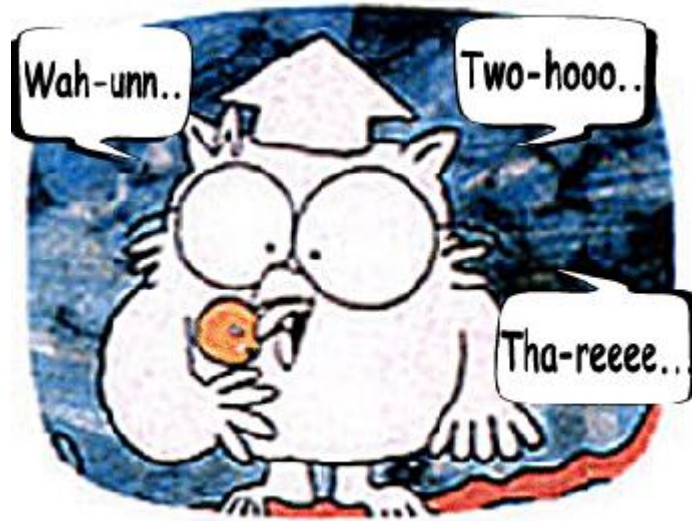


# making await wait fewer ticks

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# Basically...

*The problem:*

Await, as currently specified, enqueues more jobs than necessary.

*The solution:*

Use "ResolvePromise" instead of always creating wrapper promises

# Current Semantics: how many ticks?

```
async function f() {  
  await 1;  
}
```

- Create a new promise, resolve it with "1" and attach async function "resumers".
- (Tick 1) Execute resumers.

# Current Semantics: how many ticks?

```
async function f() {  
  let p = Promise.resolve(1); await p;  
}
```

- Create a new promise **n**, resolve it with **p**, and attach resumers.
- (Tick 1) Call "then" on **p** with **n**'s resolve and reject functions.
- (Tick 2) Execute **n**'s resolve function.
- (Tick 3) Execute **n**'s handlers (the async function resumers)

# Proposed Semantics

```
async function f() {  
  let p = Promise.resolve(1); await p;  
}
```

- Call PromiseResolve with **p** and attach async function resumers.
- (Tick 1) Execute resumers.

Basically, don't create a new promise if it's a built-in Promise **and** it's not a Promise subclass.

# Semantic Implications

**For "thenables", promise subclasses, and promises from other realms:** no change.

**For native promises:** fewer interleaving points.

**For native promises with a monkey-patched "then":** the "then" method will no longer be called.

# Performance Implications: V8

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*Reducing the number of job queue turns also improves performance on multiple highly optimized async/await implementations. In a draft implementation of this proposal in V8 behind a flag:*

- *The doxbee async/await performance benchmark improved with 48%*
- *The fibonacci async/await performance benchmark improved with 23%*
- *The Hapi throughput benchmark improved with 50% (when async hooks are enabled) and with 20% (when async hooks are disabled)*

# Performance Implications: ChakraCore

ChakraCore currently implements the proposed semantics (almost).

Implementing the existing specification semantics will result in a performance regression. (Exact numbers not available at this time...)



# Web Compatibility Implications

Edge already does this, so...?

What programs might be relying on 3 tick behavior (async unit tests)?

What programs might be relying on strange `Promise.prototype.then` monkey-patching?