

What is the Call Stack?

The **call stack** is a mechanism in JavaScript used to manage the execution of functions. It's a **data structure** (**LIFO** - **Last In**, **First Out**) that keeps track of function calls in the order they need to be executed. It helps the JavaScript engine know where to return after completing a function.

```
function first() {
    console.log("First function");
    second();
}
function second() {
    console.log("Second function");
    third();
function third() {
    console.log("Third function");
}
first();
```



Step-by-Step Call Stack Execution:

- 1. first() is called:
 - first is pushed onto the stack.
- 2. Inside first, second() is called:
 - second is pushed onto the stack.
- Inside second, third() is called:
 - third is pushed onto the stack.
- 4. third() completes:
 - third is popped off the stack.

- second() completes:
 - second is popped off the stack.
- first() completes:
 - first is popped off the stack.

Key Points

- The call stack operates on LIFO (Last In, First Out).
- It keeps track of function execution order.
- When a function completes, it is removed (popped) from the stack.
- Errors like "stack overflow" happen when the stack exceeds its maximum size.