

CSSE 304 Days 29-30 Summary `call/cc`:

1. `call/cc` definition

- `call/cc` is an abbreviation for **call-with-current-continuation**
- `call/cc` is a procedure that takes one argument; the argument is a *receiver*.
- This receiver is a procedure that takes one argument; that argument (in this case) is a *continuation*.
- A continuation is a procedure (that takes one argument); that continuation embodies the context of the application of `call/cc`. It is an escape procedure.
- The application (**call/cc receiver**) has the same effect as (**receiver continuation**), where the continuation is
- an escape procedure that embodies the execution context of the entire `call/cc` expression.

2. `call/cc` definition summary:

- (**call/cc receiver**) \rightarrow (**receiver continuation**),
- Hence the name: call-with-current-continuation.
- Rephrasing it:** What is that continuation?
If `c` is a procedure that represents the execution context of this application of `call/cc`, then the continuation is equivalent to (**escaper c**).

3. `call/cc` example

- (**call/cc receiver**) \rightarrow (**receiver continuation**),
- Consider `(+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (* 2 (k 5)))))`
- The receiver is (the closure created by executing)
- The context `c` is
- The continuation is
- Thus `(+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (* 2 (k 5)))))` is equivalent to

4. More `call/cc` examples

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(+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (* 2 5))))
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(+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (k (* 2 5)))))
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5. `(define xxx #f)`

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(+ 5 (call/cc (lambda (k)
               (set! xxx k)
               2))) ; xxx is equivalent to?
(* 7 (xxx 4))
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6. `(call/cc procedure?)`

7. list-index example is detailed in the slides:

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8. ((car (call/cc list)) (list cdr 1 2 3))
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9. (define strange1
    (lambda (x)
      (display 1)
      (call/cc x)
      (display 2)))

(strange1 (call/cc (lambda (k) k)))
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(define strange2 ; try this one yourself soon
  (lambda (x)
    (display 1)
    (call/cc (lambda (j) (x j)))
    (display 2)
    (call/cc (lambda (c) (x c)))
    (display 3)))

(strange2 (call/cc (lambda (k) k)))
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