

# ANONYMOUS FUNCTIONS

# EXAMPLE: SYNTACTIC SUGAR

```
function something() {  
    console.log("regular function");  
}  
var something2 = function() {  
    console.log("anonymous function");  
}
```

```
// these two functions are essentially the same  
something();  
something2();
```

# EXAMPLE: FUNCTION AS A PARAMETER

```
function performOperation(x, y, operation) {  
    console.log("performing operation with inputs: " + x + " " + y);  
    var z = operation(x, y);  
    console.log("result: " + z);  
}
```

```
var multiply = function(a, b) {  
    return a * b;  
}
```

```
var getGreaterNumber = function(a, b) {  
    if(a > b) {  
        return a;  
    } else {  
        return b;  
    }  
}
```

# EXAMPLE: FUNCTION AS A PARAMETER (2)

> WHAT IS PRINTED HERE?

```
performOperation(2, 3, multiply);  
performOperation(10, 10, multiply);  
performOperation(5, 6, getGreaterNumber);  
performOperation(5, -6, getGreaterNumber);
```

# EXAMPLE 2: FUNCTION AS A PARAMETER

```
function identity(x) {  
    console.log("x is: " + x);  
}
```

```
function negative(x) {  
    var y = -x;  
    console.log("-x is: " + y);  
}
```

```
function doSomeThings(callback) {  
    callback(3);  
    callback(4);  
    callback(5);  
}
```

# EXAMPLE 2: FUNCTION AS A PARAMETER (2)

> WHAT IS PRINTED HERE?

```
doSomeThings(identity);  
doSomeThings(negative);
```

```
doSomeThings(function(x) {  
    var squared = x * x;  
    console.log("x squared is: " + squared);  
});
```

# EXAMPLE 3

```
function doWork(onSuccess, onError) {  
    function contrivedFunction() {  
        return Math.random() < .5;  
    }  
  
    var didSucceed = contrivedFunction();  
  
    if (didSucceed) {  
        onSuccess();  
    } else {  
        onError();  
    }  
}
```

# EXAMPLE 3 (2)

```
doWork(  
  function() {  
    console.log("woo! success!");  
  },  
  function() {  
    console.log("error :c");  
  }  
)
```



# EXERCISE

- CREATE A FUNCTION `findSum` THAT TAKES IN TWO PARAMETERS AND RETURNS THE SUM OF THOSE PARAMETERS.
- CREATE A FUNCTION `findProduct` THAT TAKES IN TWO PARAMETERS AND RETURNS THE DIFFERENCE OF THOSE PARAMETERS.

# EXERCISE (CONTINUED)

- CREATE A FUNCTION `threeOperation` THAT TAKES IN TWO PARAMETERS, NAMED `x` AND `operation`. THE FIRST PARAMETER IS A NUMBER. THE SECOND PARAMETER IS A FUNCTION.
  - `threeOperation` SHOULD CALL THE `operation` PARAMETER AS A FUNCTION. IT SHOULD PASS THE NUMBER 3 ALONG WITH THE `x` PARAMETER TO THAT FUNCTION.

# EXERCISE (CONTINUED)

- > CALL `threeOperation` WITH THE VALUES OF 4 AND `findSum`. CHECK THAT YOUR ANSWER IS 7.
- > CALL `threeOperation` WITH THE VALUES OF 5 AND `findSum`. CHECK THAT YOUR ANSWER IS 8.
- > CALL `threeOperation` WITH THE VALUES OF 4 AND `findProduct`. CHECK THAT YOUR ANSWER IS 12.
- > CALL `threeOperation` WITH THE VALUES OF 5 AND `findProduct`. CHECK THAT YOUR ANSWER IS 15.

WHAT IS THIS  
FOR?