

Chapter 13: Promises

Javascript的asynchronous computation：callback functions

痛点：1，business logic和实现细节被混在一起，2，control flow太复杂，pyramid of doom的问题，3，关于错误的处理没有已有的方式，都是依赖于一个特殊的error arguments in callbacks。

Promises：解决上述问题的尝试。一个将未来的asynchronous call的结果绑定到一个object上的机制，promise object控制了当一个函数的有了结果之后给你对这个value的access。使用Promise时函数不会将callback作为参数，而是返回一个Promise来接受这个callback。
promise支持then的chaining，catch方法用来处理错误，errors也可以通过promise chain进行传播，

```
computeBalance(a, b)
  .then(storeBalance)
  .then(displayResults)
  .catch(handleError);
```

AngularJS内置的service是\$q，和其他的promise实现的区别是\$q是和digest loop关联的，\$q可以使用\$evalAsync而不是setTimeout。

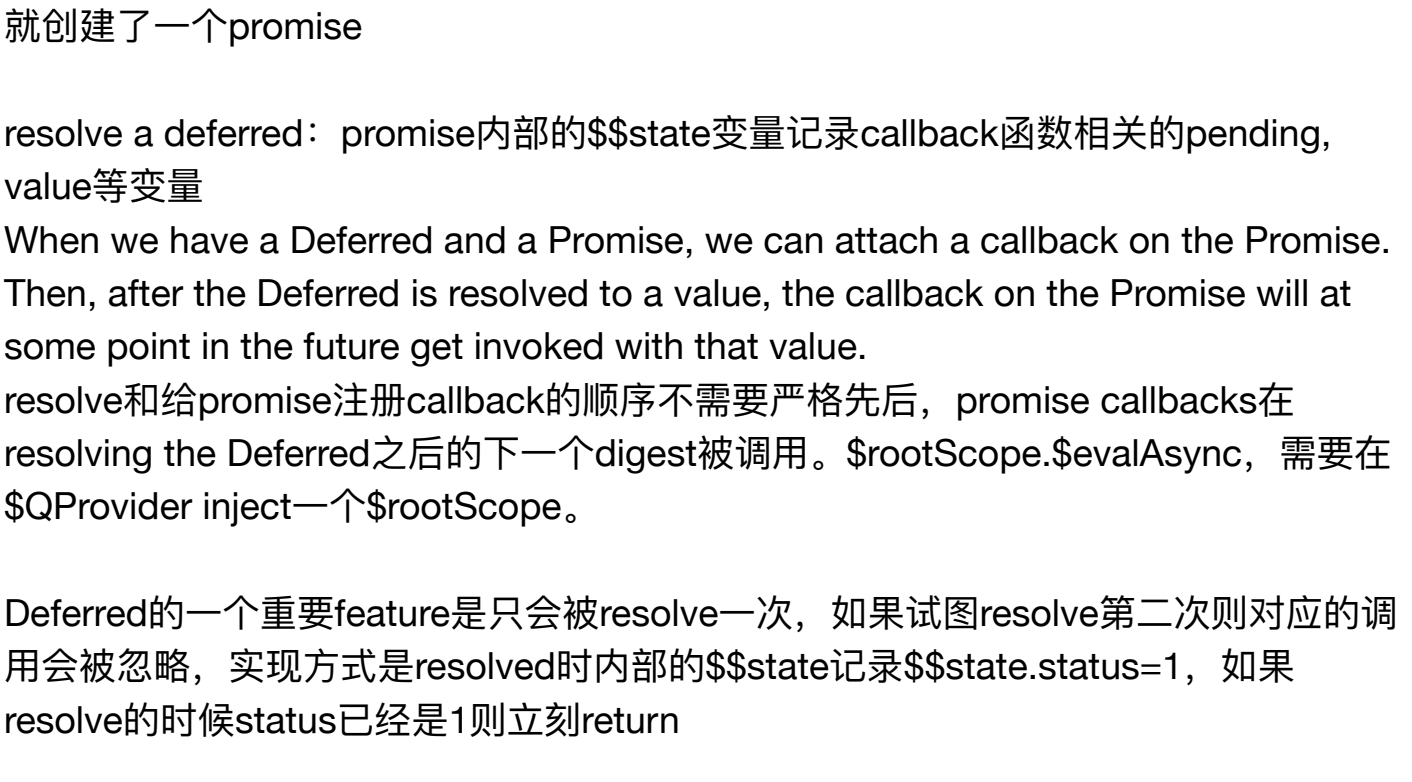


Figure 13.1: The relationship between a Deferred and a Promise

deferred: computation that makes that value available，创建一个deferred对象时也就创建了一个promise

resolve a deferred：promise内部的\$\$state变量记录callback函数相关的pending，value等变量
When we have a Deferred and a Promise, we can attach a callback on the Promise. Then, after the Deferred is resolved to a value, the callback on the Promise will at some point in the future get invoked with that value.
resolve和给promise注册callback的顺序不需要严格先后，promise callbacks在resolving the Deferred之后的下一个digest被调用。\$rootScope.\$evalAsync，需要在\$QProvider inject一个\$rootScope。

Deferred的一个重要feature是只会被resolve一次，如果试图resolve第二次则对应的调用会被忽略，实现方式是resolved时内部的\$\$state记录\$\$state.status=1，如果resolve的时候status已经是1则立刻return

确保callback会被调用：此时如果一个callback在一个deferred已经被resolved之后，且一个digest已经运行了之后才注册，则这个callback应该也要被调用。实现是在then方法（注册callback）中判断status，如果大于0则进行一次scheduleProcessQueue。

一个Deferred有且只有一个Promise，但是一个Promise应当可以有多个callback。实现是将pending改成数组。注意为了确保每个callback只被调用一次，当进入processQueue时候需要将pending数组保存在临时变量，然后清空state.pending，这样当之后有新的callback的时候再reinitialize。

rejecting deferred：关于error handling的解决，1，需要有办法能够signal一个Deferred，告诉它有事不对，这是rejecting the Deferred，2，需要有办法让Deferred在一个rejection发生的时候被notified。实现的时候给then增加第二个参数，作为被reject的时候的callback。
一个Promise最多被reject一次，一个promise一旦被rejected了之后就不能再次resolve，一个promise只会会有一个outcome，要么是resolution要么是rejection。
实现和resolve很相似，主要是status不同，rejected是2.然后pending数组里面放的不是单个函数了，而是数组，[null, onFulfilled, onRejected]，根据status选择callback。

finally：和try...catch...finally相似，finally方法参数是一个callback，主要用来在asynchronous work之后做cleanup work，在这个promise被resolve之后被调用，不接受任何参数。实现方法是当做一个有同样的success和failure callback的then方法，不论如何都被调用。

promise chaining：

```
it('does not modify original resolution in chains', function() {
  var d = $q.defer();
  var fulfilledSpy = jasmine.createSpy();
  d.promise.then(function(result) { return result + 1; })
    .then(function(result) { return result * 2; })
    .then(function(fulfilledSpy) {
      d.resolve(20);
      $rootScope.$apply();
      expect(fulfilledSpy).toHaveBeenCalled();
    });
});
```

实际发生的事情是每个then方法都返回了另外一个new Promise object，用来做后续的callbacks。因为是new Promise，所以原先Promise上其他的callback都不受影响。

实现：每次then返回一个新的Deferred对象的promise，然后需要把这个Deferred传递给onFulfilled onCallback实际上被调用的地方，这样结果可以被传递下去。pending数组改成[result, onFulfilled, onRejected]，然后每次processQueue的时候将callback的结果返回给这个Deferred对象。

```
function processQueue(state) {
  var pending = state.pending;
  delete state.pending;
  ...forEach(pending, function(handlers) {
    var deferred = handlers[0];
    var fn = handlers[state.status];
    if (...isFunction(fn)) {
      deferred.resolve(fn(state.value));
    }
  });
}
```

每个新的Deferred对象都是和原来的Deferred对象独立的，但是他们都是在原来的对象被resolved的时候才被resolved。

chains的另外一个重要性质是一个value会被传递直到一个callback handler。比如
it('catches rejection on chained handler', function() {
 var rejectedSpy = jasmine.createSpy();
 d.promise.then(...noop).catch(rejectedSpy);
 d.reject('fail');
 \$rootScope.\$apply();
 expect(rejectedSpy).toHaveBeenCalled();
});

实现是在processQueue方法里，根据当前的status，resolve or reject the chained Deferred with the current Promise's value。

```
function processQueue(state) {
  var pending = state.pending;
  delete state.pending;
  ...forEach(pending, function(handlers) {
    var deferred = handlers[0];
    var fn = handlers[state.status];
    if (...isFunction(fn)) {
      deferred.resolve(fn(state.value));
    } else if (state.status === 1) {
      deferred.resolve(state.value);
    } else {
      deferred.reject(state.value);
    }
  });
}
```

当一个rejection发生的时候，下一个catch会处理，而catch handler的返回值会被当成resolution而不是rejection，继续正常执行

exception handling：explicitly rejecting是一回事，发生异常是另一回事，当一个promise callback抛出异常时应当在下一个rejection handler被处理。同样在processQueue中增加try...catch，有e存在则deferred.reject(e)，作为next promise的rejection。

一个promise callback返回另外一个promise：应该将这个返回的promise连接到chain里面的下一个callback。一个Deferred可能会被另外一个promise进行resolve，这时这个deferred的resolution取决于另外一个promise的resolution。
当一个finally返回promise时，要等待这个promise被resolve才会继续。

notifying progress：Deferred有一个notify方法，用来发送一些关于what kind of progress的信息。notify callback作为then的第三个参数，pending的数组里面也加上它。Deferred的notify方法遍历所有的pending handlers，然后调用progress callbacks。resolution之后notifier不应该再调用progress callback，通过status判断。notifications是会被通过chains传播的。当一个progress callback抛出异常不影响其他callbacks。

包装的API：\$q.reject：immediate rejection，\$q.when或者\$q.resolve：immediate resolution
\$q.all：关于promise的一个collection，用\$q.all来合并和处理所有的异步操作，返回单个Promise对象来resolve一个results的数组。

ES6-style Promises：没有明显的Deferred的概念，
return new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
 doAsyncStuff(function(err) {
 if (err) { reject(err); }
 });
 resolve();
});

\$\$: Promises without \$digest integration，使用browser timeout，和digest没有关系。

In this chapter you have learned:

- What kinds of problems Promises are designed to solve.
- About some of the existing Promise implementations for JavaScript.
- How AngularJS Promises compare to some of the other existing implementations.
- That Promises are made available in Angular by the \$q and \$\$q services.
- That Promises are always paired with Deferreds, and whereas a Promise is accessed by the consumer of an asynchronously produced value, a Deferred is accessed by its producer.
- That when a Deferred is resolved, the associated Promise callbacks get invoked with \$evalAsync.
- That each Promise is resolved at most once.
- That each Promise callback is invoked at most once.
- How a Promise callback is invoked even when registered after the Promise was already resolved.
- How Promises can be either resolved or rejected.
- That rejections can be caught by rejection errbacks.
- That you can execute resource cleanup code in finally callbacks, which are callbacks that are invoked for both rejected and resolved Promises.
- How you can chain several then, catch, and finally calls together, and each call creates a new Promise chained to the previous one.
- How even the last (or only) then in your Promise chain creates another Promise, but that it is simply ignored.
- How an exception thrown in a Promise handler rejects the next Promise in the chain.
- How an exception caught by a rejection errback resolves the next Promise in the chain.
- That a Promise callback may return another Promise, and how that Promise's eventual resolution or rejection is linked to the Promise chain.
- That finally handlers can also return Promises and they are resolved before continuing with the chain, but that the values they resolve to are ignored.
- How Deferreds can notify about progress, and how progress callbacks are registered.
- That, unlike all other Promise callbacks, notification callbacks may get called several times.
- How notification messages can be transformed in a Promise chain.
- How an immediately rejected Promise can be created with \$q.reject.
- How a Promise resolved Promise can be created with \$q.when.
- How \$q.when can also be used to adopt a foreign Promise.
- How an array or object of Promises can be resolved to an array or object of values with \$q.all.
- That \$q.all is rejected if even one of its argument Promises is rejected.
- That not all of the items in the collection given to \$q.all have to be Promises.
- How \$q also supports an alternative ES6-style Promise API.

Chapter 14: \$http

\$http service，处理Angular applications的HTTP通信。\$http对象的基础是通过浏览器的XMLHttpRequest support进行HTTP请求，包装了error management，interceptor等等功能。
（这一章除了主要功能之外，除了主要收发请求的实现之外小功能很多比较乱，就和summary放一起总结了，可能跳过一些琐碎的内容）

- That HTTP requests in Angular are handled by two collaborating services:\$http and \$httpBackend. The backend may be overridden to provide an alternative transport or to mock it out during testing.

测试的时候使用SinonJS库来检测发出的请求，和假装做response。
HTTP请求是异步的，因此\$http不能直接返回response，而是返回一个Promise。
\$httpBackend来做实际的发送标准XMLHttpRequest，不处理任何的Deferred或者Promises，而是接受一个callback function，作为xhr.onload。xhr.onload试图从hr.response或xhr.responseText接收response body。\$http中构造这个callback函数传给\$httpBackend。

- That \$http kicks off a digest on the \$rootScope when the response arrives - unless useApplyAsync is enabled, in which case it uses \$rootScope.\$applyAsync to do it later.

使用Angular的人不用考虑何时调用\$apply，框架会处理。如果有错误发生，可以直接reject the Promise而不是resolve。包括400之类的response code，或者网络故障，CORS等。
response code 在200以上300以下是success。

- That \$http.defaults (and \$httpProvider.defaults) allows setting some default configurations that'll be used for all requests.
 - How you can supply HTTP headers by providing a headers object in the request configuration.
 - How Angular has some default headers, such as Accept and Content-Type, but that you can override them using \$http.defaults.
 - That default and request-specific headers are merged case-insensitively, since that's how headers work according to the HTTP standard.
 - That request header values may also be functions that return the concrete header values when called.
- request headers：headers可以默认设置，也有request specific，使用_extend方法将这些headers拼在一起。不是所有HTTP方法的default headers长一样，例如POST应该有一个默认的Content-Type header设置为JSON，GET没有content type。HTTP headers 对key的大小写不敏感。
header也可能是一个返回string的函数。

- That response headers are available through the headers function attached to the response object, and how that function treats header names case-insensitively.
- That response headers are parsed lazily only when requested.

response headers首先在\$httpBackend获得，xhr.getAllResponseHeaders(), headersGetter函数输入headers string，返回解析了的header names to header values。这个解析是lazy的，到第一个header被request才开始解析。实际的解析工作在parseHeaders函数内完成，根据每一行的:符号进行解析。

- How CORS authorization can be enabled by supplying the withCredentials flag in request objects.

CORS默认下跨站请求不包括任何的cookies或者authentication headers，如果需要则需要XMLHttpRequest设置withCredentials flag。

- That both request and response bodies can be transformed using transforms that are registered with the transformRequest and transformResponse attributes, which may be either supplied in \$http.defaults or individual request objects
- That Angular uses request and response transforms to do JSON serialization and parsing by default.
- How request data is serialized to JSON when it is an array or an object, unless it is a special object like a Blob, File, or FormData.
- How response data is parsed as JSON when it's either specified as such with a Content-Type header, or when it merely looks like JSON.

JSON like：正则表达式判断，

```
function isJsonLike(data) {
  if (data.match(/^(?!\s)/)) {
    return data.match(/$/);
  } else if (data.match(/^(\/)/)) {
    return data.match(/\/$/);
  }
}
```

- How single- and multi-value URL parameters can be supplied, and how they are encoded and attached to the request URL.
- That objects are serialized into JSON when used as URL parameters.

buildUrl方法构造url，例如 http://teropa.info?d=42&b=42

- That Dates are serialized into their ISO 8601 representation when used as URL parameters.

编码方法：Javascript自带的encodeURIComponent

- That three short-hand methods are provided for HTTP methods without bodies: \$http.get, \$http.head, and \$http.delete.
- That three short-hand methods are provided for HTTP methods that do have bodies:\$http.post, \$http.put, and \$http.patch.
- How interceptor factories can be registered directly to the \$httpProvider or as references to existing factories.
- That interceptors are objects with one or more of the following methods: request, requestError, response, and responseErrors.
- How interceptors form a Promise-based pipeline for processing the HTTP request and response.

interceptors：另外一个可以处理HTTP requests and responses的功能，比transform功能更多。interceptors可以随意修改和替换requests and responses。interceptors基于promise实现，因此可以做一些异步的工作。
interceptors包括了request, requestError, response, responseError的对象，这些key对应的value是HTTP request不同阶段的函数。例如

```
it('allows intercepting requests', function() {
  var injector = createInjector([ng, function($httpProvider) {
    $httpProvider.interceptors.push(function() { return {
      request: function(config) { config.params.intercepted = true;
      return config;
    }}]);
  }]);
  $http = injector.get('$http');
  $rootScope = injector.get('$rootScope');
  $http.get('http://teropa.info', {params: {}});
  $rootScope.$apply();
  expect(requests[0].url).toBe('http://teropa.info?intercepted=true');
});
```


Figure 14.1: Interceptors are invoked in order for request and in reverse order for responses

- That response interceptors are invoked in reverse order compared to how they were registered.
- How \$http extends Promise with two methods useful for dealing with HTTP responses: success and error.
- How a request can be aborted with a Promise-based or a numeric timeout attribute.

timeout：应对一些太长时间返回或者没有返回的情况，可以在request configuration object上设置timeout属性，然后设置一些这个值的promise，如果到了时间Angular会中止请求，resolve这个timeout。
• How \$http can use the \$applyAsync feature of Scope to skip unnecessary digests when several HTTP responses arrive in quick succession.
• That the \$applyAsync optimization is not enabled by default, and you have to call \$httpProvider.useApplyAsync(true) to enable it.

关于\$applyAsync和\$http，原本的motivation是，在应用启动时通常会发起多个请求，如果服务器很快response也会很快，这是Angular会对每个response开始一个新的digest。优化是如果几个请求很接近，他们触发的变化在一个digest内完成，这样可以减少时间消耗。这不是默认的优化，需要添加参数开启。