

## What is Javascript Engine (or) Ecmascript Engine

A JS engine is a software component that executes Javascript code.

All modern browsers has their own version of JS engines.

V8 → Chrome

chakra → Edge (IE)

spider monkey → mozilla GeckoDriver

JavascriptCore → Safari, webkit

\* First JS engines was just interpreters. modern JS engines use just-in-time (JIT) for improved performance

Interpreter: It is a computer program that directly executes instructions of a programming (or) Scripting language without being compiled into a machine language.

Just-In-Time (JIT):

Also called as "dynamic translation" or run-time compilation is a way of executing code that involves compilation of code during execution of a program. (at run time rather than when it is first run)

\* European Computer Manufacture association'script (EcmaScript) is a Javascript Standard

\* Babel is a compiler that is used to convert ECMAScript 2015+ code into backward compatible (or) browser compatible

Careful with JS.

- \* eval()
- \* arguments
- \* for in
- \* with
- \* delete

\* hidden classes

\* inline caching

\* temporal dead zone

## Inline caching

```
function findUser(user) {  
    return `found ${user.firstName} ${user.lastName}`
```

```
const userData = {  
    firstName: 'Sri',  
    lastName: 'Harsha'
```

call  $\Rightarrow$  findUser(userData);

The inline cache replaces above function call as

it has found 'Sri, Harsha' (for optimization). Our code

is now optimized to return the same result.

\* It is a code optimization technique. The goal of inline caching is to speed up runtime method binding by remembering results of previous method lookup at the call site.

## Hidden classes

- store the properties of an object

\* properties of an object should be in its constructor

\* Creating properties for an object dynamically may not be able to use inline cache as it treats the object as two different class.

```
function Animal(x,y){  
    this.x = x;
```

at the same time this.y = y; now both have y

so this.y > function's previous property

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const obj1 = new Animal(1,2);

const obj2 = new Animal(3,4);

// upto here both obj1, obj2 shares the same hidden class

and now if we add a property to obj1

obj1.a = 5; now both don't promote

obj2.b = 10;

now obj1.a = 5; but obj2.b = 10

obj2.b = 10;

// now as a and b were added in opposite orders  
obj1 & obj2 end up with different hidden classes

\* Source : richardartoul.github.io/jekyll/update/2015/04/26/hidden-classes.html

\* deleting an object also changes the hidden classes  
and obj1 and obj2 points to different hidden classes

## Web Assembly

WASM is a new type of code - with a small-sized, fast binary format - for modern browsers.

- \* It is used for compiling any programming lang
  - \* It is NOT an assembly language, it is not built for specific machine
  - \* you don't write code in assembly, you use it to compile any given language
- ⇒ what it does is, "compile higher level lang and then run those web apps in the browser a lot faster than javascript"

## Memory heap and call stacks

- \* Memory heap is where memory allocation happens
- \* call stack keeps track of where our code is in its execution.

```
function subtractTwo(num) {  
    return num - 2;
```

```
function calculate() {  
    const sumTotal = 5 + 4;  
    return subtractTwo(sumTotal);  
}  
  
debugger;  
calculate();
```

chrome console > sources > snippets > new snippet  
⇒ copy paste above code and observe call stack

\* call stack stores functions & variable as code executes

\* Each frame is pushed into stack during execution  
and works as ~~LIFO~~ (first in, last out) (or)

LIFO (last in, first out)

Causing a stack overflow

```
function inception() {
```

```
    inception();
```

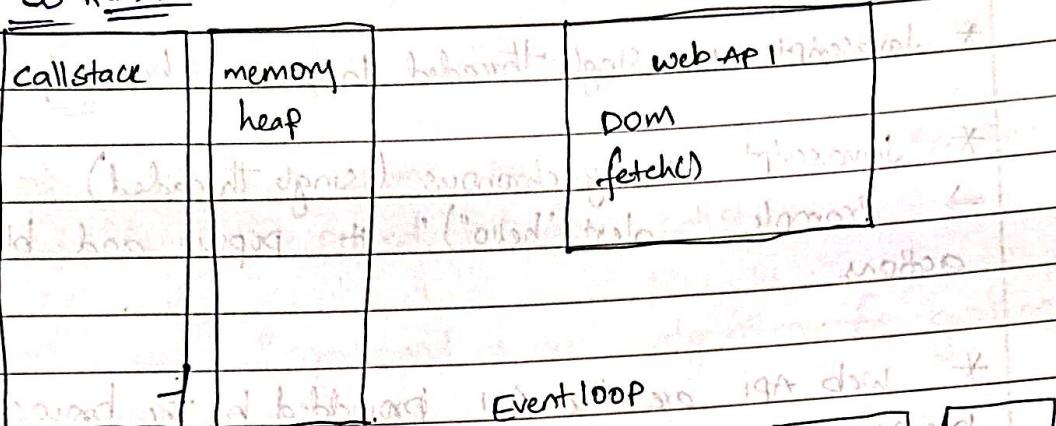
```
}
```

```
inception();
```

⇒ throws exception

most probably uncaught RangeError: maximum call stack  
size exceeded.

## JS Runtime



\* JS engine & JS Runtime (nodes) are different.

\* node

> window

→ error

→ global.window

\* In nodes webAPI can be accessed by "global"

```
const list = new Array(60000).join('1:1').split('!');
```

```
function removeFromList() {
```

```
    var item = list.pop();
```

```
    if (item) {
```

```
        setTimeout(removeFromList, 0);
```

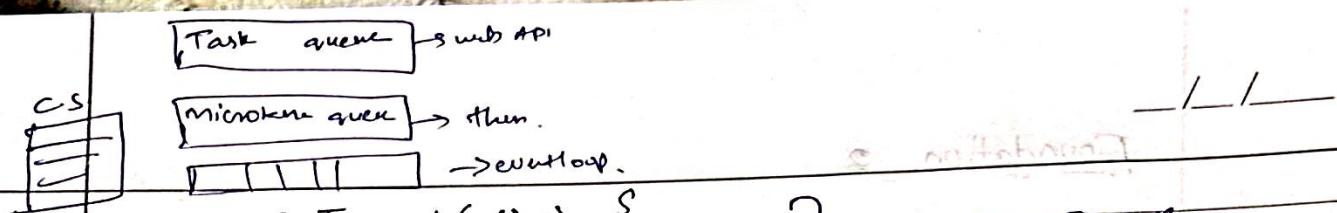
```
    }
```

```
    removeFromList();
```

list.push(item);

return item;

return item;



\* `setTimeout(c) => {  
 console.log('1'); }  
, 0); } → Task Queue`

~~stacked within~~ promise.resolve('hi').then(c) => {  
 console.log('2'); }  
, 3); } → microtask queue  
 console.log('3'); } → execution

### Microtasks

\* Even if the promise is immediately resolved, the code in lines `.then/.catch/.finally` is still executed before these handlers.

Ex: `let promise = Promise.resolve();  
promise.then(c) => alert("promise is done");` → 2nd

~~code finished";~~ → executed 1st

→ because statements in `then` are pushed to queue

→ `promise.resolve()`

~~then(c) => alert("promise done!");~~  
~~.then(c) => alert("code finished");~~

~~promise then code finished~~

~~then actions in .then are called microtasks~~

~~microtasks run after the execution of promises~~

## Foundation

\* The Execution context is a place where the Javascript code actually gets Executed

\* In simple, callstack is collection of execution contexts

Two types of execution context

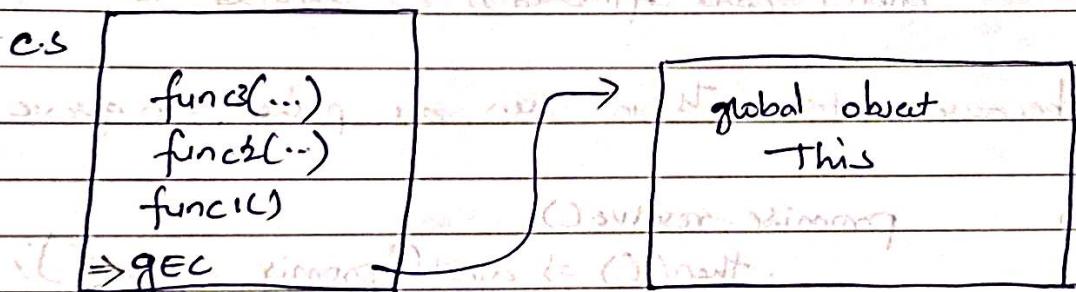
→ GEC (Global Execution Context)

→ FEC (function Execution context)

### GEC

\* When JS engine reviews a script file, it first creates a global execution context by default

\* The code that is not inside a function gets Executed in GEC



\* GEC contains "global object" and "this"

### FEC

\* When a function is called, JS engine creates a Execution context called FEC

## A tricky code

```
getAge(99);  
var getAge = function(year) {  
    console.log(new Date().getFullYear() - year);  
}
```

⇒ here we get error ⇒ `getAge` is not a function.

⇒ because as "getAge" is declared as variable & not as a function as per hoisting rules.

→ execution context has two phases.

- 1) Creation phase
- 2) Execution phase

## Lexical Environment

\* `function` is lexical scope determines our available variables.  
Not where the function is called.

```
function print1() {  
    console.log("hello");  
}  
  
function print2() {  
    print1();  
}  
  
print2() → this is accessible as print1() is in  
lexical scope / global scope
```

\* first lexical env is the global lexical env

- \* A variable declared outside a function can be accessible inside another function (defined after a variable declaration). called lexical scope.
- \* But the opp is not possible
- \* Closures & lexical scope are different topics

## Hoisting

→ In creation phase hoisting moves variables & functions.

\* It allocates memory for 'var' & 'functions' keyword.

console.log(teddy)

console.log(sing())

var teddy = "bear";

function sing() {

console.log('test');

}

var teddy = undefined;

function sing() {

c.s.l('test');

It works because the code becomes

Ex2

console.log(teddy);

console.log(sing());

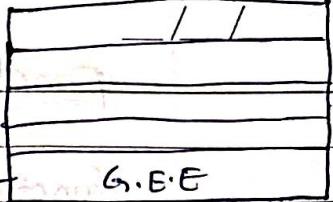
var teddy = "bear";

function sing() {

console.log('test');

It throws error as it sees '(' instead of function and it won't hoist.

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Global Execution context

Global object

this

hoisting

Execution phase

### Exercise hoisting

\* `(ac)()` return

\* function ac()

`{ C.L("hi"); }`

`function test(ac) {`

`C.L("hi");`

`}`

`function ac() {`

`C.L("bye");`

`}`

`function ac() {`

`C.L("bye");`

`}`

\* `var favFood = "grapes";`

`var foodThoughts = function() {`

`C.L("Original fav food:" + favFood);`

`var favFood = "sushi";`

`C.L("New food :" + favFood);`

function

lexical

scope

hoisting

`foodThoughts();`

## Functions

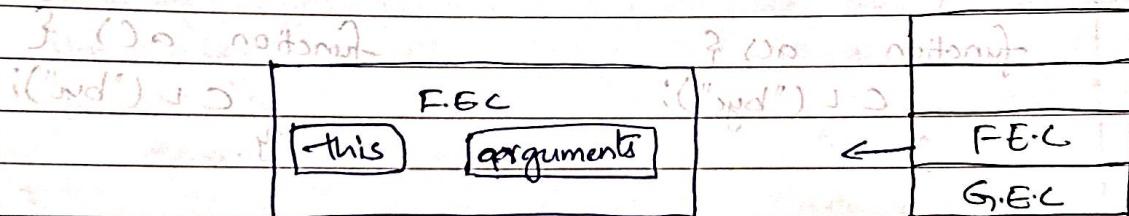
function india() {  
 C.L("warn"); } → function declaration

var canada = function() {  
 C.L("cold"); } → function expression

\* function declaration only gets hoisted not function expression.

\* Calling main function india(), canada().

\* For each function execution context we get this & arguments.



Ex function marry(p1, p2) {

if (b) console.log(arguments);  
 console.log(`p1 + "marrying" + p2);

\* arguments are only available in FEC (Not available in global execution context).

\* Best way to use arguments

⇒ Array from Arguments

⇒ function m2 (...args) { } ⇒ rest operator

Console.log ("arguments", args);

m2 ("tina", "tim");

\* Spread operator vs rest (...)

Ex let arr = [... iterable]; → spread

function m2 (...args) { } → rest

\* spread is used to expand (one to many)

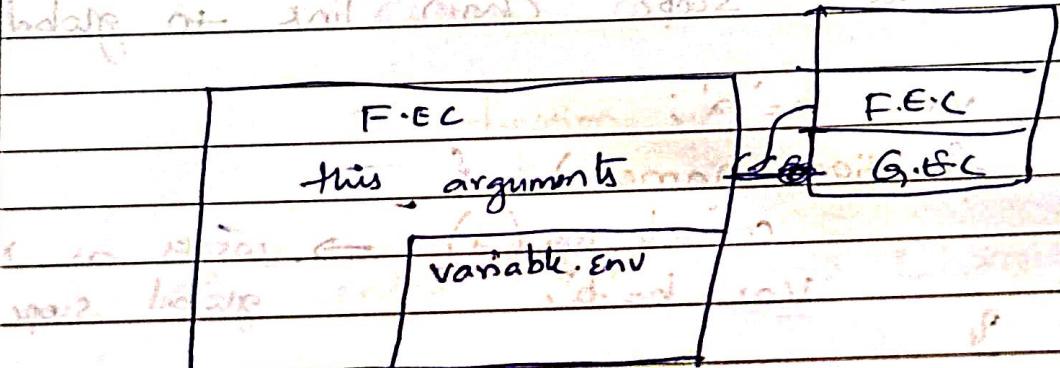
⇒ rest is used to compact (many to one).

\* arguments will be {} in F.E.C Even no params passed.

Variable Env

\* F.E.C. also will have place for storing variables

variables are available across and out of



\* Each F.E.C. has its own variable Env

function (two) {  
 var isvalid;

function one() {  
 var isvalid = true;  
 two(); // "two" can

Var isvalid = false;

func one(): [definition...]= res tel

// two() → undefined

// one() — true

// G.E.C() → false

### Scope chain

\* All functions will have access to global scope

\* Every F.E.C. has its own variable Env but it also has scope chain link to global env

var a='a';

function name() {

console.log(a)

var b='b';

→ works as x is in global scope

\* in JS our lexical scope is place where function is defined and data available. Not where the function is called

```
* ex. function saymyname() {  
    var a = 'a';  
    return function findName() {  
        var b = 'b';  
        console.log('c');  
        return function printName() {  
            var c = 'c';  
            return () => "harshit"  
        };  
    };  
}(());
```

⇒ in above `findName` lexical Env is `saymyname` and `printName` lexical env is `findName`.

\* undefined in JS states that the variable is available but doesn't have any value

ex `console.log(window);` → `window` → `[Object: window]`

```
function a() {  
    console.log(window);  
}
```

→ `window → a() → [Object: a]` → `Type = Global`

### Exercise

1)

```
function weird()
```

```
height = 50;
```

```
}
```

```
return height;
```

```
}
```

if (strict) return height;

else return height;

wierd() → 50

b = 10

console.log(b) valid if

no strict

⇒ it strict; b is undefined.

\* If not declared JS autocreates in global scope

\* It is a Global leakage

\* If 'use strict' is used → don't create global var.

2)

```
var hey = function () { doodle(); }
```

```
console.log("hey");
```

inner hey() ⇒ 1. hey → simulating scope creates

2. inner hey → inner local something has

doodle() → reference error.

\* Function scope has to block scope → global

```
if (u > 3) {  
    var secret = 12345;
```

```
}
```

secret; → 12345

let secret = 12345; ← (2)

```
if (u > 3) {  
    let secret = 12345
```

```
}
```

secret; → error

let + const only works in block

scope

\* Why don't we declare all variables in global? S/I/E

→ It will cause variable collision. In shareware

## IIFE (Immediately invoked function expressions)

\* (function () {

function expression

)();

→

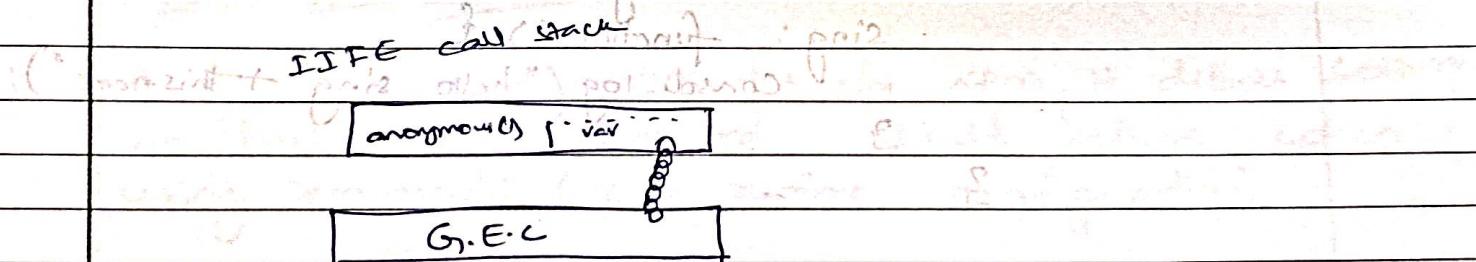
(function () {

    var a = "10"; (with) local scope

)();

a → undefined. With IIFE, variable is not shared

⇒ IIFE is used to place code in local scope to avoid name collision.



on first execution the stack frame doesn't have its own local and global environment. So that's why and when we use IIFE, it creates a new environment for that function. 120

so it provides with separation of environments. If another algorithm that uses local environment for some other function, it won't affect the other function. 120

This

⇒ this is an object that the function is property of.

\* In browser, this refers to window object.

Try

```
console.log(this);
```

```
function ac() {  
    console.log(this);  
}
```

Example

```
const obj = {  
    name: "billy",  
    sing: function() {  
        console.log("hello sing" + this.name);  
    }  
}
```

\* The thumb rule is if we use "this" in a function, that function should be invoked as a method.

uses

- 1) gives access to properties of their objects
- 2) execute same code for multiple objects.

### Example

```
function importantPerson() {
    console.log("Hello" + this.name);
}

const name = "Harsha";
const obj = {
    name: "Sri",
    importantPerson: importantPerson
};

importantPerson();
obj.importantPerson();
```

### what is .npmrc

⇒ It is a configuration file for npm, it defines settings on how npm command should behave when using commands. (rc → runtime configuration).

⇒ Cache = <path to cache>

⇒ registry = <path to registry.npmjs.org>

⇒ loglevel = silent, notice, warning

⇒ log-dir

\* npm-shrinkwrap.json similar to package-lock.json, not recommended, the only use case is if u bundled while publishing a package

- \* npm pack creates a tar file exactly the way it would if we are going to publish package.

### Package-lock.json and its advantages

- \* Generates a single version of dependency tree.
- \* It also optimizes the installation by allowing npm to skip repeated metadata for packages.
- \* lockfile version 1 if npm <= 6
- \* lockfile version 2 if npm >= 7.

### npm ci

- \* Similar to npm install, used to clean install of dependencies

- \* npm ci is faster when
  - \* If lockfile or npm-shrinkwrap.json available
  - \* Node-modules are missing or empty.
  - \* if node-modules are already present npm ci removes it before install.
  - \* The project must have the lockfile or shrinkwrap.json

\* Avoid sending/calling methods <sup>3</sup> in callback function that may throw error due to invalid this.

```
let person = {
  name: "harsha",
  print: function() {
    console.log(`Hello ${this.name}`);
  }
}
```

```
setTimeout(person.print, 2000); → Hello undefined
      ↳ here this refers to timeout function.
```

correct way → `person.setTimeout(function() { console.log(this.name); }, 2000);`

or `setInterval(person.print, 2000);`

#### 4 Apply

↳ Allows the ability to modify this object

```
function s(sqnum(a,b)) {
  return Math.pow(a,b) + Math.pow(b,2);
}
```

```
> sqnum(2,3); ((A) extra parameter) has been added
> sqnum.call(null, 2,3);
> sqnum.apply(null, [2,3]);
```

## Function Constructor

```
function Cart() {  
    this.store = "Indian Grocery";  
    this.items = [];
```

```
let cart = new Cart();
```

Cart.Store:

```
cart.items.push('milk');
```

cart.items.

⇒ calling function without new may lead to  
leak of variables in global. hoisting caused this

```
let cart = Cart();
```

cart.items → [ ]

cart → undefined

store → Indian Grocery.

items → [ ]

## Error handling JS

1) try catch

2) using callbacks

ex: `fs.readFile('path', (err, result) => {  
 if (err) c.l.(err)  
})`

3) using promises, as promises reject with error

em `promise().then().catch(err)`

4) using async/await

`try {  
 async code with await  
} catch (err) {}`

5) Event emitters

`ws.on('error', (err) => {  
 c.l('error')  
})`