

Here's the structured content for **Day 6: Introduction to Asynchronous JavaScript**, including **theory**, **coding examples**, **and explanations** for **Callbacks**, **Promises**, **and Async/Await**.

Day 6: Introduction to Asynchronous JavaScript

1. Understanding Asynchronous JavaScript

JavaScript is **single-threaded**, meaning it executes code **line by line**. However, some operations like **network requests**, **file reading**, **and timers** take time. To avoid blocking the execution, JavaScript uses **asynchronous programming**.

There are three main ways to handle **asynchronous operations** in JavaScript:

- 1. **Callbacks** (Older approach)
- 2. **Promises** (Improved approach)
- 3. **Async/Await** (Modern and cleaner approach)

2. Callbacks in JavaScript

A **callback function** is a function **passed as an argument** to another function. It is executed after the completion of an asynchronous task.

2.1 Example of Callbacks

```
function fetchData(callback) {
   console.log("Fetching data...");
   setTimeout(() => {
      let data = { name: "Alice", age: 25 };
      callback(data);
   }, 2000);
}

function displayData(data) {
   console.log("Data received:", data);
}
```



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// Calling fetchData with displayData as a callback fetchData(displayData);

2.2 Problems with Callbacks ("Callback Hell")

When multiple callbacks are nested, the code becomes hard to read and maintain. Example of **callback hell**:

```
setTimeout(() => {
    console.log("Step 1");
    setTimeout(() => {
        console.log("Step 2");
        setTimeout(() => {
            console.log("Step 3");
        }, 1000);
    }, 1000);
}
```

Solution: Use Promises instead of callbacks.

3. Promises in JavaScript

A **Promise** is an object that represents the **eventual completion (or failure)** of an asynchronous operation.

3.1 Promise States

A Promise can be in one of the following states:

- **Pending** (Initial state)
- **Fulfilled** (Successfully completed)
- Rejected (Failed)

3.2 Creating and Using Promises

```
function fetchData() {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
```



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```
console.log("Fetching data...");
     setTimeout(() => {
       let success = true;
       if (success) {
          resolve({ name: "Alice", age: 25 });
       } else {
          reject("Failed to fetch data");
       }
     }, 2000);
  });
}
// Handling Promises using then and catch
fetchData()
  .then((data) => {
     console.log("Data received:", data);
  })
  .catch((error) => {
     console.error("Error:", error);
  });
3.3 Promise Methods
   • then() → Executes when the Promise is resolved.
   • catch() → Executes when the Promise is rejected.
   • finally() → Always executes, regardless of success or failure.
fetchData()
  .then((data) => console.log("Success:", data))
  .catch((error) => console.error("Error:", error))
```



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.finally(() => console.log("Operation completed"));

4. Async/Await: The Modern Approach

Async/Await provides a cleaner way to work with Promises and makes asynchronous code look synchronous.

4.1 Writing Async Functions

```
async function getData() {
  console.log("Fetching data...");
  let response = await fetchData(); // Waiting for the promise to resolve
  console.log("Data received:", response);
}
getData();
4.2 Handling Errors with Try-Catch
async function getData() {
  try {
     console.log("Fetching data...");
     let response = await fetchData();
     console.log("Data received:", response);
  } catch (error) {
     console.error("Error:", error);
  }
}
getData();
```

5. Summary



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Method Description

Callbacks Basic way to handle async code but can lead to callback hell.

Promises A more structured way with then, catch, finally.

Async/Await Modern, cleaner syntax for handling Promises.



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