

Deep dive into Coroutines on JVM



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There is no magic

Continuation Passing Style (CPS)



A toy problem

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fun postItem(item: Item) {  
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    val post = createPost(token, item)  
    processPost(post)  
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CPS == Callbacks

Continuation-Passing Style

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    requestToken { token ->  
        createPost(token, item) { post ->  
            processPost(post)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Coroutines Direct Style

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
->     val token = requestToken()  
->     val post = createPost(token, item)  
        processPost(post)  
}
```

How does it work?

Behind the scenes

Kotlin suspending functions

Kotlin

```
suspend fun createPost(token: Token, item: Item): Post { ... }
```

CPS Transformation

```
suspend fun createPost(token: Token, item: Item): Post { ... }
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Java/JVM

```
Object createPost(Token token, Item item, Continuation<Post> cont) { ... }
```

CPS Transformation

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Java/JVM

callback

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interface Continuation<in T> {  
    val context: CoroutineContext  
    fun resume(value: T)  
    fun resumeWithException(exception: Throwable)  
}
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Continuation is a generic callback interface 

Direct to CPS



Direct code

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suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
->    val token = requestToken()  
->    val post = createPost(token, item)  
    processPost(post)  
}
```

Continuations

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suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
  ↪ val token = requestToken()  
  ↪ val post = createPost(token, item)  
  processPost(post)  
}
```

} Initial continuation

Continuations

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
  ↪ val token = requestToken()  
  ↪ val post = createPost(token, item)  
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}
```

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Continuations

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
  ↪ val token = requestToken()  
  ↪ val post = createPost(token, item)  
  processPost(post) } Continuation
```

Convert to CPS?

Callbacks?

```
fun postItem(item: Item) {  
    requestToken { token ->  
        createPost(token, item) { post ->  
            processPost(post)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Labels

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
  // LABEL 0  
  ↪ val token = requestToken()  
  // LABEL 1  
  ↪ val post = createPost(token, item)  
  // LABEL 2  
    processPost(post)  
}
```

Labels

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
    switch (label) {  
        case 0:  
            val token = requestToken()  
        case 1:  
            val post = createPost(token, item)  
        case 2:  
            processPost(post)  
    }  
}
```

State

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
    val sm = object : CoroutineImpl { ... }  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            val token = requestToken()  
        case 1:  
            val post = createPost(token, item)  
        case 2:  
            processPost(post)  
    }  
}
```

CPS Transform

```
fun postItem(item: Item, cont: Continuation) {  
    val sm = object : CoroutineImpl { ... }  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            requestToken(sm)  
        case 1:  
            createPost(token, item, sm)  
        case 2:  
            processPost(post)  
    }  
}
```

Save state

```
fun postItem(item: Item, cont: Continuation) {  
    val sm = ...  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            sm.item = item  
            sm.label = 1  
            requestToken(sm)  
        case 1:  
            createPost(token, item, sm)  
        case 2:  
            processPost(post)  
    }  
}
```

Callback

```
fun postItem(item: Item, cont: Continuation) {  
    val sm = object : CoroutineImpl { ... }  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            sm.item = item  
            sm.label = 1  
            requestToken(sm)  
        case 1:  
            createPost(token, item, sm)  
        case 2:  
            processPost(post)  
    }  
}
```

State Machine as Continuation

Callback

```
fun postItem(item: Item, cont: Continuation) {  
    val sm = object : CoroutineImpl {  
        fun resume(...) {  
            postItem(null, this)  
        }  
    }  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            sm.item = item  
            sm.label = 1  
            requestToken(sm)  
        case 1:  
            createPost(token, item, sm)  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Callback

```
fun postItem(item: Item, cont: Continuation) {  
    val sm = cont as? ThisSM ?: object : ThisSM {  
        fun resume(...) {  
            postItem(null, this)  
        }  
    }  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            sm.item = item  
            sm.label = 1  
            requestToken(sm)  
        case 1:  
            createPost(token, item, sm)  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Restore state

```
fun postItem(item: Item, cont: Continuation) {  
    val sm = ...  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            sm.item = item  
            sm.label = 1  
            requestToken(sm)  
        case 1:  
            val item = sm.item  
            val token = sm.result as Token  
            sm.label = 2  
            createPost(token, item, sm)  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Continue

```
fun postItem(item: Item, cont: Continuation) {  
    val sm = ...  
    switch (sm.label) {  
        case 0:  
            sm.item = item  
            sm.label = 1  
            requestToken(sm)  
        case 1:  
            val item = sm.item  
            val token = sm.result as Token  
            sm.label = 2  
            createPost(token, item, sm)  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

State Machine vs Callbacks

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suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
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    }  
}
```

State Machine vs Callbacks

Reuse closure / state object

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
    val token = requestToken()  
    val post = createPost(token, item)  
    processPost(post)  
}
```

Create new closure

```
fun postItem(item: Item) {  
    requestToken { token ->  
        createPost(token, item) { post ->  
            processPost(post)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

State Machine vs Callbacks

```
suspend fun postItems(items: List<Item>) {  
    for (item in items) {  
        val token = requestToken()  
        val post = createPost(token, item)  
        processPost(post)  
    }  
}
```

Easy loops and
higher-order functions

State Machine vs Callbacks

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suspend fun postItems(items: List<Item>) {  
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    }  
}
```

Easy loops and
higher-order functions

A horrid callback mess

```
fun postItems(items: List<Item>) {  
    ""  
}
```

Integration



Zoo of futures on JVM

```
interface Service {  
    fun createPost(token: Token, item: Item): Call<Post>  
}
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}
```

```
suspend fun createPost(token: Token, item: Item): Post =  
    serviceInstance.createPost(token, item).await()
```

```
suspend fun <T> Call<T>.await(): T {  
    ...  
}
```

Callbacks everywhere

```
suspend fun <T> Call<T>.await(): T {  
    enqueue(object : Callback<T> {  
        override fun onResponse(call: Call<T>, response: Response<T>) {  
            // todo  
        }  
  
        override fun onFailure(call: Call<T>, t: Throwable) {  
            // todo  
        }  
    })  
}
```

```
suspend fun <T> Call<T>.await(): T = suspendCoroutine { cont ->
    enqueue(object : Callback<T> {
        override fun onResponse(call: Call<T>, response: Response<T>) {
            if (response.isSuccessful)
                cont.resume(response.body()!!)
            else
                cont.resumeWithException(ErrorResponse(response))
        }

        override fun onFailure(call: Call<T>, t: Throwable) {
            cont.resumeWithException(t)
        }
    })
}
```

```
suspend fun <T> suspendCoroutine(block: (Continuation<T>) -> Unit): T
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Regular function

Inspired by **call/cc** from Scheme



Install callback

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            if (response.isSuccessful)
                cont.resume(response.body()!!)
            else
                cont.resumeWithException(ErrorResponse(response))
        }

        override fun onFailure(call: Call<T>, t: Throwable) {
            cont.resumeWithException(t)
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}
```

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Analyze response

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    })
}
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Analyze response

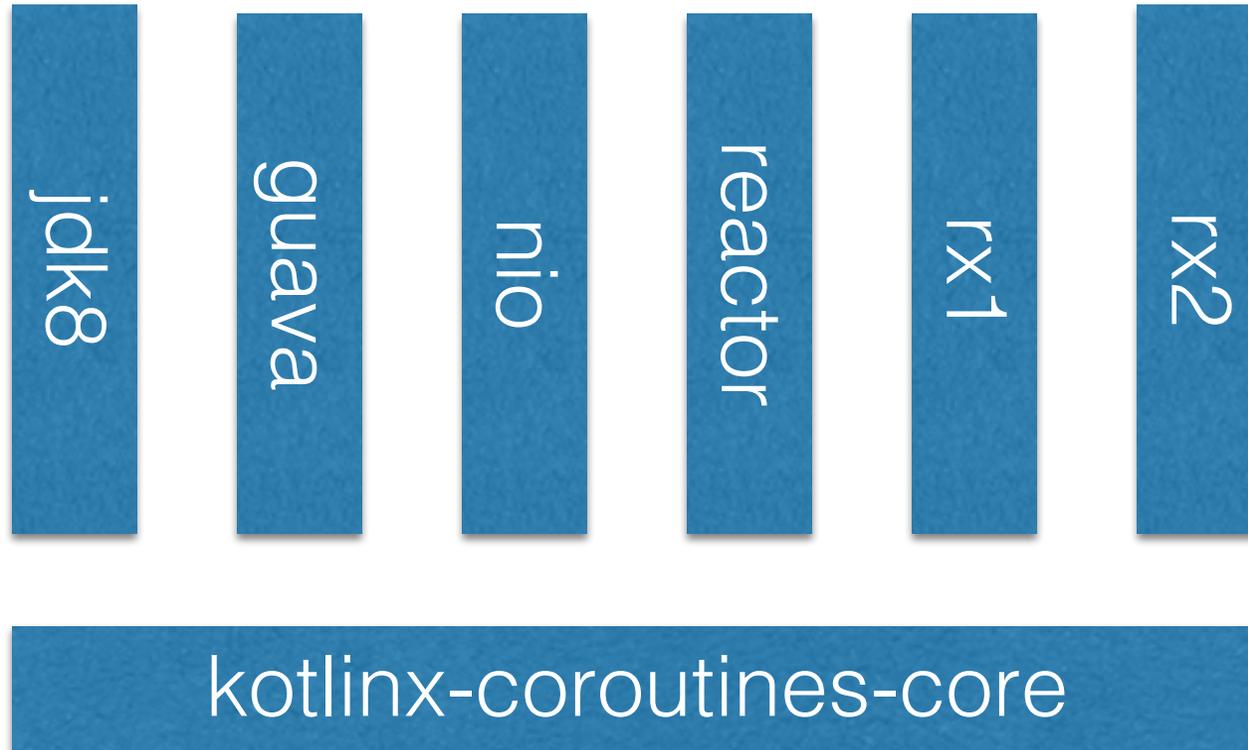
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        }
    })
}
```

That's all



Out-of-the box integrations



Contributions are welcome



Coroutine context



What thread it resumes on?

```
suspend fun postItem(item: Item) {  
    val token = requestToken()  
    ↪ val post = createPost(token, item)  
    processPost(post)  
}
```

} Continuation

It depends!

What thread it resumes on?

```
fun postItem(item: Item) {  
    launch(UI) {  
        val token = requestToken()  
  
        ↪ val post = createPost(token, item)  
        processPost(post) }  
    }  
}
```

} Continuation

Dispatched continuation

```
class DispatchedContinuation<in T>(
    val dispatcher: CoroutineDispatcher,
    val continuation: Continuation<T>
): Continuation<T> by continuation {

    override fun resume(value: T) {
        dispatcher.dispatch(context, DispatchTask(...))
    }

    ...
}
```



Starting coroutines



Coroutine builder

```
fun <T> future(  
    context: CoroutineContext = DefaultDispatcher,  
    block: suspend () -> T  
): CompletableFuture<T>
```

A regular function

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```

suspending lambda

```
fun <T> future(  
    context: CoroutineContext = DefaultDispatcher,  
    block: suspend () -> T  
): CompletableFuture<T> {  
    val future = CompletableFuture<T>()  
    block.startCoroutine(...)  
    return future  
}
```

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): CompletableFuture<T> {
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    block.startCoroutine(completion = object : Continuation<T> {
        ...
    })
    return future
}
```

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fun <T> future(...): CompletableFuture<T> {  
    val future = CompletableFuture<T>()  
    block.startCoroutine(completion = object : Continuation<T> {  
        override val context: CoroutineContext get() = context  
  
        override fun resume(value: T) {  
            future.complete(value)  
        }  
  
        override fun resumeWithException(exception: Throwable) {  
            future.completeExceptionally(exception)  
        }  
    })  
    return future  
}
```

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        }  
  
        override fun resumeWithException(exception: Throwable) {  
            future.completeExceptionally(exception)  
        }  
    })  
    return future  
}
```

That's all, folks!



Job cancellation



Launch coroutine builder

```
fun launch(  
    context: CoroutineContext = DefaultDispatcher,  
    block: suspend () -> Unit  
): Job { ... }
```

Launching coroutine

```
val job = launch {  
    ...  
}
```

```
val job = launch {  
    ...  
}
```

```
job.join()
```

```
val job = launch {  
    ...  
}
```

```
job.join()  
job.cancel()
```

Job

```
interface Job : CoroutineContext.Element {  
    companion object Key : CoroutineContext.Key<Job>  
    ...  
}
```

Using coroutine context

```
launch {  
    val job = coroutineContext[Job]!!  
    ...  
}
```

Using coroutine context

```
launch {  
    val job = coroutineContext[Job]!!  
    val interceptor = coroutineContext[CoroutineInterceptor]!!  
    ...  
}
```

Timeouts

```
launch {  
    withTimeout(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Cooperative cancellation

Cooperative cancellation

```
launch {  
    while (true) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Cooperative cancellation

```
launch {  
    while (isActive) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Cooperative cancellation

```
launch {  
    while (true) {  
        delay(...)  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Cancellable suspension

```
suspend fun <T> Call<T>.await(): T =  
    suspendCancellableCoroutine { cont ->  
        enqueue(...)  
    }
```

Cancellable continuation

```
suspend fun <T> Call<T>.await(): T =  
    suspendCancellableCoroutine { cont: CancellableContinuation<T> ->  
        enqueue(...)  
    }
```

Completion handler

```
suspend fun <T> Call<T>.await(): T =  
    suspendCancellableCoroutine { cont: CancellableContinuation<T> ->  
        enqueue(...)  
        cont.invokeOnCompletion {  
            this@await.cancel()  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Completion handler

```
suspend fun <T> Call<T>.await(): T =  
    suspendCancellableCoroutine { cont: CancellableContinuation<T> ->  
        enqueue(...)  
        cont.invokeOnCompletion {  
            this@await.cancel()  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP)

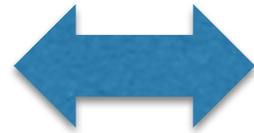


Shared Mutable State



The choice

Shared
Mutable State



Share by
Communicating

Example

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Main coroutine

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Channel

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Launch

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Child coroutine

Coroutine body

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Sequential code!

Send

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Close

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Receive for loop

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val chan = Channel<Int>()  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            chan.send(i)  
        }  
        chan.close()  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in chan) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
}
```

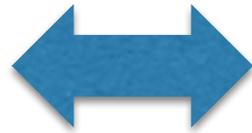
Demo

Actors

The other way to look at CSP

The choice

Named
channels



Named
coroutines

Actor == named coroutine & inbox channel

Example

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val printer = actor<Int>(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in channel) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            printer.send(i)  
        }  
        printer.close()  
    }  
}
```

Actor coroutine builder

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val printer = actor<Int>(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in channel) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            printer.send(i)  
        }  
        printer.close()  
    }  
}
```

Actor body

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val printer = actor<Int>(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in channel) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            printer.send(i)  
        }  
        printer.close()  
    }  
}
```

Sequential!

Interacting with an actor

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) = runBlocking<Unit> {  
    val printer = actor<Int>(coroutineContext) {  
        for (i in channel) {  
            println(i)  
        }  
    }  
    launch(coroutineContext) {  
        repeat(10) { i ->  
            delay(100)  
            printer.send(i)  
        }  
        printer.close()  
    }  
}
```

References



Guide to **kotlinx.coroutines** by example

- Basics
- Cancellation and Timeouts
- Composition
- Coroutine contexts
- Channels
- Shared Mutable State and Concurrency
- Select expressions

<https://github.com/Kotlin/kotlinx.coroutines/blob/master/coroutines-guide.md>

Thank you



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