

JavaScript Promises and async/await Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet covers the basic principles of JavaScript promises and the async/await syntax.

PROMISES

The Promise object represents the eventual completion (or failure) of an asynchronous operation and its resulting value. A promise has three states:

Pending: Initial state, neither fulfilled nor rejected.

Fulfilled: The operation was completed successfully.

Rejected: The operation failed.

Promise

Creates a new Promise object. The constructor is primarily used to wrap functions that do not already support promises. new Promise((resolve, reject) => { setTimeout(() => resolve(), 2000); });

Promise.prototype.then()

The .then() method of a JavaScript Promise object can be used to get the eventual result of the asynchronous operation. asyncOperation().then(result => console.log(result));

Promise.prototype.catch()

The information for the rejection of the promise is available to the handler supplied in the .catch() method. asyncOperation().catch(err => console.log(err));

Promise.prototype.finally()

The handler is called when the promise is settled, whether fulfilled or rejected.

asyncOperation().finally(() => console.log('async operation ended!'));

Promise.resolve()

Returns a promise that resolves to the value given to it. Promise.resolve(15).then(console.log);

Promise.reject()

Returns a promise that rejects with an error given to it. Promise .reject(new Error('This is an error!'))

Promise.race([...promises])

Wait until any of the promises is resolved or rejected. The difference with .any is that the outer promise can be rejected if an internal promise gets rejected. Promise .race([promise1, promise2]) .then(value => console.log(value));

ASYNC / AWAIT

The async...await syntax in ES6 offers a new way to write more readable and scalable code to handle promises.

Async functions

An async function is a function declared with the async keyword, and the await keyword is permitted within them. Calling an async function always results in a promise.

async function asyncOperation(...params) { // function code

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.catch(console.log);
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Promise.all([...promises])

Wait for all promises to be resolved, or for any to be rejected. Promise .all([promise1, promise2]) .then(([val1, val2]) => console.log(val1, val2));

Promise.allSettled([...promises])

Wait until all promises have settled (each may resolve or reject). Promise .allSettled([promise1, promise2])

.then(results => { results.forEach(result => console.log(result.status)); });

Promise.any([...promises])

Takes an iterable of Promise objects and as soon as one of the promises in the iterable fulfills, returns a single promise that resolves with the value from that promise.

Promise .any([promise1, promise2]) .then(value => console.log(value));

}



Async functions return statements

(async () 🛛 value)()

Returning a value from an async function will always resolve to this value.

const getName = async () => "Red Hat";

getName().then(console.log); // output: Red Hat

(async () □ throw err)()
Throwing an error from an async function will always reject to that
error.
const throwError = async () => throw Error("Error...");

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throwError().reject(console.error);

Await keyword

You can await a promise using the await keyword. (async () => { const data = await asyncOperation(); console.log(data); })();

Note: Top-level await is not yet supported. You can only use the await keyword inside an async function.

Async/Await error handling

You can use try/catch blocks to catch rejections from an async function
(keep in mind there is also the promises API available to catch errors).
const main = async () => {
 try {
 const value = await asyncOperation();
 console.log(value);
 } catch (err) {
 console.log(err);
 }
};

main();