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Which is the correct syntax for creating a while loop in JavaScript?

- A. `while: (condition) { // code block }`
- B. `while [condition] { // code block }`
- C. `while (condition) { // code block }`
- D. `while {condition} // code block`





When would it be better to use a for loop instead of a while loop? (Select all that apply)

- A. When you know the exact number of iterations beforehand.
- B. When the loop condition depends on user input.
- C. When you want to iterate over an array or string.
- D. When you need to run an infinite loop.



Learning Outcomes

- Define and use functions in JavaScript, including understanding local and global scope.
- Understand closures and how they preserve a function's scope after execution.
- Implement arrow functions for concise function expressions.

Lecture Overview

- Basic JavaScript functions
- Scope
- Nested Functions
- Arrow Functions

Functions

A block of organised, reusable code that accomplishes a specific task.

- ❖ A function can be **called repeatedly** throughout your code.
- ❖ Functions can either be **user-defined** or **built-in**.
- ❖ This helps us **minimise repeating lines of code** unnecessarily.
- ❖ The main benefits of using functions are:
 - It improves code **modularity, management** and **maintenance**.
 - It makes our code more **readable**.
 - It **reduces potential errors**.



BASIC JAVASCRIPT FUNCTIONS

- ❖ Declaring a function in JavaScript involves using the keyword **function**, providing a **function name**, followed by a list of **parameters** enclosed in **parentheses ()**, and the **function body** enclosed within curly braces **{}**.
- ❖ Basic syntax of a function:

```
function functionName(parameter1, parameter2, ...parameterN) {  
    // function body  
    // statements defining what the function does  
}
```

BASIC JAVASCRIPT FUNCTIONS

- ❖ A JavaScript function has three key components:
 - **Parameters** - These are variables listed as a part of the function definition. They act as placeholders for the values on which the function operates, known as arguments.
 - **Function body** - Enclosed between curly braces {}, the function body consists of statements that define what the function does.

BASIC JAVASCRIPT FUNCTIONS

- **Return statement** - How a function sends the result of its operations back to the caller. Not all functions have to return a value; those that don't are often used for their side effects, such as modifying the global state or producing an output.

BASIC JAVASCRIPT FUNCTIONS

- ❖ Example of a function that doesn't return anything:

```
function sayHi() {  
  console.log("Hi");  
}
```

- ❖ Example of a function that returns something:

```
function sayHi() {  
  return "Hi";  
}
```


CALLING A FUNCTION

- ❖ After a function has been declared, it can be invoked or called anywhere in your code by using its name followed by parentheses ().
- ❖ If the function requires parameters, you'll include **arguments** within the parentheses.
- ❖ Each argument corresponds to the position of the parameter in the function declaration.

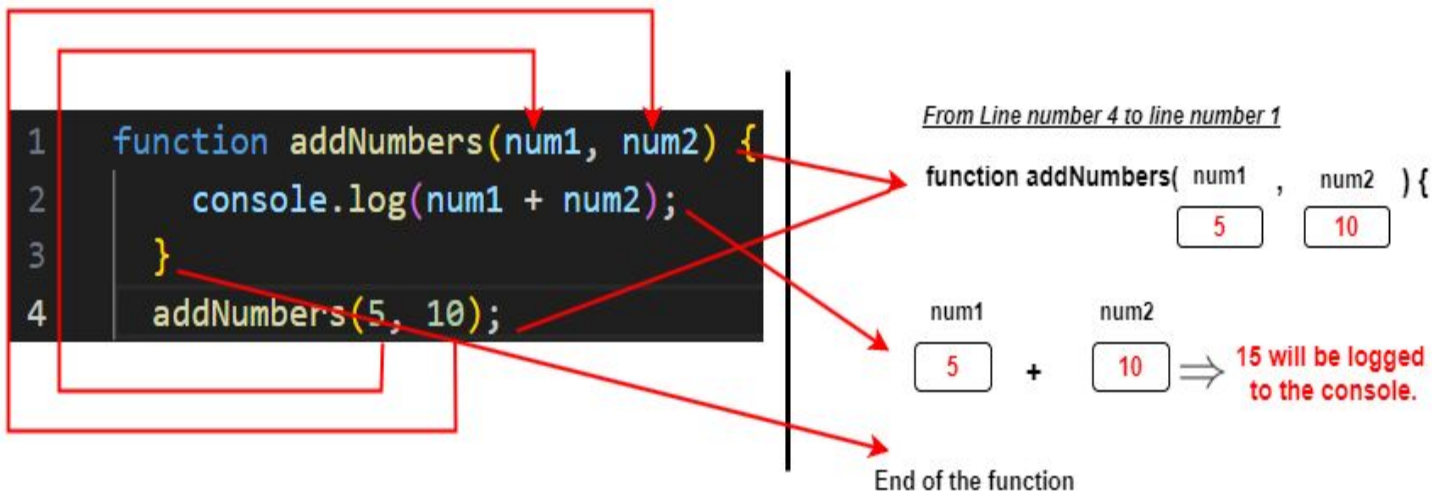
CALLING A FUNCTION

- ❖ Example of calling a function:

```
function addNumbers(num1, num2) {  
    console.log(num1 + num2); // Log the sum of num1 and num2 to the console.  
}  
  
addNumbers(5, 10); // Calling the addNumbers function with five and ten as arguments
```

CALLING A FUNCTION

- ❖ Let's trace through this function:



CALLING A FUNCTION

- ❖ The primary difference between parameters and arguments:
 - **Parameters** - Parameters are used when defining a function. They represent the **'input'** the function needs to do its job, and they act as placeholders for actual data.
 - **Arguments** - Arguments are used when calling a function. They represent the actual **'input'** that will be operated on by the function's code.

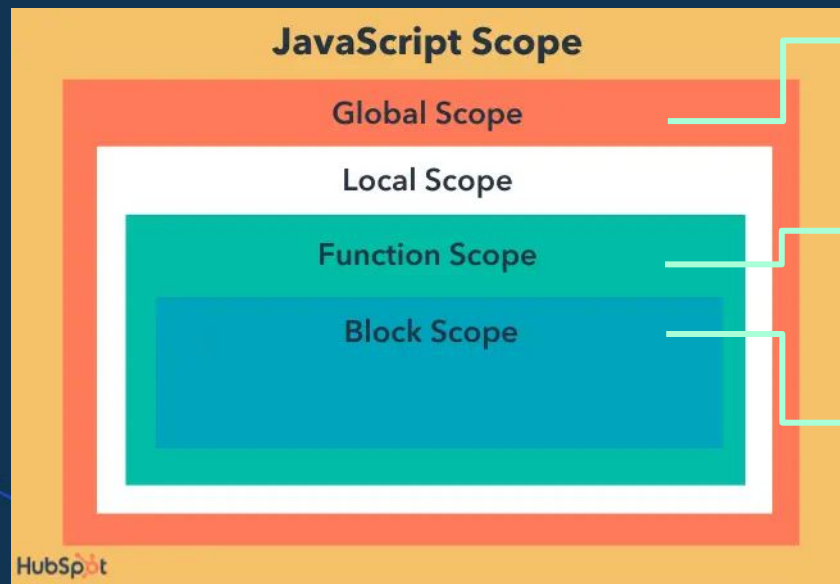
Scope

The area of visibility and accessibility of a variable in a program.

- ❖ The **scope** of a variable determines **where in the code it can be seen**.
- ❖ JavaScript has **function scope**, meaning variables declared **inside a function** are only **accessible within** that function.
- ❖ Variables declared outside of a function, known as **global variables**, can be accessed anywhere (**hoisting** allows for variables to be accessed before their definition).
- ❖ JavaScript has **three types of scope**:

- Global Scope
- Function Scope
- Block Scope

Scope



Global Scope: variables declared outside all functions or blocks. They can be accessed from any part of the code.

Function Scope: variables declared within a function. They are only accessed within their function body.

Block Scope: variables declared with the **let** or **const** keyword inside a block. They can only be accessed in their block (does not apply to **var** keyword).

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SCOPE

❖ Global scope:

- When a variable is declared outside all functions or block scopes, its scope is global.
- Global variables can be accessed from any part of the code, whether within a function or outside.

SCOPE

❖ Function scope:

- Variables declared within a function are accessible only within the function body and are said to have the function scope.
- They cannot be accessed outside of the function in which they are declared.
- Attempting to access a function-scoped variable from outside the function will result in a reference error.

SCOPE

- ❖ Block scope:
 - Variables declared with `let` or `const` are confined to the block in which they are declared.
 - Attempting to access block-scoped variables outside their block results in a reference error, as they are only accessible within the block where they were defined.

NESTED FUNCTIONS

- ❖ A nested function is a function defined inside another function.
- ❖ This allows the inner function to access variables and parameters of the outer function.
- ❖ Nested functions help organise code and keep related functionality together, making code more modular and maintainable:

NESTED FUNCTIONS

- ❖ A nested function forms a closure, the function has its own local variables and parameters and is able to reference and use its containing function's function variables and parameters.

```
function outerFunction(outerParam) {  
  let outerFunctionVar;  
  function innerFunction(innerParam) {  
    console.log(outerParam);  
    outerFunctionVar = "initialise";  
    return innerParam;  
  }  
  return innerFunction;  
}
```

ARROW FUNCTIONS

- ❖ Arrow functions in JavaScript are a shorthand syntax for writing function expressions.
- ❖ They're called “arrow” functions because of the `=>` symbol used, which resembles an arrow.
- ❖ Syntax of arrow functions:

```
let functionName = (parameter1, parameter2, ...parameterN) => expression
```



What is the primary purpose of a function in JavaScript?

- A. To execute a block of code only when called.
- B. To store data in variables.
- C. To define the structure of an HTML document.
- D. To create loops for repetitive tasks.





What is the purpose of parameters in a JavaScript function?

- A. To pass values into a function for processing.
- B. To define the function's name.
- C. To create local variables within the function.
- D. To specify the return type of the function.

Questions and Answers



Thank you for attending



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