

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 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

6 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

7 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.

8 `co.await` transformation

9 `coroutine_handle`