



Welcome to this session: Task Walkthrough - Higher-order Functions and Callbacks

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Learning Outcomes


- ❖ **Create a custom higher-order function** that filters data based on specific criteria.
- ❖ **Define callbacks** and how to use them within higher-order functions.
- ❖ **Use `setInterval()` and `clearInterval()`** to control the timing of function execution in JavaScript.
- ❖ **Combine multiple functions** effectively to create dynamic, interactive applications.

Lecture Overview

- Presentation of the Task
- Higher Order Functions
- Callbacks
- Task Walkthrough



Higher-Order Functions Task

Imagine you're creating a personalised recommendation tool for an online bookstore!  Your goal is to build a custom higher-order function called `myRecommender` that takes in an array of book genres and a callback function to select only the genres your friend prefers.

By writing a custom filter, you'll have full control over how data is selected, giving users a personalised experience. This task is a chance to put your creativity to work while practising higher-order functions.

- ❖ Write a higher-order function `myRecommender()` that accepts an array of genres and a callback function
- ❖ Write a function that checks if a genre is in the list of favorites and returns `true` if so, `false` otherwise.

Callbacks Task

To encourage regular study breaks, you'll create a timed reminder that prompts users to take a short break every hour. You'll use `setInterval()` to schedule reminders, and `clearInterval()` to stop the reminders when they're no longer needed.

This task lets you put your timed event skills to practical use, perfect for managing regular notifications, alerts, or updates. 🕒

- ❖ Create two buttons: a Start Reminders button to begin the hourly alerts and a Stop Reminders button to turn them off.
- ❖ Use `setInterval()` in your JavaScript file to send a reminder message.
- ❖ Use `clearInterval()` to stop reminders when the Stop Reminders button is clicked.



What is a higher-order function in JavaScript?

- A. A function that returns a string.
- B. A function that accepts another function as an argument or returns a function.
- C. A function that loops through an array.
- D. A function that outputs to the console.

What does setInterval() do in JavaScript?

- A. Runs a function once after a delay.
- B. Executes a function repeatedly at set intervals.
- C. Logs data to the console.
- D. Stops a function from executing.



Arrow Functions

Shorthand syntax for writing function expressions.

- ❖ We use an arrow (`=>`) to define these function shorthands.
- ❖ They are specifically used when the **function block** is **one line of code**.
- ❖ Arrow functions can improve the **readability** and **organisation** of code.

Higher Order Functions

Higher order functions are functions that can accept other functions as arguments or return functions as results.

- ❖ They enable **abstraction** and code **reusability**, crucial principles in functional programming.
- ❖ Some notable examples include **map()**, **filter()**, and **reduce()** in JavaScript.

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- ❖ The **map()** function **applies** a provided function to each element of an array and returns a new array with the results.

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
const doubled = numbers.map(num => num * 2);  
console.log(doubled);
```

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- ❖ The **filter()** function creates a new array with all elements that pass the test implemented by the provided function.

```
const scores = [80, 90, 60, 45, 75];  
const passed = scores.filter(score => score >= 70);  
console.log(passed);
```

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- ❖ The **reduce()** function executes a **reducer** function on each element of the array, resulting in a single output value.

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
const sum = numbers.reduce((acc, num) => acc + num, 0);  
console.log(sum);
```




Callback Functions

Callback functions are functions passed as arguments to other functions and executed later.

- ❖ They are commonly used in **asynchronous programming** and **event handling**.
- ❖ Callbacks are vital in handling asynchronous tasks, such as fetching data from an API.
- ❖ Callbacks play a crucial role in **event-driven programming**, responding to user interactions.



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```
function fetchData(callback) {  
  setTimeout(() => {  
    const data = 'Data fetched asynchronously';  
    callback(data);  
  }, 2000);  
}  
  
fetchData(data => {  
  console.log(data);  
});
```

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```
document.getElementById('myButton').addEventListener('click', () => {  
  console.log('Button clicked!');  
});
```

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Which of the following stops an interval created by `setInterval()`?

- A. `clearInterval()`
- B. `stopInterval()`
- C. `pauseInterval()`
- D. `endInterval()`



In a higher-order function, what is a callback?

- A. A function that only runs once.
- B. A function passed as an argument to another function.
- C. A function that logs output to the console.
- D. A variable within a function.

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