous Function:

```
let instructions = function multiplyByTwo(num) {  
  console.log(num * 2);  
}  
  
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7, 76, 91];  
let evensOnly = listOfNumbers.forEach( instructions );
```

Compare the above with what we wrote on the previous screen:


With Anonymous Function:

```
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7];  
let evensOnly = listOfNumbers.forEach( (num) => (console.log(num * 2)) ); // 4 6 14
```

# Filter with Anonymous Function

The filter function creates a new array from an existing one, provided that the element meets certain conditions.

```
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7, 76, 91];  
let evensOnly = listOfNumbers.filter( (num) => {return num%2 == 0})  
console.log(evensOnly);
```



Here is the  
filter method  
being called.

Here we have an  
anonymous function telling  
the filter function how to  
filter

# Filter without Anonymous Function

Again, some comparing and contrasting. You can certainly define a function and not do it anonymously:

```
let instructions = function filterInstructions(num) {  
  
    if (num%2 ==0) {  
        return true;  
    }  
    return false;  
}  
  
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7, 76, 91];  
let evensOnly = listOfNumbers.filter( instructions )  
console.log(evensOnly);
```

Without Anonymous Function:

```
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7, 76, 91];  
let evensOnly = listOfNumbers.filter( (num) => {return num%2 == 0})  
console.log(evensOnly);
```

With Anonymous Function:

# Map with Anonymous Function

The map function takes an array and performs some kind of operation on each row. The key point, is that you still have the same number of elements.

Consider the example, we just saw, that of multiplying each element in an array by two:

```
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7, 76, 91];  
let doubleNumbers = listOfNumbers.map((n) => n *2);  
console.log(doubleNumbers);  
//[4, 6, 14, 152, 182]
```

# Reduce with Anonymous Function

The reduce method takes an array of numbers and makes one number out of the whole process. Simplest example? How about add every element in an array:

```
let listOfNumbers = [2, 3, 7, 76, 91];  
let doubleNumbers = listOfNumbers.reduce( (runningTotal, num) => runningTotal + num );  
console.log(doubleNumbers); //179
```

# Let's Code Some Functions!

... Regular or DeCaf(Anonymous)?