

# Iterator Helpers update

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with special thanks to Gus Caplan, Kevin Gibbons, and Yulia Startsev

**aside: how I would like to receive feedback today**

**resolutions to previously  
discussed topics**

Add `Iterator.prototype.toAsync` #202

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[zloirock](#) commented on Jul 13

Resolves #160 (comment)

[devsnek](#) reviewed on Jul 13

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```
605 <code><em> clause 1: "sec-iteratorprototype.  
606 <code><em> Iterator.prototype.toAsync  
607 <code><em>  
608 <code>1. Let Record be ? GetIteratorDirect(*this* value).
```

[devsnek](#) on Jul 13

Member

maybe hot take

```
1. Return ? Call(%AsyncIterator.from%, %AsyncIterator%, &laquo; *this* value &raquo;);
```

[zloirock](#) on Jul 13

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# fixes #207: add a counter parameter to Array analogues that have indices #211

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michaelficarra commented 23 days ago

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Fixes #207. Adds "counter" parameters to callbacks of methods that have an `Array.prototype` analogue that passes an index to its callback. Also removes `.indexed()` now that it's equivalent to `.map((a, i) => [i, a])`.

Feedback on #207 has been mixed. I am not yet convinced that this is an improvement, but I am also not opposed to this change if that's what the committee decides.



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michaelficarra added 2 commits 23 days ago



[fixes #207: add a counter parameter to Array analogues that have them](#)

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[remove no longer necessary .indexed\(\) methods](#)

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## fixes #115: @@toStringTag is an accessor now

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michaelficarra commented 23 days ago

Fixes #115. Option 1: make a gross accessor.



fixes #115: @@toStringTag is an accessor now



ljharb reviewed 23 days ago

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Add more commits by pushing to the GH-115 branch on tc39/proposal-iterator-helpers



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## fixes #115: @@toStringTag is writable now #2

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michaelficarra commented 23 days ago

Fixes #115. Option 2: just make @@toStringTag writable.



fixes #115: @@toStringTag is writable now

Add more commits by pushing to the GH-115-2 branch on tc39/proposal-iterator-helpers



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## fixes #173: add the new intrinsics as properties of something reachable #212

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michaelficarra commented 23 days ago

Member

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Fixes #173. I really do not want to merge this, but if the committee is so inclined, this should do it.

/cc @erights

[🔗](#) [fixes #173: add the new intrinsics as properties of .from](#)

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devsnk commented 23 days ago

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# proposal summary (assuming all 3 PRs are accepted)

- `Iterator()`
- `Iterator.from(O)`
  - `.WrapForValidIteratorPrototype`
- `Iterator.HelperPrototype`
- `Iterator.prototype`
  - `.constructor`
  - `.map(mapperWithCounter)`
  - `.filter(predicateWithCounter)`
  - `.take(limit)`
  - `.drop(limit)`
  - `.flatMap(mapperWithCounter)`
  - `.reduce(reducerWithCounter [, initialValue])`
  - `.toArray()`
  - `.forEach(effectWithCounter)`
  - `.some(predicateWithCounter)`
  - `.every(predicateWithCounter)`
  - `.find(predicateWithCounter)`
  - `[@@toStringTag]`
  - `.toAsync()`
- `AsyncIterator()`
- `AsyncIterator.from(O)`
  - `.WrapForValidAsyncIteratorPrototype`
- `AsyncIterator.HelperPrototype`
- `AsyncIterator.prototype`
  - `.constructor`
  - `.map(mapperWithCounter)`
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  - `.every(predicateWithCounter)`
  - `.find(predicateWithCounter)`
  - `[@@toStringTag]`



**other noteworthy changes**

## fixes #228: fail earlier when an iterable produces a broken iterator #232

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michaelificarra commented 3 days ago

Member



Fixes #228.

[fixes #228: fail earlier when an iterable produces a broken iterator](#)

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[michaelificarra](#) requested review from [bakkot](#) and [devsnek](#) 3 days ago✓ [devsnek](#) approved these changes 3 days ago[View changes](#)[bergus](#) mentioned this pull request 2 days agoGetIterator should check for `next` being a method tc39/ecma262#2903[Open](#)✓ [bakkot](#) approved these changes 6 hours ago[View changes](#)

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**new open questions**

# forEach return value (#217)

- currently: `undefined`
- possibly: "value" from IteratorResult object when its "done" is true
- argument in favour:
  - final values are useful; that's why the generator protocol has them
- argument against:
  - not part of the Iteration subset of the protocol used by for-of/for-await-of
  - already decided earlier that Iterator helpers do not preserve the full generator protocol
  - while technically part of the Iteration protocol, this value is not observable using existing facilities

# should flatMap flatten iterables or iterators? ([#229](#))

- currently: `.flatMap` calls `GetIterator` on the result of the passed callback
- possibly: assume the result is already an iterator
- argument in favour:
  - `X.prototype.flatMap` flattens `Xs`
  - doesn't currently work with manually implemented iterators that are not also iterable
- argument against:
  - convenient for callbacks that already produce iterables
- considerations:
  - maybe accept both? (see open PR [#233](#))
    - should `Iterator.from` and `AsyncIterator.from` be aligned with this logic?
  - what does async flatMap do when a sync iterator is returned?
  - are primitives (including strings!) iterable if they have a `Symbol.iterator` or should they fail?
    - what will we do about Tuples when they land?

# allow interleaved next/return on produced async iterators ([#223](#))

- in manual async iterators
  - you can call `.return` while `.next` is waiting on an async operation
  - so you can trigger cleanup/cancellation before the async operation to completes
- since `.map` has its own internal queue of calls to `.next/.return`
  - it never calls `.return` on the underlying iterator while it's waiting on `.next`
  - so `.map` limits the above use case as specified today
- also applies to many other async iterator helpers

**Due to significant new design questions, no stage 3 today.**

**Hopefully next meeting.**