

Tail Call Optimization

Secbone

The story begins with an error ···

Maximum call stack size exceeded

```
function b(x) {
    return x
function a(n) {
    let q = n + n
    return b(q)
a(1)
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Global stack

```
b = function(x) { ... }
a = function(n) { ... }
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    return b(q)
a(1)
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```
stack of a()
```

```
n = 1
q = 2
return b(2)
b = function(x) \{ ... \}
a = function(n) \{ ... \}
```

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function a(n) {
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    return b(q)
a(1)
```

```
stack of b()
```

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stack of a()
```

```
Global stack
```

```
x = 2 return 2
```

```
n = 1

q = 2

return b(2)
```

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a = function(n) { ... }
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we get 2

Recursion

```
1 function fib(n) {
2    if(n < 3) return 1
3
4    return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2)
5 }
6
7 fib(10)</pre>
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$$n = 1$$
 return 1

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$$n = 10$$
return fib(9) + fib(8)

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1 function fib(n) {
2    if(n < 3) return 1
3
4    return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2)
5 }
6
7 fib(10000000)
8</pre>
```

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$$n = 10000000$$

return fib(9999999) + fib(9999998)

Maximum call stack size exceeded

What is the size of the stack?

```
var i = 0
function t() {
    i++
    t()
```

Chrome 60 10444

Safari 10 36241

http://adamrich.name/recursion.html

Tail Recursion

```
1 function fib(n, a = 0, b = 1) {
2    if(n == 0) return a
3    if(n == 1) return b
4
5    return fib(n - 1, b, a + b)
6 }
7
8 fib(10)
```

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   if(n == 0) return a
   if(n == 1) return b

return fib(n - 1, b, a + b)
}

fib(10)
```

fib(10)

```
n = 10
a = 0
b = 1
return fib(9, 1, 1)
```

fib = function(n, a = 0, b = 1) $\{ ... \}$

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4
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6 }
7
8 fib(10)
```

```
fib(9)
```

```
n = 9
a = 1
b = 1
return fib(8, 1, 2)
```

```
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```

```
function fib(n, a = 0, b = 1) {
   if(n == 0) return a
   if(n == 1) return b

return fib(n - 1, b, a + b)
}

fib(10)
```

```
fib(1)
```

```
n = 1
a = 34
b = 55
return 55
```

```
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2    if(n == 0) return a
3    if(n == 1) return b
4
5    return fib(n - 1, b, a + b)
6 }
7
8 fib(10)
```

we get 55

```
fib = function(n, a = 0, b = 1) \{ ... \}
```

Tail Call Optimization (TCO)

Proper Tail Calls (PTC)



Safari 10

node 6

--harmony_tailcalls

strict mode

Examples

Why not shipping?

Q&A

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