

Perfect — now I'll rebuild `async/await` from the ground up, exactly like we did for **Promises**, but even more internally.

This is **engine-level**, **event-loop aware**, and **interview-grade**.

I will **improve examples**, fix misconceptions, and add what most tutorials never explain.

JavaScript `async / await` — INTERNAL & EXECUTION-LEVEL MASTER CLASS

1 What `async / await` REALLY Is (Big Truth)

 `async/await` is NOT a new async mechanism

-  It is syntax sugar over Promises
-  It does NOT create new threads
-  It does NOT block JavaScript

Mental Model

text

`async/await`

↓

Promise chains

↓

Microtask queue

↓

Event loop

Interview Trap !

 “`await` blocks JavaScript”

 `await` only pauses the current async function

2 What Happens When You Write `async`

js

```
async function foo() {  
  return 10;  
}
```

Engine Transformation (INTERNAL)

JavaScript internally rewrites this as:

js

```
function foo() {  
    return Promise.resolve(10);  
}
```

Key Rules (MEMORIZE)

What you return	Actual return
value	Promise resolved with value
Promise	Same promise
throw error	Promise rejected
nothing	Promise resolved with <code>undefined</code>

Proof Example

js

```
async function test() {  
    throw "Error!";  
}  
  
test().catch(console.log);
```

→ Internally = `Promise.reject("Error!")`

3 `await` – What It ACTUALLY Does

js

```
const result = await promise;
```

✗ Common Misunderstanding

“`await` waits and blocks execution”

✓ Internal Reality

1. `await` pauses the `async` function
2. JavaScript engine:
 - Exits the function
 - Saves function state (execution context)

3. Registers a `.then()` internally
4. Continues executing other code
5. Resumes function later via **microtask**

Internal Rewrite (CRITICAL)

js

```
async function example() {  
  const x = await p;  
  console.log(x);  
}
```

⬇️ Engine desugars to:

js

```
function example() {  
  return p.then(x => {  
    console.log(x);  
  });  
}
```

Interview Trap !

✗ `await` pauses JS thread

✓ `await` pauses **function execution only**

4 Async Function Execution Timeline

js

```
console.log("A");  
  
async function f() {  
  console.log("B");  
  await Promise.resolve();  
  console.log("C");  
}  
  
f();  
console.log("D");
```

Output

css

A
B
D
C

Internal Explanation

1. "A" → sync
2. "B" → sync inside async
3. await → yields control
4. "D" → sync
5. Promise resolves → microtask
6. "C" → resumed

Key Rule

| Code before `await` runs synchronously

5 Async Function = State Machine

Internally, async functions are compiled into:

text

Function Object

└ Generator-like State Machine
 └ Suspended
 └ Resumed
 └ Completed

Each `await` creates a **pause point**.

Why This Matters

- Multiple awaits = multiple resumptions
- Debugging async functions becomes easier
- Stack traces remain readable

6 Error Handling with `try/catch` (Internals)

js

```
async function test() {
  try {
    await Promise.reject("Fail");
  } catch (e) {
```

```
    console.log(e);  
}  
}
```

Internal Rewrite

```
js  
  
Promise.reject("Fail")  
.then(...)  
.catch(e => console.log(e));
```

Important Rule

Error Source	Caught by
rejected promise	catch
thrown error	catch
outside async	✗ not caught

Interview Trap !

```
js  
  
try {  
  setTimeout(() => { throw "X" }, 0);  
} catch {}
```

✗ Won't work

→ Different call stack

7 await Always Returns a Value (Even Errors)

```
js  
  
const result = await promise;
```

- If fulfilled → value
- If rejected → throws

Equivalent Form

```
js
```

```
await p;  
// is same as  
p.then(v => v).catch(e => { throw e });
```

8 Sequential vs Parallel Await (VERY IMPORTANT)

✗ Slow (Sequential)

js

```
const a = await fetchA();  
const b = await fetchB();
```

⌚ Total time = A + B

✓ Fast (Parallel)

js

```
const [a, b] = await Promise.all([  
  fetchA(),  
  fetchB()  
]);
```

⌚ Total time = max(A, B)

Interview Question !

“How do you optimize multiple awaits?”

9 await Works on ANY Thenable

js

```
await 10;
```

Internally:

js

```
await Promise.resolve(10);
```

Why This Exists

- Interoperability
- Safe await chaining
- Consistent semantics

10 Async Functions & Call Stack

js

```
async function a() {  
  await b();  
}  
  
async function b() {  
  await c();  
}
```

Stack Behavior

- Stack unwinds at each await
- Context saved internally
- Resumes via microtask

→ No stack overflow

1|1 Async Class Methods (Internal View)

js

```
class User {  
  async getName() {  
    return "Anoop";  
  }  
}
```

Internally:

js

```
User.prototype.getName = function () {  
  return Promise.resolve("Anoop");  
};
```

1|2 Real-World Fetch Example (Improved)

js

```
async function getUser() {  
  try {  
    const res = await fetch("https://api.github.com/users/1");  
    if (!res.ok) throw new Error("HTTP Error");  
  }
```

```

const data = await res.json();
console.log(data.login);
} catch (err) {
  console.error(err.message);
}
}

```

Internal Flow

1. fetch → returns promise
2. await → suspend function
3. response arrives → microtask
4. function resumes
5. JSON parsed → another await
6. function completes

1|3 Async vs Promise — REAL Comparison

Feature	Promise	async/await
Syntax	Chain-based	Sequential
Error handling	.catch()	try/catch
Debugging	Hard	Easy
Internals	Same	Same
Performance	Same	Same

🧠 FINAL INTERNAL SUMMARY (MEMORIZE)

javascript

```

async function
↓
returns Promise
↓
await suspends function
↓
.then registered internally
↓
microtask resumes execution

```

🎯 INTERVIEW RAPID FIRE (WITH ANSWERS)

Q1: Does await block JS?

- ✗ No, only pauses function

Q2: Is async faster than promises?

- ✗ Same performance

Q3: Can await be used outside async?

- ✗ (except top-level modules)

Q4: Does await create a new thread?

- ✗ Never

Q5: Why async improves readability?

- Linear control flow

▶ WHAT NEXT (SAME DEPTH)

Choose ONE:

- 1 Event Loop + async/await timeline (visual)
- 2 Top-level await (ES2022)
- 3 Unhandled promise rejections
- 4 Fetch API internals
- 5 Async patterns & pitfalls

Reply with the **number**.