

# Memoization

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## So what is it?

**Memoization** is an optimization technique used in many programming languages to reduce the number of redundant, expensive function calls.

## How does it work?

- Caching the values that the function returns after its initial execution.
- If the input values remain the same, the memoized function returns the cached response.
- The program does not have to recalculate anything.

# Simple Example

Before memoization

```
function sum(a, b) {  
  console.log('add')  
  return a + b  
}  
console.log(sum(1, 2))  
console.log(sum(1, 2))  
  
// will output the following:  
// add  
// 3  
// add  
// 3
```

# Simple Example cont...

After memoization

```
function sum(a, b) {  
  console.log('add')  
  return a + b  
}  
  
const memSum = memoize(sum)  
console.log(memSum(1, 2))  
console.log(memSum(1, 2))  
  
// will output the following:  
// add  
// 3  
// 3
```

**Some live coding!!!**

**Some other things to remember**



## Network & database calls

- Expire cache after given period of time
- Clear cache manually if needed

## Resources

- <https://dev.to/nas5w/what-is-memoization-4lod>
- <https://medium.com/better-programming/react-memo-vs-memoize-71f85eb4e1a>
- <https://codeburst.io/understanding-memoization-in-3-minutes-2e58daf33a19>