Javascript Engine

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Javascript engine

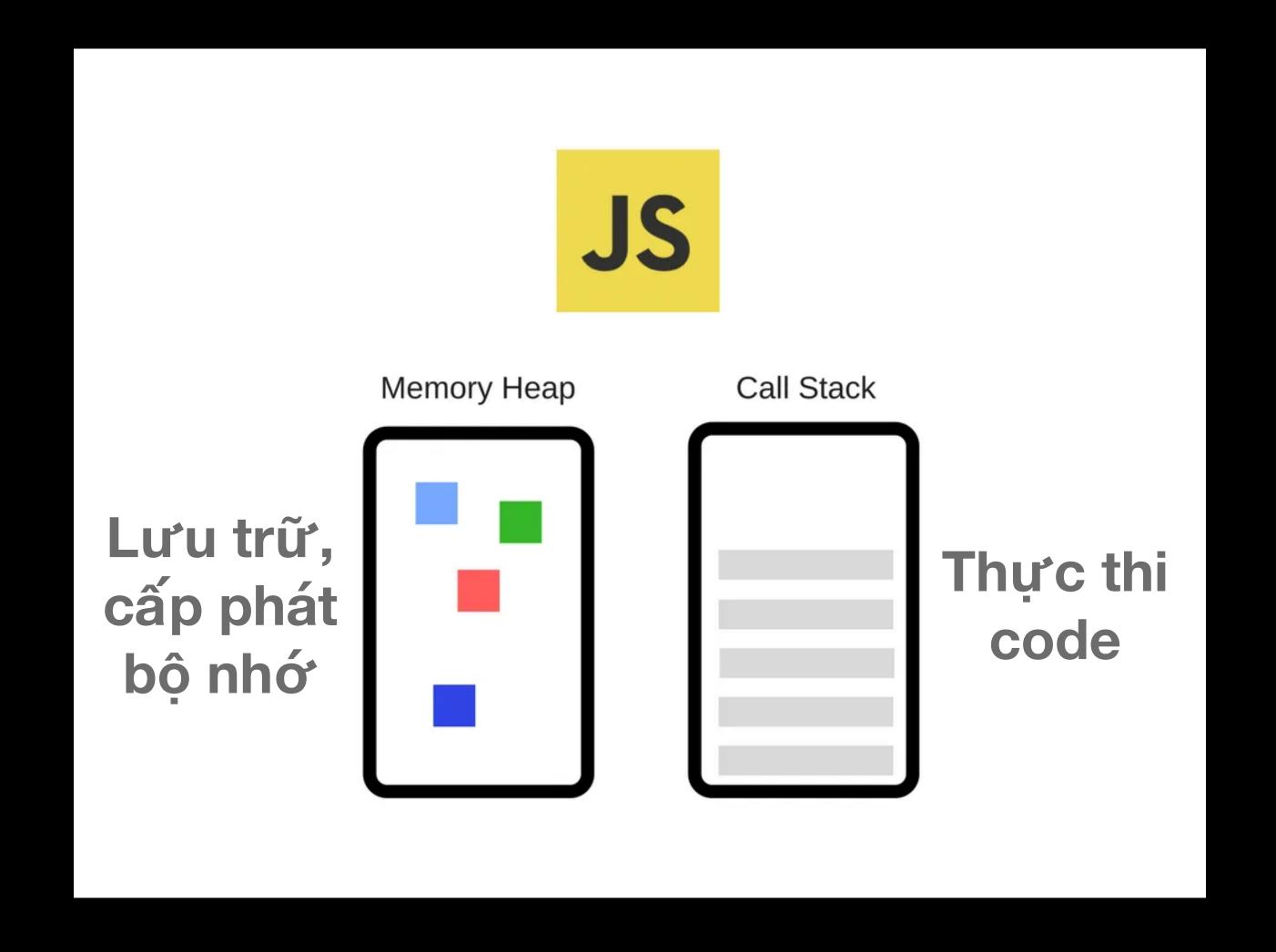
```
• V8 - Google (Chrome - Nodejs)
                                                 const value = obj["key"];
                                                 // safari

    Spider Monkey (FireFox )

JavascriptCore (Webkit - Safari)
                                                 // Chrome
● Charka ( IE - Edge )
```

```
// ReferenceError: Can't find variable: obj
const value = obj["key"];
// Uncaught ReferenceError: obj is not defined
```

Engine Components



Runtime

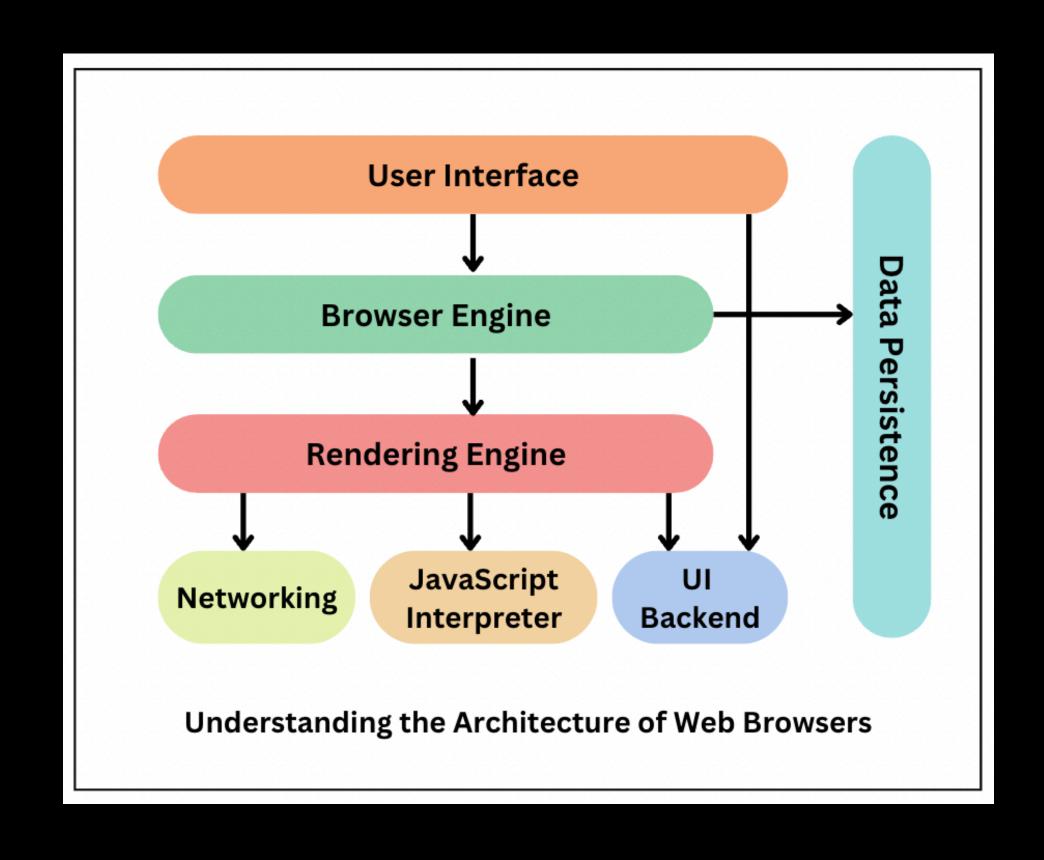
Do you think they are javascript?

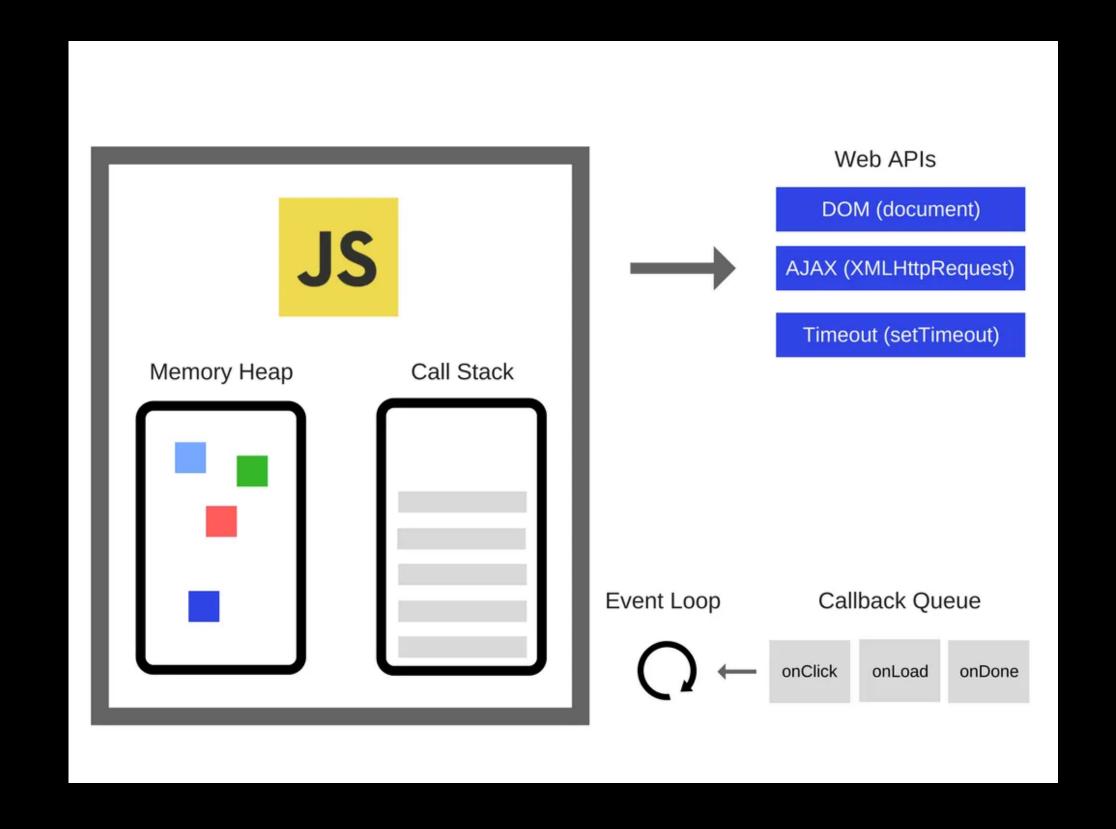
- setTimeout
- setInterval
- console.log, console.error
- document.getElementById()

No, they are not. They are web APIs.

Runtime

Javascript engine not working alone



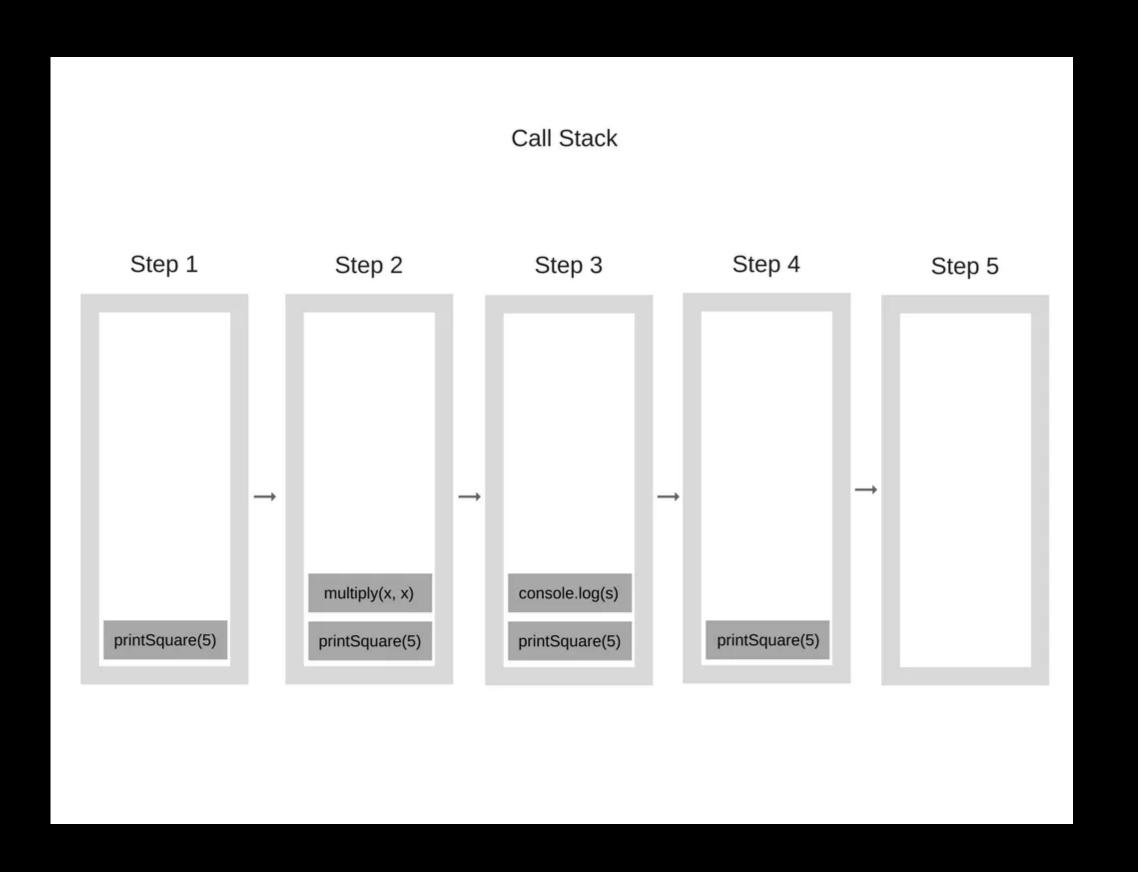


It work with many things inside runtime

Call Stack

function multiply(x, y) { return x * y; } function printSquare(x) { var square = multiply(x, x); console.log(square); } printSquare(5);

Where we are?



Maximum Call Stack

```
function foo() {
    foo();
}

foo();

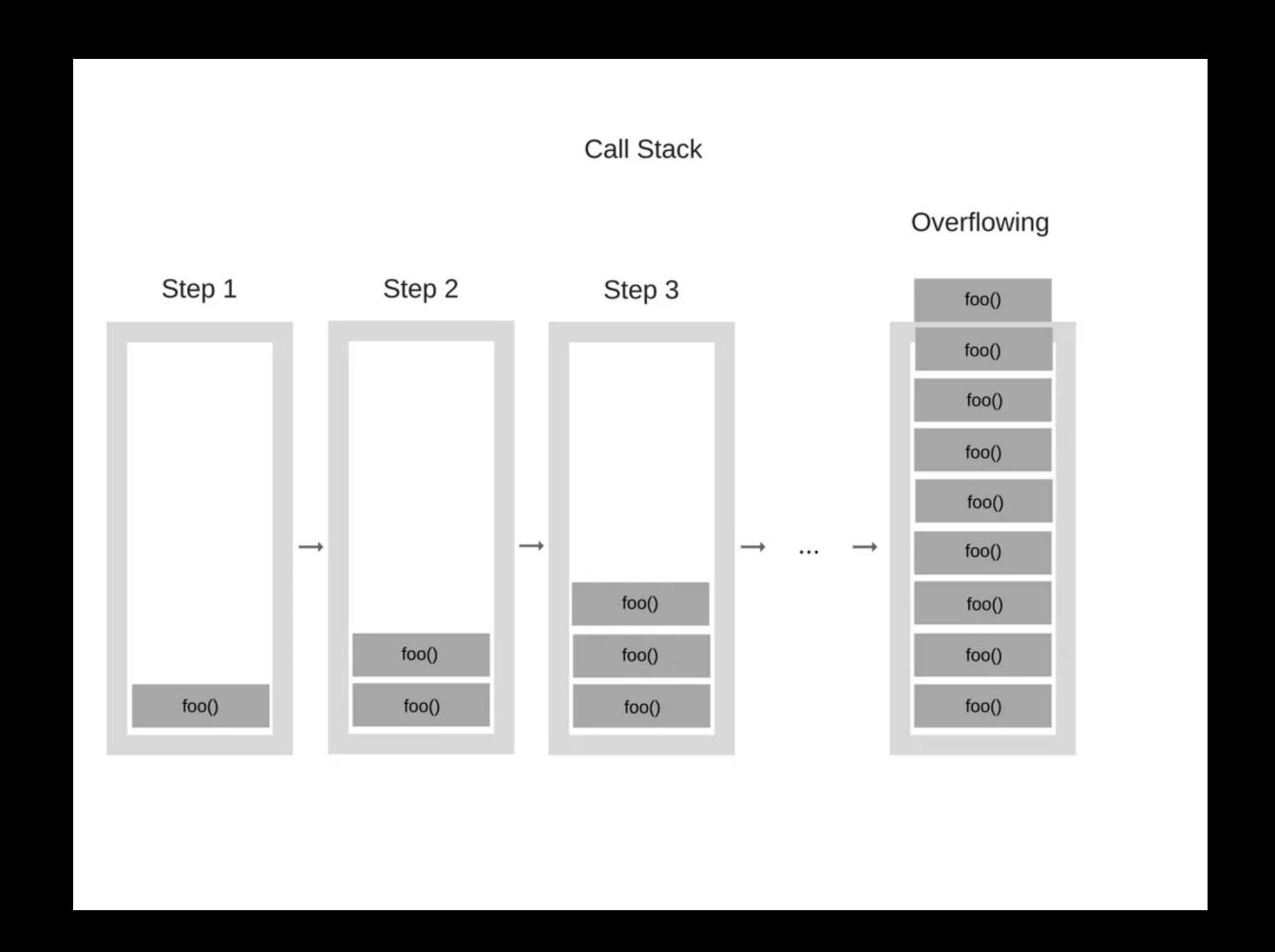
* Uncaught RangeError: Maximum call stack size exceeded
    at foo (<anonymous>:2:5)
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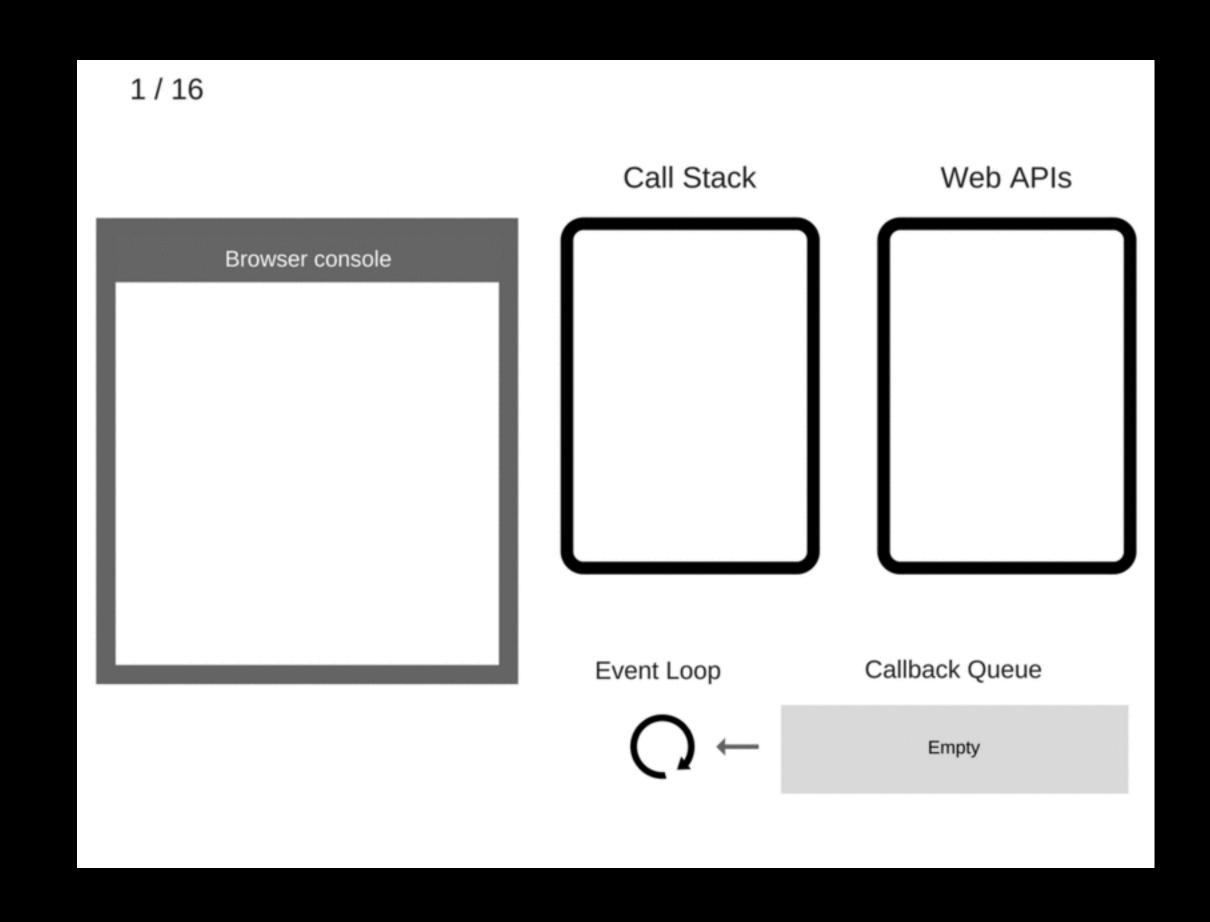
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See how setTimeout work

```
console.log('Hi');
setTimeout(function cb1(){
    console.log('cb1');
}, 0);
console.log('Bye');
```



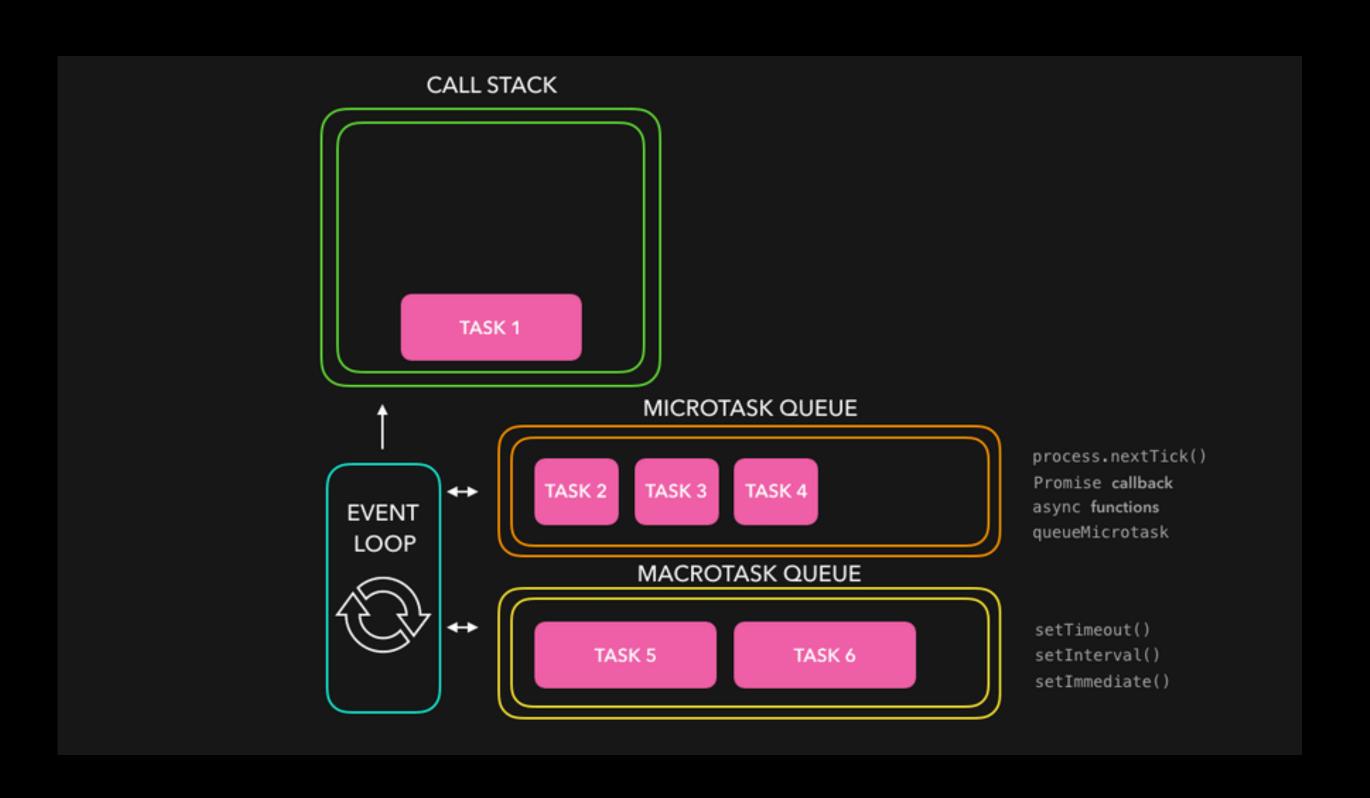
How setTimeout work

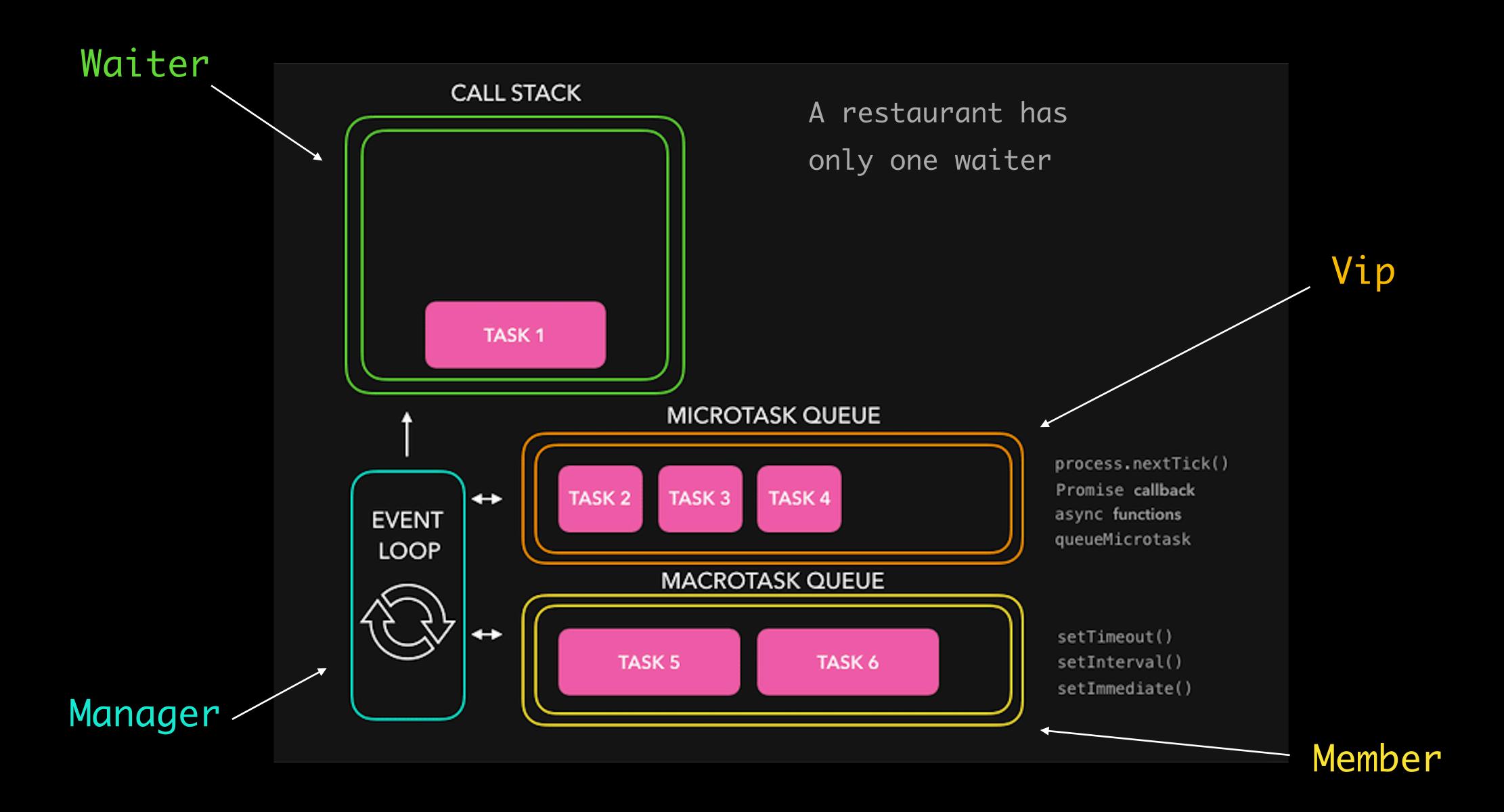
- * setTimeout do not put callback to the event loop queue.
- ★ it set a timer
- * Time up, runtime push callback to callback queue
- * Event loop will pickup callback from callback queue to execute

Event Loop

- ★ javascript just do the synchronous code
- ★ one thing at a time
- ★ event loop: decide what to do next

(when call stack empty)

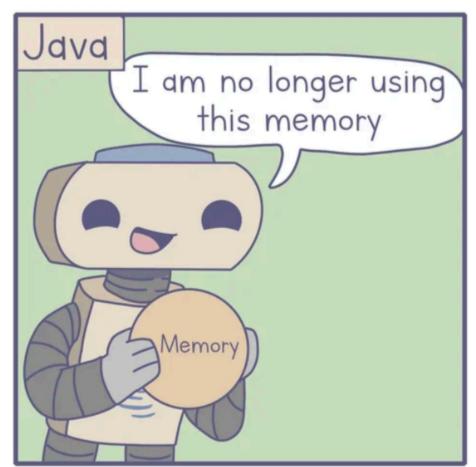




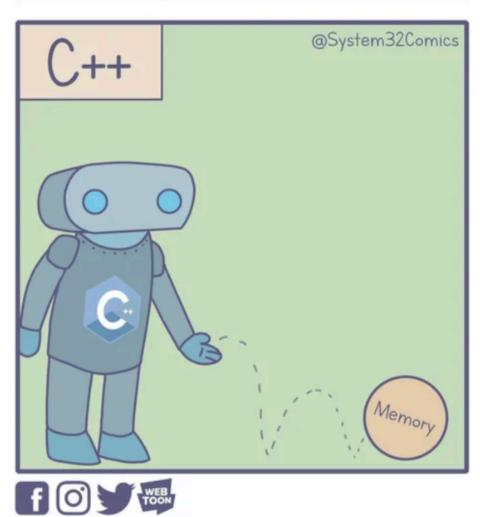
Memory management in Javascript

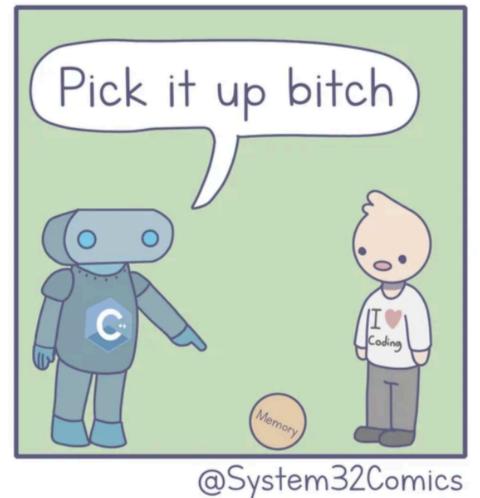
But if you choose not to care

about it, this was a big mistake

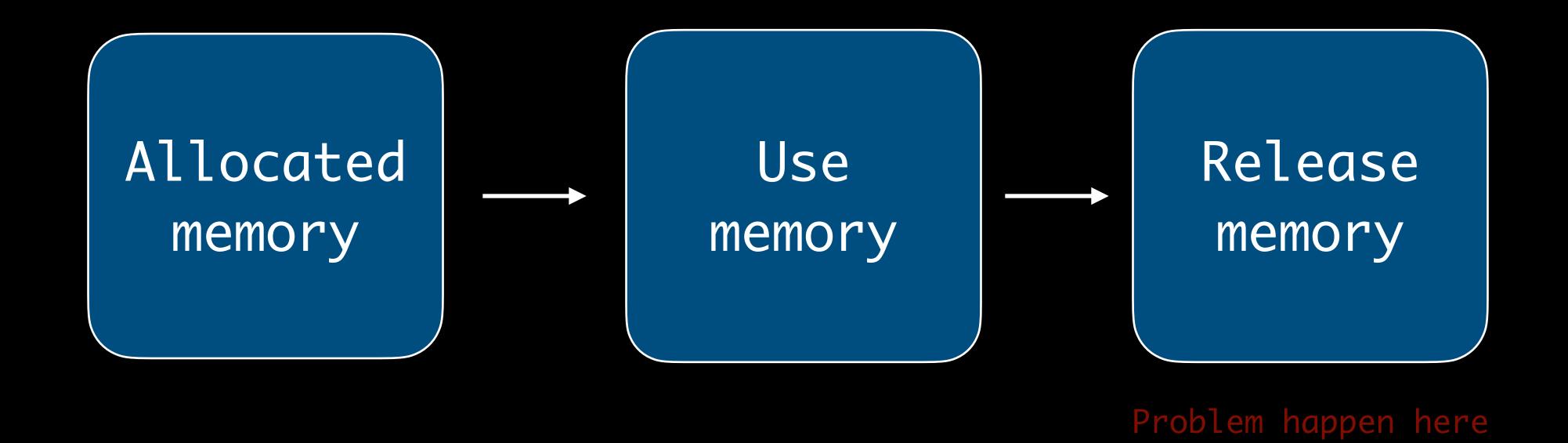








Memory Life



Release memory in javascript

Release memory

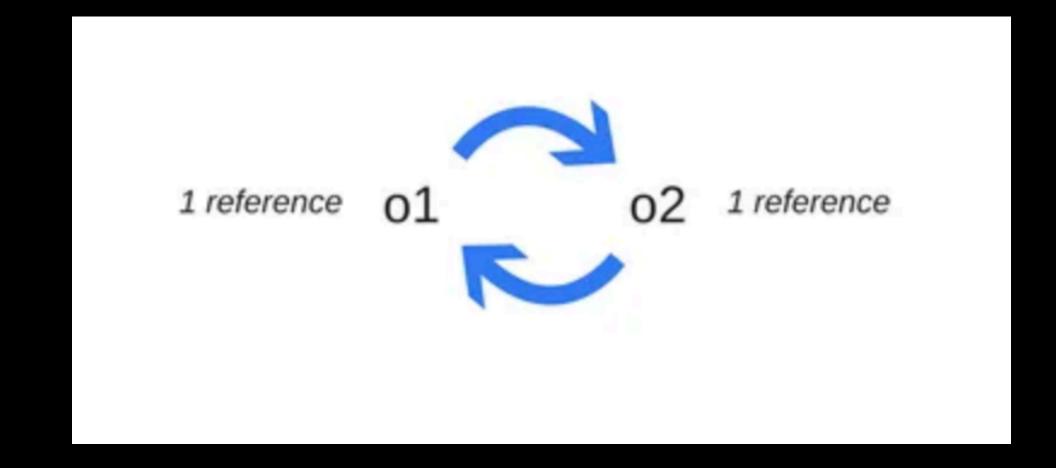
Garbage Collector

What is no longer using?

Reference Counting

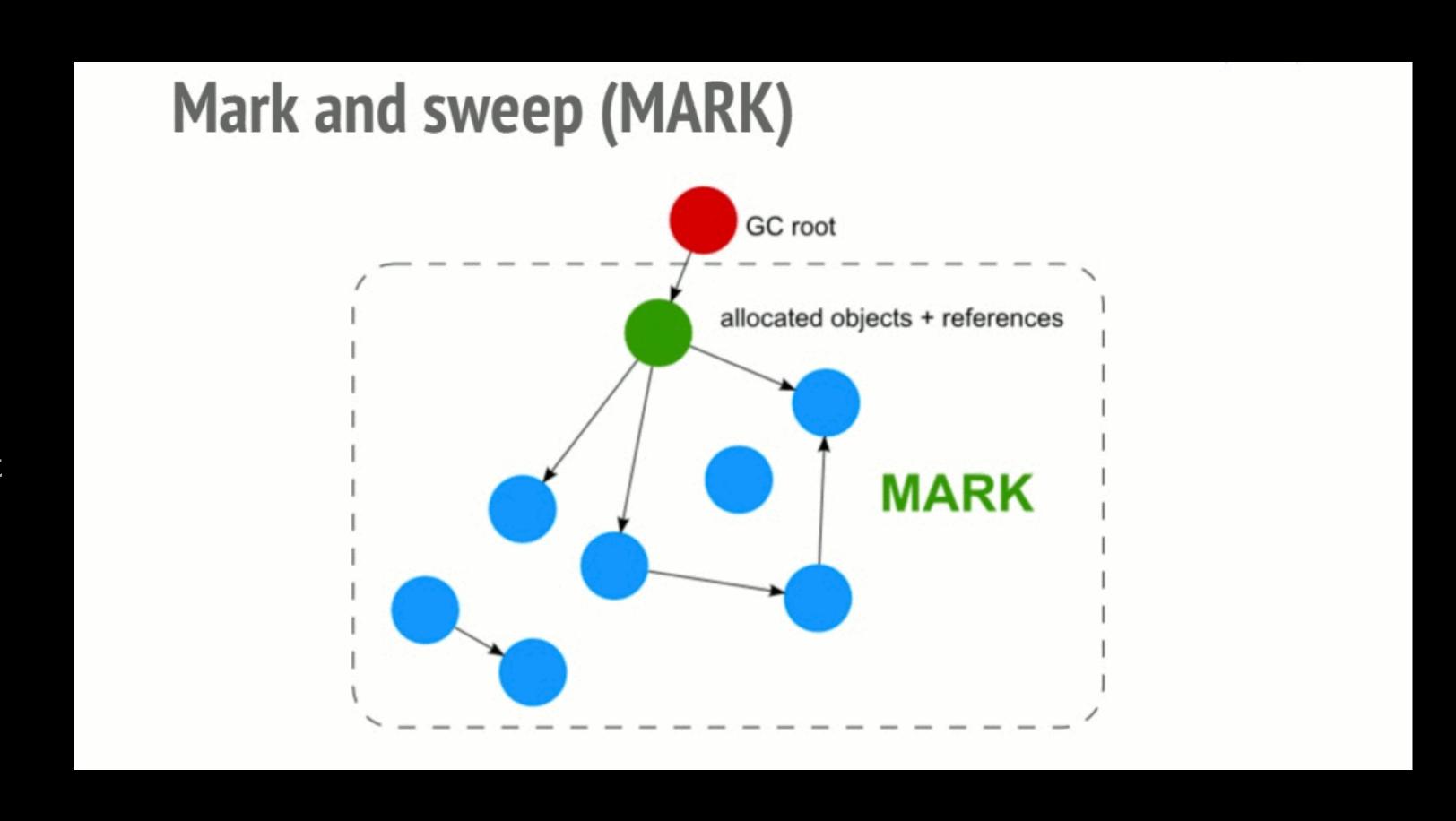
An object is considered "garbage collectible" if there are no references pointing to it.

Issue with circle reference

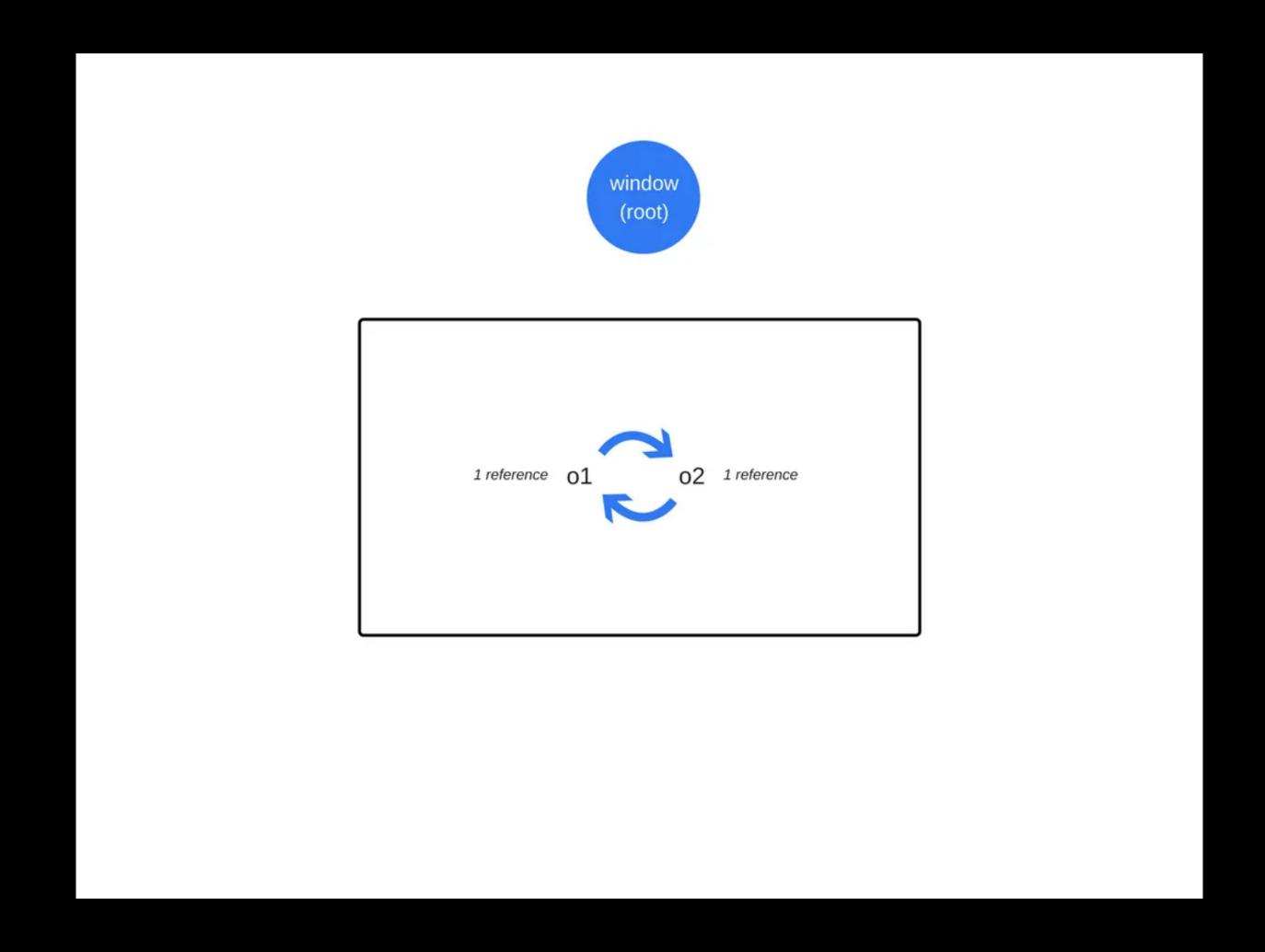


Mark and sweep

- 1. Root: Global variables
- 2. All reference from root



Circle issue solved

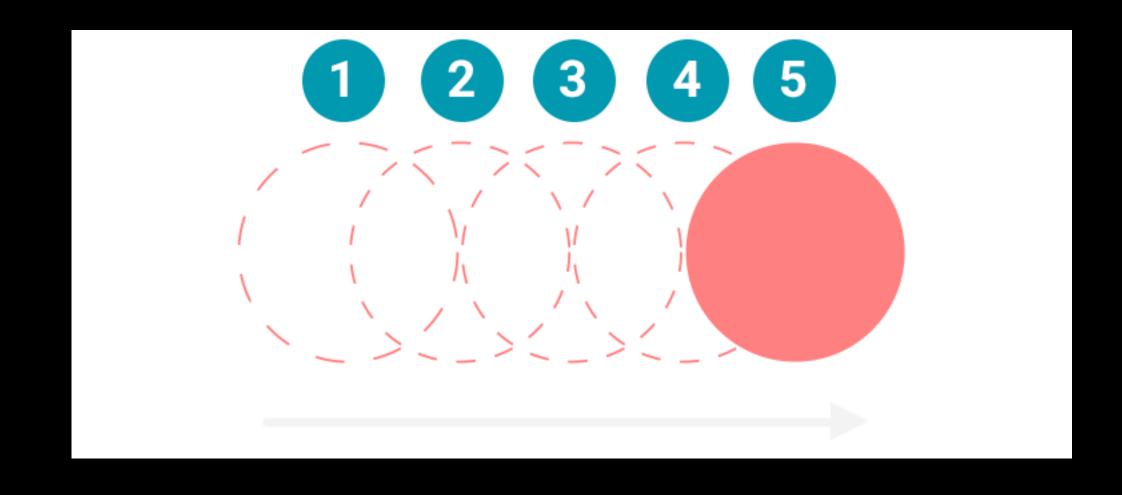


Common memory leak

- global variables
- Timers or callbacks that are forgotten
- Do not remove listeners
- Do not clear reference to unused object

Game Loop

```
// A bad game loop
while (running) {
   draw();
// Another bad game loop
setInterval(gameLoop, 16);
function gameLoop() {
   draw();
setTimeout(gameLoop, 16);
function gameLoop() {
   // update
    setTimeout(gameLoop, 16)
```



```
let lastTime;
function gameLoop(timeStamp) {
    lastTime = lastTime || timeStamp;
    let dt = timeStamp - lastTime;
    draw(dt);
    window.requestAnimationFrame(gameLoop);
}
window.requestAnimationFrame(gameLoop);
```