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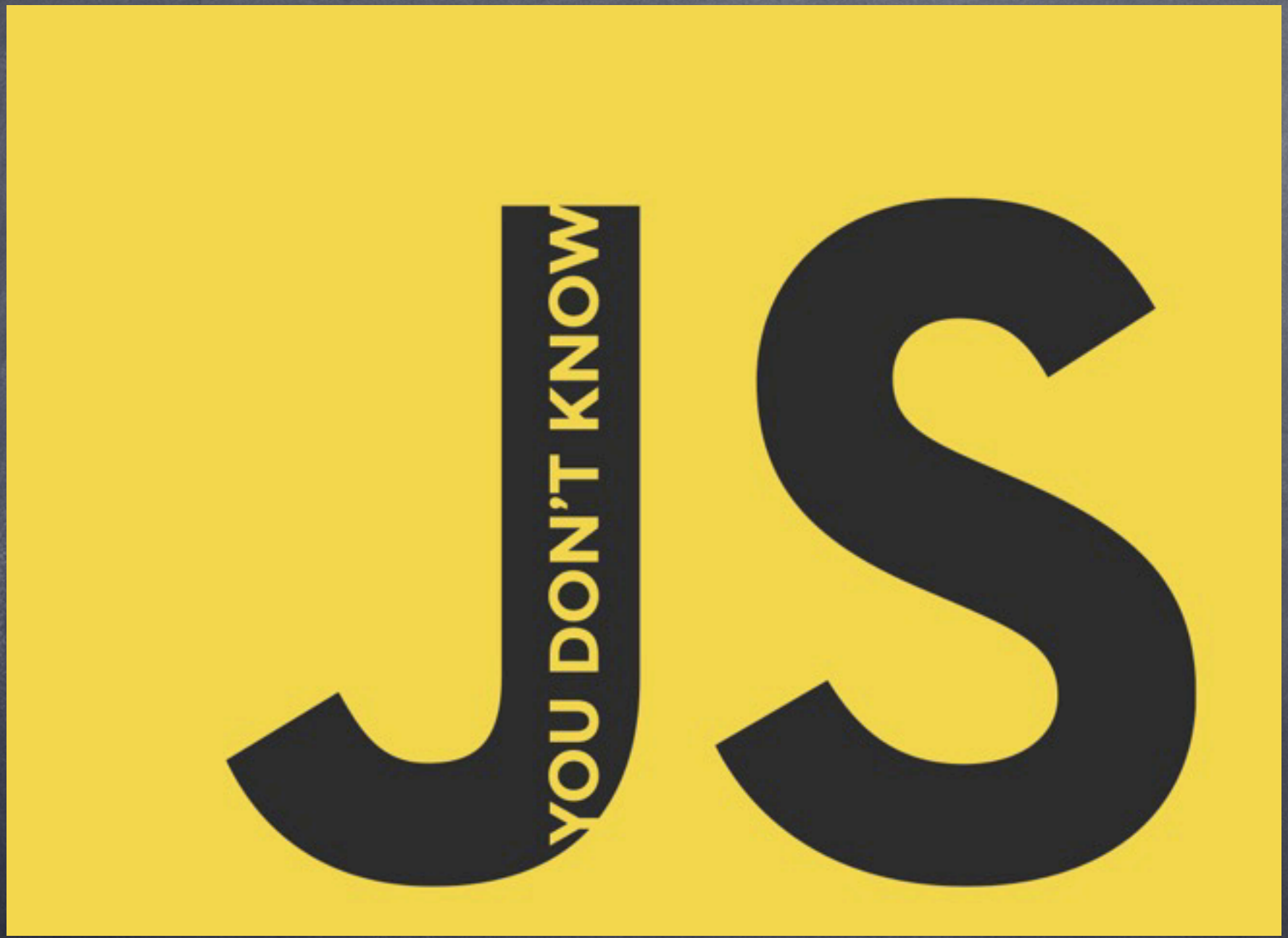

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Agenda

Async Patterns

- Parallel vs Async
- Callbacks
- Thunks
- Promises
- Generators/Coroutines

Parallel
vs
Async

Threads

Async Patterns: parallel vs async

Single Thread

Concurrency

Async Patterns: parallel vs async

1

2

3

4

1

2

3

done!

done!

Async Patterns: parallel vs async

Async Patterns

Callbacks

```
1 setTimeout(function(){
2     console.log("callback!");
3 },1000);
```

Async Patterns: callbacks

Callbacks

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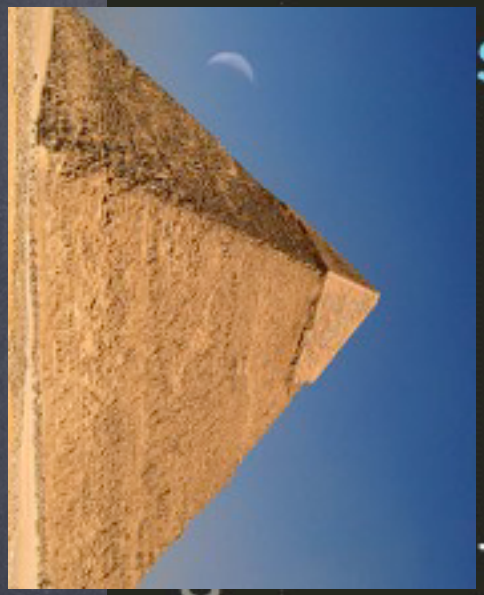
Continuations

Async Patterns: callbacks

```
1 setTimeout(function(){
2     console.log("one");
      setTimeout(function(){
          console.log("two");
          setTimeout(function(){
              console.log("three");
          },1000);
      },1000);
9 },1000);
```



Async Patterns: "callback hell"

```
1  function one(cb) {
2      console.log("one");
3      setTimeout(cb,1000);
4  }
5  function two(cb) {
6      console.log("two");
7      setTimeout(cb,1000);
8  }
9  function three() {
10     console.log("three");
11 }
12
13 one(function(){
14     two(three);
15 });
```

Async Patterns: "callback hell"

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Two Problems

Async Patterns: "callback hell"

Inversion of Control

Async Patterns: "callback hell"

```
1 // line 1
2 setTimeout(function(){
3       // line 3
4       // line 4
5 },1000);
6 // line 2
```

Async Patterns: inversion of control

```
1 trackCheckout(
2       purchaseInfo,
3       function finish() {
4           chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
5           showThankYouPage();
6       }
7 );
```

Async Patterns: inversion of control

```
var hasBeenCalled = false;

trackCheckout(
    purchaseInfo,
    function finish() {
        if (!hasBeenCalled) {
            hasBeenCalled = true;
            chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
            showThankYouPage();
        }
    }
);
```

Async Patterns: inversion of control

Trust:

1. not too early
2. not too late
3. not too many times
4. not too few times
5. no lost context
6. no swallowed errors

…

Async Patterns: inversion of control

Not Reasonable

```
 1  start task1:
 2      do some stuff
 3      pause
 4
 5  start task2:
 6      do some other stuff
 7      pause
 8
 9  resume task1:
10      do more stuff
11      pause
12
13  resume task2:
14      finish stuff
15
16  resume task1:
17      finish stuff
```

Async Patterns: not reasonable

```
start task1:
    do some stuff
    pause

    resume task1:
        do more stuff
        pause

        resume task1:
            finish stuff


start task2:
    do some other stuff
    pause

    resume task2:
```

Async Patterns: not reasonable

We Write:

```
1 console.log("First half of my program");
2
3 setTimeout(function(){
4
5     console.log("Second half of my program");
6
7 },1000);
```

Async Patterns: not reasonable

We Think:

```
1 console.log("First half of my program");
2
3 block(1000);
4
5 console.log("Second half of my program");
6
7
```

Async Patterns: not reasonable

JavaScript Thinks:

```
1 console.log("First half of my program");
2
3 // do lots of other stuff
4
5 console.log("Second half of my program");
6
7
```

Async Patterns: not reasonable

Sync-Looking Async

Synchronous
Sequential
Blocking

Async Patterns: not reasonable

Non Fixes

```
1  function trySomething(ok,err) {
2      setTimeout(function(){
3          var num = Math.random();
4          if (num > 0.5) ok(num);
5          else err(num);
6      },1000);
7  }
8
9  trySomething(
10     function(num){
11         console.log("Success: " + num);
12     },
13     function(num){
14         console.log("Sorry: " + num);
15     }
16 );
```

Async Patterns: separate callbacks

```
1  function trySomething(cb) {
2      setTimeout(function(){
3          var num = Math.random();
4          if (num > 0.5) cb(null,num);
5          else cb("Too low!");
6      },1000);
7  }
8
9  trySomething(function(err,num){
10     if (err) {
11         console.log(err);
12     }
13     else {
14         console.log("Number: " + num)
15     }
16 });
```

Async Patterns: "error-first style"

Running Example: "The Meaning Of Life"

```
1  function getData(d,cb) {
2      setTimeout(function(){ cb(d); },1000);
3  }
4
5  getData(10,function(num1){
6      var x = 1 + num1;
7      getData(30,function(num2){
8          var y = 1 + num2;
9          getData(
10             "Meaning of life: " + (x + y),
11             function(answer){
12                 console.log(answer);
13                 // Meaning of life: 42
14             }
15         );
16     });
17 });
```

Async Patterns: nested-callback tasks

Async Patterns

Thunks

```
1 function add(x,y) {
2     return x + y;
3 }
4
5 var thunk = function() {
6     return add(10,15);
7 };
8
9 thunk(); // 25
```

Async Patterns: thunks

```
1  function addAsync(x,y,cb) {
2      setTimeout(function(){
3          cb( x + y );
4      },1000);
5  }
6
7  var thunk = function(cb) {
8      addAsync(10,15,cb);
9  };
10
11 thunk(function(sum){
12     sum; // 25
13 });
```

Async Patterns: thunks

```
1 function makeThunk(fn) {
2     var args = [].slice.call(arguments,1);
3     return function(cb) {
4         args.push(cb);
5         fn.apply(null,args);
6     };
7 }
```

Async Patterns: thunks

```
1  function addAsync(x,y,cb) {
2      setTimeout(function(){
3          cb( x + y );
4      },1000);
5  }
6
7  var thunk = makeThunk(addAsync,10,15);
8
9  thunk(function(sum){
10     console.log(sum); // 25
11 });
```

Async Patterns: thunks

```
var get10 = makeThunk(getData,10);
var get30 = makeThunk(getData,30);

get10(function(num1){
    var x = 1 + num1;
    get30(function(num2){
        var y = 1 + num2;

        var getAnswer = makeThunk( getData,
            "Meaning of life: " + (x + y)
        );

        getAnswer(function(answer){
            console.log(answer);
            // Meaning of life: 42
        });
    });
});
```

Async Patterns: nested-thunk tasks

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Async Patterns

Promises

Future Values

"Completion Events"

Async Patterns

```
1  function finish(){
2      chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
3      showThankYouPage();
4  }
5
6  function error(err){
7      logStatsError(err);
8      finish();
9  }
10
11 var listener = trackCheckout(purchaseInfo);
12
13 listener.on("completion",finish);
14 listener.on("error",error);
```

Async Patterns: "completion event"

```
1  function trackCheckout(info) {
2      return new Promise(
3          function(resolve,reject){
4              // attempt to track the checkout
5
6              // if successful, call resolve()
7              // otherwise, call reject(error)
8          }
9      );
10 }
```

Async Patterns: (native) promises

```
1  function finish(){
2      chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
3      showThankYouPage();
4  }
5
6  function error(err){
7      logStatsError(err);
8      finish();
9  }
10
11 var promise = trackCheckout(purchaseInfo);
12
13 promise.then(
14     finish,
15     error
16 );
```

Async Patterns: (native) promises

Still callbacks?

Async Patterns: (native) promises

Promise Trust:

1. only resolved once
2. either success OR error
3. messages passed/kept
4. exceptions become errors
5. immutable once resolved

unInversion of Control

Async Patterns: (native) promises

Flow Control

Async Patterns: (native) promises

```
1 doFirstThing
2     then doSecondThing
3     then doThirdThing
4     then complete
5 or error
```

Async Patterns: promise flow control

Chaining Promises

```
1  doFirstThing()
2  .then(function(){
3      return doSecondThing();
4  })
5  .then(function(){
6      return doThirdThing();
7  })
8  .then(
9      complete,
10     error
11 );
```

Async Patterns: promise flow control

```
1  function delay(num) {
2      return new Promise(function(resolve,reject){
3          setTimeout(resolve,num);
4      });
5  }
6
7  delay(100)
8  .then(function(){
9      return delay(50);
10 })
11 .then(function(){
12     return delay(200);
13 })
14 .then(function(){
15     console.log("all done!");
16 });
```

Async Patterns: promise flow control

```
1  function getData(d) {
2      return new Promise(function(resolve,reject){
3          setTimeout(function(){ resolve(d); },1000);
4      });
5  }
6
7  var x;
8
9  getData(10)
10 .then(function(num1){
11     x = 1 + num1;
12     return getData(30);
13 })
14 .then(function(num2){
15     var y = 1 + num2;
16     return getData("Meaning of life: " + (x + y));
17 })
18 .then(function(answer){
19     console.log(answer);
20     // Meaning of life: 42
21 });
```

Async Patterns: promise flow control

(exercise #3: 5min)

(exercise #4: 5min)

Abstractions

Async Patterns: promises

```
1  Promise.all([
2      doTask1a(),
3      doTask1b(),
4      doTask1c()
5  ])
6  .then(function(results){
7      return doTask2(
8          Math.max(
9              results[0],
10             results[1],
11             results[2]
12         );
13     );
14 });
```

Async Patterns: promise "gate"

```
var p = trySomeAsyncThing();

Promise.race([
    p,
    new Promise(function(_,reject){
        setTimeout(function(){
            reject("Timeout!!");
        },3000);
    })
])
.then(
    success,
    error
);
```

Async Patterns: promise timeout

blog.getify.com/promises-part-1/

github.com/getify/native-promise-only

Async Patterns: learn more

sequence = automatically chained promises

Async Patterns: promises sequence

https://github.com/getify/asynquence

```
ASQ()
.then(function(done){
    setTimeout(done,1000);
})
.gate(
    function(done){
        setTimeout(done,1000);
    },
    function(done){
        setTimeout(done,1000);
    }
)
.then(function(done){
    console.log("2 seconds passed!");
});
```

Async Patterns: sequences & gates

```
1  function getData(d) {
2      return ASQ(function(done){
3          setTimeout(function(){ done(d); },1000);
4      });
5  }
6
7  ASQ()
8  .waterfall(
9      function(done){ getData(10).pipe(done); },
10     function(done){ getData(30).pipe(done); }
11 )
12 .seq(function(num1,num2){
13     var x = 1 + num1;
14     var y = 1 + num2;
15     return getData("Meaning of life: " + (x + y));
16 })
17 .val(function(answer){
18     console.log(answer);
19     // Meaning of life: 42
20 });
```

Async Patterns: sequence tasks

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(exercise #6: 5min)

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Async Patterns: learn more

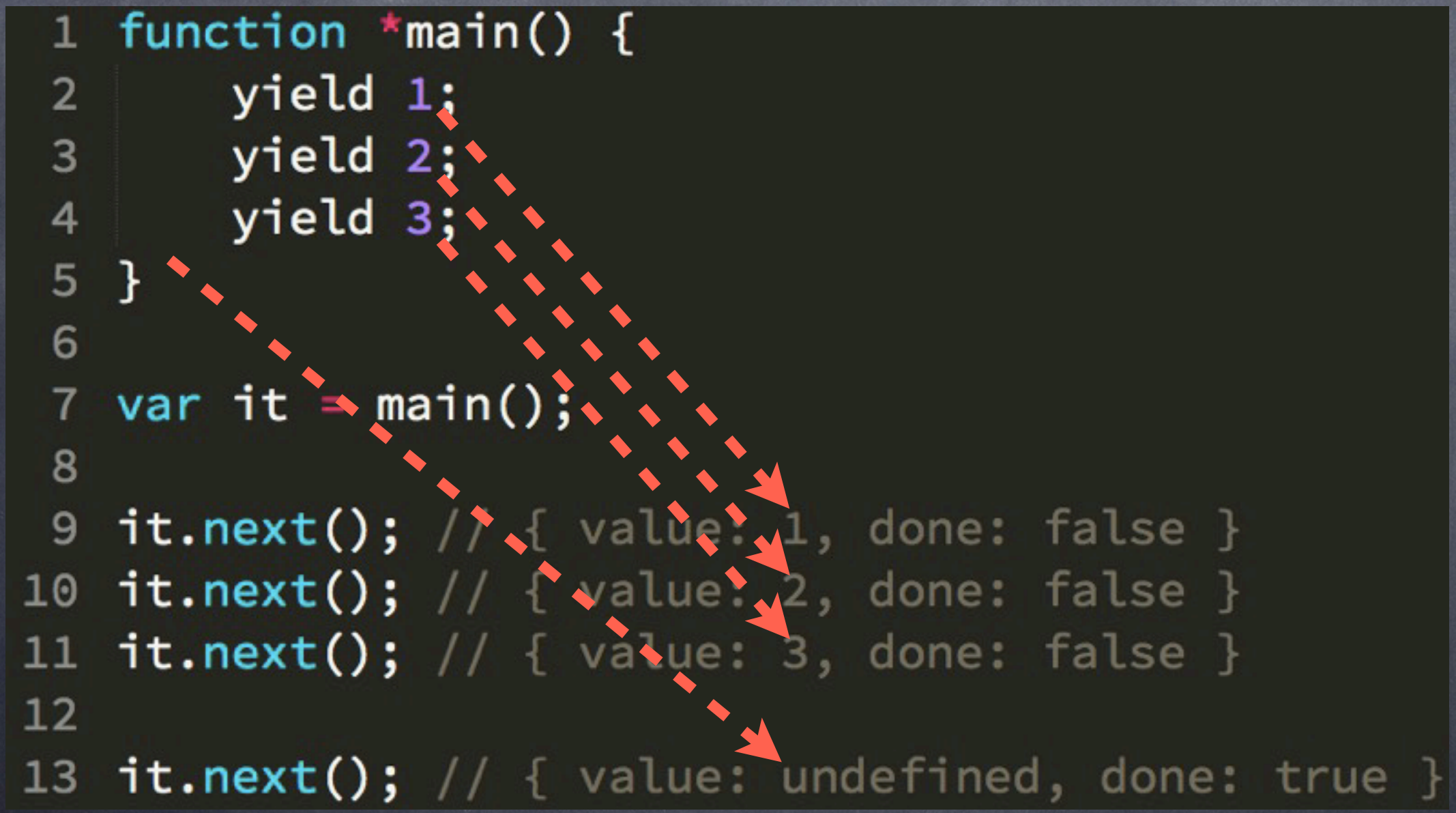
Async Patterns

Generators (yield)

```
1 function* gen() {
2       console.log("Hello");
3       yield;
4       console.log("World");
5 }
6
7 var it = gen();
8 it.next(); // Hello
9 it.next(); // World
```

Async Patterns: generators

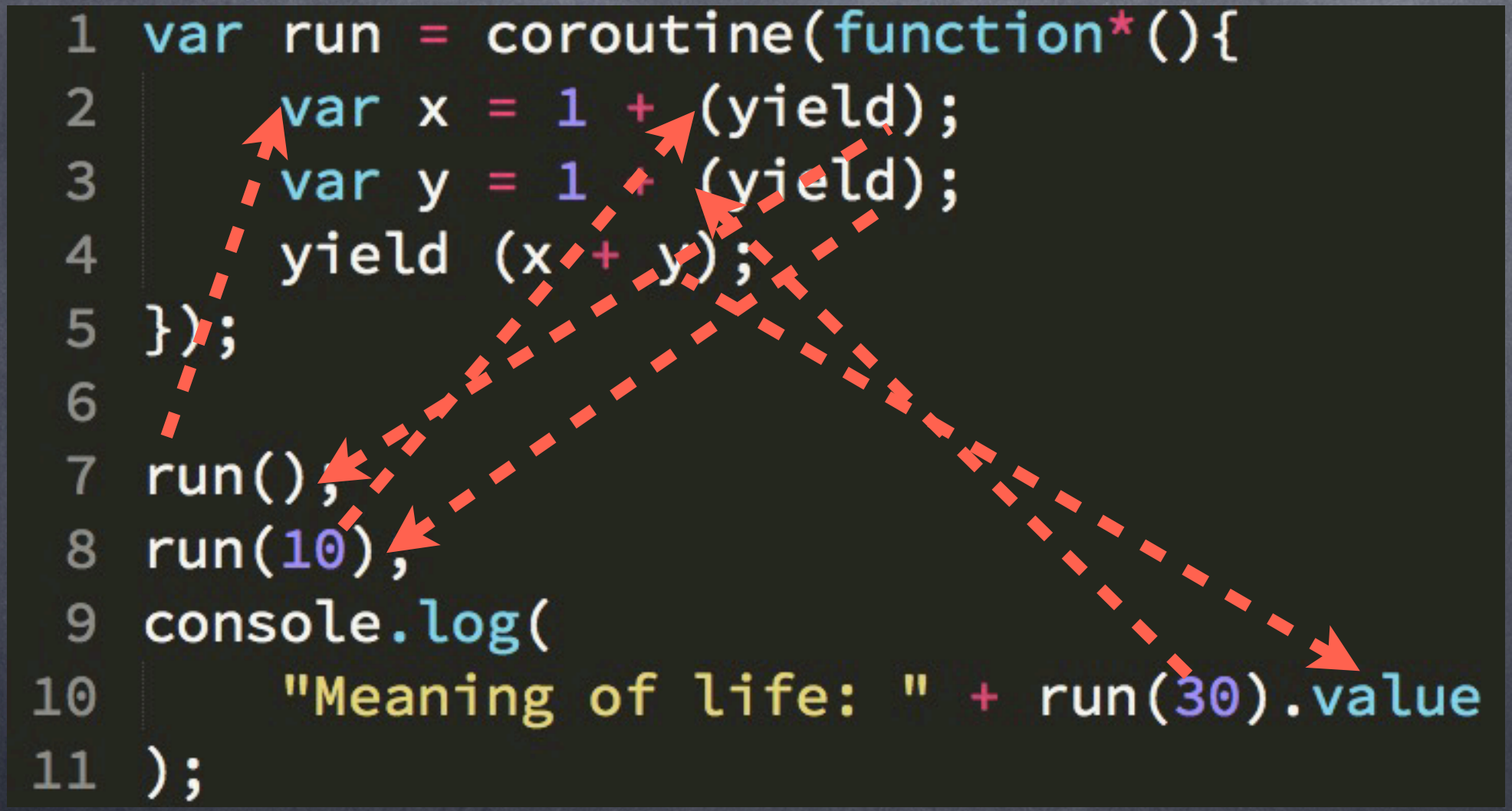
```
1  function *main() {
2      yield 1;
3      yield 2;
4      yield 3;
5  }
6
7  var it = main();
8
9  it.next(); // { value: 1, done: false }
10 it.next(); // { value: 2, done: false }
11 it.next(); // { value: 3, done: false }
12
13 it.next(); // { value: undefined, done: true }
```



Async Patterns: generators

```
1 function coroutine(g) {
2     var it = g();
3     return function(){
4         return it.next.apply(it,arguments);
5     };
6 }
```

Async Patterns: generator coroutines



Async Patterns: generator messages

```
1  function getData(d) {
2      setTimeout(function(){ run(d); },1000);
3  }
4
5  var run = coroutine(function*(){
6      var x = 1 + (yield getData(10));
7      var y = 1 + (yield getData(30));
8      var answer = (yield getData(
9          "Meaning of life: " + (x + y)
10     ));
11     console.log(answer);
12     // Meaning of life: 42
13 });
14
15 run();
```

Async Patterns: yield tasks

generators + promises

Async Patterns: async generators

yield promise

```
1  function getData(d) {
2      return ASQ(function(done){
3          setTimeout(function(){ done(d); },1000);
4      });
5  }
6
7  ASQ()
8  .runner(function*(){
9      var x = 1 + (yield getData(10));
10     var y = 1 + (yield getData(30));
11     var answer = yield (getData(
12         "Meaning of life: " + (x + y)
13     ));
14     yield answer;
15 })
16 .val(function(answer){
17     console.log(answer);
18     // Meaning of life: 42
19 });
```

Async Patterns: generator+sequence tasks

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Quiz

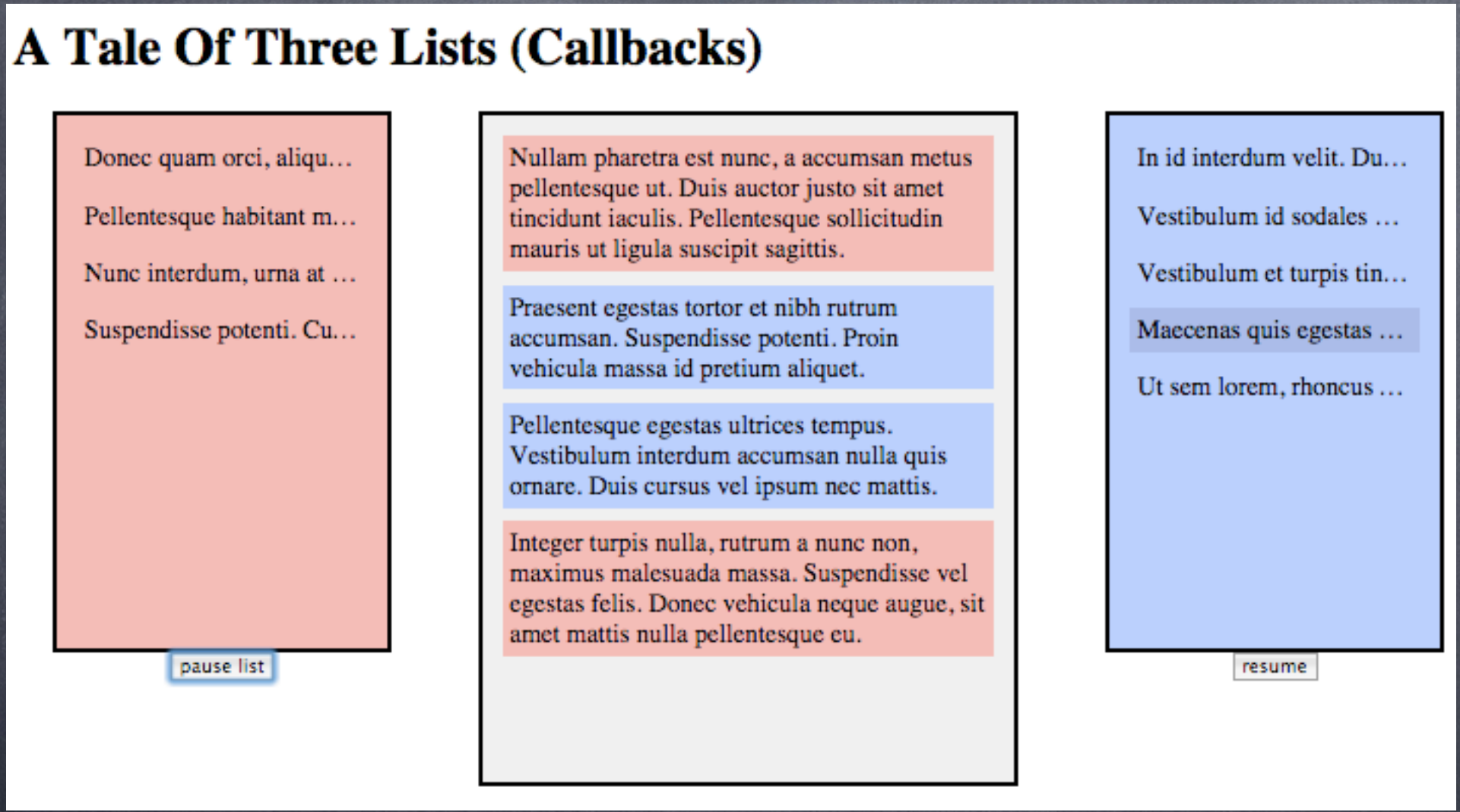
1. What is "callback hell"? Why do callbacks suffer from "inversion of control" and "unreasonability"?
2. What is a Promise? How does it solve inversion of control issues?
3. How do you pause a generator? How do you resume it?
4. How do we combine generators and promises for flow control?

davidwalsh.name/es6-generators

Async Patterns: learn more

Async Patterns

github.com/getify/a-tale-of-three-lists



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