

# SUMMARY 🌟

- 👉 Scoping asks the question *"Where do variables live?"* or *"Where can we access a certain variable, and where not?"*;
- 👉 There are 3 types of scope in JavaScript: the global scope, scopes defined by functions, and scopes defined by blocks;
- 👉 Only `let` and `const` variables are block-scoped. Variables declared with `var` end up in the closest function scope;
- 👉 In JavaScript, we have lexical scoping, so the rules of where we can access variables are based on exactly where in the code functions and blocks are written;
- 👉 Every scope always has access to all the variables from all its outer scopes. This is the scope chain!
- 👉 When a variable is not in the current scope, the engine looks up in the scope chain until it finds the variable it's looking for. This is called variable lookup;
- 👉 The scope chain is a one-way street: a scope will never, ever have access to the variables of an inner scope;
- 👉 The scope chain in a certain scope is equal to adding together all the variable environments of the all parent scopes;
- 👉 The scope chain has nothing to do with the order in which functions were called. It does not affect the scope chain at all!



# SCOPING AND SCOPE IN JAVASCRIPT: CONCEPTS

## SCOPE CONCEPTS

### EXECUTION CONTEXT

- 👉 Variable environment
- 👉 **Scope chain**
- 👉 this keyword

- 👉 **Scoping:** How our program's variables are **organized** and **accessed**. *"Where do variables live?" or "Where can we access a certain variable, and where not?"*;
- 👉 **Lexical scoping:** Scoping is controlled by **placement** of functions and blocks in the code;
- 👉 **Scope:** Space or environment in which a certain variable is **declared** (*variable environment in case of functions*). There is **global** scope, **function** scope, and **block** scope;
- 👉 **Scope of a variable:** Region of our code where a certain variable can be **accessed**.



# THE 3 TYPES OF SCOPE

## GLOBAL SCOPE

```
const me = 'Jonas';  
const job = 'teacher';  
const year = 1989;
```

- 👉 Outside of **any** function or block
- 👉 Variables declared in global scope are accessible **everywhere**

## FUNCTION SCOPE

```
function calcAge(birthYear) {  
  const now = 2037;  
  const age = now - birthYear;  
  return age;  
}  
  
console.log(now); // ReferenceError
```

- 👉 Variables are accessible only **inside function, NOT** outside
- 👉 Also called local scope

## BLOCK SCOPE (ES6)

```
if (year >= 1981 && year <= 1996) {  
  const millenial = true;  
  const food = 'Avocado toast';  
} ← Example: if block, for loop block, etc.  
  
console.log(millenial); // ReferenceError
```

- 👉 Variables are accessible only **inside block** (block scoped)
- ⚠️ **HOWEVER**, this only applies to **let** and **const** variables!
- 👉 Functions are **also block scoped** (only in strict mode)



# THE SCOPE CHAIN

```
const myName = 'Jonas';
```

```
function first() {
```

```
  const age = 30;
```

```
  if (age >= 30) { // true
```

```
    const decade = 3;
```

```
    var millenial = true;
```

```
  function second() {
```

```
    const job = 'teacher';
```

```
    console.log(`$myName is a $age-old ${job}`);  
    // Jonas is a 30-old teacher
```

```
  }  
  second();  
}
```

```
first();
```

Variables not in  
current scope

VARIABLE LOOKUP IN SCOPE CHAIN

Global scope

```
myName = "Jonas"
```

SCOPE CHAIN

first() scope

```
age = 30
```

```
myName = "Jonas"
```

Scope has access  
to variables from  
all outer scopes

second() scope

```
job = "teacher"
```

```
age = 30
```

```
myName = "Jonas"
```



# THE SCOPE CHAIN



```
const myName = 'Jonas';
```

```
function first() {
```

```
  const age = 30;
```

let and const are **block-scoped**

```
  if (age >= 30) { // true
```

```
    const decade = 3;
```

```
    var millennial = true;
```

Variables not in  
current scope

var is **function-scoped**

```
  function second() {
```

```
    const job = 'teacher';
```

```
    console.log(`$myName is a $age-old ${job}`);
```

```
    // Jonas is a 30-old teacher
```

```
  second();
```

```
first();
```

(Considering only  
variable declarations)

Global variable

Global scope

```
myName = "Jonas"
```



SCOPE CHAIN

first() scope

```
age = 30
```

```
millennial = true
```

```
myName = "Jonas"
```

Scope has access  
to variables from  
all outer scopes



if block scope

```
decade = 3
```

```
age = 30
```

```
millennial = true
```

```
myName = "Jonas"
```

second() scope

```
job = "teacher"
```

```
age = 30
```

```
millennial = true
```

```
myName = "Jonas"
```





# SCOPE CHAIN VS. CALL STACK

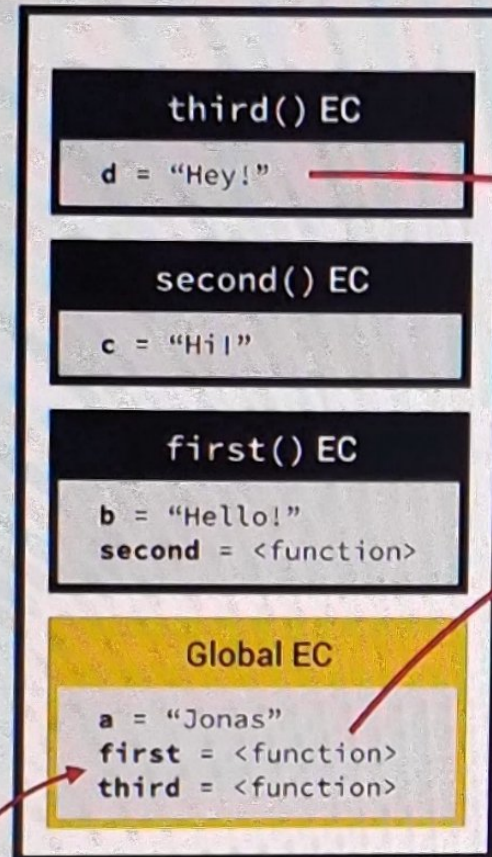
```
const a = 'Jonas';
first();

function first() {
  const b = 'Hello!';
  second();

  function second() {
    const c = 'Hi!';
    third();
  }
}

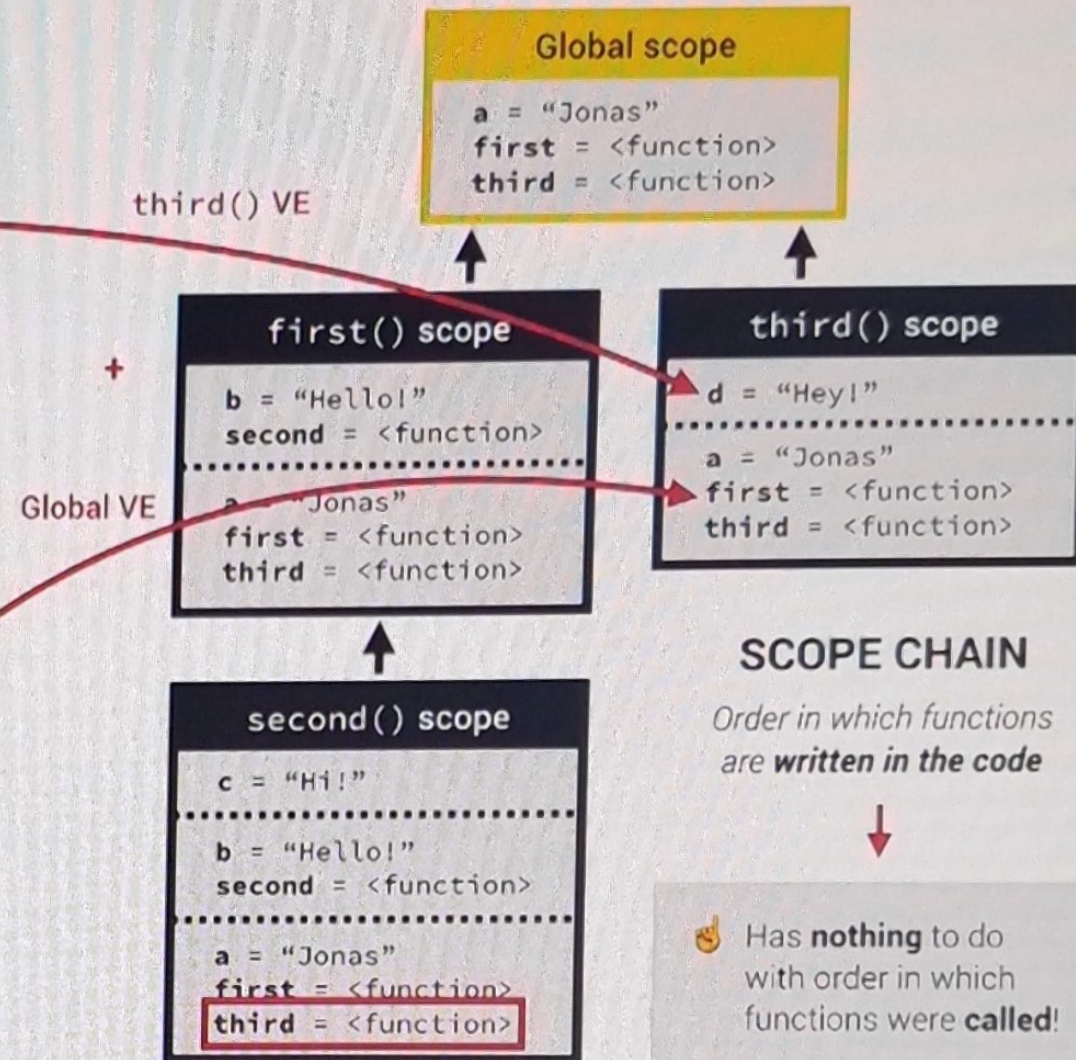
function third() {
  const d = 'Hey!';
  console.log(d + c + b + a);
  // ReferenceError
}
```

Variable  
environment (VE)



## CALL STACK

Order in which  
functions were **called**



## SCOPE CHAIN

Order in which functions  
are **written in the code**

👉 Has **nothing** to do  
with order in which  
functions were **called**!