# Understanding Promises in Cypress and Handling Non-Cypress Commands

## 1. What Are Promises in Cypress?

Promises are a way to handle asynchronous operations in JavaScript. They represent a value that may be available now, or in the future, or never. In Cypress, all commands are asynchronous, but Cypress abstracts away the need for explicit promise handling.

Key Points to Mention:

- Cypress commands do not return promises directly but instead queue commands and automatically handle chaining.

- Cypress uses a command queue to ensure commands execute sequentially and retries failed assertions until they pass or time out.

- This abstraction makes it easier to write asynchronous code without explicitly using `.then` or `async/await` for Cypress commands.

Example:

```javascript  
cy.get('#username').type('admin'); // Asynchronous command  
cy.get('#password').type('password123');  
cy.get('#loginButton').click();  
```

Cypress ensures these commands run in order without needing to handle promises explicitly.

## 2. Why Handle Promises in Non-Cypress Commands?

If you need to perform non-Cypress asynchronous actions, like fetching data using `fetch`, interacting with APIs, or using third-party libraries, you must handle promises manually.

- Non-Cypress commands are not part of Cypress's command queue.

- To ensure proper execution, Cypress provides the `cy.wrap()` and `cy.then()` methods to bridge non-Cypress promises with Cypress's command queue.

## 3. Handling Promises in Non-Cypress Commands

Scenario: Using a Fetch API

If you use a non-Cypress command like `fetch`, it returns a promise. You can handle this in Cypress using `cy.wrap()` or `cy.then()`.

```javascript  
cy.then(() => {  
 return fetch('https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1') // Non-Cypress command  
 .then(response => response.json())  
 .then(data => {  
 expect(data.id).to.equal(1); // Perform assertions  
 });  
});  
```

Here, `cy.then()` integrates the promise into the Cypress command chain.

## 4. Example: Custom Helper Function Returning a Promise

If you have a custom function that returns a promise:

```javascript  
function getDataFromApi() {  
 return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {  
 setTimeout(() => {  
 resolve('API Data');  
 }, 1000);  
 });  
}  
  
// Handling in Cypress  
cy.then(() => {  
 return getDataFromApi().then(data => {  
 cy.log(data); // Logs "API Data"  
 expect(data).to.equal('API Data');  
 });  
});  
```

## 5. Using `cy.wrap()` for Non-Cypress Promises

Instead of using `cy.then()`, you can also use `cy.wrap()` to integrate non-Cypress promises:

```javascript  
function getData() {  
 return Promise.resolve('Cypress Example Data');  
}  
  
cy.wrap(getData()).then(data => {  
 cy.log(data); // Logs "Cypress Example Data"  
 expect(data).to.equal('Cypress Example Data');  
});  
```

## 6. Key Differences Between Cypress and Non-Cypress Promises

| Feature | Cypress Commands | Non-Cypress Commands |

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| Execution | Automatically chained in Cypress's queue | Must handle explicitly with `.then()` or `async/await` |

| Retries | Cypress automatically retries on failures | No retries; you must handle errors manually |

| Integration | Seamless chaining | Requires wrapping with `cy.wrap()` or `cy.then()` |

## 7. Summary of Answer

When answering in an interview:

1. Start by defining promises and their role in asynchronous JavaScript.

2. Explain how Cypress handles promises implicitly through its command queue.

3. Emphasize that non-Cypress commands require manual promise handling and show how to integrate them into Cypress tests using `cy.wrap()` or `cy.then()`.

4. Conclude by highlighting how this integration maintains seamless test execution.

This structured approach demonstrates both theoretical understanding and practical application!