

PROMISES in R



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Promises - the R package

For those who *need a while to finish*

Async in R

Async functions

They start things, and give you back a special object called a promise. If it doesn't return a promise, it's not an async function.

“Promises” same as in the NSE chapter of Hadley Wickham's **Advanced R** book?

No. The promises we're talking about are directly inspired by a central abstraction in modern **JavaScript**, and the JS folks named them “promises”

Many small or a few big?

*It's mostly helpful for apps that have **a few specific operations that take a long time, rather than lots of little operations that are all a bit slow** on their own and add up to one big slow mess. We're looking for watermelons, not blueberries.*

Shiny

*Async programming is a major new addition to Shiny that can make certain classes of apps **dramatically more responsive under load**.*

*Because R is **single threaded** (i.e. it can only do one thing at a time), a given Shiny app process can also only do one thing at a time: if it is fitting a linear model for one client, it can't simultaneously serve up a CSV download for another client.*

*You can **use promises with Shiny outputs**. If you're using an async-compatible version of **Shiny (version >=1.1)**, all of the **built-in renderXXX** functions can deal with either regular values or promises.*

Always keep your word!

`future(expr, ...)`

Creates a **promise** object.
`expr` - R expression (e.g. function call)

`then(promise, onFulfilled = NULL, onRejected = NULL)`

`catch(promise, onRejected, tee = FALSE)`

`promise` - A promise object
`onFulfilled` - A function that will be invoked if the promise value successfully resolves.
`onRejected` - A function taking the argument error.
`tee` - if TRUE, ignore the return value of the callback, and use the original value instead.
`onFinally` - A function with no arguments, to be called when the async operation either succeeds or fails.

`finally(promise, onFinally)`

| Pipe | Usage | Equivalent with regular pipe | Description |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <code>%>%</code> | <code>promise %>% func()</code> | <code>promise %>% then(func).%>% catch(func).</code> | Promise pipe operators Promise-aware pipe operators, in the style of magrittr . Like magrittr pipes, these operators can be used to chain together pipelines of promise-transforming operations. Unlike magrittr pipes, these pipes wait for promise resolution and pass the unwrapped value (or error) to the rhs function call. |
| <code>%>%T%</code> | <code>promise %>%T% func()</code> | is equivalent to <code>promise %T% then(func).</code> | |
| <code>%>%I%</code> | <code>promise %>%I% func()</code> | <code>promise %>% catch(func)</code> | |
| <code>%>%TI%</code> | <code>promise %>%TI% func()</code> | <code>promise %T% catch(func)</code> <code>promise %>% catch(func, tee = TRUE)</code> | |

`promise_all(..., .list = NULL)`

waits for multiple promise objects to **all be successfully fulfill**

... - promise objects.

`promise_race(..., .list = NULL)`

waits for the first of multiple promise objects to be either fulfilled or rejected.

`.list` - A list of promise objects--an alternative to ...

```
output$state <- renderTable({
  read.csv.async("https://rstudio.github.io/promises/data.csv") %>% filter(state == "NY")
})
```

Example with Shiny

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