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JavaScript

- It is lightweight (just in time compiled) programming language.

Just in time - Compilation of code during executing of program
i.e. at runtime rather than before execution.

→ How to link JS code in HTML?

(a) Internal JS -

We can add JS directly to our HTML file by writing code inside the `<script>` tag.

`<script>` tag can either be placed inside the head or body tag according to the requirement.

(b) External JS:

We can write JS code in another file having an extension `.js` & then link this file ~~in~~ inside head tag of HTML ~~code~~ file in which we want to add this code.

→ JS is a weakly typed language.

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=b Why JS is known as lightweight programming language

It is considered as lightweight due to the fact that it has low CPU usage, easy to implement and has minimalist syntax.

'Minimalist Syntax' means, has no data types.

- Everything here is treated as an object.

=b JavaScript is Compiled or Interpreted language?

Answer is Both, previously it was ~~compiled~~ language but after the V8, the JIT compiler was also incorporated to optimize the execution & display the result more quickly.

→ Template Literals : When we declare strings using backticks (`), this are called template literals, it has special properties, we can embed ~~if~~ variables or even expression in them.

```
const greeting = `Hello ${name}`;
```

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→ Useful Number Methods -

(a) `toFixed()` - Round no. to a fixed no. of decimal places.

E.g. :

```
const numValue = 1.7654321
```

numValue

```
const updatedValue = numValue.toFixed(2)  
console.log(updatedValue);
```

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(b) Converting to Number data types-

`Number()`

E.g. `const textValue = "53";`

```
const noValue = Number(textValue)  
console.log(typeof noValue);
```

// O/P: Number

→ `String()` : It converts anything into string.

`String()`

E.g. `const value = 53`

```
const strValue = String(value);  
console.log(typeof strValue);
```

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→ Useful string methods -

(a) Length of the string - length property.

E.g.: const value = "abc"

```
console.log(value.length);
```

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(b) Retrieving specific string character: We assume string as an array, so we can retrieve character from string using [] square bracket.

E.g.: const value = "Hello";

```
console.log(value[0]);
```

// O.P: H

(c) Check if strings contain substring: includes() method.

E.g. const value = "Hello World";

```
if (value.includes("World")) {
```

```
    console.log("Found World");
```

}

```
else {
```

```
    console.log("Not Found");
```

}

includes() returns true if string contains substring, else false otherwise.

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(d) startsWith() & endsWith();

If you want to know if a string starts or ends with particular substring. Returns true or false.

E.g. const value = "mozilla";

```
if (value.startsWith("moz")) {  
    console.log ("Moz");  
}  
else {  
    console.log ("No Moz");  
}
```

(e) Find position of substring in a string : indexOf()

It takes two parameters - substring that we want to search

(2) Optional parameter that specifies starting point of search.

It returns index of the first occurrence of the substring.

If string doesn't contain the substring, indexOf() returns -1.

E.g. const tagline = "MDN - Resources for developers, by developers";

```
console.log (tagline.indexOf ("developers"))
```

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(f) Extracting substring from string: `slice()` method.

It takes two parameters:

(i) Index at which start extracting.

(ii) Index at which to stop extracting, this index is exclusive.

```
const type = "mozilla";
console.log(type.slice(2, 7));
```

O/P: "zilla"

We can also do, if we want to extract all the remaining characters or after a certain index, then don't include second parameter.

```
const type = "mozilla";
console.log(type.slice(2));
```

O/P: "zilla"

(g) Changing Case:

(i) `toLowerCase()`

(ii) `toUpperCase()`

```
const data = " Mozilla";
```

```
console.log(data.toLowerCase()); // "mozilla"
```

```
console.log(data.toUpperCase()); // "MOZILLA"
```

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(b) Updating parts of a string:

We can replace one substring inside a string with another substring using the `replace()`.

It takes two parameters, (i) string we want to replace
(ii) string we want to replace it with.

E.g. `const browserType = "mozilla";`

`const updated = browserType.replace("moz", "van");`

`console.log(updated); // vanilla`

- `replace()` in this form only changes the first occurrence of the substring. If we want to change all occurrences, we can use `replaceAll()`.

E.g.: Let `quote = "To be or not to be";`

`quote = quote.replaceAll("be", "code");`

`console.log(quote); // To code or not to code`

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Arrays:

Arrays are "list-like objects", they are basically single objects that contain multiple values stored in a list.

→ Find length of array -

```
const shopping = ["bread", "milk", "cheese"];
console.log(shopping.length);
```

→ Finding the index of items in an array :

```
const birds = ["Parrot", "Falcon", "Owl"];
console.log(birds.indexOf("Falcon")); // 1
console.log(birds.indexOf("Owl")); // 2
console.log(birds.indexOf("Rabbit")); // -1
```

→ Adding Items :

```
const cities = ["Manchester"];
cities.push("Cardiff");
console.log(cities); // ["Manchester", "Cardiff"];
cities.push("Bradford", "Brighton");
console.log(cities); // ["Manchester", "Cardiff", "Bradford",
                    "Brighton"]
```

- If we want to add item at start, use unshift()

```
cities.unshift("Cardiff");
```

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- `push()` returns new length of an array.

```
console.log(cities.push("Amsterdam")); // 5
```

→ Removing Items:

- To remove the last item from the array, use `pop()`

```
const cities = ["Manchester", "Cardiff"];
```

```
console.log("Removing item is", cities.pop());
```

// Removing item is Cardiff

`pop()` return the item that was removed.

- To remove the first item from an array, use `shift()`

```
const cities = ["Manchester", "Cardiff"];
```

```
console.log("Removing item is", cities.shift());
```

// Removing item is Manchester

- To remove an item of specific ~~index~~, use `splice()`

```
const cities = ["Manchester", "Cardiff", "Liverpool"];
```

```
cities.splice(cities.indexOf("Cardiff"), 1);
```

```
console.log(cities);
```

// ["Manchester", "Liverpool"]

`splice()` takes two arguments, first says where to start removing items, & second says how many items should we removed.

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Accessing every item

(1) for...of :

```
for (const city of cities) {  
    console.log(city);  
}
```

(2) map () : If you want to some operation of array element.

```
const num = [2, 3, 5, 7];  
const double = num.map(value => {  
    return value * 2;  
});  
console.log(double); // [4, 6, 10, 14]
```

Converting between strings & array

- Use the split() method to split the string into an array.
It takes single parameter, the character you want to separate the string at, & returns the substrings between the separator as items in an array.

```
const cities = "Manchester, London, Liverpool";  
const arr = cities.split(",");  
console.log(arr);
```

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- Now, if you want to convert array into string, use `join()`

```
const arr = ["Manchester", "London", "Liverpool"];
const cities = arr.join(", ");
console.log(cities);
```

- Another way of converting array to string is `toString()`.
It's not take any parameter, & it's limiting than `join()`
because it always use comma.

```
const arr = ["Manchester", "London", "Liverpool"];
const cities = arr.toString();
console.log(cities); // Manchester, London, Liverpool
```

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React BookJavaScript (JS)

- How JS works & Execution Context:

Note: Everything in JS happens inside an execution context.

Execution context: It is a box or container in which whole JS code is executed.

This context is divided into two parts:

(1) Memory component / Variable Environment:

Store all variable with its value in key-value pair & also stores function.

(2) Code component / Thread of execution:

Store JS code which executes one line at a time.

Hence, JS is synchronous single threaded language.

↓
one thing at a time
↓
performs one action only.

- When we run a JS program, an execution context is created.
- When exec. context created, it will also memory phase & then code phase.

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- In memory phase, at start, the default value of each variable is [undefined]. For function, it stores whole code of it.
- Value of each variable is assign when code phase executed.
! FUNCTIONS ARE HEART OF JS !
- When any function, is called / invoke, a new execution context created.
- Multiple exec. context are manage using call stack.
i.e. Call stack maintains the order of execution of execution contexts.

⇒ Hoisting in JS :

Hoisting is a core concept relies on the way how exec. context is created.

In first phase i.e Memory allocation phase, all the variables & functions are allocated memory, even before any code is executed. All the variables are assigned 'undefined' at this instance in local memory.

⇒ Closure:

A function which bind together within lexical environment.

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```
closure example:  
function x() {  
    var a = 7;  
    function y() {  
        console.log(a);  
    }  
    y();  
}  
x();
```

Therefore, closure is the combination of function bundled together (enclosed) with reference to its surrounding state (lexical environment).

User of Closures:

- (a) Module Design Pattern
- (b) Currying
- (c) Functions like once
- (d) Memoize
- (e) Maintaining state in async world
- (f) setTimeouts
- (g) Iterators

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→ Function Statement : A.K.A Function Declaration.

```
function a() {  
    // function body  
}
```

→ Function expression : Function used as values.

```
var a = function x() {  
    // function body  
}
```

- Function Statement v/s Function expression : Hoisting

i.e. we can call function anywhere (even before function declaration) but if we assign function to variable & we call it before declaration then it return error.

→ Anonymous Function :

Function which do not have it's own identity.

```
var anonFun = function () {  
    // function body  
}
```

We cannot create anonymous function using function statement, only ~~we can~~ create using function expression.

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→ Named Function Expression:

When we used function as value, but it ~~use~~ has its own identity, i.e., it has no context of being used.

```
var a = function xyz() {  
    // ...  
}
```

but we cannot call function with its identity, it gives error, as xyz is not created in execution context.

→ Dif. b/w Parameters & Arguments:

Many times we are using both these terms as same interchangeable way. IT IS WRONG!

```
function a ( param1, param2 ) {  
    // ...  
}
```

a ("Hello", "World")

Parameters: local variable for function, which holds the value

Arguments: Values passed to that function

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→ First Class Functions : A.k.a First class citizens.

In JS, when functions are used as values, function are passed to parameters, or used to return, that are called first class function.

Eg : var a = function () { }

OR

function xyz (function param) { }

}

xyz (function a() { })

OR

function xyz () { }

return function a() { }

}

("child", "child")

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→ Call back Function:

A function which passed to another function in its parameters are known as call back function.

• Callback also helps us to achieve asynchronous in JS.

E.g.: `function x (par1) {`

// ...
}

`x (function y () { y })`

Call back function

Why it is called Callback?

We can call the function (y) anytime later in function x.
i.e we passed call responsibility of one function to another function.

How callback get us advantage of asynchronous?

→ callback function

E.g. `setTimeout (function () {`

`console.log ("Hello")`

`}, 5000);`

`setTimeout` is asynchronous but it won't be possible without call back function.

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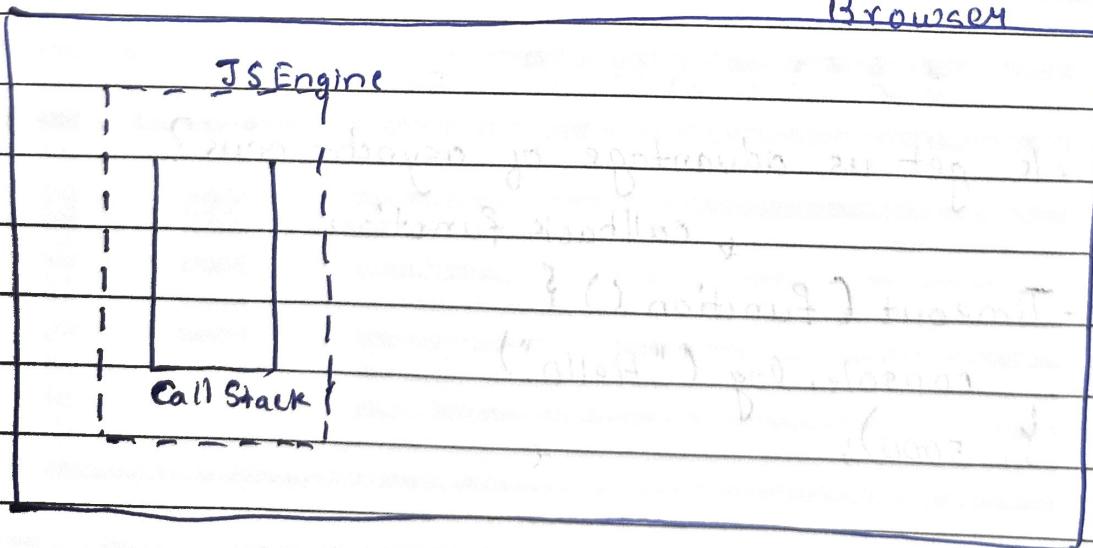
→ Event listeners :

Event listeners also use callback function for performing action on certain event.

document.getElementById(" ").

```
addEventlistener("click", function x() {  
    //...  
});
```

- Now it is standard practice to remove event listeners, but why?
 - It's because event listeners are heavy, they consume lot of memory which can potentially slow down the website therefore it is good practice to remove it is not used.



- Js program runs in call stack using JS engine, & JS engine is installed in Browser, bcoz of which we can run Js program into browser.

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- Now, Browser has various other features,

(a) Local Storage

(b) Timer

(c) URL

(d) Connection with external servers.

(e) Geolocation

→ How to access this browser features in our javascript program?

We have several in-built functions in JS engine, which can help us to ~~fetch~~ access this feature, which are,

Web APIs

window

setTimeout()

→ Timer

DOM API

→ source code

[document, ...]

fetch()

→ To ~~fetch~~ external API/server

access

localStorage

→ Log → used in our JS prog.

console

→ URL

location

- This are all web APIs to use / access the browser feature.

- Global object i.e "window" has all the API as function.

E.g. 1) `window.location`

2) `window.setTimeout()`

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→ Event Loop:

Now, when there is a call back function, it first stored in Web API environment.

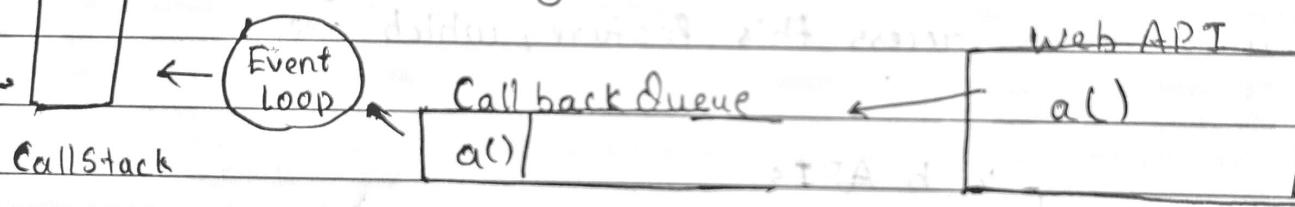
E.g. 1) `console.log("start");`

2) `setTimeout(function a() {`

3) `console.log("Timeout Call")`

4) `}, 5000);`

5) `console.log("end");`



- In example, callback function "a" is stored in Web API when program runs.

- After storing into Web API, program continues & it will go to next line i.e. line no. 5

- Once whole program completed, 5 seconds is done.

Function a is ready to execute.

- It is moved to call back queue.

- After that, event loop continuously check call stack & call back queue.

- Once call stack is empty, it will move function a from queue to call stack to execute.

Hence, O/P:

start

end

Timeline

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- Now, for promises & mutation observers, have different priority.

Promises - Call back function of `fetch()`

- These function once program executing, first move to Web API env.
- But once they are ready to execute, ~~but~~ they are moved to "Microtask Queue" which has more priority than callback Queue.
- Hence, Microtask is given priority over call back tasks.

Starvation: For an instance, if there are too many micro tasks generated, then call back queue will wait for all this to complete first, which is causing Starvation.

Conclusion:

Call Stack - It is a data structure that keeps track of function in your code.

Callback Queue - Holds tasks (callbacks/events) that are ready to execute, these tasks usually come from asynchronous operation, HTTP request, DOM request etc. AKA Task Queue

Event Loop - Responsible for continuously checking call stack & callback queue. If call stack empty, it will move first task from queue to stack.

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Microtask queue - holds tasks that are ready to execute but has a higher priority than callback queue, tasks here are usually promises, mutation observers

Questions:

(1) When does the event loop actually start?

It's always running & doing its job.

(2) Are only asynchronous web API callbacks are registered in Web API environment?

YES, callback function that pass inside map, filter, reduce aren't registered in Web API environment, only async callback functions.

(3) Does the Web API env stores only the callback fun & pushes the same callback to queue / microtask queue?

YES

(4) How does it matter if we delay for setTimeout would be 0ms, Then callback will move to queue without any wait?

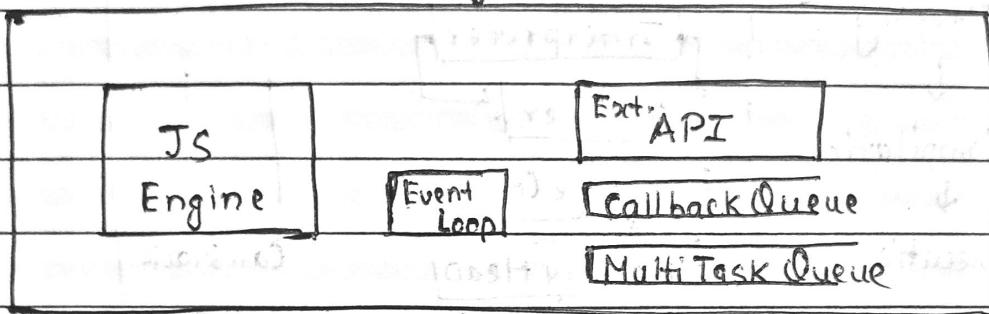
NO, Call back function need to wait until call stack is empty.

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Javascript Architecture

Javascript Runtime Environment

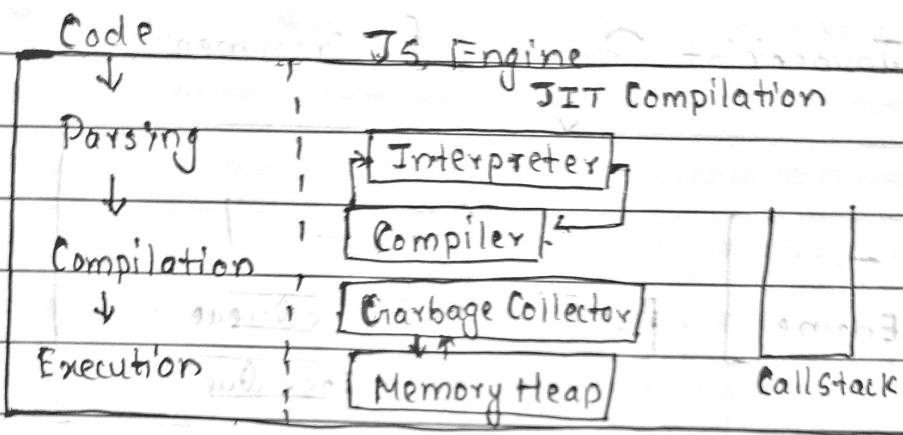


- JS runtime environment contains all elements required to run JS program, i.e. it contains JS engine, set of API's to connect/access outside resources, CB queue, MultiTask queue, eventloop.
- JS engine is heart of JS runtime environment.
- Each browser/system who supports JS have its own JS engine,
Chrome - V8 → Fastest JS Engine
Firefox - SpiderMonkey → Oldest JS engine
Edge - Chakra
- JS Engine is not a machine, it is a piece of code
- Any JS program can run anywhere, if the specific device have JS runtime env.

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→ JS Engine Architecture:



- Inside JS Engine, following process includes:
 - Parsing → Compilation → Execution
- Parsing breaks code into tokens & converts into AST (Abstract Syntax Tree)
- Modern JS engine follows JIT compilation, it interprets while it optimise code as much as it can. Therefore JS is both Interpreter & Compiler language.
- Execution & Compilation are done together
- Execution has Garbage collector & other optimisation such as Inlining, copy elision, inline caching etc.
- Garbage Collector uses Mark & Sweep algorithm into Memory Heap.