An effect of Rule 2 is to permit a depth-first traversal of the lexical scope tree for default compensation, respecting the control dependency relation among peer scopes as dictated by Rule 1. Since depth-first order implies that such compensation is only dependent on the compensation of its nested scopes, default compensation order can be easily defined. The default compensation order mandated by the rules here is consistent with strict reverse order of completion, Strict reverse order of completion applied to compensation of all scopes may be not in depth-first order and require interleaving of nested compensations across peer scopes, which is not supported by this specification.

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