#### JAVASCRIPT

**Functions** 



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# Functions in JavaScript

- A JavaScript function is a block of code designed to perform a particular task.
- The function is executed when "something" invokes it (calls it)

$$\Box f(x) = x + 2$$

```
function multiply(param1, param2)
{
    return param1 * param2
}
```

Function won't execute unless it is invoked

# Functions in JavaScript

- A function can be named or it can be anonymous function(param1, param2) { return param1 \* param2 }
- The params are items of data that the function needs to perform its task
- □ Not passing a required parameter will result in an error
- Can have zero parameters but still requires empty parameters

# ES6 Arrow functions



- Arrow functions are more concise, developer can achieve the same functionality with fewer lines of code.
- Support concise function expressions



### Assign function to a variable

```
let multiply = (param1, param2) =>
{
    return param1 * param2;
}
multiply(3,3)
```

```
let multiply = function(param1, param2)
{
    return param1 * param2;
}
multiply(3,3)
```

# Returning from a function

Functions can return values to their calling environments

Use the *return* statement to do this

```
function divide(numerator, denominator)
{
    return numerator / denominator
}
```

# Returning from a function

The returned value from a function can be assigned to a variable.

```
function incrementAge(myAge)
{
    myAge++;
    return myAge;
}
let incAge = incrementAge(26);
alert("Incremented age is " + incAge);
```

#### **Functions**

#### Functions consist of

Unique name (cannot be keywords)

- If they are named!
- Parameters (again cannot be keywords)
- Don't declare variables as parameters (let param1)
- Code block to execute
- Will only return once, but can use conditional statements to control the execution of the code and have multiple return statements

# Invoking a function from HTML



Inline JS within our pages
Note we can also link to a JS file too!
Try and reproduce the same functionality but this time by using a separate JS file



#### **Exercise:** Functions

- Copy the JS code from the previous slide and place it into a separate JavaScript file.
- □ Modify the function "numbers" to accept a param
- □ If the argument passed in is 1 then the numbers printed out should be 1, 2, 3, 4.
- □ If the argument passed in is something else, then the numbers printed out should be 2, 4, 6, 8

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Events



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#### **Events**

- Actions that can be responded to by JavaScript
- Every element on a page has certain events which can trigger some JavaScript code
  - We can identify when a user clicks a button with the onClick event
  - Can then assign a function to run when the event is identified
  - Events defined as an attribute in the HTML Tag

### **Examples of Events**

□ A mouse click

A web page or an image loading

Moving the mouse over a hot spot on the web page

Name:	
Pass:	
Save Password:	
Submit	

### **Other Mouse Events**

#### onClick

Triggered when the mouse clicks an element

#### onMouseDown

Triggered when the mouse button is pressed

#### onMouseUp

Triggered when the mouse button is released.

#### Selecting and De-Selecting Elements

- All three normally used with form input elements (text boxes, buttons etc.)
- onFocus
  - Triggered when an element gets focus
  - **E.g.** an element that is clicked is said to be in focus
- onBlur
  - Triggered when an element loses focus
- onChange
  - Triggered when the content of an element changes

#### As the mouse moves over HTML elements

#### onMouseOver

- Triggered for an element when the mouse cursor is moved over that element
- e.g. moving the mouse over an image ('rollover')

#### onMouseOut

- Triggered for an element when the mouse cursor is moved away from that element
- e.g. moving the mouse out of the image

# **Other Keyboard Events**

- onKeyDown
  - Triggered when a keyboard key is pressed
- onKeyUp
  - Triggered when a keyboard key is released
- onKeyPress
  - Triggered when a keyboard key is pressed or held
- onSelect
  - Triggered when text is selected

#### Exercise: Multiply numbers from text input

- Place a text input on your web page
- Ask the user to pop in a number into the textbox using the placeholder attribute
- Place a button underneath it called "Multiply"
- When the user clicks on the button a function is invoked which takes the value from the text box, multiplies it by 3 and pops it back into the same text box
- Note that if you place an ID on the input, you can access the value the user enters via myelement.value