





UI Engineering Studio. Day 10

# **Bootcamp: React - Functional Programming**

## What is functional programming?

In computer science, functional programming is a programming paradigm—a style of building the structure and elements of computer **programs**—that treats computation as the evaluation of mathematical functions and avoids changing-state and mutable data.

-[Wikipedia](#)

What is?

Stateless

Pure Functions

First-class vs Higher-order  
Functions

Advantage

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# Stateless

**Functional Programming** is a programming paradigm in which the global state does not exist (*or is not considered*), it is not part of the basic logic of programming. In other words, it is stateless or stateless programming, in which the global state of an application is not accessed or attempted, but rather everything is immutable.

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# Pure Functions

A **pure function** is a function which:

- Given the same input, will always return the same output.
- Produces no side effects.

*"A dead giveaway that a function is impure is if it makes sense to call it without using its return value. For pure functions, that's a noop."*

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### Return same output

```
function add(a, b) {  
  let result = a + b  
  return result;  
}  
  
add(1,2)//return 3  
add(3,4)//return 7  
  
//Always returns the add of two numbers
```

### No side effects

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];  
let even = arr.filter(function (element) {  
  return element%2 === 0;  
});  
  
console.log(even);
```

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# First-class vs Higher-order Functions

A programming language is said to have **First-class** functions when functions in that language are treated like any other variable.

A function is a **higher order** function if it takes a function as a parameter, or returns a function as its result. Both of these requirements rely on functions being first-class objects in a language.

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### First-class

```
const add = function (a, b) {  
  let result = a + b  
  return result;  
}
```

### Higher-order

```
const arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];  
const even = arr.filter(function (element) {  
  return element%2 === 0;  
});  
console.log(even);
```

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# Advantage

- ❖ They are easier to test, since they will return the same result from the same parameters.
- ❖ They can be cached, since they always return the same result we can store these results in cache (memorize).
- ❖ Easy to understand.
- ❖ They can be executed in parallel, since they do not have any external dependence.
- ❖ It reduces the amount of bugs, since they do not generate alterations of the external state.
- ❖ If the result of a pure expression is not used, it can be eliminated without affecting other expressions.

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# Homework

Make the next challenge. At this level it has to be easy...

Challenge



