

# Basic Asynchronous JavaScript

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## Callbacks

Callbacks are functions passed as arguments to other functions, which are then executed once an asynchronous operation is completed.

Example:

```
```javascript
function fetchData(callback) {
  setTimeout(() => {
    const data = "Data fetched!";
    callback(data);
  }, 2000);
}

function handleData(data) {
  console.log(data);
}

fetchData(handleData); // Prints "Data fetched!" after 2 seconds
```
```

## Promises

Promises provide a cleaner way to handle asynchronous operations compared to callbacks, by allowing you to chain operations and handle errors more easily.

Creating a Promise:

```
```javascript
const fetchData = new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
  setTimeout(() => {
    const success = true; // Change to false to see how rejection works
    if (success) {
      resolve("Data fetched!");
    } else {
      reject("Error fetching data.");
    }
  }, 2000);
});
```

```
});
```

```
fetchData
```

```
  .then(data => console.log(data)) // Prints "Data fetched!" if resolved  
  .catch(error => console.error(error)); // Prints error message if rejected  
...
```

## Async/Await

Async/Await is syntactic sugar built on top of Promises, providing a more readable and synchronous-looking code style for asynchronous operations.

Example:

```
```javascript
```

```
function fetchData() {  
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {  
    setTimeout(() => {  
      const success = true;  
      if (success) {  
        resolve("Data fetched!");  
      } else {  
        reject("Error fetching data.");  
      }  
    }, 2000);  
  });  
}
```

```
async function handleData() {  
  try {  
    const data = await fetchData();  
    console.log(data); // Prints "Data fetched!" if resolved  
  } catch (error) {  
    console.error(error); // Prints error message if rejected  
  }  
}
```

```
handleData();  
...
```

## Event Loop

Understanding the event loop is crucial to grasping how JavaScript handles asynchronous operations. The event loop processes the code, handles events, and executes queued tasks like callbacks and Promises.

Key Points:

- JavaScript is single-threaded.
- The call stack handles function execution.
- The event queue holds asynchronous operations (e.g., callbacks, Promises) to be executed.
- The event loop constantly checks the call stack and event queue, processing tasks accordingly.

## Using Fetch API

The Fetch API is a modern replacement for XMLHttpRequest, providing a more straightforward and powerful way to make HTTP requests.

Example:

```
```\javascript
async function fetchData() {
  try {
    const response = await fetch('https://api.example.com/data');
    const data = await response.json();
    console.log(data);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Error fetching data:', error);
  }
}

fetchData();
```\
```

## Summary

- **Callbacks:** Basic way to handle async operations.
- **Promises:** Cleaner syntax, easier error handling.
- **Async/Await:** Synchronous-looking syntax, built on Promises.
- **Event Loop:** Core concept for understanding async behavior.

- **Fetch API:** Modern approach for making HTTP requests.

Understanding and effectively using these asynchronous JavaScript techniques will greatly enhance your ability to write efficient and responsive web applications.