

WHAT IS EXECUTION CONTEXT & CALL STACK?

(IN 2 MINUTES)



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← Swipe

- **Execution Context** is the environment in which JavaScript code runs.
- Each time JavaScript runs code, it creates an execution context with variables, functions & `this` value.
- There are 3 types:
 - **Global Execution Context** – Created when JavaScript code starts executing.
 - **Function Execution Context** – Created every time a function is called.
 - **Eval Execution Context** – Created when `eval()` is used (rare).



- **Call Stack** is a stack-based mechanism that tracks function calls in JavaScript.
- When a function is called:
 - A new **Function Execution Context** is created.
 - It is **pushed**
- When the function finishes execution:
 - Its context is **popped** off the stack.
- This helps JavaScript keep track of **which function is currently running** and what to return control to after it's done.
- Call Stack Overflow occurs when the Call Stack exceeds its maximum size.



Code:



```
function first() {  
  console.log("Inside first");  
  second();  
  console.log("Back in first");  
}  
  
function second() {  
  console.log("Inside second");  
}  
  
console.log("Start");  
first();  
console.log("End");
```

Output:



```
Start  
Inside first  
Inside second  
Back in first  
End
```



★ Explanation 💡

- GEC is created. (**Prints: "Start"**)
- `first()` runs → added to Call Stack. (**Prints: "Inside first"**)
- `second()` runs → added to Call Stack. (**Prints: "Inside second"**)
- `second()` ends → removed from stack.
- Back in `first()`. (**prints: "Back in first"**)
- `first()` ends → removed from stack. (**Prints: "End"**)
- GEC removed when done.



★ Interview Questions on EC & CS

- What is an Execution Context in JavaScript?
- What are the types of Execution Context?
- What is the Global Execution Context (GEC)?
- How does the Call Stack work?
- What happens to the Call Stack when a function finishes?
- How are Execution Contexts pushed and popped from the Call Stack?
- What causes a Call Stack overflow?



★ What will be the output?

Code:

```
function greet(name) {  
  return `Hello, ${name}`;  
}  
  
function greetUser(user) {  
  const message = greet(user);  
  console.log(message);  
}  
  
function startApp() {  
  greetUser("Manish");  
}  
  
startApp();
```

Output:

```
// 🕒 Challenge: Can you predict the output of the following code?  
  
// Leave your guess in the comments 🙋
```



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