Excellent — now we go **one level deeper than most books and tutorials**.

This will be **engine-level**, **event-loop aware**, and **interview-proof**.

I'll rewrite **Promises** again, but this time with:

- ⚙️ JavaScript engine internals
- 🧠 Memory + queues
- ⏱️ Event loop timeline
- ⚠️ Real interview traps
- 🧩 Why each design decision exists

No fluff. No repetition. Only **under-the-hood clarity**.

🔬 JavaScript Promises — INTERNAL & EXECUTION-LEVEL DEEP DIVE

1️⃣ Why Promises Exist (ENGINE PROBLEM STATEMENT)

Problem Before Promises

JavaScript had:

- Single thread
- Blocking execution
- Callback-based async

Core Issues

- ❌ Callback Hell
- ❌ Inversion of control
- ❌ No state tracking
- ❌ Error handling chaos

👉 **Promise was introduced as a STATE MACHINE for async results**

2️⃣ Promise Is NOT "Async Code" (Critical Truth)

> ⚠️ **Promise itself is NOT asynchronous**

```
js

new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
  console.log("Executor runs immediately");
});
```

✔️ This runs **synchronously**

Internal Truth

- Promise constructor executes **immediately**
- Async behavior happens only when:
  - `then`
  - `catch`
  - `finally`

    are registered

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❌ "Promise runs asynchronously"

✅ **Promise RESULT handling is asynchronous**

3️⃣ Promise = Finite State Machine (FSM)

Internally, every Promise has:

```
text


[[PromiseState]] → pending | fulfilled | rejected
[[PromiseResult]] → value | error
[[PromiseReactions]] → then / catch handlers
```

State Rules (STRICT)

1. Starts as `pending`
2. Can move to:
   - `fulfilled`
   - `rejected`
3. ❌ Can NEVER change again
4. ❌ Cannot go back to pending

Why Immutable?

➡️ Prevent race conditions

➡️ Ensure predictable async flow

4️⃣ Promise Creation — Internal Timeline

```
js


const p = new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
 resolve(42);
});
```

Step-by-step Engine Execution

1. Memory allocated for Promise object

2. `[[PromiseState]] = pending`
3. Executor function runs
4. `resolve(42)` called
5. Engine:
    - Stores result `42`
    - Marks state `fulfilled`
6. Promise is now **settled**

⚠️ **No callbacks executed yet**

5️⃣ Why `.then()` Does NOT Run Immediately

```
js


p.then(v => console.log(v));
```

What Actually Happens

- Handler is stored in `[[PromiseReactions]]`
- Callback is wrapped into a **microtask**
- Microtask is queued
- Event loop schedules it later

Event Loop Priority

```
java


Call Stack
↓
Microtask Queue (Promises)
↓
Macrotask Queue (setTimeout)
```

✔️ Promise callbacks ALWAYS run before `setTimeout`

6️⃣ Microtask Queue (Very Important)

What Is a Microtask?

A **high-priority async job** that:

- Runs after current stack
- Runs before any timer / I/O

Example

```
js
```

```
console.log("A");

Promise.resolve().then(() => console.log("B"));

setTimeout(() => console.log("C"), 0);

console.log("D");
```

Output

```
css

A
D
B
C
```

Internal Reason

- Promise `.then` → microtask
- `setTimeout` → macrotask

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❌ "0ms timeout runs immediately"

✅ Microtasks ALWAYS win

7️⃣ `then()` Returns a NEW Promise (CHAINING MAGIC)

```
js

p.then(v => v * 2)
 .then(v => v + 10)
```

Internal Chain

```
javascript

Promise A → fulfilled
  ↓ then
Promise B → fulfilled with return value
  ↓ then
Promise C → fulfilled
```

Key Rules

What you return	Next promise
value	resolved
promise	adopts state
throw error	rejected
nothing	resolved(undefined)

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```
js

.then(() => Promise.reject("err"))
```

❌ Not nested

✅ State is adopted

8️⃣ Error Propagation (Why catch Works)

```
js

Promise.resolve()
  .then(() => {
    throw new Error("Boom");
  })
  .catch(err => console.log(err.message));
```

Internal Rule

- `throw` inside `.then` ≡ `reject(error)`
- Error skips all `.then`
- Jumps to nearest `.catch`

Why?

➡️ Promise chain behaves like `try/catch` across async boundaries

9️⃣ `catch()` Is Just `then(null, errorFn)`

```
js

promise.catch(fn);
```

Is internally:

```
js
```

```
promise.then(undefined, fn);
```

Why Separate?

- Readability
- Error-only semantics
- Better chaining

🔟 `finally()` — Special Handler

```
js

promise.finally(() => cleanup());
```

Internal Properties

- Runs after settle
- Cannot modify result
- Return value ignored
- Error passes through

Internal Design Reason

➡️ Cleanup logic without touching data

Interview Trap ❗

```
js

finally(() => "X")
```

❌ Changes result

✅ Result unchanged

1️⃣1️⃣ Promise Resolution Procedure (VERY ADVANCED)

When you do:

```
js

resolve(someValue);
```

Engine checks:

1. Is value a promise?
2. Is it thenable?
3. Does it have `.then`?

4. Adopt its state

This Enables:

```
js

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

➡️ Outer promise becomes fulfilled with `10`

Why This Exists?

➡️ Interop with:

- Libraries
- Custom thenables
- Async abstractions

1️⃣2️⃣ Promise vs Callback (CONTROL DIFFERENCE)

Callback ❌

```
js

doTask(data, cb);
```

- Caller loses control
- Callback may never run
- Callback may run twice

Promise ✅

```
js

doTask().then(...)
```

- Promise guarantees:
  - Once settled
  - Always async
  - Chainable
  - Error-safe

1️⃣3️⃣ Promise Combinators — Internal Meaning

`Promise.all`

- Waits for ALL
- Fails fast

`Promise.race`

- First settle wins

`Promise.any`

- First fulfilled wins

`Promise.allSettled`

- Always resolves with report

1️⃣4️⃣ Why `async/await` Exists

> async/await is **syntax sugar over promises**

```
js

async function f() {
  const x = await p;
}
```

Internally becomes:

```
js

function f() {
  return p.then(x => ...);
}
```

🧠 FINAL INTERNAL MODEL (MEMORIZE THIS)

```
javascript

Promise = Object
  ├─ State (pending / fulfilled / rejected)
  ├─ Result (value / error)
  ├─ Reaction Queue
  ├─ Microtask scheduling
  └─ Immutable once settled
```

🎯 INTERVIEW RAPID FIRE (WITH ANSWERS)

Q1: Does promise executor run async?

➡️ ❌ No, synchronous

Q2: Why promise callbacks run before setTimeout?

➡️ Microtask queue priority

Q3: Can a promise resolve twice?

➡️ ❌ No

Q4: Is `.catch` mandatory?

➡️ ❌ But unhandled rejection is dangerous

Q5: What happens if `.then` returns promise?

➡️ State is adopted

⏭️ NEXT LEVEL TOPICS (Tell me ONE)

- `event-loop-complete`
- `microtask-queue-internals`
- `async-await-desugaring`
- `promise-combinators-deep`
- `fetch-api-internals`

I'll continue at the **same internal + mastery depth**.