

1 Coroutine body

Every time, the compiler encounters one of the following keywords:

- `co_return`
- `co_yield`
- `co_await`

function in which body the keyword was encountered is transformed into the coroutine. This is performed in the following schema:

```
{
    promise_type promise;
    auto&& return_object = promise.get_return_object();
    co_await promise.initial_suspend();

    try{
        //our coroutine_body
    }catch(...) {
        promise.unhandled_exception();
    }

    final_suspend:
    co_await promise.final_suspend();

    return return_object;
}
```

2 promise_type

Promise_type is the type used by the compiler to control behavior of the coroutine. It should be defined (as publicly available) either as a member of the coroutine type like:

```
returned_type::promise_type
```

or as a member of the specialization of the coroutine_traits:

```
namespace std{
    template <>
    struct coroutine_traits<returned_type>{
        struct promise_type{
            //definition
        };
    };
}
```

The functions, that steer the coroutine behavior are listed below:

```
struct promise_type{
    // creating coroutine object -mandatory
    auto get_return_object();

    // returns awaitable object - mandatory
    auto initial_suspend();
    auto final_suspend();

    void unhandled_exception(); // mandatory

    // one of below is mandatory
    // and only one must be present
    void return_value(*type*);
    void return_void();

    // support for yielding values - returns awaitable
    auto yield_value();

    // modification of the awaitable
    auto await_transform(*co_await operand*);
};
```

3 co_yield

Each time, when compiler sees `co_yield` keyword, the following code is generated:

```
co_await promise.yield_value(<expression>);
```

If your type is not meant to support yield expression, you can suppress it with:

```
auto yield_value() = delete;
```

in the definition of your promise_type.

4 co_return

To finish the coroutine and optionally return the value from it one can use the `co_return` expression. Such expression is also translated by the compiler depending on the operand of the `co_return` keyword.

Void expressions and `co_return` without any expression is translated into following form:

```
<optional_expression>;
promise.return_void();
```

while for the non-void expressions, following code is generated:

```
promise.return_value(<expression>);
```

5 coroutine_handle

Coroutine handle is our object, that directly operates on the coroutine (it can for example resume it or delete it). It's API is as follows:

```
namespace std {
    template<>
    struct coroutine_handle<void>
    {
        // [coroutine.handle.con], construct/reset
        constexpr coroutine_handle() noexcept;
        constexpr coroutine_handle(nullptr_t) noexcept;
        coroutine_handle& operator=(nullptr_t) noexcept;

        // [coroutine.handle.export.import], export/import
        constexpr void* address() const noexcept;
        constexpr static coroutine_handle from_address(void* address) noexcept;

        // [coroutine.handle.observers], observers
        constexpr explicit operator bool() const noexcept;
        bool done() const;

        // [coroutine.handle.resumption], resumption
        void operator()() const;
        void resume() const;
        void destroy() const;

    private:
        void* ptr; // exposition only
    };

    template<class Promise>
    struct coroutine_handle : coroutine_handle<>
    {
        // [coroutine.handle.con], construct/reset
        using coroutine_handle<>::coroutine_handle;
        static coroutine_handle from_promise(Promise&);
        coroutine_handle& operator=(nullptr_t) noexcept;

        // [coroutine.handle.export.import], export/import
        constexpr static coroutine_handle from_address(void* address) noexcept;

        // [coroutine.handle.promise], promise access
        Promise& promise() const;
    };
}
```

6 Awaitable primitives

The standard library defined two primitives, that can be operands of the co_await operator, namely:

- std::suspend_always - causes suspension of the coroutine

- std::suspend_never - is a no-op

7 Creating awaiter

The co_await operator needs so called awaiter object to know how should a coroutine behave on awaiting an awaitable object.

The awaiter object is created in following way:

- The await_transform function from the promise_type is executed on the co_await operand,
- co_await operator is searched in the body of the awaitable,
- if not found global co_await operator is searched for,
- if not found awaitable becomes the awaiter

8 Awaiter

Awaiter object must have following functions defined in it's body:

```
struct awaiter{
    bool await_ready();
    auto await_suspend(coroutine_handle_t);
    auto await_resume();
}
```

Their responsibility:

- await_ready - knows whether the awaitable is finished and result can be fetched from it,
- await_suspend - knows how to await on the awaitable (usually how to resume it),
- await_resume - result of this function evaluation is the result of the whole co_await expression.

9 co_await transformation

Whenever co_await keyword is encountered by compiler, compiler generates following code (besides the procedure for acquiring awaiter)

```

{
    std::exception_ptr exception = nullptr;
    if (not a.await_ready()) {
        suspend_coroutine();

        <await_suspend>
    }

    resume_point:
    if(exception)
        std::rethrow_exception(exception);
    /*return*/ a.await_resume();
}

```

where `await_suspend` expression is one of the following:

- when `await_suspend` returns void

```

try {
    a.await_suspend(coroutine_handle);
    return_to_the_caller();
} catch (...) {
    exception = std::current_exception();
    goto resume_point;
}

```

- when `await_suspend` returns bool

```

bool await_suspend_result;
try {
    await_suspend_result = a.await_suspend(
        coroutine_handle);
} catch (...) { /*...*/ }

if (not await_suspend_result)
    goto resume_point;
return_to_the_caller();

```

- when `await_suspend` returns another coroutine handle

```

decltype(a.await_suspend(
    std::declval<coro_handle_t>()))
another_coro_handle;
try {
    another_coro_handle = a.await_suspend(
        coroutine_handle);
} catch (...) { /*...*/ }

another_coro_handle.resume();
return_to_the_caller();

```