

JS NUGGETS

# MEMOIZATION IN JAVASCRIPT

**Memoization** is an optimization technique used to speed up programs by **storing the results of function calls** and returning the cached result when the same inputs occur again.

It works if the result of calling a function with the same set of arguments results in the same output. In other words, the function must be pure, otherwise caching the result would not make sense.

**Why is this useful?** 🤔

Suppose our function takes 1 second to run, while caching lets us speed up the process to 2 milliseconds.



# When to memoize function? 🙌😊

- The best use case of memoized functions is **for heavy computational functions.**
- Function should be pure so that it returns the same output each time they are called with a particular input.
- Functions should have a limited input range so that cached values can be made use of more frequently.
- Recursive functions with recurring input values.

# Example 😊

```
const memoizedAddition = () => {
  let cache = {};
  return (n) => {
    if (n in cache) {
      console.log('Fetching from cache');
      return cache[n];
    }
    else {
      console.log('Calculating result');
      const result = n + 1;
      cache[n] = result;
      return result;
    }
  }
}

const addition = memoizedAddition();
console.log(addition(7)); // Calculating result 8
console.log(addition(7)); // Fetching from cache 8
console.log(addition(7)); // Fetching from cache 8
```