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What are asynchronous streams and how do you implement them in C#?

Answer:

Asynchronous streams are a feature introduced in C# 8.0 that allows you to perform asynchronous operations while iterating over a collection. They are implemented using the `IAsyncEnumerable<T>` interface and the `async` and `await` keywords. You can define an asynchronous iterator method with the `async` keyword and use `yield return` to return elements one at a time. The consumer of the asynchronous stream can then use `await foreach` to asynchronously iterate over the elements.

In below example, `GetNumbersAsync` is an asynchronous iterator method that yields numbers 0 through 9, simulating an asynchronous operation before each yield. The `await foreach` statement is used to consume the numbers as they are produced by the asynchronous stream.

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```
1 public async IAsyncEnumerable<int> GetNumbersAsync()
2 {
3     for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
4     {
5         await Task.Delay(100); // Simulate asynchronous work
6         yield return i; // Yield each number asynchronously
7     }
8 }
9
10 // Consuming the asynchronous stream
11 await foreach (var number in GetNumbersAsync())
12 {
13     Console.WriteLine(number);
14 }
```

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