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)

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

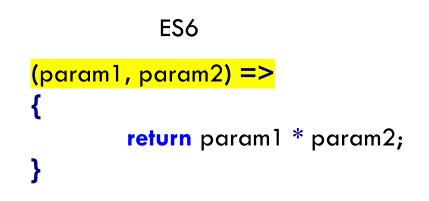
```
function multiply(param1, param2)
{
    return param1 * param2
}
```

Function won't execute unless it is invoked

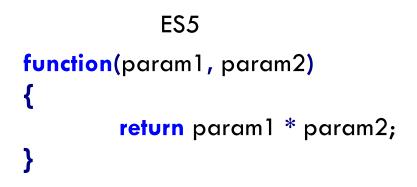
Functions in JavaScript

- 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);
```

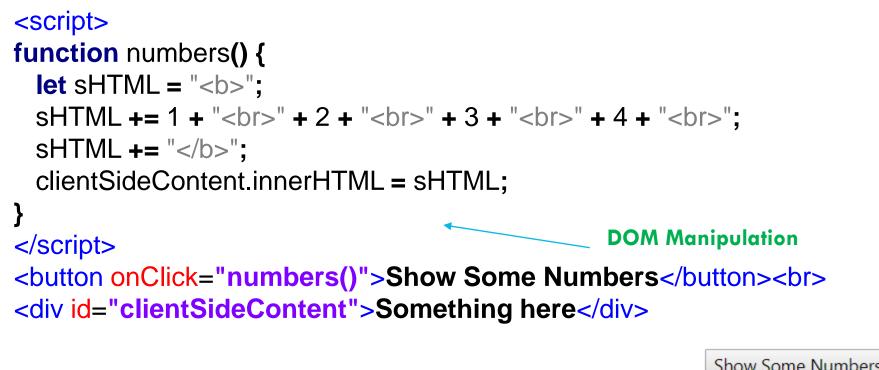
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Functions consist of

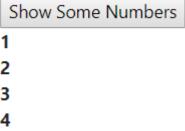
Unique name (cannot be keywords)

- 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