

# Pure and functional JavaScript

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# JavaScript Functions

# A simple function

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2   alert(a+1);  
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- ▶ Function Declaration



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- ▶ Function Declaration
- ▶ Most common way to create a function in JavaScript

# First-Level Citizens

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- ▶ Function **Expression**

# Functions are special

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```
1 function one() {  
2     function two() {  
3         function three() {  
4             // ...  
5         }  
6     }  
7 }
```

- ▶ Functions can be **nested**

# Higher-Order Functions

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```
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3 }, 1000);
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- ▶ Functions can take other functions as arguments

# Higher-Order Functions

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```
1 var makeGreeter = function(name) {  
2   return function() {  
3     alert("Hello_" + name + "!");  
4   };  
5 };
```



# Higher-Order Functions

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- ▶ Functions may return other functions

# Higher-Order Functions

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- ▶ Functions which **consume** or **return** other functions are called

## Higher-Order Functions

What comes next?

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# Sideeffects

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```
1  var count = function(items) {
2      var length = 0;
3      while(items.pop()) {
4          length += 1;
5      }
6
7      return length;
8  }
9
10 var items = [1,2,3];
11 alert(count(items)); // 3
```

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- ▶ Are there any problems with this implementation?

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- ▶ Modification of state

# Sideeffects

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```
1 var increment = function(a) {  
2     alert(a+1);  
3 }
```

# Sideeffects

---

```
1 var increment = function (a) {  
    alert(a+1);  
3 }
```

- ▶ Interaction with the outside world



# Pure Functions

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```
1 var increment = function(a) {  
    return a+1;  
3 }
```

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```
1 var increment = function(a) {  
2   return a+1;  
3 }
```

- ▶ No sideeffects

# Pure Functions

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```
1 var increment = function(a) {  
2   return a+1;  
3 }
```

- ▶ No sideeffects
- ▶ Easier to maintain, easier to test

# Pure Functions

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- ▶ Functions which are **sideeffect free** are called

## Pure Functions

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- ▶ Every program needs to have at least one **impure** function

What comes next?

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# Functional Built-Ins



# Functional Loops

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  - ▶ Cause Sideeffects on every element of a set
  - ▶ Transform or Extract data from a set
  - ▶ Aggregate or Accumulate data from a set

# Looping

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```
1 var sessions = ...;
2
3 var i, len;
4 for(i=0, len=sessions.length; i<len; i++) {
5     doSomething(sessions[i]);
6 }
```

# Looping

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```

- ▶ Loop through data
- ▶ Cause some **sideeffect** on each data entry

# Array.prototype.forEach

---

```
1 var sessions = ...;
2
3 sessions.forEach(function(session) {
4     doSomething(session);
5 });
```



# Data extraction

---

```
1 var titles = [];  
2  
3 var i, len;  
4 for(i=0, len=sessions.length; i<len; i++) {  
5     titles.push(sessions[i].title);  
6 }
```

# Data extraction

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6 }
```

- ▶ Extract certain bits of data from a bigger structure

# Array.prototype.map

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```
1 var titles = sessions.map(function(session) {  
2     return session.title;  
3 });
```

# Array.prototype.map

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# Array.prototype.map

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- ▶ This kind of **property extraction** is needed quite often
- ▶ Let's extract it to its own method

# extract

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```
1 var extract = function(property) {  
2     return function(object) {  
3         return object[property];  
4     };  
5 };
```

# extract

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```
1 var extract = function(property) {  
2     return function(object) {  
3         return object[property];  
4     };  
5 };
```

```
1 var titles = sessions.map(extract("title"));
```

# extract

---

```
var extract = function(property) {  
  2   return function(object) {  
  3     return object[property];  
  4   };  
  5 };  
  
1 var titles = sessions.map(extract("title"));
```



# extract

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```
1 var extract = function(property) {  
  return function(object) {  
3     return object[property];  
4   };  
5 };
```

```
1 var titles = sessions.map(extract("title"));
```

# extract

---

```
1 var extract = function(property) {  
2   return function(object) {  
3     return object[property];  
4   };  
5 };
```

```
1 var titles = sessions.map(extract("title"));
```

# Data accumulation

---

```
1 var sessionList = "";  
2  
3 var i, len;  
4 for(i=0, len=sessions.length; i<len; i++) {  
5     sessionList += "<li>" + sessions[i].title + "</  
6     li>";  
7 }  
8 }
```

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- ▶ Accumulate information from given data structure
- ▶ Two things are actually done here:
  1. Extract each sessions title
  2. Accumulate result into an HTML-List

# Array.prototype.reduce

---

```
1 var sessionList = sessions
2   .map(function(session) {
3     return session.title;
4   })
5   .reduce(function(accumulation, next) {
6     return accumulation + "<li>" + next + "</li>"
7   }, "");
```

# Array.prototype.reduce

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# Array.prototype.reduce

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```
var wrapIn = function(element) {  
  return function(input) {  
    return "<" + element + ">" + input + "</" +  
      element + ">";  
  };  
};
```

```
6  
7 var sessionList = sessions  
8   .map(extract("title"))  
9   .map(wrapIn("li"))  
10  .reduce(function(accumulation, next) {  
11    return accumulation + next  
12  }, "");
```

# Array.prototype.reduce

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1  var wrapIn = function(element) {
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3      return "<" + element + ">" + input + "</" +
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6  };
7  var sessionList = sessions
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9    .map(wrapIn("li"))
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# Array.prototype.reduce

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```
1  var wrapIn = function(element) {
2    return function(input) {
3      return "<" + element + ">" + input + "</" +
4        element + ">";
5    };
6  };
7  var sessionList = sessions
8    .map(extract("title"))
9    .map(wrapIn("li"))
10   .reduce(function(accumulation, next) {
11     return accumulation + next
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# Array.prototype.reduce

---

```
var concatenate = function(accumulation, next) {  
  return accumulation + next;  
};
```

4

```
5 var sessionList = sessions  
6   .map(extract("title"))  
7   .map(wrapIn("li"))  
8   .reduce(concatenate, "");
```

# Array.prototype.reduce

---

```
1 var concatenate = function(accumulation, next) {  
2   return accumulation + next;  
3 };  
4  
5 var sessionList = sessions  
6   .map(extract("title"))  
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  - ▶ Uppercase names
  - ▶ Highlight certain buzzwords
  - ▶ Limit descriptions to a maximal length
3. Finally accumulate everything as HTML

# A little bit more real world

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```
1 var titles = sessions
2   .map(extract("title"))
3   .map(wrapIn("h2"));
```

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```
1 var titles = sessions
2   .map(extract("title"))
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```

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1 var speakers = sessions
2   .map(extract("speaker"))
3   .map(uppercaseEveryFirst())
4   .map(prefix("Speaker: "))
5   .map(wrapIn("h3"));
```



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4   .map(prefix("Speaker: _"))
5   .map(wrapIn("h3"));
```

```
1 var descriptions = sessions
2   .map(extract("description"))
3   .map(ellipsis(160))
4   .map(highlight("JavaScript", "HTML5"))
5   .map(wrapIn("p"));
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```

```
1 var uppercaseEveryFirst = function() {
2   return function(input) {
3     return input
4       .split(" ")
5       .map(uppercaseFirst())
6       .join(" ");
7   }
8 }
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8 }
```

```
1 var uppercaseFirst = function() {
2   return function(input) {
3     return input.charAt(0).toUpperCase()
4       + input.substring(1);
5   }
6 }
```

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```

```
1 var prefix = function(prefix) {
2   return function(input) {
3     return prefix + input;
4   }
5 };
```



# A little bit more real world

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```
1 var descriptions = sessions
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```

```
1 var ellipsis = function(maxLength) {
2   return function(input) {
3     if (input.length <= maxLength) {
4       return input;
5     }
6
7     return input.substring(0, maxLength-1) + "...";
8   }
9 }
```

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```
1 var descriptions = sessions
2   .map(extract("description"))
3   .map(ellipsis(160))
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```

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```

```
1 var highlight = function(/* args... */) {
2   var args = Array.prototype.slice.call(arguments);
3   return function(input) {
4     args.forEach(function(replacement) {
5       input = input.replace(
6         new RegExp("\\b" + replacement + "\\b"),
7         "<em>" + replacement + "</em>"
8       );
9     });
10
11    return input;
12  }
13 }
```

# A little bit more real world

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```
1 var titles = ..., speakers = ..., descriptions = ...
```

# A little bit more real world

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```
1 var titles = ..., speakers = ..., descriptions = ...  
  
1 var result = weave(titles, speakers, descriptions)  
2   .map(join())  
3   .map(wrapIn("div"))  
4   .reduce(concatenate());
```

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```

```
1 [ 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
2 [ "a", "b", "c", "d" ]
3 [ "!", "?", "$", "=" ]
4 -----weave-----
5 [
6   [1, "a", "!"],
7   [2, "b", "?"],
8   [3, "c", "$"],
9   [4, "d", "="]
10 ]
```

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```
    .map(join())
```

```
3    .map(wrapIn("div"))
```

```
4    .reduce(concatenate());
```

```
1 var join = function(delimiter) {
```

```
2   return function(input) {
```

```
3     return input.join(delimiter);
```

```
4   }
```

```
5 }
```

# A little bit more real world

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## Games meet business

### Speaker: Sven Tissot

Innovative Bedienoberflächen und kreative Anwendungen im professionellen Kontext – wie lässt sich dies unter einen Hut bringen? Vorgestellt wird die Realisierung einer modernen, mobilen App zur Visualisierung logistischer Kennzahlen auf Basis der Entwicklu...

## Packing skills to be a DevOps and why that's a good thing

### Speaker: Ole Michaelis

Bei Jimdo wurde ich als Software Engineer eingestellt. Die Software ist in den letzten sechs Jahre gewachsen und sah genauso aus wie man es erwarten würde, wenn man hört dass ein System so alt ist. Keine wirklichen Abstraktionen, keine Services – kein moderne...

## Pure and functional JavaScript

### Speaker: Jakob Westhoff

*JavaScript* ist eine Sprache, die viele unterschiedliche Programmierparadigmen in sich vereint. Ob Sie funktional, objekt-orientiert, prozedural oder aspekt-orientiert Software entwickeln wollen, JavaScript bietet für alle Ansätze die nötige Flexibilität. Dies...

## Produktiv- und Entwicklungsumgebung mit Puppet verwalten

### Speaker: Hans-Christian Otto

Als ein wachsender Betreiber von Web-Applikationen müssen Sie mit einer wachsenden Menge an Servern umgehen. Einen neuen Datenbankserver aufzusetzen dauert Tage? Für das aufsetzen eines neuen Entwicklerarbeitsplatzes benötigen Sie einen Senior-Developer, der ...

What comes next?

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# JavaScript is Asynchronous

# Asynchronous functional handling

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- ▶ JavaScript utilizes **Evented-IO**

# Asynchronous functional handling

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- ▶ JavaScript utilizes **Evented-IO**
- ▶ A lot of operations are asynchronous



# Asynchronous functional handling

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- ▶ JavaScript utilizes **Evented-IO**
- ▶ A lot of operations are asynchronous
- ▶ Especially those with the outside world

# Fetching our sessions via XHR

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- ▶ Our sessions data needs to be retrieved from the server

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2     "/conference/sessions/day1" ,  
3     "/conference/sessions/day2" ,  
4     "/conference/sessions/socialevent" ,  
5     "/conference/sessions/day3"  
6 ];
```

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2      var receivedData = [];
3      var i, len;
4
5      for(i=0, len=urls.length; i<len; i++) {
6          $.ajax({
7              url: urls[i],
8              success: function(data) {
9                  receivedData[i] = data;
10                 if(receivedData.length == urls.length) {
11                     done(receivedData);
12                 }
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# Can't we do better?

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1 var ajax = function(url, done) {  
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3         url: url,  
4         success: done  
5     });  
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