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RETHINKING ASYNC

Async Patterns

- Parallel vs Async
- Callbacks
- Thunks
- Promises
- Generators / Coroutines
- Event Reactive (observables)
- CSP (channel-oriented concurrency)

Parallel vs Async

Threads

Async Patterns: parallel vs async

Single Thread

Async Patterns: parallel vs async

Concurrency

Async Patterns: parallel vs async

1 2 2 3 4 done!

done!
Async Patterns: parallel vs async

Callbacks

```
1 setTimeout(function(){
2    console.log("callback!");
3 },1000);
```

Callbacks

==

Continuations

Async Patterns: callbacks

```
setTimeout(function(){
     console.log("one");
     setTimeout(function(){
         console.log("two");
         setTimeout(function(){
             console.log("three");
         },1000);
     },1000);
},1000);
```

Async Patterns: "callback hell"

```
1 function one(cb) {
       console.log("one");
 2
       setTimeout(cb,1000);
 3
 4
   function two(cb) {
       console.log("two");
 6
       setTimeout(cb,1000);
 8
   }
   function three() {
       console.log("three");
10
11 }
12
   one(function(){
13
14
   });
15
```

Two Problems

Async Patterns: "callback hell"

Inversion of Control

```
1 trackCheckout(
2   purchaseInfo,
3   function finish() {
4      chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
5      showThankYouPage();
6   }
7 );
```

```
1 var hasBeenCalled = false;
   trackCheckout(
       purchaseInfo,
       function finish() {
5
 6
           if (!hasBeenCalled) {
                hasBeenCalled = true;
                chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
8
9
                showThankYouPage();
10
11
```

Trust:

- 1. not too early
- 2. not too late
- 3. not too many times
- 4. not too few times
- 5. no lost context
- 6. no swallowed errors

Not Reasonable

Async Patterns: callbacks

```
start task1:
      do some stuff
 3
      pause
 4
   start task2:
 6
      do some other stuff
 7
      pause
 8
   resume task1:
 9
10
      do more stuff
11
      pause
12
   resume task2:
13
      finish stuff
14
15
16 resume task1:
      finish stuff
17
```

```
start task1:
 2
       do some stuff
 3
       pause
 4
 5
       resume task1:
 6
          do more stuff
 7
          pause
 8
 9
          resume task1:
              finish stuff
10
11
12
13
   start task2:
       do some other stuff
14
15
       pause
16
       resume task2:
17
```

We Write:

```
console.log("First half of my program");

setTimeout(function(){

console.log("Second half of my program");

},1000);
```

We Think:

```
1 console.log("First half of my program");
2
3 block(1000);
4
5 console.log("Second half of my program");
6
7
```

JavaScript Thinks:

```
console.log("First half of my program");

// do lots of other stuff

console.log("Second half of my program");

7
```

Sync-Looking Async

Synchronous
Sequential
Blocking

Running Example: "The Meaning Of Life"

```
function getData(d,cb) {
       setTimeout(function(){ cb(d); },1000);
 2
 3 }
 4
   getData(10, function(num1) {
 6
       var x = 1 + num1;
       getData(30, function(num2) {
 8
            var y = 1 + num2;
 9
            getData(
                "Meaning of life: " + (x + y),
10
                function(answer){
11
12
                    console.log(answer);
                     // Meaning of life: 42
13
                }
14
15
            );
16
       });
17 });
```



Thunks

```
1 function add(x,y) {
      return x + y;
3 }
4
5 var thunk = function() {
      return add(10,15);
7 };
8
9 thunk(); // 25
```

Async Patterns: thunks

```
function addAsync(x,y,cb) {
       setTimeout(function(){
           cb(x + y);
 3
 4
       },1000);
 6
  var thunk = function(cb) {
       addAsync(10,15,cb);
 8
  };
10
  thunk(function(sum){
12
       sum; // 25
13 });
```

Async Patterns: thunks

```
1 function makeThunk(fn) {
2    var args = [].slice.call(arguments,1);
3    return function(cb) {
4        args.push(cb);
5        fn.apply(null,args);
6    };
7 }
```

```
function addAsync(x,y,cb) {
       setTimeout(function(){
           cb(x + y);
3
       },1000);
7 var thunk = makeThunk(addAsync,10,15);
8
   thunk(function(sum){
       console.log(sum); // 25
10
11 });
```

Async Patterns: thunks

```
var get10 = makeThunk(getData,10);
   var get30 = makeThunk(getData,30);
 3
 4
   get10(function(num1){
 5
        var x = 1 + num1;
 6
        get30(function(num2){
 7
            var y = 1 + num2;
 8
 9
            var getAnswer = makeThunk( getData,
                "Meaning of life: " + (x + y)
10
11
            );
12
            getAnswer(function(answer){
13
                console.log(answer);
14
                // Meaning of life: 42
15
16
            });
        });
17
   });
18
```



Async Patterns: nested-thunk tasks

Promises

Future Values

"Completion Events"

```
function finish(){
       chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
       showThankYouPage();
 5
   function error(err){
       logStatsError(err);
       finish();
9
10
  var listener = trackCheckout(purchaseInfo);
12
   listener.on("completion", finish);
   listener.on("error", error);
```

Async Patterns: "completion event"

```
function_trackCheckout(info) {
      return new Promise(
           function(resolve, reject) {
3
4
               // attempt to track the checkout
               // if successful, call resolve()
               // otherwise, call reject(error)
8
10
```

```
1 function finish(){
       chargeCreditCard(purchaseInfo);
 3
       showThankYouPage();
 4 }
 5
  function error(err){
       logStatsError(err);
       finish();
10
   var promise = trackCheckout(purchaseInfo);
12
13 promise then(
       finish,
14
15
       error
16);
```

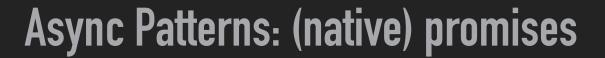
Async Patterns: (native) promises

Still callbacks?

Async Patterns: (native) promises

Promise Trust:

- 1. only resolved once
- 2. either success OR error
- 3. messages passed/kept
- 4. exceptions become errors
- 5. immutable once resolved



unInversion of Control

Async Patterns: (native) promises

Flow Control

Async Patterns: (native) promises

```
1 doFirstThing
    then doSecondThing
3
    then doThirdThing
    then complete
4
5 or error
   1 try {
        doFirstThing();
  3
        doSecondThing();
        doThirdThing();
   4
        complete();
   5
   6
   7 catch (err) {
        error();
   8
   9 }
```

Chaining Promises

```
1 doFirstThing()
   .then(function(){
       return doSecondThing();
   .then(function(){
       return doThirdThing();
 6
   .then(
       complete,
 9
10
       error
11
```

```
function delay(num) {
       return new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
 3
           setTimeout(resolve,num);
       });
   delay(100)
   .then(function(){
       return delay(50);
   .then(function(){
       return delay(200);
   .then(function(){
       console.log("all done!");
15
16 });
```



```
function getData(d) {
       return new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
 2
           setTimeout(function(){\resolve(d); },1000);
 3
 4
       });
 5
 6
   var x;
 8
   getData(10)
   .then(function(num1){
       x = 1 + num1;
11
       return getData(30);
12
13 })
14
   .then(function(num2){
       var y = 1 + num2;
15
       return getData("Meaning of life: " + (x + y));
16
17 })
   .then(function(answer)
18
       console.log(answer);
19
       // Meaning of life: 42
20
21 });
```



Abstractions

Async Patterns: promises

```
1 Promise all[[
       doTask1a(),
       doTask1b(),
       doTask1c()
 4
   1)
   .then(function(results){
 6
        return doTask2(
            Math.max(
 8
 9
                 results[0],
                 results[1],
10
                 results[2]
11
12
13
14 });
```

Async Patterns: promise "gate"

```
var p = trySomeAsyncThing();
 2
   Promise race ([
 4
        р,
        new Promise(function(_,reject){
 5
            setTimeout(function(){
 6
                 reject("Timeout!!");
8
            },3000);
9
        })
   ])
10
   .then(
11
12
        success,
13
        error
14
```

Async Patterns: promise timeout

sequence = automatically chained promises

Async Patterns: promises sequence

github.com/getify/asynquence

```
ASQ()
   .then(function(done){
        setTimeout(done,1000);
   })
 5
    .gate(
        function(done) {
 6
            setTimeout(done,1000);
8
        },
        function(done) {
 9
10
            setTimeout(done,1000);
        }
11
12
    .then(function(done){
13
        console.log("2 seconds passed!");
14
15
   });
```

Async Patterns: sequences & gates

```
1 function getData(d) {
       return ASQ(function(done){
           setTimeout(function(){\done(d); },1000);
 3
       });
 5 }
 6
   ASQ()
   .waterfall(
       function(done) { getData(10).pipe(done); },
       function(done) { getData(30).pipe(done); }
10
11 )
12
   .seq(function(numl,num2){
13
       var x = 1 + num1;
14
       var y = 1 + num2;
15
       return getData("Meaning of life: " + (x + y));
16 })
17
   .val(function(answer){
       console.log(answer);
18
       // Meaning of life: 42
20 });
```



Async Patterns: sequence tasks

davidwalsh.name/asynquence-part-1

Async Patterns: learn more

Generators (yield)

```
function* gen() {
      console.log("Hello");
3
      console.log("World");
6
7 var it = gen();
8 it.next(); // Hello
9 it.next(); // World
```

```
function *main() {
       yield 1;
3
       yield 2;
       yield 3;
 6
   var it = main();
8
   it.next(); // { value: 1, done: false }
  it.next(); // { value: 2, done: false }
11 it.next(); // { value: 3, done: false }
12
13 it.next(); // { value: undefined, done: true }
```

Async Patterns: generators

```
1 function coroutine(g) {
2    var it = g();
3    return function() {
4       return it.next.apply(it,arguments);
5    };
6 }
```

```
var run = coroutine(function*(){
                    (yield);
       yield
 6
   run()
   run(10),
 8
   console.log(
       "Meaning of life: " + run(30).value
10
11
   );
```

Async Patterns: generator messages

```
1 function getData(d) {
       setTimeout(function(){ run(d); },1000);
 4
   var run = coroutine(function*(){
       var x = 1 + (yield getData(10));
 6
 7
       var y = 1 + (yield getData(30));
 8
       var answer = (yield getData(
 9
            "Meaning of life: " + (x + y)
10
       ));
       console.log(answer);
11
       // Meaning of life: 42
12
   });
13
14
```

Async Patterns: yield tasks

generators + promises

Async Patterns: async generators

yield promise

Async Patterns: async generators

```
function getData(d) {
 2
       return ASQ(function(done){
           setTimeout(function(){ done(d), },1000);
 3
 4
       });
 5 }
 6
   ASQ()
   .runner(function*(){
 8
       var x = 1 + (yield getData(10));
 9
       var y = 1 + (yield getData(30));
10
       var answer = wield (getData(
11
           "Meaning of life: " + (x + y)
12
13
      ));
14
       yield answer;
15
   })
   .val(function(answer){
16
       console.log(answer);
17
       // Meaning of life: 42
18
19
   });
```



Async Patterns: generator+sequence tasks

```
function getData(d) {
       return new Promise(function(resolve){
           setTimeout(function(){\resolve(d); },1000);
 3
       });
 4
 5
 6
   async function meaningOfLife() {
       var x = 1 + (await getData(10));
 8
       var y = 1 + (await getData(30));
 9
       var answer = wait (getData(
10
           "Meaning of life: " + (x + y)
11
12
       ));
       return answer;
13
14 }
15
16
   meaningOfLife()
   .then(function(answer){
17
       console.log(answer);
18
19
       // Meaning of life: 42
20 });
```

Quiz

- 1. What is "callback hell"? Why do callbacks suffer from "inversion of control" and "unreasonability"?
- 2. What is a Promise? How does it solve inversion of control issues?
- 3. How do you pause a generator? How do you resume it?
- 4. How do we combine generators and promises for flow control?

davidwalsh.name/es6-generators

Async Patterns: learn more

fasy github.com/getify/fasy

Async Patterns: async iterations

```
ASQ().runner(function *loadFiles(){
        // request all files concurrently
 2
        var filePrs = yield FA concurrent map(
 3
 4
             getFile,
 5
             ["file1", "file2", "file3"]
 6
        );
 7
 8
        // output file contents serially
        yield FA serial forEach(function *each(pr){
   output( yield pr );
 9
10
        });
11
12
        output("Complete!");
13
   });
```

Async Patterns: async iterations

```
async function loadFiles() {
       // request all files concurrently
 2
 3
       var filePrs = await FA.concurrent.map(
 4
            getFile,
 5
            ["file1","file2","file3"]
 6
       );
 7
 8
       // output file contents serially
       await FA.serial.forEach(async function each(pr){
 9
           output( await pr );
10
       });
11
12
13
       output("Complete!");
14 }
15
   loadFiles();
16
```

Async Patterns: async iterations

Concurrency: Events (+ Promises)?

```
var p1 = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
 2
        $("#btn").click(function(evt){
 3
            var className = evt.target.className;
 4
            if (/foobar/.test(className)) {
               resolve(className);
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
       });
10
   });
11
12
   p1.then(function(className){
13
       console.log(className);
14
15
   });
```

Async Patterns: events + promises

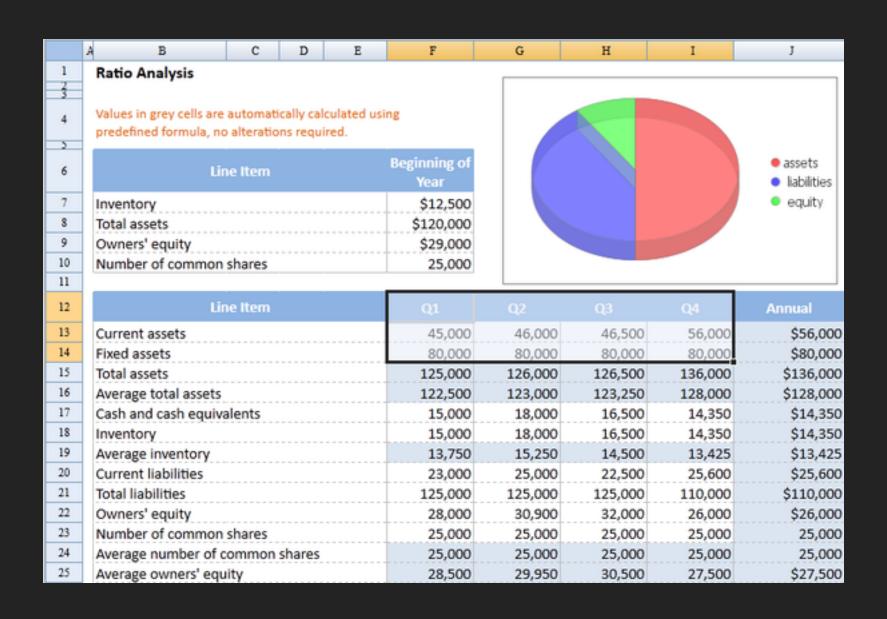
```
$("#btn").click(function(evt){
       var className = evt.target.className;
3
       var p1 = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
 4
            if (/foobar/.test(className)) {
 5
               resolve(className);
 6
7
 8
 9
       });
10
       p1.then(function(className){
11
12
            console.log(className);
       });
13
   });
```

Async Patterns: events + promises

```
$("#btn").click(function(evt){
 2
      ·[evt]
 3
        .map(function mapper(evt) {
            return evt.target.className;
 5
 6
       })
       .filter(function filterer(className) {
            return /foobar/.test(className);
 8
       })
        .forEach(function(className){
10
            console.log(className);
11
12
       });
13
  });
```

Async Patterns: events + lists

Observables



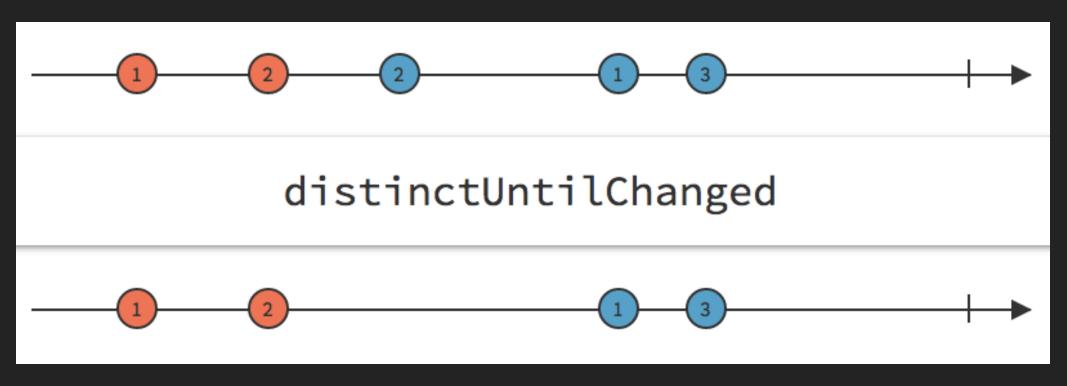
Async Patterns: observables

rxjs.codeplex.com

```
var obsv = Rx.Observable.fromEvent(btn,"click");
 2
 3
   obsv
 4
        .map(function mapper(evt) {
5
            return evt.target.className;
 6
       })
7
        .filter(function filterer(className) {
 8
            return /foobar/.test(className);
 9
       distinctUntilChanged()
10
        .subscribe(function(data){
11
12
            var className = data[1];
            console.log(className);
13
       });
14
```

Async Patterns: RxJS observables

RxMarbles.com



Async Patterns: RxJS observables

asynquence: Reactive Sequences

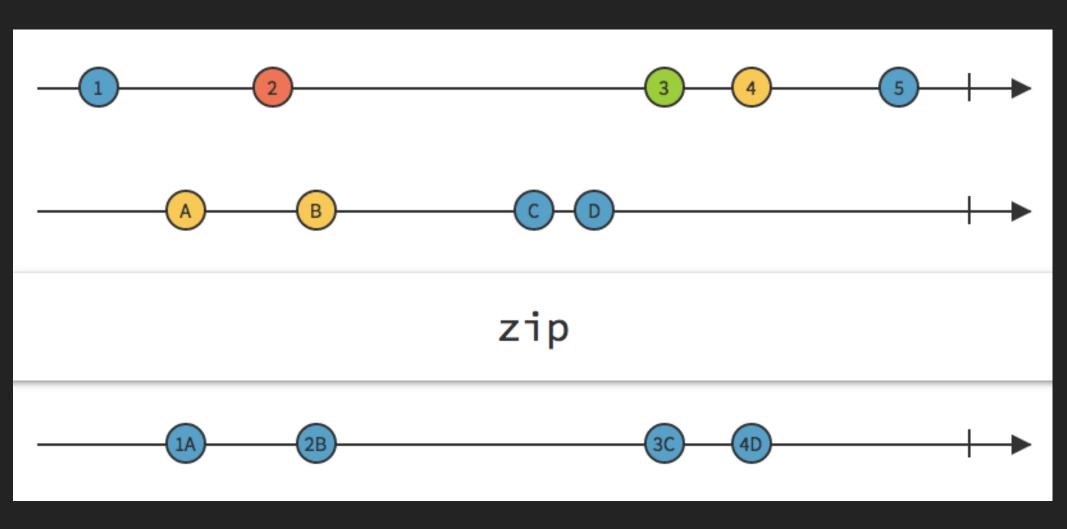
```
function fromEvent(el,eventType) {
        return ASQ.react (function proceed) {
            $(el).bina(eventType,proceed);
 3
        })
 4
 5
 6
   // aka: observable
    var rsq = fromEvent(btn,"click");
 9
10
   rsq
        .val(function(evt){
11
12
            return evt.target.className;
        })
13
        .then(function(done,className){
14
            if (/foobar/.test(className)) {
15
                done(className);
16
            }
17
        })
18
        .val(function(className){
19
            console.log(className);
20
        });
21
```

```
1 function fromEvent(el,eventType) {
2    var rsq = ASQ.react.of();
3    $(el).bind(eventType,rsq.push);
4    return rsq;
5 }
```

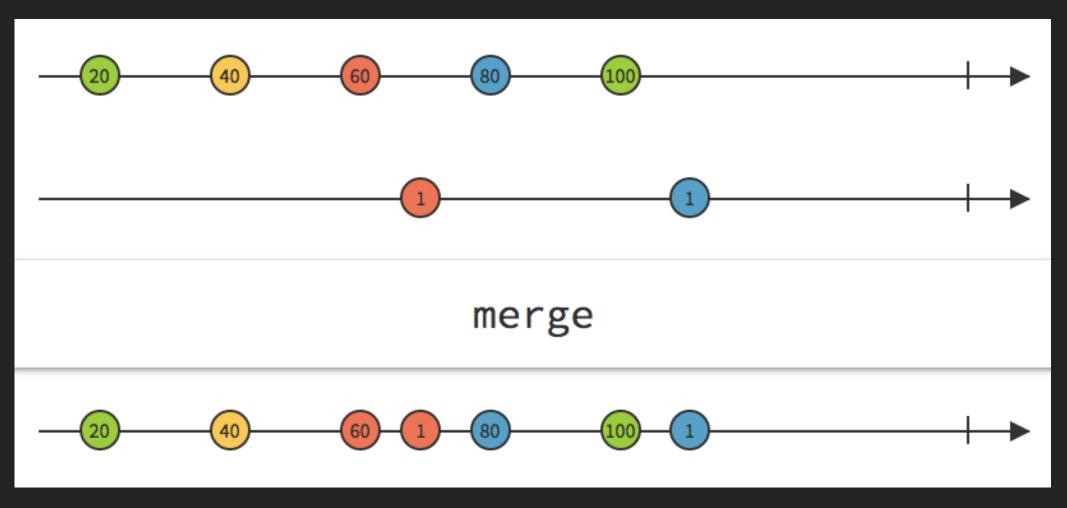
```
var rsq1 = ASQ.react(of();
2 var rsq2 = ASQ.react.of(1,2,3);
  var x = 10;
 4
   setInterval(function(){
       rsq1. push(x++);
 6
       rsq2.push(x++);
  },500);
 8
9
10
   rsq1.val(function(v){
       console.log("1:",v);
11
12 });
13 // 1: 10 1: 12 1: 14 ...
14
   rsq2.val(function(v){
15
16
       console.log("2:",v);
17
  });
18 // 2: 1 2: 2 2: 3 2: 11 2: 13 ...
```

```
var rsq1 = fromEvent(btn,"click"),
       rsq2 = fromEvent(inp, "keypress"),
 3
       rsq3 = ASQ.react.all(rsq1,rsq2),
 4
       rsq4 = ASQ.react.any(rsq1,rsq2);
 5
 6
   rsq3.val(function(evt1,evt2){
 9 });
10
   rsq4.val(function(evt){
11
12
13 });
```

aka "all"



aka "any"



Concurrency (+ Channels)

CSP: Communicating Sequential Processes

(aka go-style concurrency)

Async Patterns: concurrency

```
1 var ch = chan();
2
3
   function *process1() {
      vield put(ch,"Hello");
       var msg = yield take(ch);
       console.log(msg);
6
8
9
   function *process2() {
       var greeting = yield take(ch);
10
       yield put(ch,greeting + " World");
11
       console.log("done!");
12
13 }
14
15 // Hello World
16 // done!
```

Async Patterns: channel CSP

```
csp.go(function*(){
       while (true) {
           yield csp.put(ch, Math.random());
3
  });
 6
   csp.go(function*(){
       while (true) {
8
           yield csp.take( csp.timeout(500) );
9
            var num = yield csp.take(ch);
10
           console.log(num);
11
12
13
  });
```

```
1 csp.go(function*(){
2    while (true) {
3         var msg = yield csp.alts(ch1,ch2,ch3);
4         console.log(msg);
5    }
6 });
```

```
csp.go(function* () {
 2
        var table = csp.chan();
 3
        csp.go(player, ["ping", table]);
 4
        csp.go(player, ["pong", table]);
 5
 6
 7
        yield csp.put(table, {hits: 0});
8
        yield csp.timeout(1000);
9
        table.close();
10
    });
11
12
    function* player(name, table) {
        while (true) {
13
            var ball  yield csp.take(table);
14
            if (ball === csp.CLOSED) {
15
                console.log(name + ": table's gone");
16
17
                return;
18
            ball.hits += 1;
19
            console.log(name + " " + ball.hits);
20
            yield csp.timeout(100);
21
           yield csp.put(table, ball);
22
        }
23
24
```

```
function fromEvent(el,eventType) {
 2
        var ch = csp.chan();
 3
        $(el).bind(eventType, function(evt){
            csp.putAsync(ch,evt);
 4
 5
       });
 6
       return ch;
 7 }
8
   csp.go(function*(){
        var ch = fromEvent(el,"mousemove");
10
        while (true) {
11
12
            var evt = yield csp.take(ch);
            console.log(
13
                evt.clientX + "," + evt.clientY
14
15
            );
16
17
   });
```

asynquence CSP

Async Patterns: asynquence

```
ASQ().runner(
       ASQ.csp.go(function *process1(ch){
            yield ASQ.csp.put(ch, "Hello");
3
 4
            var msg = yield ASQ.csp.take(ch);
5
            console.log(msg);
 6
       }),
7
       ASQ.csp.go(function *process2(ch){
8
            var greeting = yield ASQ.csp.take(ch);
9
            yield ASQ.csp.put(ch,greeting + " World");
            console.log("done!");
10
11
       })
12 );
13 // Hello World
14 // done!
```

Callbacks / Thunks **Promises** Generators Observables CSP go-routines

github.com/getify/a-tale-of-three-lists

A Tale Of Three Lists (Callbacks)

Donec quam orci, aliqu...

Pellentesque habitant m...

Nunc interdum, urna at ...

Suspendisse potenti. Cu...

pause list

Nullam pharetra est nunc, a accumsan metus pellentesque ut. Duis auctor justo sit amet tincidunt iaculis. Pellentesque sollicitudin mauris ut ligula suscipit sagittis.

Praesent egestas tortor et nibh rutrum accumsan. Suspendisse potenti. Proin vehicula massa id pretium aliquet.

Pellentesque egestas ultrices tempus. Vestibulum interdum accumsan nulla quis ornare. Duis cursus vel ipsum nec mattis.

Integer turpis nulla, rutrum a nunc non, maximus malesuada massa. Suspendisse vel egestas felis. Donec vehicula neque augue, sit amet mattis nulla pellentesque eu. In id interdum velit. Du...

Vestibulum id sodales ...

Vestibulum et turpis tin...

Maecenas quis egestas ...

Ut sem lorem, rhoncus ...

resume

```
Callbacks / Thunks +
    Promises +
   Generators +
   Observables +
  CSP go-routines
```

THANKS!!!!

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