

Asynchronous JavaScript

- Multi-tasking
- Single-threaded
- Event loop
- Callbacks
- Promises
- Async/await

Multi-tasking

- Computers can do multiple things at once
- Multi-tasking is the ability to run multiple tasks at the same time
- Multi-tasking can be achieved in two ways:
 - Multi-threading
 - Event loop

Threads vs. Processes

- A process is an instance of a computer program that is being executed
- A thread is a sequence of instructions within a program that can be executed independently of other code
- A process can have multiple threads

Browser Rendering Process

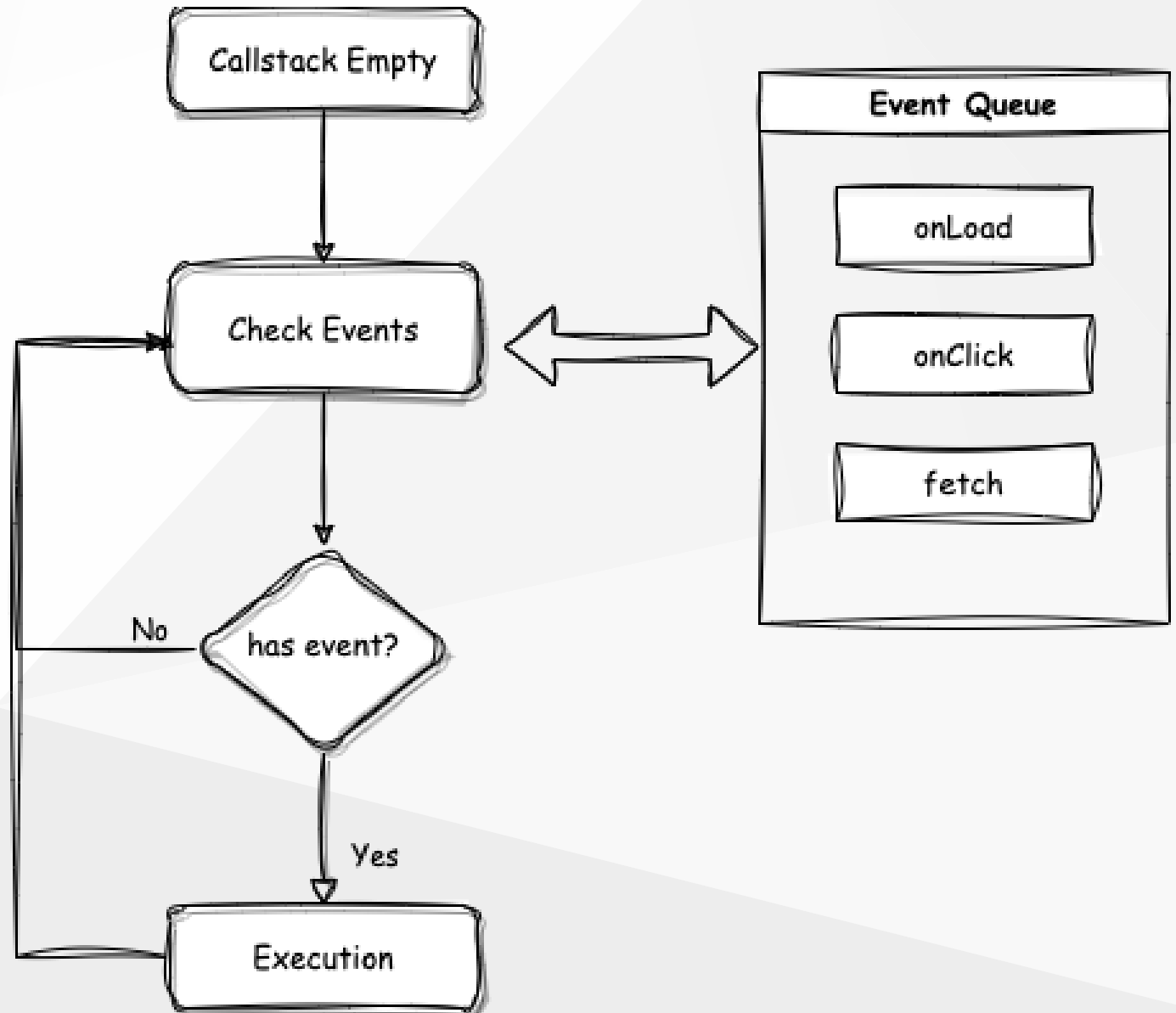
- Browser tabs are processes (in Chrome) or threads (in Firefox)
- Browser rendering processes have multiple threads
 - GUI rendering thread
 - **JS Engine thread**
 - Event trigger thread
 - Timer trigger thread
 - Asynchronous HTTP request thread

JS Engine Thread

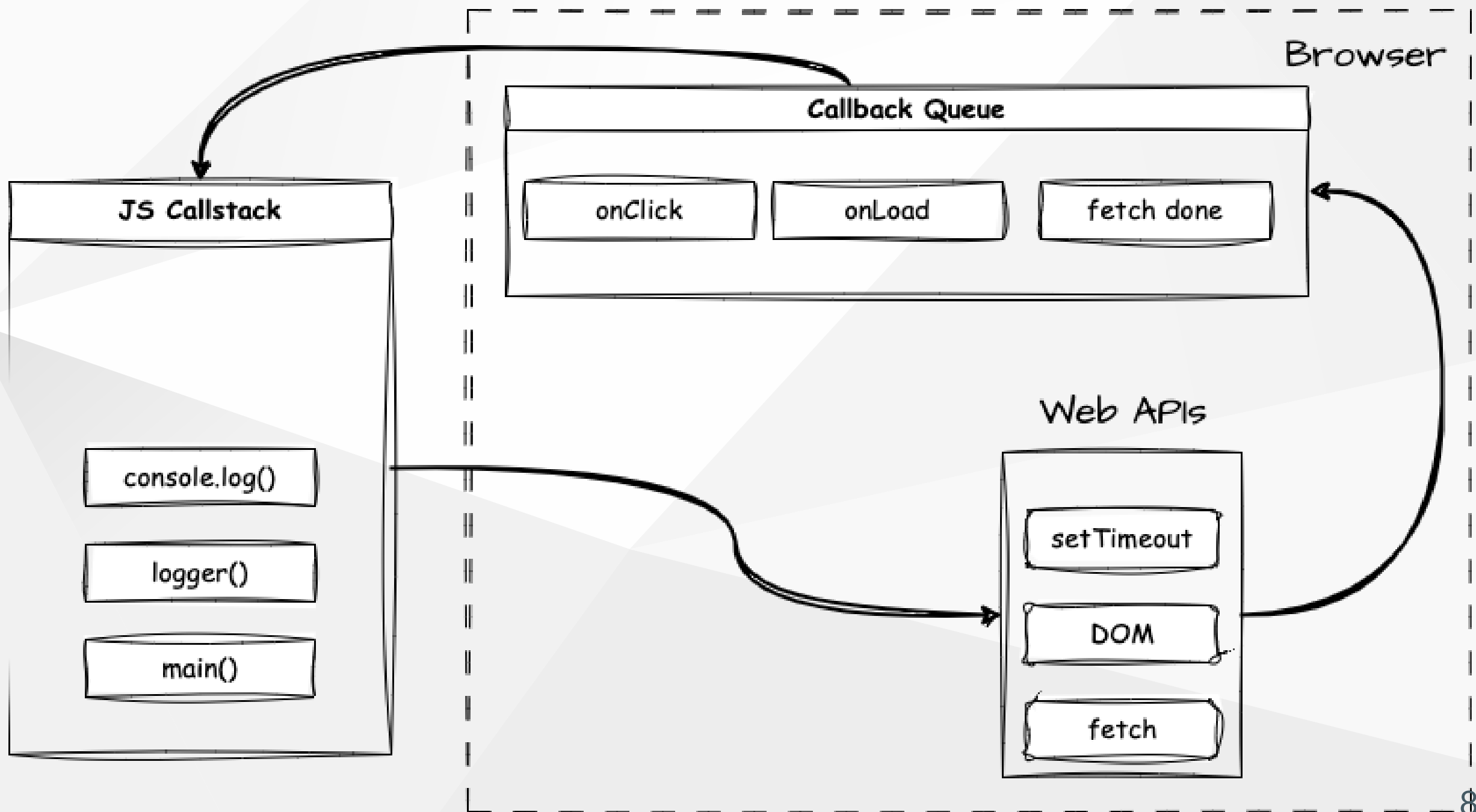
- JavaScript is single-threaded
- JavaScript has synchronous and asynchronous tasks
- JavaScript has a call stack and a task queue
- Out of the main thread, event trigger thread manages the task queue

Event Loop

- Event loop is a mechanism that handles asynchronous tasks



```
function logger() {  
  console.log('log');  
}  
  
button.addEventListener('click', logger);  
  
logger();
```



Asynchronous Programming with Callbacks

- Callbacks are functions that are passed as arguments to other functions
- Callbacks are executed after the function they are passed to completes

```
button.addEventListener('click', () => {  
  console.log('button clicked');  
});
```

Timers

- Timers are used to schedule tasks to be executed at a later time

```
setTimeout(() => {  
  console.log('Hello');  
}, 1000);
```

```
let intervalId = setInterval(() => {  
  console.log('Hello');  
}, 1000);  
  
function stopInterval() {  
  clearInterval(intervalId);  
}
```

Network Events

- Network events are used to handle network requests

```
fetch('https://api.github.com/users')  
  .then(response => response.json())  
  .then(data => console.log(data));
```

```
const xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();  
xhr.open('GET', 'https://api.github.com/users');  
xhr.onload = () => {  
  console.log(xhr.response);  
};  
xhr.send();
```

How Tasks are Executed

- Tasks are executed in the order they are added to the task queue

```
console.log('start');

setTimeout(() => {
  console.log('setTimeout');
}, 0);

// Promise.resolve().then(() => {
//   console.log('Promise');
// });

console.log('end');
```

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Callback Hell

- Callback hell is a phenomenon that occurs when there are too many nested callbacks
- Callback hell makes code hard to read and maintain
- Hard to handle errors

Promises

- What is a promise?
- How to create a promise?
- **How to use a promise?**
- How to handle errors?

Terminology

- Promise
- Pending, Fulfilled, Rejected, Settled, Resolved
- Resolve, Reject
- Then, Catch, Finally

Promises (cont'd)

- Promises are objects that represent the *result* of an asynchronous operation
- Promises have three states:
 - Pending
 - Fulfilled
 - Rejected

Chaining Promises

- Promises can be chained
- The result of a promise is passed to the next promise in the chain

```
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Resolving Promises

- when a promise is resolved with a value that is not itself a promise, the promise is fulfilled with that value
- if the value is a promise, the promise is resolved but not yet fulfilled. The fulfillment of the promise is handled by the promise that was passed in

Create a Promise

```
const promise = new Promise((resolve, reject) => {  
  // do something  
  if (/* success */) {  
    resolve(/* value */);  
  } else {  
    reject(/* reason */);  
  }  
});
```

Promises in Parallel

- Promises can be executed in parallel
- `Promise.all()`, `Promise.race()`, `Promise.allSettled()`

`async` - `await`

- `async` - `await` is a syntactic sugar for promises
- `async` - `await` makes asynchronous code look like synchronous code
- `async` - `await` is built on top of promises

Error Handling

- coder always make mistakes, called bugs
- some bugs can be handled by try-catch
- error object
 - name
 - message
 - stack

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Microtasks (jobs) vs. Macrotasks (tasks)

- Microtasks are executed before macrotasks
- Microtasks : JS Promise
- Macrotasks : DOM, Network, Timer, Node.js
- <https://jakearchibald.com/2015/tasks-microtasks-queues-and-schedules/>