

## closure

→ A closure is a function that comes bundled with its surrounding ~~state~~ state (the lexical environment)

Ex: function x()

{

var a = 7;

function y()

{

console.log(a);

}

return y;

}

var z = x();

console.log(z);

o/p: y()

{ console.log(a);

}

Now, z();

o/p: 7

→ Even when we return a function, it still remembers the environment it was created in, so it can access those variables.

→ If we write 'return function()' { ... }  
we are returning the function itself, not its value.  
The function needs to be called to return a value.

function x()

{

var a = 7;

function y()

{

console.log(a);

y

a = 100;

return y;

y

var z = x();

console.log(z);

z();

o/p:

y()

{ console.log(a);

y

100



- In this code, the inner function  $y()$  has access to the variable 'a' because of a closure.
- The important thing to understand is that the closure captures the reference to 'a', not the value.
- This means any changes to 'a' before the closure is used will be reflected when I call the function later.

→ In my case, I first set 'a' to 7, but before returning the function  $y()$ , I change 'a' to 100.

→ So, when I call the returned function later, it logs 100 because that was the final value of 'a' before the closure was invoked.

In javascript, a closure is created when a function is defined inside another function, and the inner function has access to the outer function's variables, even after the outer function has finished executing.