

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**) → (**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**) → (**receiver continuation**),
- Consider (+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (\* 2 (k 5)))))
- The receiver r1 is (the procedure created by evaluating) (lambda (k) (\* 2 (k 5)))
- The context c1 is (the procedure created by evaluating) (lambda (v) (+ 3 v))
- The continuation k1 is (escaper c1)
- Thus (+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (\* 2 (k 5))))) is equivalent to  
(+ 3 (call/cc r1))  
→ (+ 3 (r1 k1)) definition of call/cc  
→ (+ 3 (\* 2 (k1 5))) normal Scheme application of a procedure.  
→ (k1 5) k1 is an escape procedure.  
→ 8 Normal Scheme evaluation.

4. More call/cc examples

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(+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (* 2 5))))
r2: (lambda (k) (* 2 5))
k2: same as k1.
(+ 3 (call/cc r2)) → (+ 3 (r2 k2)) → (+ 3 10) → 13. Escape procedure k2 is never called.

(+ 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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(let ([f 0] [i 0])  
  (call/cc (lambda (k) (set! f k)))  
  (printf "~a~n" i)  
  (set! i (+ i 1))  
  (if (< i 10) (f "ignore")))
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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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