



Async Programming in JavaScript World

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Who are we?



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JavaScript is a single-threaded and non-blocking asynchronous concurrent programming language.

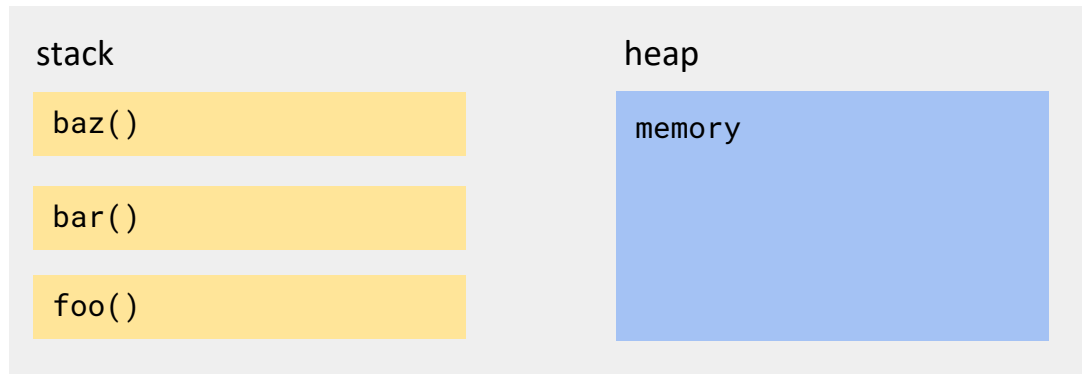
single thread === one thing at a time

Introduction

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console.log('World!');
```

Event loop

Runtime



Web API

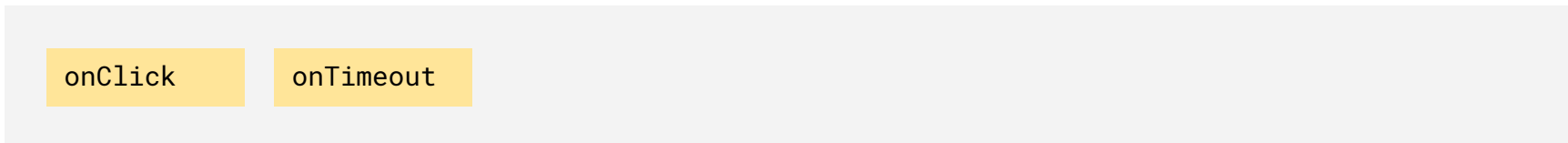
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`setInterval`

`XMLHttpRequest`



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Event loop - sync and async callbacks

// Synchronous

```
[1,2,3,4].forEach((i) => {  
  console.log(i);  
});
```

// Asynchronous

```
setTimeout(() => {  
  console.log('time is up');  
}, 0);
```

Event loop - what will be the console output?

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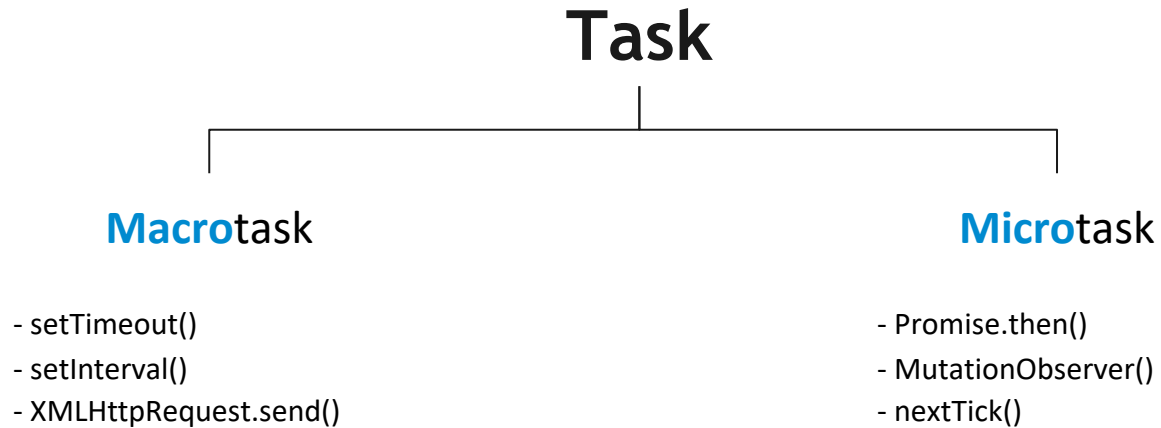
(Macro)Taks and Microtasks

Macro and Micro tasks - mutation observer

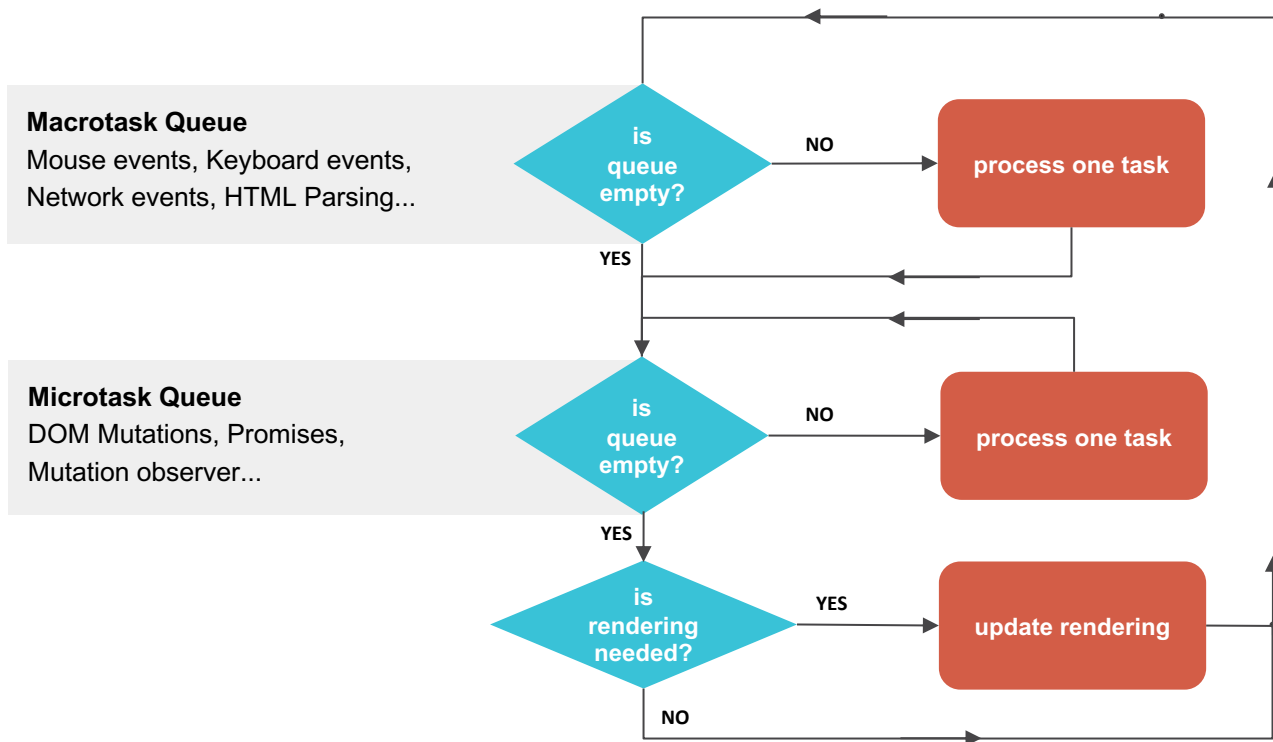
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const node = querySelector('#app');

// Listen for attribute changes on the
// outer element
new MutationObserver(function() {
  console.log('mutate');
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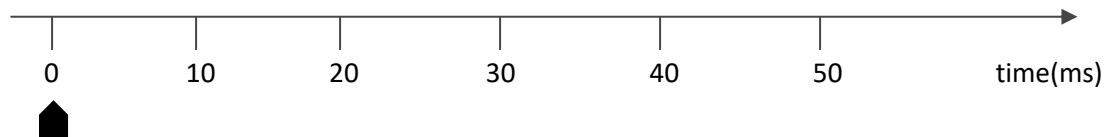
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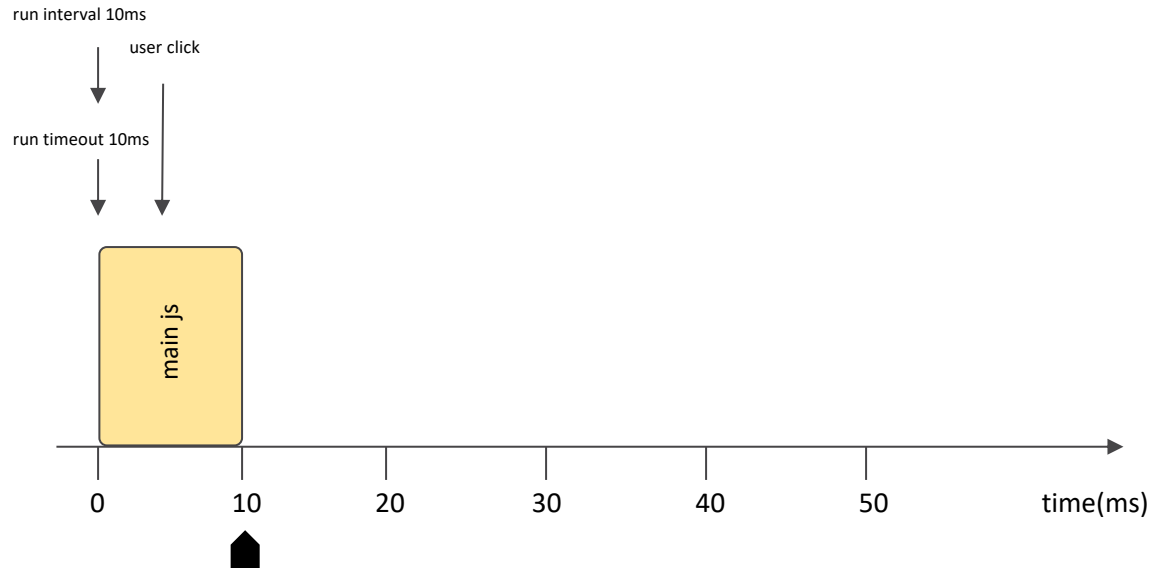
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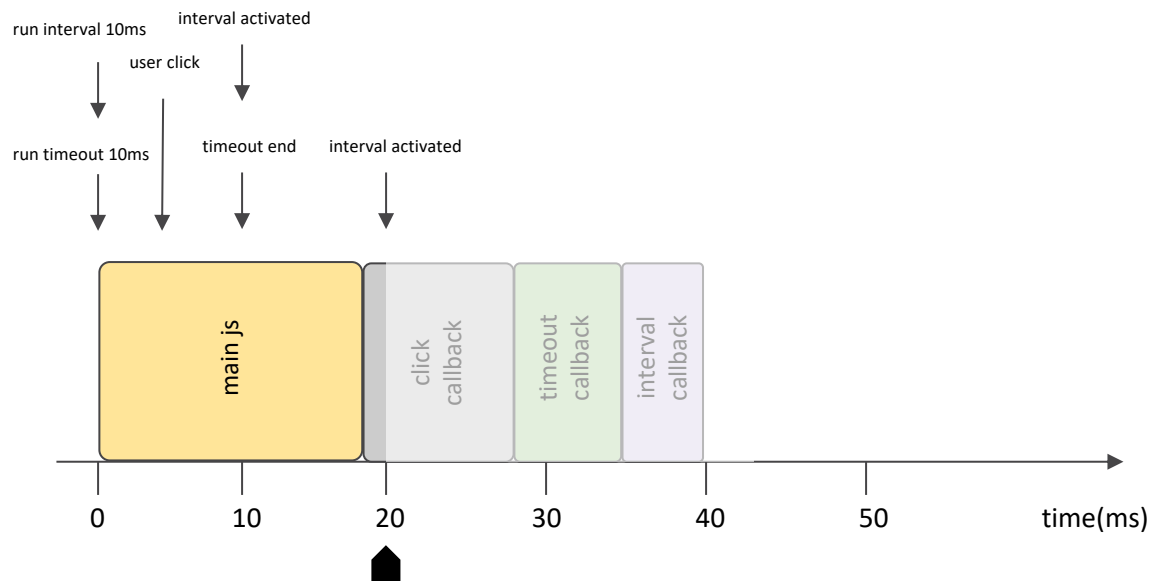
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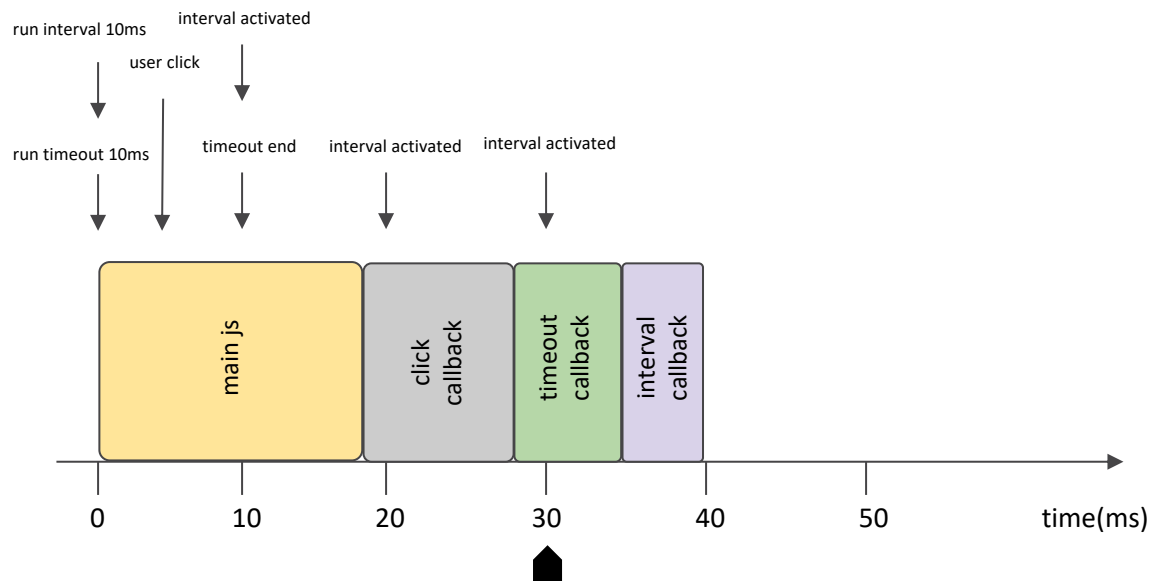
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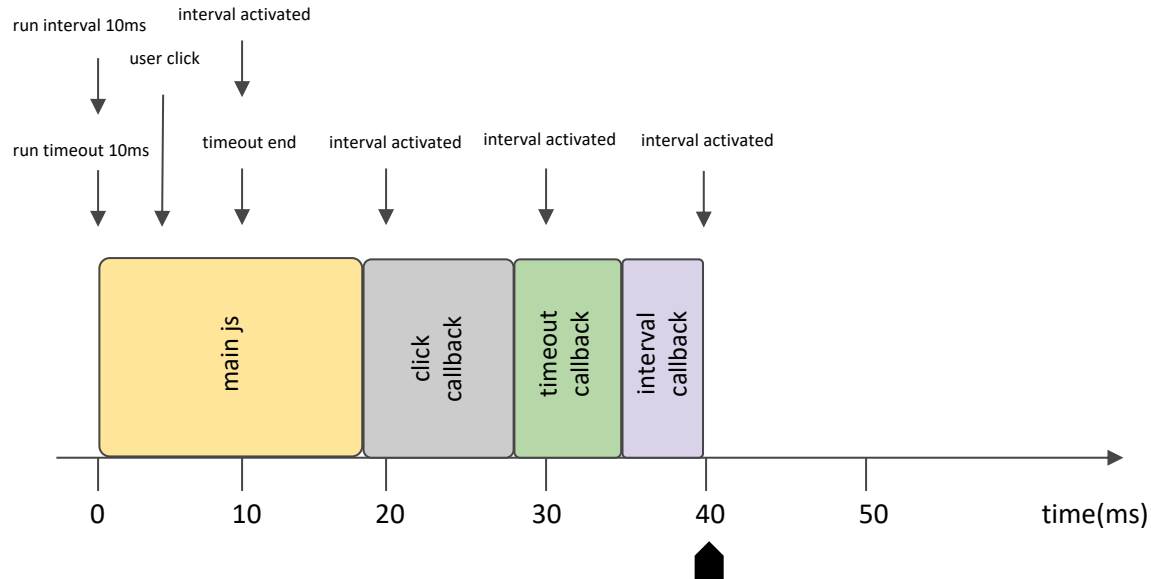
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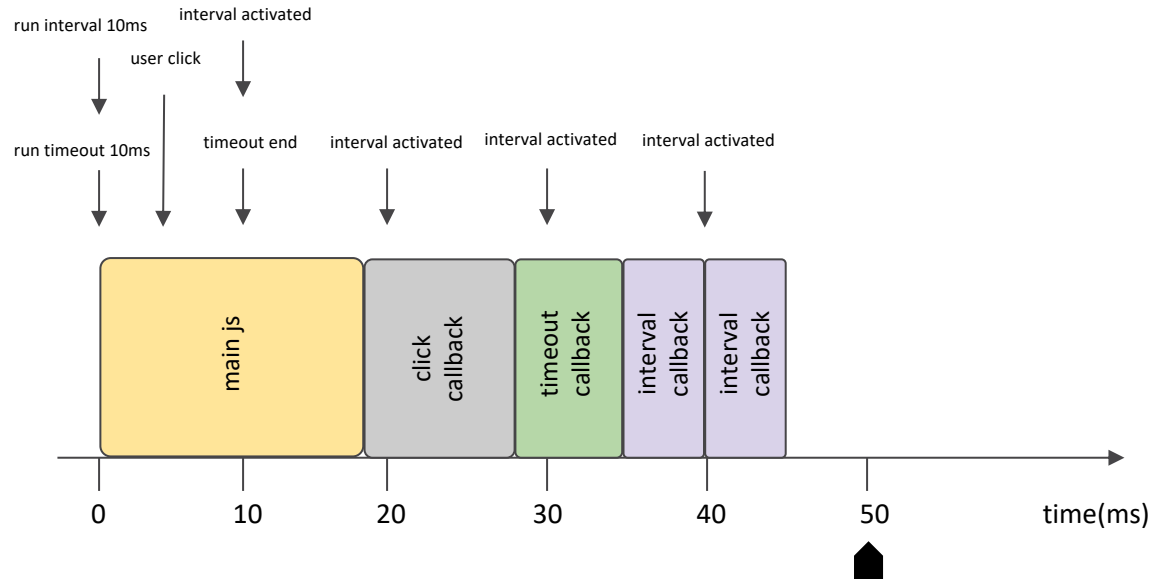
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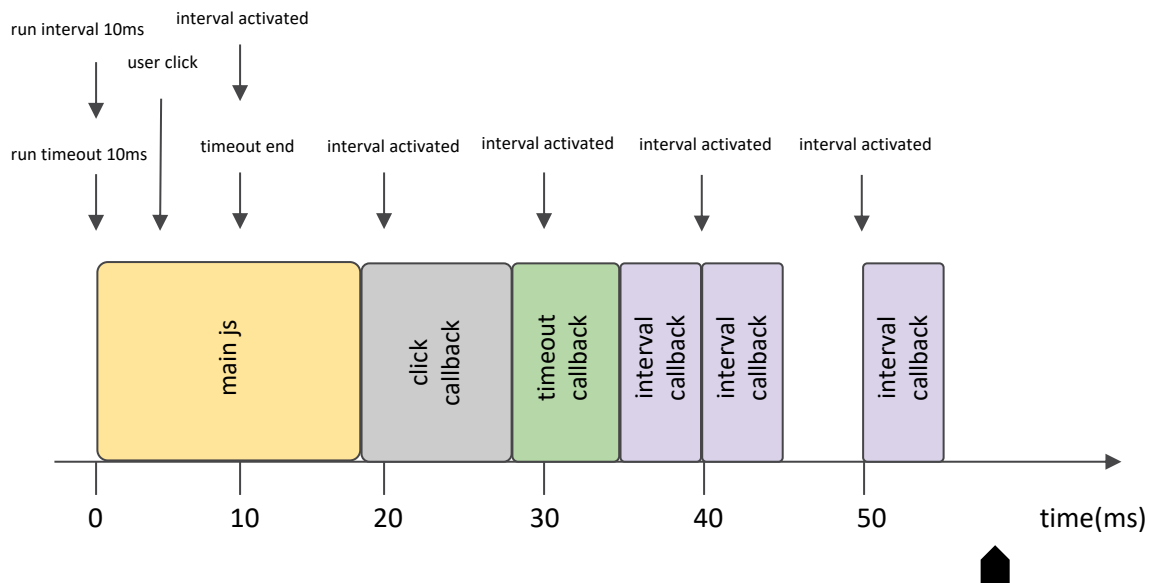
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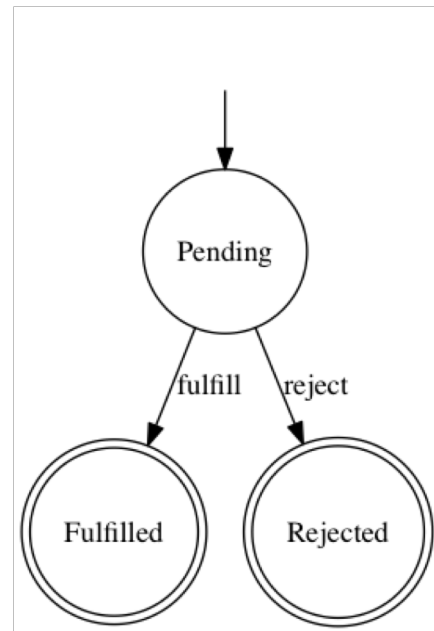
Microtasks

Promise (a.k.a Future) — a brief history

- It's not a new concept. The term promise was proposed in [1976](#).
- In javascript world, in the beginning of 2011, jQuery deferred objects which is very close to the concept of Promise became very popular.
- In 2012, Promises were proposed as a spec to standardize the concept.
- Eventually, the promises proposal accepted into the ES 2015 spec and was implemented by major browsers and Node.js.

How does it look like?

```
var promise = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {  
  setTimeout(function() {  
    resolve('foo');  
  }, 300);  
});  
  
promise.then(function(value) {  
  console.log(value);  
  // expected output: "foo"  
});  
  
console.log(promise);  
// expected output: [object Promise]
```



<https://blog.codecentric.de/en/2015/03/cancelable-async-operations-promises-javascript/>

Methods to control the async flow: Promise.all

```
var promise1 = Promise.resolve(3);
var promise2 = 42;
var promise3 = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
  setTimeout(resolve, 100, 'foo');
});

Promise.all([promise1, promise2, promise3]).then(function(values) {
  // values:
  // [3, 42, "foo"]
});
```

Methods to control the async flow: Promise.race

```
var promise1 = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
  setTimeout(resolve, 500, 'one');
});

var promise2 = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
  setTimeout(resolve, 100, 'two');
});

Promise.race([promise1, promise2]).then(function(value) {
  // the value is 'two'
  // Both resolve, but promise2 is faster
});
```

Language features to maintain the async flow

Generators and Async/Await

Generators

It's an ES6 feature that allows us to create **stoppable** functions.

```
function regularFunction() {  
  console.log('I');  
  console.log('am');  
  console.log('unstoppable');  
}
```

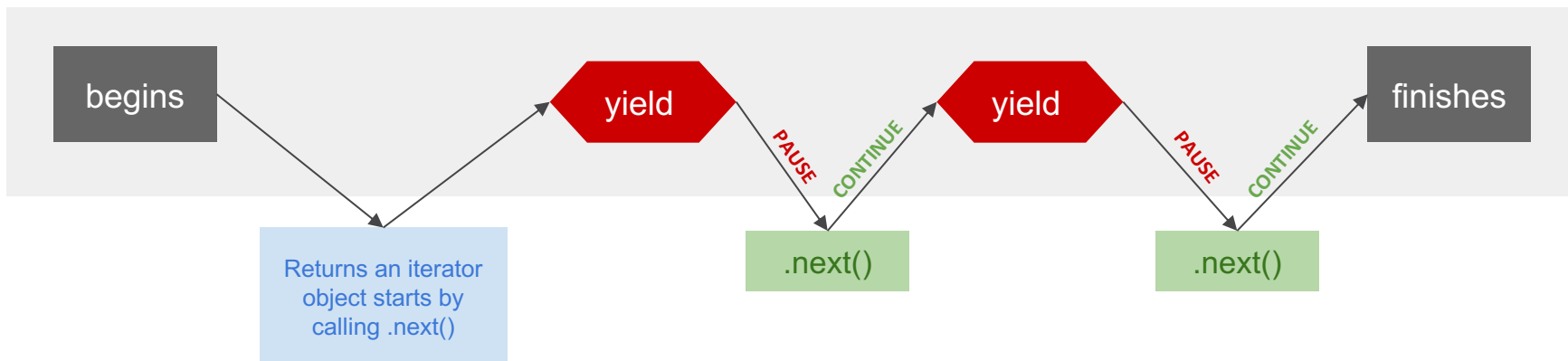
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function *generatorFunction() {  
  yield 'I';  
  yield 'am';  
  yield 'a';  
  yield 'generator';  
}
```

Generators

Regular Function



Generator Function



Generators

```
const f = generatorFunction()  
f.next()  
// {value: "I", done: false}  
f.next()  
// {value: "am", done: false}  
f.next()  
// {value: "a", done: false}  
f.next()  
// {value: "generator", done: false}  
f.next()  
// {value: undefined, done: true}
```


What if we yield a promise?

A coroutine can be implemented by using generators. This might be very useful with dealing with **callback hell**.

```
function delay(ms) {  
  return new Promise(  
    resolve => setTimeout(resolve, ms)  
  );  
}
```

```
function *app() {  
  console.log('ping');  
  yield delay(100);  
  console.log('pong');  
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What if we yield promise?

We need a runner function that waits until the **yielded** promise resolved and calls the **next** function again.

This technique is called “**coroutines**” in many programming languages.

```
runner(app)
ping
pong
ping
pong
```

```
function runner(generator) {
  const iterator = generator();

  function run(arg) {
    const result = iterator.next();

    if (result.done) {
      return result.value;
    } else {
      return Promise.resolve(result.value).then(run);
    }
  }

  return run();
}
```

Async/Await = Generators + Promises

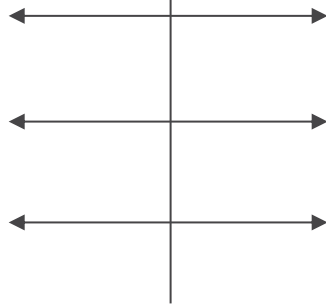
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