

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`

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Promise chains

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Microtask queue

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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)

- Registers a `.then()` internally
- Continues executing other code
- 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	<code>catch</code>
thrown error	<code>catch</code>
outside async	 not caught


Interview Trap !


```

js

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

```

 Won't work

 Different call stack

`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	<code>.catch()</code>	<code>try/catch</code>
Debugging	Hard	Easy
Internals	Same	Same
Performance	Same	Same

FINAL INTERNAL SUMMARY (MEMORIZE)

javascript

async function

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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**.