

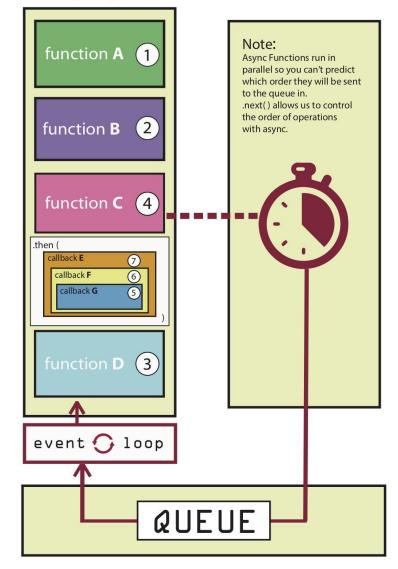
Asynchronous Programming in JS

"The" language of the Web

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- Callbacks
- Functional Programming
- Asynchronous Programming
- Database Access with SQLite
- Promises
- async/await



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CALLBACKS

Callbacks

 A callback function is a function passed into another function as an argument, which is then invoked inside the outer function to complete some kind of routine or action.

- Synchronous
- Asynchronous

```
function logQuote(quote) {
  console.log(quote);
function createQuote(quote,
callback) {
  const myQuote = `Like I always
say, '${quote}'`;
  callback(myQuote);
createQuote("WebApp I rocks!",
logQuote);
```

posso fare anche databaseQuote, fileQuote... e altre cose

Synchronous Callbacks

- Used in functional programming
 - e.g., providing the sort criteria for array sorting

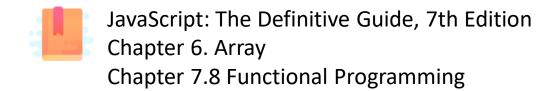
```
let numbers = [4, 2, 5, 1, 3];
numbers.sort(function(a, b) {
  return a - b;
});
console.log(numbers);
```

```
let numbers = [4, 2, 5, 1, 3];
numbers.sort((a, b) => a - b);
console.log(numbers);
sincrona: viene eseguita interamente quando viene richiamta!!!!
```

Synchronous Callbacks

- Example: filter according to a criteria
 - filter() creates a **new** array with all elements for which the callback returns true

```
const market = [
  { name: 'GOOG', var: -3.2 },
                                                   JavaScript come motore è : Sincrono, pero riesce a simulare un
                                                   comportamento assincrono
     name: 'AMZN', var: 2.2 },
                                                                    Non bisogna bloccare il programma, ex: vado
  { name: 'MSFT', var: -1.8 }
                                                                    sul database per un minuto, quindi simula un
];
                                                                    comportamento assincrono
                    funzione generica che filtra secondo qualche criterio
const bad = market.filter(stock => stock.var < 0);</pre>
// [ { name: 'GOOG', var: -3.2 }, { name: 'MSFT', var: -1.8 } ]
                                                                       verra poi definita dopo simulando un assincronità
const good = market.filter(stock => stock.var > 0);
// [ { name: 'AMZN', var: 2.2 } ]
```



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FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Functional Programming: A Brief Overview

- A programming paradigm where the developer mostly construct and structure code using functions
 - not JavaScript's main paradigm, but JavaScript is well suited
- More "declarative style" rather than "imperative style" (e.g., for loops)
- Can improve program readability:

```
new_array =

array.filter ( filter_function );

metodo funzionale : riga,
metodo non funzionale : un ciclo (if ec..) che poi avremo nella callback

programmazione funzionale
```

```
new_array = [];
for (const el of list)
    if ( filter_function(el) )
        new_array.push(el);
```

Notable Features of the Functional Paradigm

funzioni sono cittadini di prima classe

- Functions are first-class citizens
 - functions can be used as if they were variables or constants, combined with other functions and generate new functions in the process, chained with other functions, etc.
- Higher-order functions
 - a function that operates on functions, taking one or more functions as arguments and typically returning a new function
- Function composition si devono poter comporre le funzioni
 - composing/creating functions to simplify and compress your functions by taking functions as an argument and return an output
- Call chaining
 - returning a result of the same type of the argument, so that multiple functional operators may be applied consecutively

Functional Programming in JavaScript

- JavaScript supports the features of the paradigm "out of the box"
- Functional programming requires avoiding mutability
 - i.e., do not change objects in place!
 - e.g., if you need to perform a change in an array, return a new array

Non si cambiano metodi in Place, si evitano nella programmazione funzionale pura

ex: meglio copiare gli array... ecc..

Iterating over Arrays

- Iterators: for ... of, for (..;..;..)
- Iterators: forEach(f) itertaore
 - Process each element with callback f
- Iterators: every(f), some(f)
 - Check whether all/some elements in the array satisfy the Boolean callback f
- Iterators that return a new array: map(f), filter(f) operazioni sui array
 - Construct a new array
- reduce: callback function on all items to progressively compute a result

```
reduce(callback( accumulator, currentValue[, index[, array]] )[, initialValue])
```

si calcola progressivamente un risultato

.forEach()

iteratore

chiama in maniera sincrona la callback una volta per ogni elemento un oggetto che è iterabile come array

 forEach() invokes your (synchronous) callback function once for each element of an iterable

```
const letters = [..."Hello world"];
let uppercase = "";
letters.forEach(letter => {
   uppercase += letter.toUpperCase();
});
console.log(uppercase); // HELLO WORLD
```

come fare FOR letter in letters.... invece di fare FOR nel metodo classico lo faccio al contrario cosi:

.forEach()

- forEach() invokes your (synchronous) callback function once for each element of an iterable
 - The callback may have 3 parameters
 - currentValue: The current element being processed in the array. elemento su cui stiamo iterando sull'array
 - index (Optional): The index of currentValue in the array
- copia del"array intero array (Optional): The array for Each() was called upon.
 - Always returns undefined and is not chainable
 - No way to stop or break a forEach() loop other than by throwing an exception
 - forEach() does not mutate the array on which it is called
 - however, its callback may do so

non è contabenabile con altri metodi, non si puo fare nome.qualcosa ec...

forEach non si puo efermare, non ha il controllo sull'array e non puo avere una callback che modifica quando sta cicclando

.every()

testa se tutti gli elementi di un array passano una certa condizione

- every() tests whether all elements in the array pass the test implemented by the provided function
 - Callback: Same 3 arguments as for Each
 - tutti passano : True

 It returns a Boolean value (truthy/falsy) basta anche solo 1 che non lo passa : False
 - It executes its callback once for each element present in the array until it finds the one where the callback returns a falsy value
 - If such an element is found, **immediately** returns false

```
let a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
a.every(x => x < 10); // => true: all values are < 10
a.every(x => x % 2 === 0); // false: not all even values
```

.some()

logicamente fa la stessa cosa:

Ma in questo caso mentre every diceva o tutti o niente questo VERIFICA se almeno 1 lo soddisfa

- some() tests whether at least one element in the array passes the test implemented by the provided function
 - It returns a Boolean value
 - It executes its callback once for each element present in the array until it finds the one where the callback returns a truthy value
 - if such an element is found, immediately returns true

```
let a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
a.some(x => x%2===0); // => true; a has some even numbers
a.some(isNaN);
```

.map()

Permette di costruire un nuovo Array, passa ogni elemento dell'Array alla funzione che è chiamata La callback deve restituire qualcosa, e Map torna sempre un nuovo Array contente i valori della CallBack

- map() passes each element of the array on which it is invoked to the function you specify
 - the callback should return a value
 - map() always returns a new array containing the values returned by the callback

```
const a = [1, 2, 3];
const b = a.map(x => x*x);
console.log(b); // [1, 4, 9]
```

```
const letters = [... "Hello world"];
const uppercase = letters.map(letter
=> letter.toUpperCase());
console.log(uppercase.join(''));
                        Unisce tutto in un'unica stringa
   restituisce un nuovo Array
                        perchè map va iterato
```

.filter()

manipola l'array ma il suo scopo è fare un Filtro, passa tutti gli Array di un elemento definito da una funzione Se non cè nessun elemento che lo passa viene restituito un Array vuoto

- filter() creates a *new* array with all elements that pass the test implemented by the provided function
 - the callback is a function that returns either true or false
 - if no element passes the test, an empty array is returned

usato: Molto Meno Reduce combina gli elementi di un Array usando la callback specificata e produce un valore SINGOLO

.reduce()

- reduce() combines the elements of an array, using the specified function, to produce a single value
 - this is a common operation in functional programming and goes by the names "inject" and "fold"
- reduce takes two arguments:
 - 1. the "reducer function" (callback) that performs the reduction/combination operation (combine or reduce 2 values into 1) il "lavoro" dove riduce due valori in uno solo, REDUCE
 - 2. an (optional) **initialValue** to pass to the function; if not specified, it uses the first element of the array as initial value (and iteration starts from the next element)

valore iniziale passato alla funzione, un "seed", che serve per fare la combinazione e se non viene passato usa il primo valore iniziale dell'array

.reduce()

- Callbacks used with reduce() are different than the ones used with forEach() and map()
 - the first argument is the accumulated
 result of the reduction so far
 - on the first call to this function, its first argument is the initial value
 - on subsequent calls, it is the value returned by the previous invocation of the reducer function

```
const a = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1];
              callback di due parametri
a.reduce( (accumulator, currentValue) =>
                                        0) par iniziale a 0
accumulator + currentValue,
// 15; the sum of the values
Restituisce: la somma tra il valore corrente e il comulatore
a.reduce((acc, val) => acc*val, 1);
// 120; the product of the values
a.reduce((acc, val) => (acc > val) ? acc
: val);
// 5; the largest of the values
```

Array methods cheatsheet _____ Js tips





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ASYNCHRONOUS PROGRAMMING

Asynchronicity

Rimettono in coda per l'esecuzioni (Assicronia) i elementi che richiedono un qualcosa (tipo in unput) e dopo continua ad eseguire il codice:

Esegue il codice completo e dopo due secondi ritorna di nuovo li, e dopo i due secondi ed esegue deletAfterTimeout

- JavaScript is single-threaded and inherently synchronous
 - i.e., code cannot create threads and run in parallel in the JS engine
- Callbacks are the most fundamental way for writing asynchronous JS code
- How can they work asynchronously?
 - e.g., how can setTimeout() or other async callbacks work?
- Thanks to the Execution Environment
 - e.g., browsers and Node.js
- and the Event Loop

Fa questo: Grazie a Node

Non-Blocking Code!

- Asynchronous techniques are very useful, particularly for web development
- For instance: when a web app runs executes an intensive chunk of code without returning control to the browser, the browser can appear to be frozen
 - this is called blocking, and it should be the exception!
 - the browser is blocked from continuing to handle user input and perform other tasks until the web app returns control of the processor
- This may happen outside browsers, as well
 - e.g., reading a long file from the disk/network, accessing a database and returning data, accessing a video stream from a webcam, etc.
- Most of the JS execution environments are, therefore, deeply asynchronous
 - with non-blocking primitives
 - JavaScript programs are event-driven, typically

Asynchronous Callbacks

- The most fundamental way for writing asynchronous JS code
- Great for "simple" things!
- Handling user actions
 - e.g., button click
- Handling I/O operations
 - e.g., fetch a document
- Handling time intervals
 - e.g., timers
- Interfacing with databases

```
solo su node, legge da tastiera -> Dal terminale
                                           -> Assincrona!
const readline = require('readline');
const rl = readline.createInterface({
    input: process.stdin,
    output: process.stdout
});
rl.question('How old are you? ', (answer) => {
    let description = answer;
    rl.close();
});
```

Timers

To delay the execution of a function:

- -> Chiama la funzione dopo un certo tempo
- setTimeout() runs the callback function after a given period of time
- setInterval() runs the callback function periodically

-> Chiama la funzione ogni volta, dopo un intervallo di tempo

```
const onesec = setTimeout(()=> {
    console.log('hey'); // after 1s
}, 1000);

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

Note: timeout value in ms, $< 2^{31}$ -1 (about 24 days)

```
const myFunction = (firstParam,
secondParam) => {
    // do something
}
// runs after 2 seconds
setTimeout(myFunction, 2000,
firstParam, secondParam);
```

Timers

• clearInterval(): for stopping the periodical invocation of setInterval

```
const id = setInterval(() => {}, 2000);
// «id» is a handle that refers to the timer

clearInterval(id);
```

Handling Errors in Callbacks



- No "official" ways, only best practices!
- Typically, the first parameter of the callback function is for storing any error, while the second one is for the result of the operation
 - this is the strategy adopted by Node.js, for instance

```
fs.readFile('/file.json', (err, data) => {
   if (err !== null) {
     console.log(err);
     return;
   }
   //no errors, process data
   console.log(data);
});
```

Data Persistence

DATABASE ACCESS WITH SQLITE

Server-Side Persistence

- A web server should normally store data into a persistent database
- Node supports most databases
 - Cassandra, Couchbase, CouchDB, LevelDB, MySQL, MongoDB, Neo4j, Oracle,
 PostgreSQL, Redis, SQL Server, SQLite, Elasticsearch
- An easy solution for simple and small-volume applications is SQLite
 - in-process on-file relational database

SQLite



- Uses the 'sqlite' npm module
- Documentation: https://github.com/mapbox/node-sqlite3/wiki

```
npm install sqlite3
```

```
const sqlite = require('sqlite3');
const db = new sqlite.Database('exams.sqlite', // DB filename
   (err) => { if (err) throw err; });
...
db.close();
```

SQLite: Queries

```
rows.forEach((row) => {
   console.log(row.name);
});
```

• const sql = "SELECT...";

- db.all(sql, [params], (err, rows) => { })
 - Executes sql and returns all the rows in the callback
 - If err is true, some error occurred. Otherwise, rows contains the result
 - rows is an array. Each item contains the fields of the result

select*from utenti = Se non produce risultati??!!!
Allora -> Errore? o rows? No da rows

Quando le righe sono vuote rows da Undefine

https://www.sqlitetutorial.net/sqlite-nodejs/

SQLite: Queries

```
rows.forEach((row) => {
   console.log(row.name);
});
```

solo il primo risultato in risposta alla query

- db.get(sql, [params], (err, row) => { })
 - Get only the first row of the result (e.g., when the result has 0 or 1 elements: primary key queries, aggregate functions, ...)
- db.each(sql, [params], (err, row) => { })
 - Executes the callback once per each result row (no need to store all of them)

ed.each esegue la callback per ogni risultato

=> ARROW FUNCTIONS OVUNQUEEEEEEEEE

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SQLite: Other Queries

Usassi un ArrowFuction qua alcune cose non funzionerebbero:

Se si utilizzano this.changes o lastID i valori sarebbero undefine

e con => ridifenirebbe il loro ID

- db.run(sql, [params], function (err) { }
 - For statement that do not return a value
 - CREATE TABLE
 - INSERT
 - UPDATE
 - In the callback function
 - this.changes == number of affected rows
 - this.lastID == number of inserted row ID (for INSERT queries)
 - Note: To make this work correctly in the callback, the arrow function syntax cannot be used here

Parametric Queries

Viene riempito in ordine con quello che cè nell'Array di parametri

- The SQL string may contain parameter placeholders:
- The placeholders are replaced by the values in the [params] array
 - in order: one param per each ?

```
const sql = 'SELECT * FROM course WHERE code=?';
db.get(sql, [code], (err, row) => {
```

i parametri si passano attraverso il campo parametri

 Always use parametric queries – never string+concatenation nor `template strings`

---> !! SQL Injection - (Operazioni non volute o malevole

Example

Table: course

	code	name	CFU
	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	01TYMOV	Information systems security	6
2	02LSEOV	Computer architectures	10
3	01SQJOV	Data Science and Database Technology	8
4	010TWOV	Computer network technologies and services	6
5	04GSPOV	Software engineering	8
6	01TXYOV	Web Applications I	6
7	01NYHOV	System and device programming	10

Table: score

	coursecode	score	laude	datepassed
	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	02LSEOV	25	0	2021-02-01

Example

transcript.js

```
const sqlite = require('sqlite3');
const db = new sqlite.Database('transcript.sqlite',
    (err) => { if (err) throw err; });
let sql = "SELECT * FROM course LEFT JOIN score ON course.code=score.coursecode" ;
db.all(sql, (err,rows)=>{
    if(err) throw err ;
    for (let row of rows) {
        console.log(row);
});
```

Example

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const db = new sqlite.Database('transcript.sqlite',
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db.all(sql, (err,rows)=>{
    if(err) throw err ;
    for (let row of rows) {
        console.log(row);
});
```

```
code: '01TYMOV',
name: ' Information systems security ',
CFU: 6,
coursecode: null,
score: null,
laude: null,
datepassed: null
code: '02LSEOV',
name: ' Computer architectures ',
CFU: 10,
coursecode: '02LSEOV',
score: 25,
laude: 0,
datepassed: '2021-02-01'
```

But...

```
const sqlite = require('sqlite3');
const db = new sqlite.Database('transcript.sqlite', (err) => { if (err) throw err; });
let result = [];
let sql = "SELECT * FROM course LEFT JOIN score ON course.code=score.coursecode" ;
db.all(sql, (err,rows)=>{
   if(err) throw err ;
    for (let row of rows) {
        console.log(row);
        result.push(row);
});
console.log('***********);
for (let row of result) {
   console.log(row);
```

Queries Are Executed Asynchronously

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS "numbers" (
    "number"
               INTEGER
);
INSERT INTO "numbers" ("number") VALUES (1);
                  insert into numbers(number) values(1);
                  -- Add a new line
                  select count(*) as tot from numbers;
                  -- Count how many lines we have
```

number 1





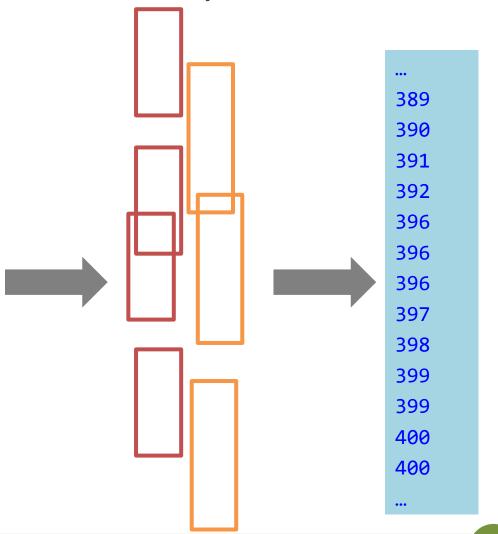


Queries Are Executed Asynchronously

```
const sqlite = require('sqlite3');
const db = new sqlite.Database('data.sqlite',
                                                                                             389
    (err) => { if (err) throw err; });
                                                                                             390
                                                                                             391
for(let i=0; i<100; i++) {
                                                                                             392
    db.run('insert into numbers(number) values(1)',
                                                                                             396
        (err) => { if (err) throw err; });
                                                                                             396
                                                                                             396
    db.all('select count(*) as tot from numbers',
                                                                                             397
    (err, rows) => {
                                                                                             398
        if(err) throw err;
                                                                                             399
        console.log(rows[0].tot);
                                                                                             399
   });
                                                                                             400
                                                                                             400
                                                                   queries.js
db.close();
```

Queries are Executed Asynchronously

```
const sqlite = require('sqlite3');
const db = new sqlite.Database('data.sqlite',
    (err) => { if (err) throw err; });
for(let i=0; i<100; i++) {
    db.run('insert into numbers(number) values(1)',
        (err) => { if (err) throw err; });
    db.all('select count(*) as tot from numbers',
    (err, rows) => {
        if(err) throw err;
        console.log(rows[0].tot);
    });
db.close();
```



Solution?

```
for(let i=0; i<100; i++) {</pre>
    db.run('insert into numbers(number) values(1)',
        (err) => { if (err) throw err;
                         else
    db.all('select count(*) as tot from numbers',
    (err, rows) \Rightarrow {
        if(err) throw err;
        console.log(rows[0].tot);
    });
```



A possible solution is in queries_sync.js, but it's **not** recommended



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PROMISES

Beware: Callback Hell!

- If you want to perform multiple asynchronous actions in a row using callbacks, you must keep passing new functions to handle the continuation of the computation after the previous action
 - every callback adds a level of nesting
 - when you have lots of callbacks, the code starts to be complicated very quickly

```
const readline = require('readline');
const rl = readline.createInterface({
   input: process.stdin,
   output: process.stdout
});
rl.question('Task description: ', (answer) => {
  let description = answer;
  rl.question('Is the task important? (y/n)', (answer) => {
    let important = answer;
    rl.question('Is the task private? (y/n)', (answer) => {
      let privateFlag = answer;
      rl.question('Task deadline: ', (answer) => {
        let date = answer;
        rl.close();
});
```

Promises

promessa che un oggetto verrà riempito dove poi si potranno fare delle operazioni Forniscono in modo standard un modo per togliere le callback infinite

- A core language feature to "simplify" asynchronous programming
 - a possible solution to callback hell, too!
 - a fundamental building block for "newer" functions (async, ES2017)
- It is an **object** representing the **eventual completion** (or **failure**) of an asynchronous operation
 - i.e., an asynchronous function returns a promise to supply the value at some point in the future, instead of returning immediately a final value
- Promises standardize a way to handle errors and provide a way for errors to propagate correctly through a chain of promises

Promises

- Promises can be created or consumed
 - many Web APIs expose Promises to be consumed!
- When consumed:
 - a Promise starts in a pending state
 - the caller function continues the execution, while it waits for the Promise to do its own processing, and give the caller function some "responses"
 - then, the caller function waits for it to either return the promise in a fulfilled state or in a rejected state

Creating a Promise

Pending: Gestito in maniera Automatica

- A Promise object is created using the **new** keyword
- Its constructor takes an executor function, as its parameter
- This function takes two *functions* as parameters:
 - resolve, called when the asynchronous task completes successfully and returns the results of the task as a value
 - reject, called when the task fails and returns the reason for failure (an error object, typically)

```
const myPromise =
 new Promise((resolve, reject) => {)
    // do something asynchronous which
    eventually call either:
      resolve(someValue); // fulfilled
    // or
      reject("failure reason"); // rejected
});
```

Creating a Promise

- You can also provide a function with "promise functionality"
- Simply have it return a promise!

```
function waitPromise(duration) {
  // Create and return a new promise
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
     // If the argument is invalid,
      // reject the promise
    if (duration < 0) {</pre>
      reject(new Error('Time travel not yet
implemented'));
    } else {
      // otherwise, wait asynchronously and then
      // resolve the Promise; setTimeout will
      // invoke resolve() with no arguments:
      // the Promise will fulfill with
      // the undefined value
      setTimeout(resolve, duration);
```

Consuming a Promise

- When a Promise is fulfilled, the then() callback is used
- If a Promise is rejected, instead, the catch() callback will handle the error
- then() and catch() are instance methods defined by the Promise object
 - each function registered with then() is invoked only once
- You can omit catch(), if you are interested in the result, only

Stayci

si possono contatenare luccy kapss

```
waitPromise().then((result) => {
  console.log("Success: ", result);
}).catch((error) => {
  console.log("Error: ", error);
});
// if a function returns a Promise...
waitPromise(1000).then(() => {
  console.log("Success!");
}).catch((error) => {
  console.log("Error: ", error);
});
```

Consuming a Promise

- p.then(onFulfilled[, onRejected]);
 - Callbacks are executed asynchronously (inserted in the event loop) when the promise is either fulfilled (success) or rejected (optional)
- p.catch(onRejected);
 - Callback is executed asynchronously (inserted in the event loop) when the promise is rejected
- p.finally(onFinally);
 - Callback is executed in any case, when the promise is either fulfilled or rejected.
 - Useful to avoid code duplication in then and catch handlers
- All these methods return Promises, too! ⇒ They can be chained

Promise: Create & Consume

```
prom
.then((x) => {
    ...use x...
})
.catch((y) => {
    ...use y...
});
```

Chaining Promises

- One of the most important benefits of Promises
- They provide a natural way to express a sequence of asynchronous operations as a linear chain of then() invocations
 - without having to nest each operation within the callback of the previous one
 - the "callback hell" seen before
- Important: always return results, otherwise callbacks won't get the result of a previous promise

```
getRepoInfo()
  .then(repo => getIssue(repo))
  .then(issue => getOwner(issue.ownerId))
  .then(owner => sendEmail(owner.email,
'Some text'))
  .catch(e => {
    // just log the error
    console.error(e)
  .finally(_ => logAction());
});
```

Example: Chaining

• Useful, for instance, with I/O API such as fetch (), which returns a Promise

```
const status = (response) => {
   if (response.status >= 200 && response.status < 300) {
     return Promise.resolve(response) // static method to return a fulfilled Promise
   }
   return Promise.reject(new Error(response.statusText))
}
const json = (response) => response.json()

**Metch('/todos.json')
.then(status)
.then(json)
.then(json)
.then((data) => { console.log('Request succeeded with JSON response', data) })
.catch((error) => { console.log('Request failed', error) })
```

Promises... in Parallel

```
Promise.all(promises)
   .then(results => console.log(results))
   .catch(e => console.error(e));
```

- What if we want to execute several asynchronous operations in parallel?
- Promise.all() prende tutte le promis inserite come argomento della funzione e se tutte le promis sono state true filed: questo metodo ritorna un
- basta 1 takes an array of Promise objects as its input and returns a Promise array con tutte le promise risolte array con tutte le promise risolte the returned Promise will be rejected if at least one of the input Promises is rejected otherwise, it will be fulfilled with an array of the fulfillment values for each of the input promises
- puo essere qualcosa, the input array can contain non-Promise values, too: if an element of the array is not a promise Promise, it is simply copied unchanged into the output array
 - Promise.race() ritorna una promis che viene fulfielled o rifiutata quando viene fulfiellata o rifiutata una
 - returns a Promise that is fulfilled or rejected when the first of the Promises in the input array is fulfilled or rejected
 - if there are any non-Promise values in the input array, it simply returns the first one







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ASYNC/AWAIT

2 keyword semplificate per la scrittura di codice assincrono

Sono due keword da mettere prima delle funzioni

Simplifying Writing With async / await

- ECMAScript 2017 (ES8) introduces two new keywords, async and await
 - write promise-based asynchronous code that looks like synchronous code
- Prepend the async keyword to any function means that it will return a Promise
- Prepend await when calling an async function (or a function returning a Promise) makes the calling code stop until the promise is resolved or rejected

async Functions

- The async function declaration defines an asynchronous function
- Asynchronous functions operate in a separate order than the rest of the code (via the event loop), returning an implicit Promise as their result
 - but the syntax and structure of code using async functions looks like standard synchronous functions.

```
async function name([param[, param[, ...param]]]) {
    statements
}
```

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Statements/async_function

await

- The await operator can be used to wait for a Promise. It can only be used inside an async function
- await blocks the code execution within the async function until the Promise is resolved
- When resumed, the value of the await expression is that of the fulfilled Promise
- If the Promise is rejected, the await expression throws the rejected value
 - If the value of the expression following the await operator is not a Promise, it's converted to a resolved Promise

```
returnValue = await expression ;
```

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/await

Example: async / await

```
function resolveAfter2Seconds() {
                                                    Return a
  return new Promise(resolve => {
    setTimeout(() => {
                                                    promise
      resolve('resolved');
    }, 2000);
 });
                                                      async is needed to use await
async function asyncCall() {
  console.log('calling');
                                                    Looks like
  const result = await resolveAfter2Seconds();
                                                    sequential
  console.log(result);
                                                    code
                                                                      > "calling"
                                                                      //... 2 seconds
asyncCall();
                                                                      > "resolved"
```

Example: async / await

```
function resolveAfter2Seconds() {
  return new Promise(resolve => {
    setTimeout(() => {
      resolve('resolved');
    }, 2000);
 });
                                                      Implicitly returns a Promise
async function asyncCall() {
  console.log('calling');
  const result = await resolveAfter2Seconds();
  return 'end';
                                                                     > "calling"
                                                   Can use Promise
                                                                     //... 2 seconds
asyncCall().then(console.log);
                                                   methods
                                                                     > "end"
```

Examples... Before and After

```
const makeRequest = () => {
  return getAPIData()
    .then(data => {
     console.log(data);
      return "done";
let res = makeRequest();
```

```
const makeRequest = async () => {
  console.log(await getAPIData());
  return "done";
let res = makeRequest();
```

Examples... Before and After

```
function getData() {
   return getIssue()
      .then(issue => getOwner(issue.ownerId))
      .then(owner => sendEmail(owner.email, 'Some text'));
}

// assuming that all the 3 functions above return a Promise
```

```
async function getData = {
  const issue = await getIssue();
  const owner = await getOwner(issue.ownerId);
  await sendEmail(owner.email, 'Some text');
}
```

Chaining with async/await

- Simpler to read, easier to debug
 - debugger would not stop on asynchronous code

```
const getFirstUserData = async () => {
  const response = await fetch('/users.json'); // get users list
  const users = await response.json(); // parse JSON
  const user = users[0]; // pick first user
  const userResponse = await fetch(`/users/${user.name}`); // get user data
  const userData = await user.json(); // parse JSON
  return userData;
}
getFirstUserData();
```

Promises or async/await? Both!

asy-w è piu utilizzato e piu comodo asy-w non ha meccanismi di utilizzo o di attessa quindi in quel caso mejo le promis

- If the output of function2 is dependent on the output of function1, use await.
- If two functions can be run in parallel, create two different async functions and then run them in parallel Promise.all (promisesArray)
- Instead of creating huge async functions with many await asyncFunction() in it, it is better to create **smaller** async functions (not too much blocking code)
- If your code contains blocking code, it is better to make it an async function. The callers can decide on the level of asynchronicity they want.

https://medium.com/better-programming/should-i-use-promises-or-async-await-126ab5c98789

SQLite... revisited

```
function insertOne() {
    return new Promise( (resolve, reject) => {
        db.run('insert into numbers(number) va
lues(1)', (err) => {
           if (err) reject(err);
            else resolve('Done');
       });
    });
```

```
function printCount() {
    return new Promise( (resolve, reject) => {
        db.all('select count(*) as tot from nu
mbers',
            (err, rows) => {
                if(err)
                     reject(err);
                else {
                    console.log(rows[0].tot);
                    resolve(rows[0].tot);
            });
        });
```

SQLite... revisited

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           if (err) reject(err);
                                                               (err, rows) => {
            else resolve('Done');
                                                                   if(err)
                                                                        reject(err);
       });
   });
                                                                   else {
               async function main() {
                                                                       console.log(rows[0].tot);
                   for(let i=0; i<100; i++) {
                                                                       resolve(rows[0].tot);
                        await insertOne();
                        await printCount();
                                                               });
                   db.close();
               main();
```

Beware The Bug!

```
async function main() {
    for(let i=0; i<100; i++) {</pre>
         await insertOne();
         await printCount();
                                                   async function main() {
}
                                                        for(let i=0; i<100; i++) {</pre>
main();
                                                             await insertOne();
                                                             await printCount();
                                                   main();
                                                   db.close();
                                                                   chiuso immediatamente senza l'esito delle 2 funzioni
```

SQLite Libraries: Various Options

- sqlite3: the basic SQLite interface (JS wrapper of the SQLite C library)
- sqlite: This module has the same API as the original sqlite3 library, except that all its API methods return ES6 Promises.
 - internally, it wraps sqlite3; written in TypeScript
- sqlite-async: ES6 Promise-based interface to the sqlite3 module.
- better-sqlite3: Easy-to-use synchronous API (they say it's faster...)
- ... search on https://www.npmjs.com/





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