

## using Kore.Coroutines;

The Coroutines Package contains **Optimized coroutines** that can be called also outside MonoBehaviours and have a nicer syntax and faster execution, most of the functions are a replacement for Unity Coroutines however Kore.Coroutines still support CustomYieldInstruction (because it is used by many third party frameworks like DOTween). **This document assumes you are already confident with regular Coroutines.**

Kore.Coroutines allows to run coroutines generating the least possible amount of Garbage (It is really possible to have coroutines with **0 garbage** in your game), greatly helping to not add pressure on the Garbage Collector. Internally lightweight object pools are used.

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**Don't forget to import the namespace!**

```
using Kore.Coroutines;
```

## Start a new Coroutine:

```
Coroutine.Run( MyEnumerator() );
```

**You can also Start coroutines to run on specified Updates:**

```
Coroutine.Run( MyEnumerator(), Method.Update); //default  
Coroutine.Run( MyEnumerator(), Method.FixedUpdate);  
Coroutine.Run( MyEnumerator(), Method.LateUpdate);
```

**Update:** called after all Update methods have been called

**FixedUpdate:** called after all FixedUpdate methods have been called

**LateUpdate:** called during EndOfFrame

## Nested Coroutine yield

Used to execute another coroutine and wait its completion

```
IEnumerator MyEnumerator(){
    Debug.Log("A");
    // Suspend MyEnumerator execution until AnotherEnumerator() ends
    yield return Coroutine.Nested( AnotherEnumerator());
    Debug.Log("D");
}

IEnumerator AnotherEnumerator(){
    Debug.Log("B");
    yield return null; // wait next update
    Debug.Log("C");
}
```

**OUTPUT** (over 4 frames) = A B C D

## State Change yield

Fluent and alternative way to implement a Finite State Machine using coroutines.

```
// Infinite loop of 2 alternating states
IEnumerator StateA(){
    Debug.Log("State A");
    yield return State.Change( StateB());
}

IEnumerator StateB(){
    Debug.Log("State B");
    yield return State.Change( StateA());
}
```

**OUTPUT** = A B A B A B A B A B.....

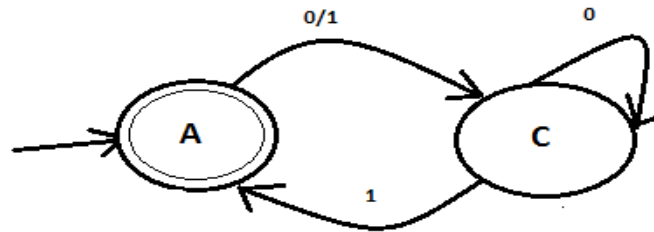
## Wait For yield

This is used to wait a number of seconds based on unity `Time.deltaTime/Time.fixedDeltaTime` (depending on which Method you are running the coroutine).

```
IEnumerator MyEnumerator(){  
    Debug.Log("A");  
    float seconds = 3;  
    yield return Wait.For( seconds);  
    Debug.Log("B");  
}
```

## Performance tips: State.Cache

Assume you want to implement the following state machine:



```
public class MyFiniteStateMachine // not very performance in critical areas
{
    public MyFiniteStateMachine()
    {
        Coroutine.Run( StateA() );
    }

    IEnumerator StateA()
    {
        while(true)
        {
            if(input == 1 || input == 0)
                yield return State.Change( StateC());

            yield return null;
        }
    }

    IEnumerator StateC()
    {
        while(true)
        {
            if(input == 1)
                yield return State.Change( StateA());

            if(input == 0)
                yield return State.Change( StateC());

            yield return null;
        }
    }
}
```

While I optimized the library to not generate Garbage if not strictly necessary (all yield instructions infact are recycled from a pool), I have no control over C# Runtime: each time you create a IEnumerator some garbage is generated.

Yielding a State.Change() is a very convenient way to create a StateMachine, however if you want to use it in performance critical areas like Artificial Intelligence you have to rely also on State.Cache(). That allows you to cache IEnumerable and save performance:

Compare old code with the new StateMachine using State.Cache().

```
public class MyFasterStateMachine // no more garbage!
{
    IEnumerator A,C; // cached States
    StateCache cache; // Each state machine needs its own cache

    public MyFiniteStateMachine()
    {
        A = StateA();
        C = StateC();
        cache = State.Cache();

        Coroutine.Run( A );
    }

    IEnumerator StateA()
    {
        while(true)
        {
            //optionally takes a lambda: called once only when
            //entering the state
            yield return cache.Enter();

            if(input == 1 || input == 0)
                // optionally takes a lambda (called when quitting)
                yield return cache.Change( C);
        }
    }
}
```

```

IEnumerator StateC()
{
    while(true)
    {
        //optionally takes a lambda: called once only when
        //entering the state
        yield return cache.Enter();

        if(input == 1)
            // optionally takes a lambda (called when quitting)
            yield return cache.Change( A);

        if(input == 0)
            // optionally takes a lambda (called when quitting)
            yield return cache.Change( C);
    }
}

```

Of course also Lambda generation in C# runtime creates some garbage, but you can store lambdas in Action objects ;)

The performance of this is comparable to a regular StateMachine pattern, but you also have the advantage of running it from inside a coroutine: certain stuff is much more fluent to be programmed when writing it inside a coroutine.

In most cases you can even use less states because it is possible to embed more than one state inside the same IEnumerator (especially the transitional only states) allowing for much less boiler plate code compared to regular Finite State Machines.