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In this post, you will learn about JavaScript async/await keywords with the help of examples.

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async/await

- We use the `async` keyword with a function to represent that the function is an asynchronous function.
- The `async` function returns a promise.

```
async function name(parameter1, parameter2, ...parameterN) {  
  // statements  
}
```

- **name** – name of the function.
- **parameters** – parameters that are passed to the function.

Async Function

```
// async function example
async function f() {
  console.log('Async function.');
  return Promise.resolve(1);
}
f();
```

Async function.

Output

- Since this function returns a promise, you can use the chaining method `then()`.

```
async function f() {
  console.log('Async function.');
  return Promise.resolve(1);
}
f().then(function(result) {
  console.log(result)
});
```

1
Async function

Output

await Keyword

- The await keyword is used inside the async function to wait for the asynchronous operation.
- The use of await pauses the async function until the promise returns a result value.

```
let result = await promise;
```

```
let promise = new Promise(function (resolve, reject) {  
  setTimeout(function () {  
    resolve('Promise resolved');  
  }, 4000);  
});  
  
async function asyncFunc() { // async function  
  // wait until the promise resolves  
  let result = await promise;  
  console.log(result);  
  console.log('hello');  
}  
  
// calling the async function  
asyncFunc();
```

Promise resolved
hello

Output

- In the prev. program, a Promise object is created and it gets resolved after 4000 milliseconds.
- Here, the `asyncFunc()` function is written using the `async` function.
- The `await` keyword waits for the promise to be complete (resolve or reject).
- Hence, `hello` is displayed only after promise value is available to the `result` variable

```
let promise = new Promise(function (resolve, reject) {  
  setTimeout(function () {  
    resolve('Promise resolved');  
  }, 4000);  
});  
  
async function asyncFunc() {  
  let result = await promise;  
  console.log(result);  
  console.log('hello');  
}  
  
asyncFunc();
```

calling function

waits for promise to complete

Error Handling

- While using the `async` function, you write the code in a synchronous manner.
- And you can also use the `catch()` method to catch the error.

```
asyncFunc().catch(  
  // catch error and do something  
)
```

- The other way you can handle an error is by using `try/catch` block.

```
// a promise  
let promise = new Promise(function (resolve, reject) {  
  setTimeout(function () {  
    resolve('Promise resolved');  
  }, 4000);  
});  
  
// async function  
async function asyncFunc() {  
  try {  
    // wait until the promise resolves  
    let result = await promise;  
    console.log(result);  
  }  
  catch(error) {  
    console.log(error);  
  }  
}  
  
// calling the async function  
asyncFunc(); // Promise resolved
```

Benefits of Using async Function

- The code is more readable than using a callback or a promise.
- Error handling is simpler.
- Debugging is easier.

Note: You can use `await` only inside of **async functions**.

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