

Custom Asynchronous Tasks with TaskCompletionSource

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TaskCompletionSource<T>

- Task property
 - Returns Task<T>
- Use TaskCompletionSource<object> for plain Task
- Task status initially WaitingForActivation
- SetResult transitions to RanToCompletion



Errors and Cancellation

- **SetException**
 - Single Exception
 - IEnumerable<Exception>
- TCS provides AggregateException
- SetCanceled



Argument Errors

- **Mid-flow (non-argument) errors**

vs

- **Immediately apparent errors**
- **Argument errors requiring time to discover**



Non-Throwing Completion Methods

- `TrySetResult`
- `TrySetException`
- `TrySetCanceled`



Summary

- `TaskCompletionSource<T>`
- `SetResult`
- `SetException`
- `SetCanceled`
- Argument validation timing
- Non-throwing completion methods

