JavaScript Fundamentals

ADVANCED FUNCTIONS

JavaScript Closures

A closure is a function that preserves the outer scope in its inner scope.

```
function greeting() {
    let message = 'Hi';
    function sayHi() {
        console.log(message);
    return sayHi;
let hi = greeting();
hi(); // still can access the message variable
```

```
function greeting(message) {
   return function(name) {
        return message + ' ' + name;
let sayHi = greeting('Hi');
let sayHello = greeting('Hello');
console.log(sayHi('John')); // Hi John
console.log(sayHello('John')); // Hello John
```

JavaScript closures in a loop

What we wanted to do in the **loop** is to copy the value of i in each iteration at the time of iteration to display messages: "after 1 second(s):1", "after 2 second(s):2",

```
for (var index = 1; index <= 3; index++) {
    setTimeout(function () {
        console.log('after ' + index + ' second(s):' + index);
    }, index * 1000);
}

after 4 second(s):4

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```

2 popular solutions: **IIFE** & **let** keyword

The reason you see the same message after 4 seconds is that the callback passed to the **setTimeout()** a **closure**. All three **closures** created by the **for-loop** share the same **global scope** access the same value of **i**

JavaScript closures in a loop

Using the IIFE solution: IIFE creates a new scope by declaring a function and immediately execute it

```
for (var index = 1; index <= 3; index++) {
    (function (index) {
        setTimeout(function () {
            console.log('after ' + index + ' second(s):' + index);
        }, index * 1000);
    }, index * 1000);
}
</pre>
```

JavaScript closures in a loop

Using let keyword in ES6: If you use the let keyword in the for-loop, it will create a new scope in each iteration \rightarrow In other words, you will have a new index variable in each iteration

```
for (let index = 1; index <= 3; index++) {
    setTimeout(function () {
        console.log('after ' + index + ' second(s):' + index);
    }, index * 1000);
}</pre>
```

JavaScript Arrow functions

ES6 **arrow functions** provide you with an alternative way to write a shorter syntax compared to the function expression.

```
let show = function () {
    console.log('Anonymous function');
};
```

```
let add = function (x, y) {
    return x + y;
};
let add = (x, y) => x + y;
```

JavaScript Arrow function vs. regular function

An arrow function doesn't have its binding to this or super, it inherits this from the parent scope

An arrow function doesn't have arguments object, new.target keyword, and prototype property.

An arrow function cannot be used as a function constructor. If you use the new keyword to create a new object from an arrow function, you will get an error.

Summary: An **arrow function** doesn't have its own **this** value and the **arguments** object. Therefore, you should not use it as an **event handler**, a **method of an object**, a **prototype method**, or when you have a function that uses the **arguments** object.

JavaScript Rest Parameters

ES6 provides a new kind of parameter so-called **rest parameter** that has a prefix of three dots (...).

A rest parameter allows you to represent an indefinite number of arguments as an array

Notice: the rest parameters must appear at the end of the argument list

```
function fn(a,b,...args) {

//...

fn(1, 2, 3, "A", "B", "C"); \rightarrow a = 1; b = 2; args = [3, "A", "B", "C"]
}
```

Exercise - 401

Requirement:

- Create a function that accepts indefinite number of arguments type Number.
- Print all odd and even numbers from input arguments.

Callback is a function that you pass into another function as an argument for executing later

```
function isOdd(number) {
 return number % 2 != 0;
function isEven(number) {
 return number % 2 == 0;
function filter(numbers, fn) {
  let results = [];
  for (const number of numbers) {
    if (fn(number)) {
      results.push(number);
  return results;
let numbers = [1, 2, 4, 7, 3, 5, 6];
console.log(filter(numbers, isOdd));
console.log(filter(numbers, isEven));
```

A callback can be an anonymous function, which is a function without a name

```
function filter(numbers, callback) {
  let results = [];
  for (const number of numbers) {
    if (callback(number)) {
      results.push(number);
  return results;
let numbers = [1, 2, 4, 7, 3, 5, 6];
let oddNumbers = filter(numbers, function (number) {
  return number % 2 != 0;
});
```

A callback can be an arrow function

```
function filter(numbers, callback) {
  let results = [];
  for (const number of numbers) {
    if (callback(number)) {
      results.push(number);
  return results;
let numbers = [1, 2, 4, 7, 3, 5, 6];
let oddNumbers = filter(numbers, (number) => number % 2 != 0);
```

Synchronous Callbacks - Asynchronous Callbacks

- A **synchronous callback** is executed during the execution of the high-order function that uses the **callback**
- An **asynchronous callback** is executed after the execution of the high-order function that uses the **callback**. **Asynchronicity** means that if JavaScript has to wait for an operation to complete, it will execute the rest of the code while waiting.

JavaScript Asynchronous Callbacks

```
function download(url) {
    setTimeout( handler: () => {
        // script to download the picture here
        console.log(`Downloading ${url} ...`);
    }, timeout: 1000);
function process(picture) {
    console.log(`Processing ${picture}`);
let url = 'https://www.example.com/pic.jpg';
download(url);
process(url);
```

```
Processing <a href="https://www.example.com/pic.jpg">https://www.example.com/pic.jpg</a>
Downloading <a href="https://www.example.com/pic.jpg">https://www.example.com/pic.jpg</a>
...
```

Incorrect sequence!!! The correct sequence should be:

- Download the picture and wait for the download completes.
- Process the picture.

JavaScript Asynchronous Callbacks

```
function download(url, callback) {
    setTimeout( handler: () => {
        // script to download the picture here
        console.log(`Downloading ${url} ...`);
        // process the picture once it is completed
        callback(url);
        timeout: 1000);
|function process(picture) {
    console.log(`Processing ${picture}`);
let url = 'https://www.example.com/pic.jpq';
download(url, process);
```

Downloading https://www.example.com/pic.jpg
Processing https://www.example.com/pic.jpg

It works as expected!!! \rightarrow the process() is a callback passed into an asynchronous function

Handling errors

```
function download(url, success, failure) {
  setTimeout(() => {
    console.log(`Downloading the picture from ${url} ...`);
    !url ? failure(url) : success(url);
  }, 1000);
download(
  (url) => console.log(`Processing the picture ${url}`),
  (url) => console.log(`The '${url}' is not valid`)
```

Nesting callbacks

```
function download(url, callback) {
    setTimeout( handler: () => {
        console.log(`Downloading ${url} ...`);
        callback(url);
    }, timeout: 1000);
const url1 = 'https://www.example.com/pic1.jpg';
const url2 = 'https://www.example.com/pic2.jpg';
const url3 = 'https://www.example.com/pic3.jpg';
download(url1, callback: function (url) {
    console.log(`Processing ${url}`);
    download(url2, callback: function (url) {
        console.log(`Processing ${url}`);
        download(url3, callback: function (url) {
            console.log(`Processing ${url}`);
        });
    });
```