

# A Promise-Based Worldview

*Once the Node.js developer's victim of choice, `Promise` now enjoys healthy adoption on both sides of the stack, with prominent open-source contributors like [@sindresorhus](#) visibly leveraging them.*

*What's changed?*



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*Just a thought.*

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What was once considered a mistake by many – inclusion of `Promise` as a native language API – is now seeing increasingly high rates of adoption. I'd say there's three reasons for this.

The most obvious one is – recursively – the fact that `Promise` is now in the language. `Promise` being in the language drives adoption by itself, through the official endorsement of the spec-writing JavaScript gods. Furthermore, libraries like `Babel` and `bluebird` making it all too simple to include spec-compliant `Promise`-based solutions in any app at very little cost. Anyone writing code for modern browsers or using a modern development toolchain leverages `Babel` and/or `bluebird`.

Another reason is that **developers are increasingly comfortable with ES6**. There have been

plenty of **tutorials**, a couple of books, and many conference talks describing ES6. It's been roughly a year since the specification was finalized. People now roughly understand the `Promise` API, and what's better: the API isn't changing anymore. Recently, **jQuery 3 was released** into *Promises/A+* compliance, a huge win for native `Promise`.

Third, there's **`async / await`**. While not the most heavily utilized JavaScript API, `async / await` is already a **stage 3 proposal**, and at this point I think we can state confidently and without hesitation that it'll someday be an official language feature.

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The synergy between `Promise`, `async / await`, and generators, is just too good to pass up!

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