

# 1.2 Javascript Functions

A function is a block of code that performs a specific task. Dividing a complex problem into smaller chunks makes your program easy to understand and reusable.

## ▼ Declaring a Function

The syntax to declare a function is:

```
function nameOfFunction () {  
    // function body  
}
```

A function is declared using the `function` keyword.

## ▼ Calling a Function

```
function nameOfFunction () {  
    // function body  
}  
  
nameOfFunction(); //calling the function
```

## ▼ Function Parameters

```
// program to print the text  
// declaring a function  
function greet(name) {  
    console.log("Hello " + name + ":");  
}  
  
function add(a, b) {  
    console.log(a + b);  
}
```

## ▼ Function Return

The `return` statement can be used to return the value to a function call.

The `return` statement denotes that the function has ended. Any code after `return` is not executed.

If nothing is returned, the function returns an `undefined` value.

## ▼ Arrow Functions

The arrow function is one of the features introduced in the ES6 version of JavaScript. It allows you to create functions in a cleaner way compared to regular functions. For example, This function

```
// function expression
let multiply = function(x, y) {
  return x * y;
}
```

can be written as

```
// using arrow functions
let multiply = (x, y) => x * y;
```

using an arrow function.

```
let sum = (a, b) => {
  let result = a + b;
  return result;
}

let result1 = sum(5, 7);
```

## ▼ Default Parameter Values

In the ES6 version, you can pass default values in the function parameters. For example,

```
function sum(x, y = 5) {

  // take sum
  // the value of y is 5 if not passed
  console.log(x + y);
}
```

```

}

sum(5); // 10
sum(5, 15); // 20

```

In the above example, if you don't pass the parameter for `y`, it will take **5** by default.

## ▼ First-class citizens

Functions are treated as first-class citizens, meaning they can:

- Be assigned to variables.
- Be passed as arguments.
- Be returned from other functions.

Functions that take other functions as arguments or return functions as results are called Higher-order functions

```

const greet = name => `Hello, ${name}`;
const logGreeting = (greetingFunction, name) => {
  console.log(greetingFunction(name));
};
logGreeting(greet, "Alice"); // Hello, Alice

```

```

const applyOperation = (a, b, operation) => operation(a, b);

const add = (x, y) => x + y;
const multiply = (x, y) => x * y;

console.log(applyOperation(3, 5, add)); // 8
console.log(applyOperation(3, 5, multiply)); // 15

```

Aspect	Java	JavaScript
Declaration	Functions are part of a class (methods).	Functions can exist independently or as part of objects.
Syntax	Defined using <code>returnType methodName(parameters) {}</code> within a class.	Defined using <code>function</code> keyword or as <b>arrow functions</b> <code>(=&gt;)</code> .
Overloading	Allows method overloading (same name, different parameters).	Does not support function overloading natively (last definition overwrites the previous ones).
First-Class Citizen	Functions are not first-class citizens; you cannot pass methods directly as parameters.	Functions are <b>first-class citizens</b> : they can be passed as arguments, returned, or assigned.
This Context	<code>this</code> refers to the current instance of the class.	<code>this</code> depends on the calling context (can vary inside objects, arrow functions, etc.).

## Assignments

1. Create a function that takes multiple functions as argument to build a calculator
2. Create a method to take the average of three numbers, and then convert it to an arrow function.