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C++ Coroutines

a negative overhead abstraction

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000700 OBJECT-COMPUTER. RM-COBOL.  
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001000 DATA DIVISION.  
001100 FILE SECTION.  
001200  
100000 PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
100100  
100200 MAIN-LOGIC SECTION.  
100300 BEGIN.  
100400 DISPLAY " " LINE 1 POSITION 1, ERASE EOS.  
100500 DISPLAY "Hello world!" LINE 15 POSITION 10.  
100600 STOP RUN.  
100700 MAIN-LOGIC-EXIT.  
100800 EXIT.
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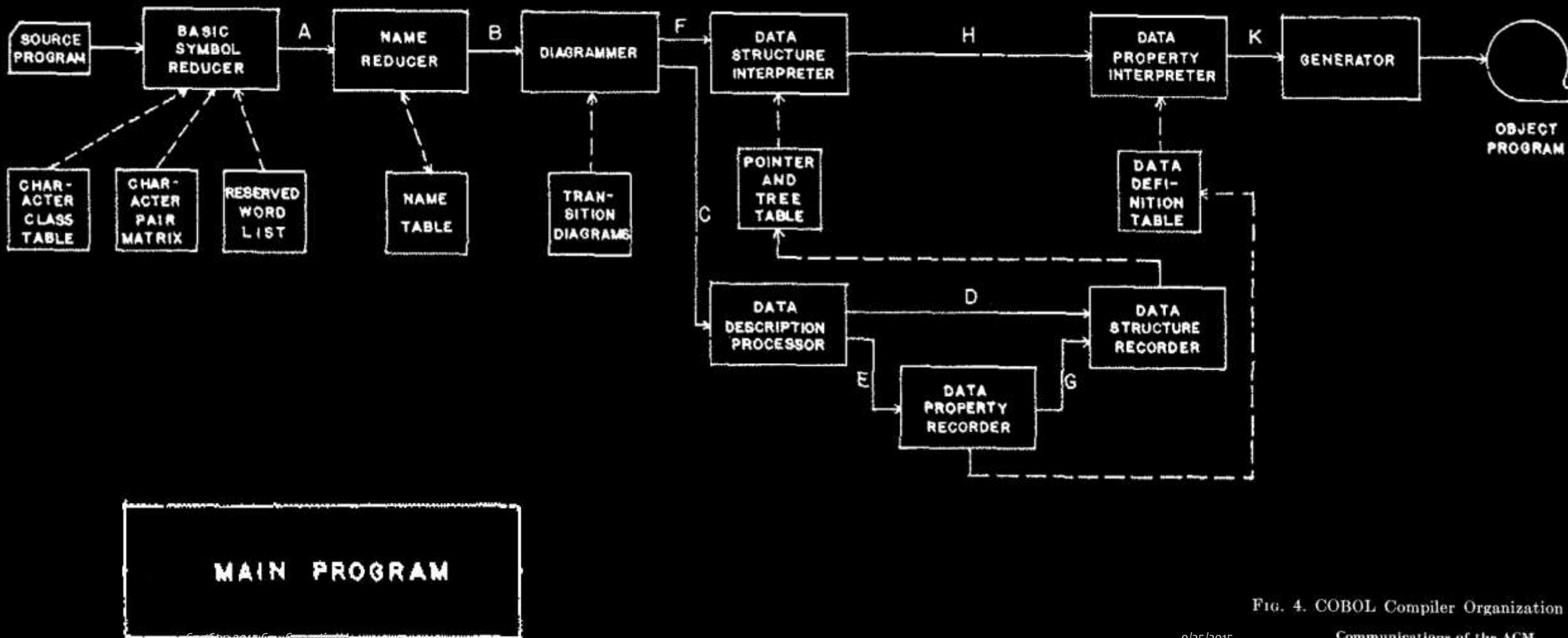
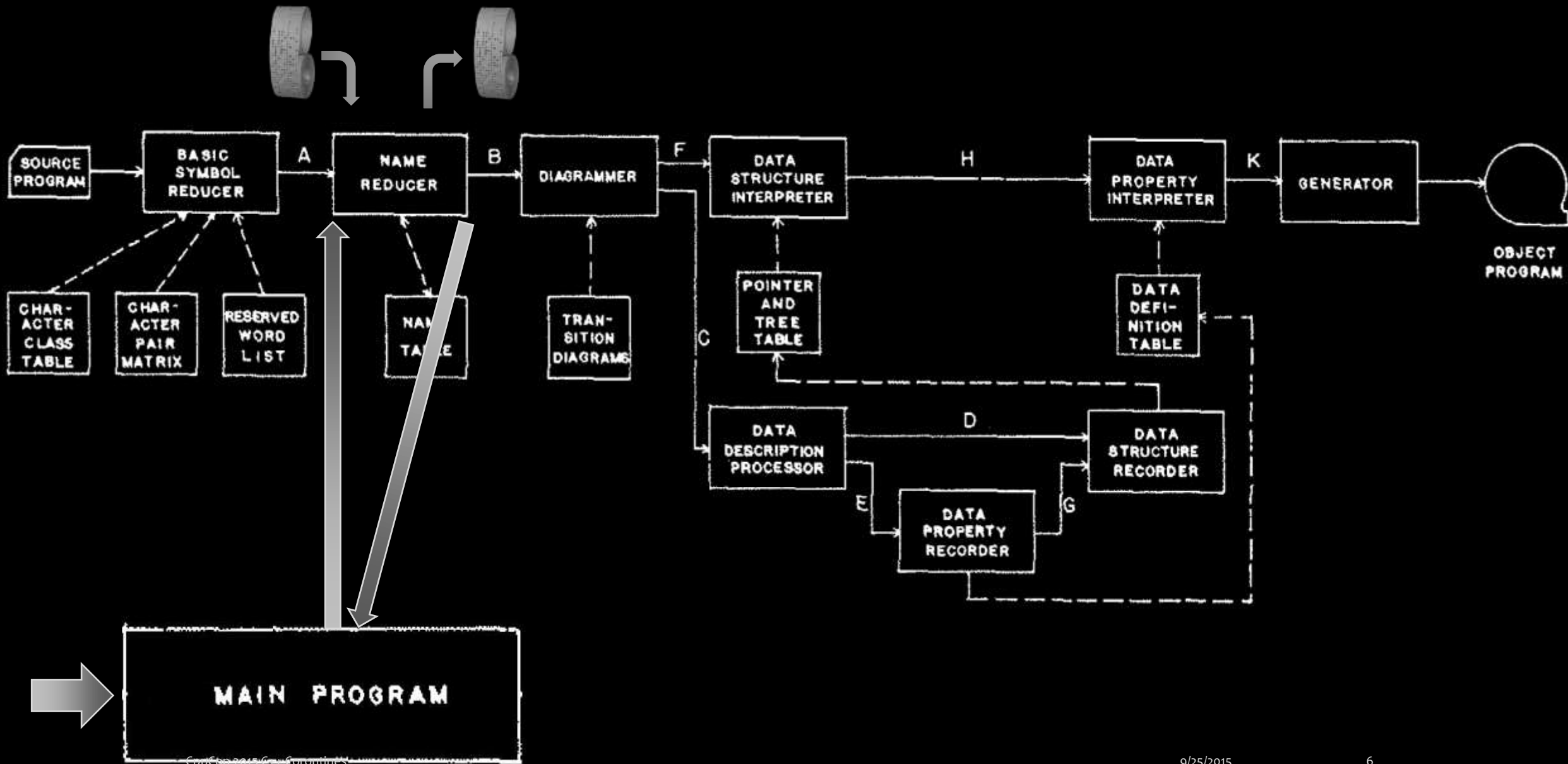
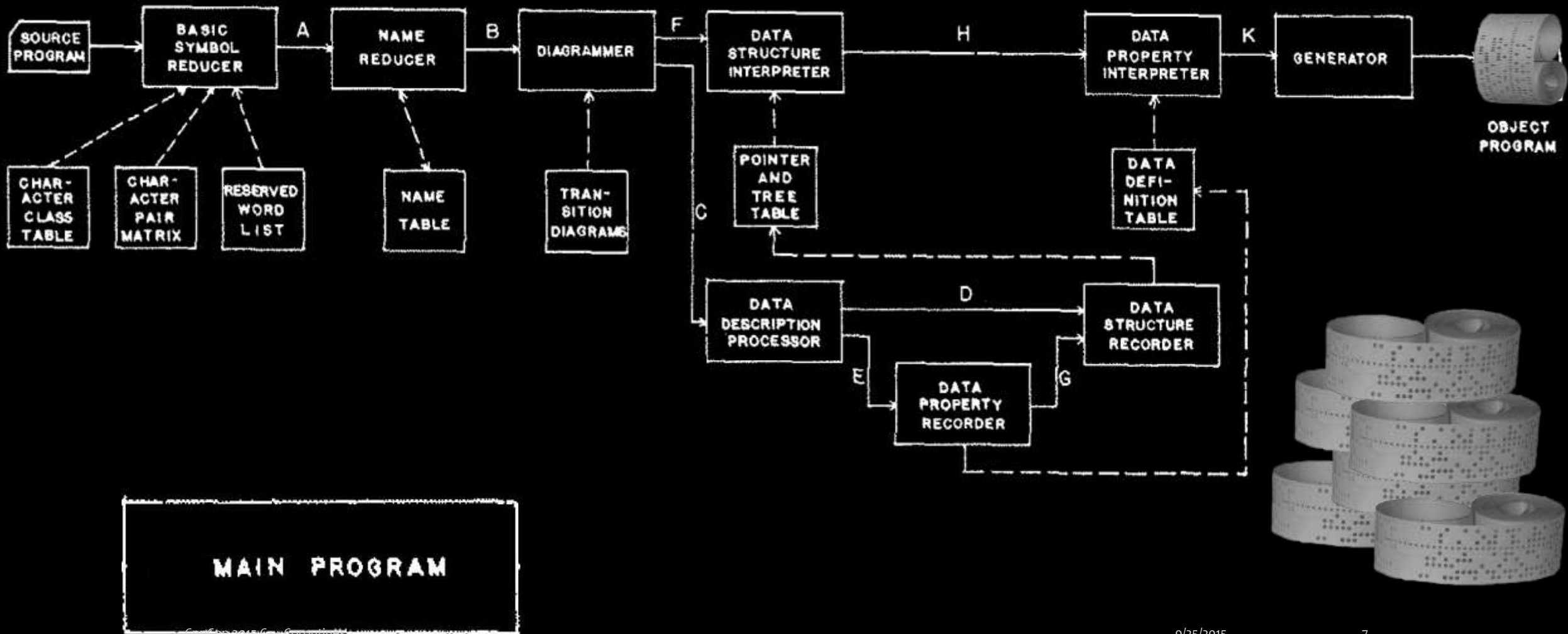
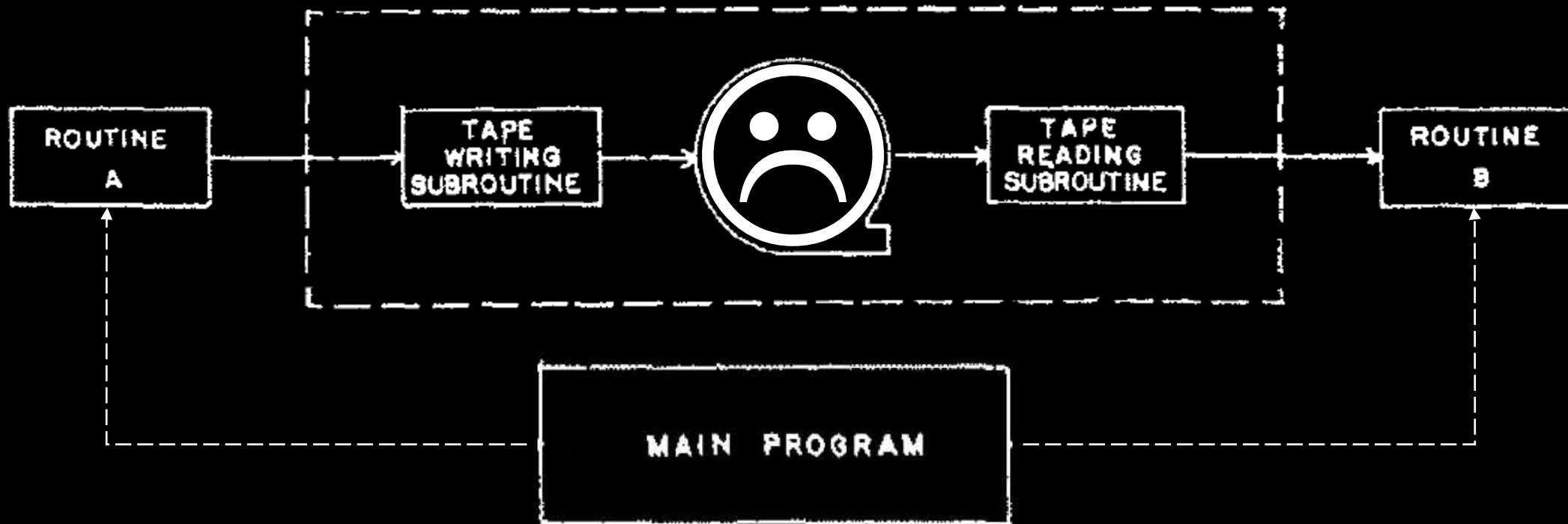


FIG. 4. COBOL Compiler Organization



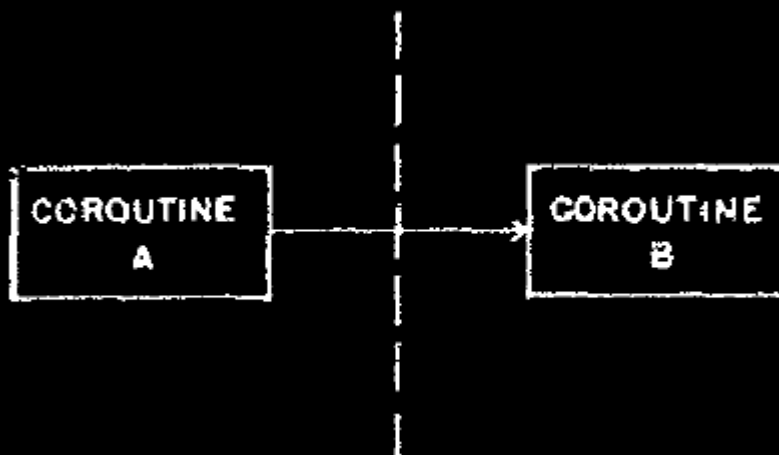


MAIN PROGRAM



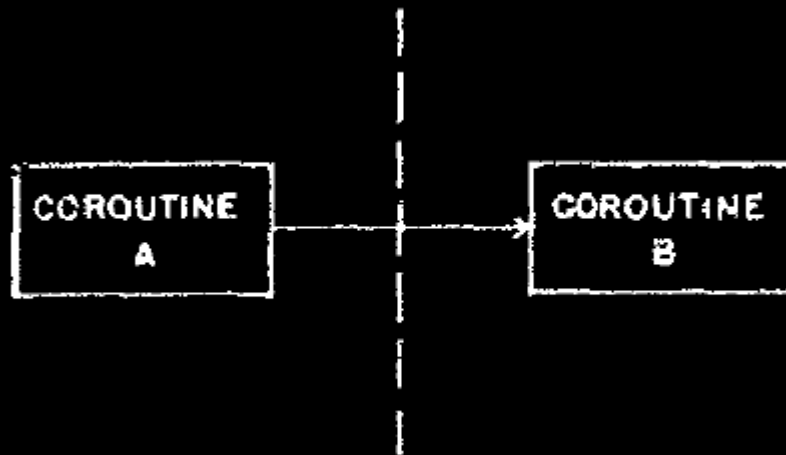
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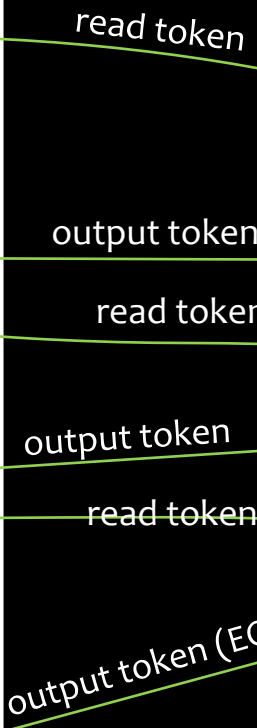
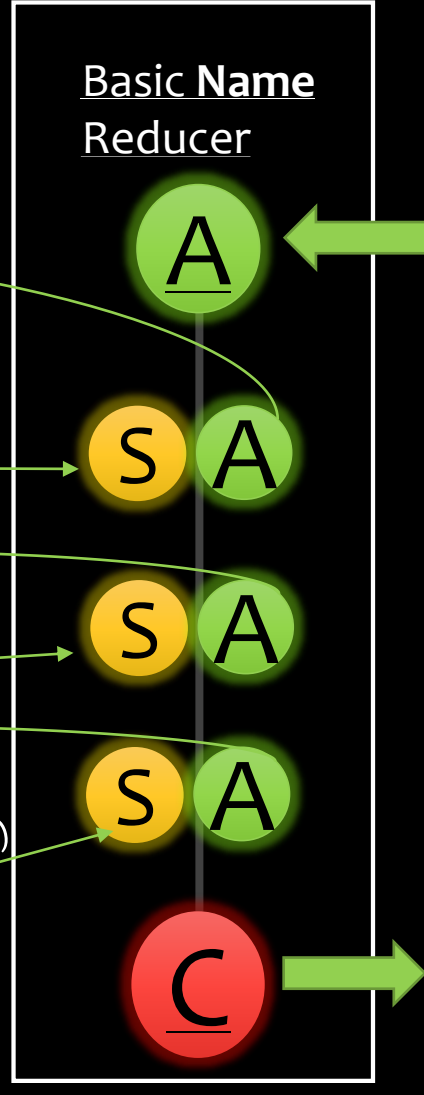
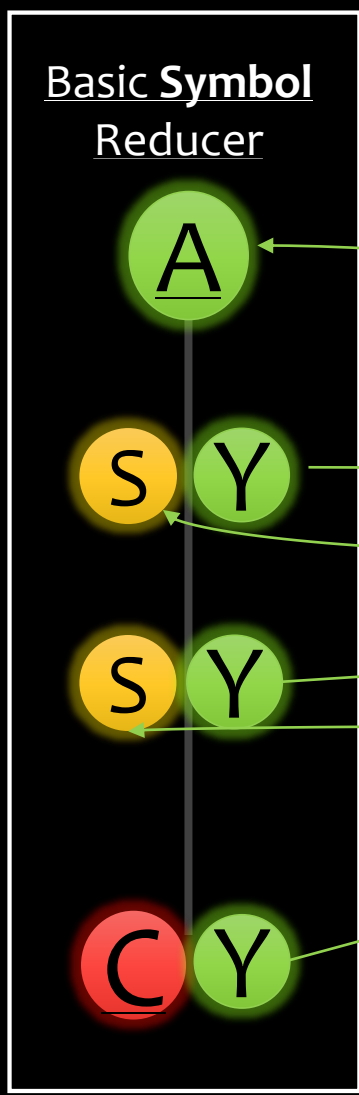
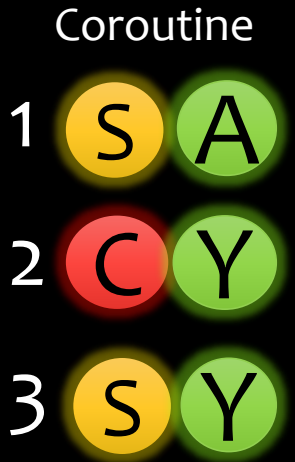
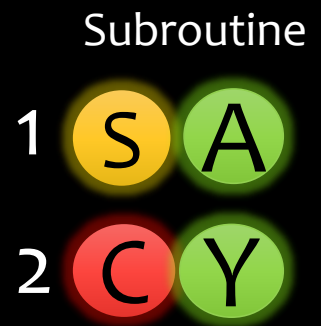
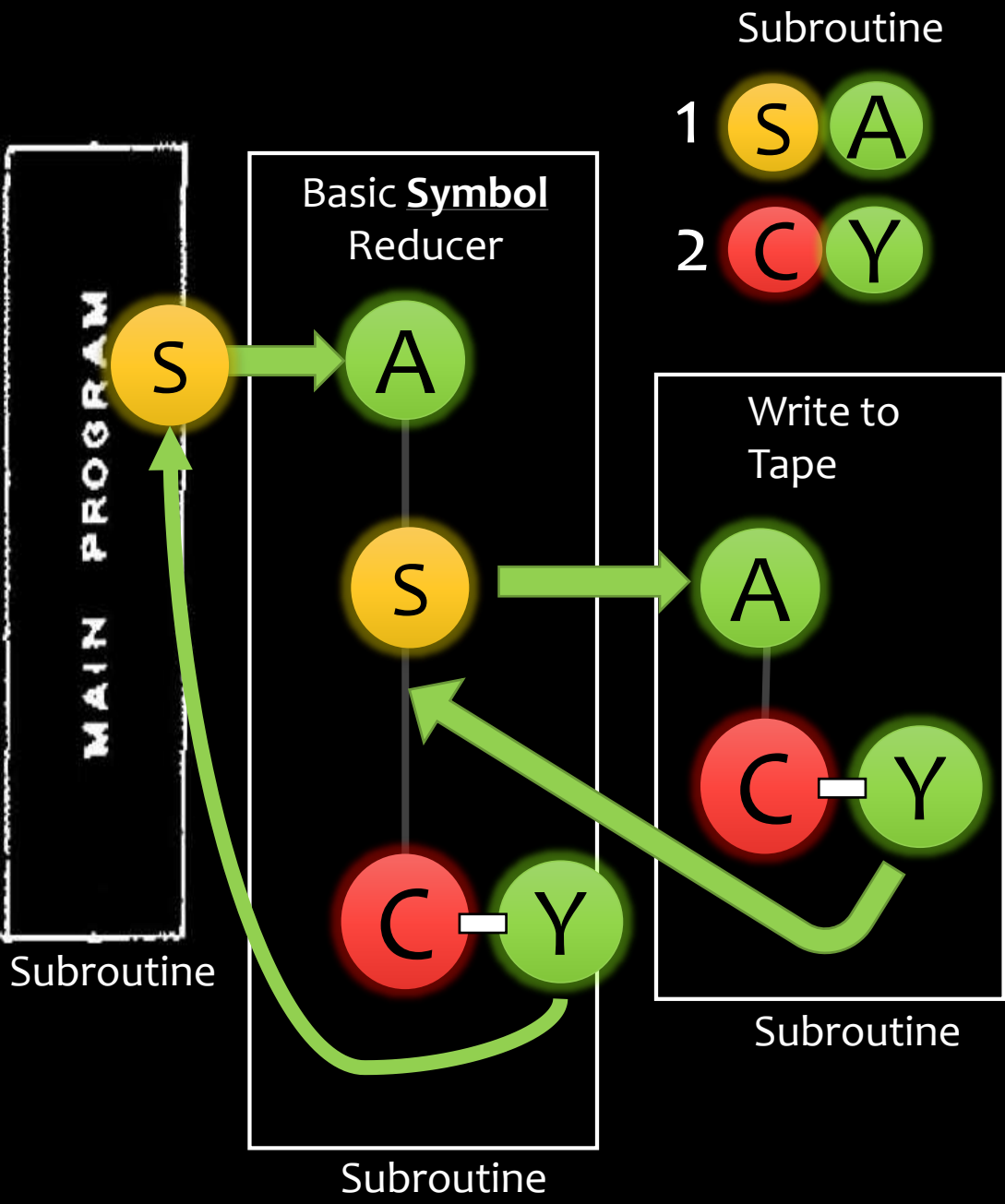
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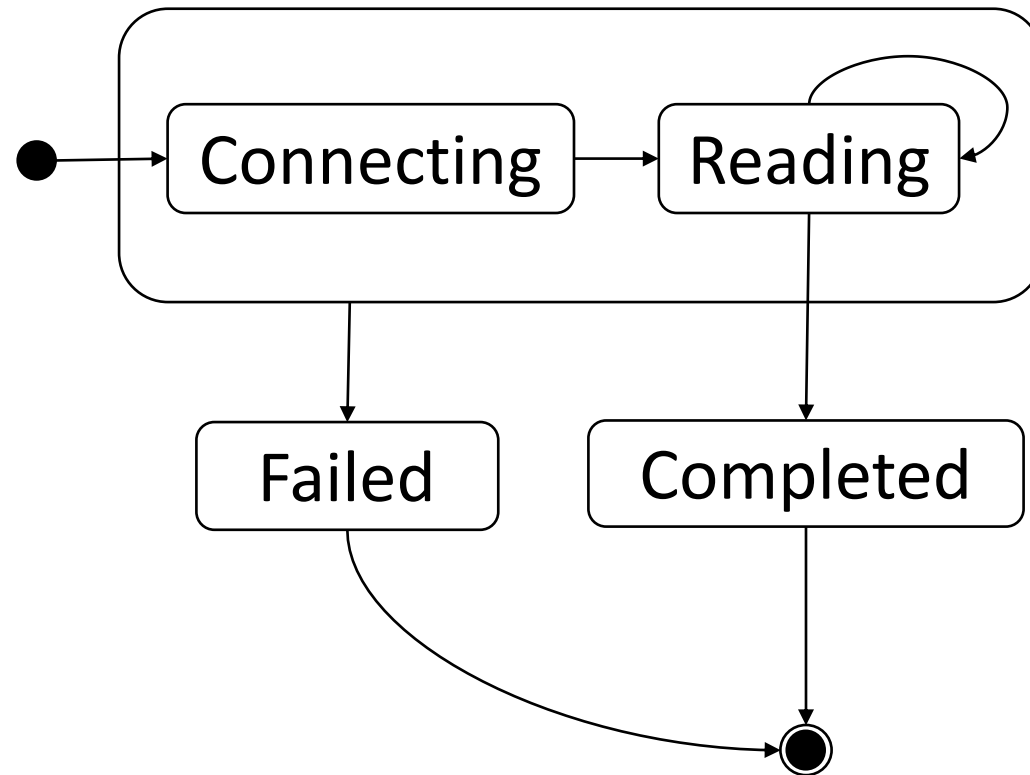




100 cards per minute!

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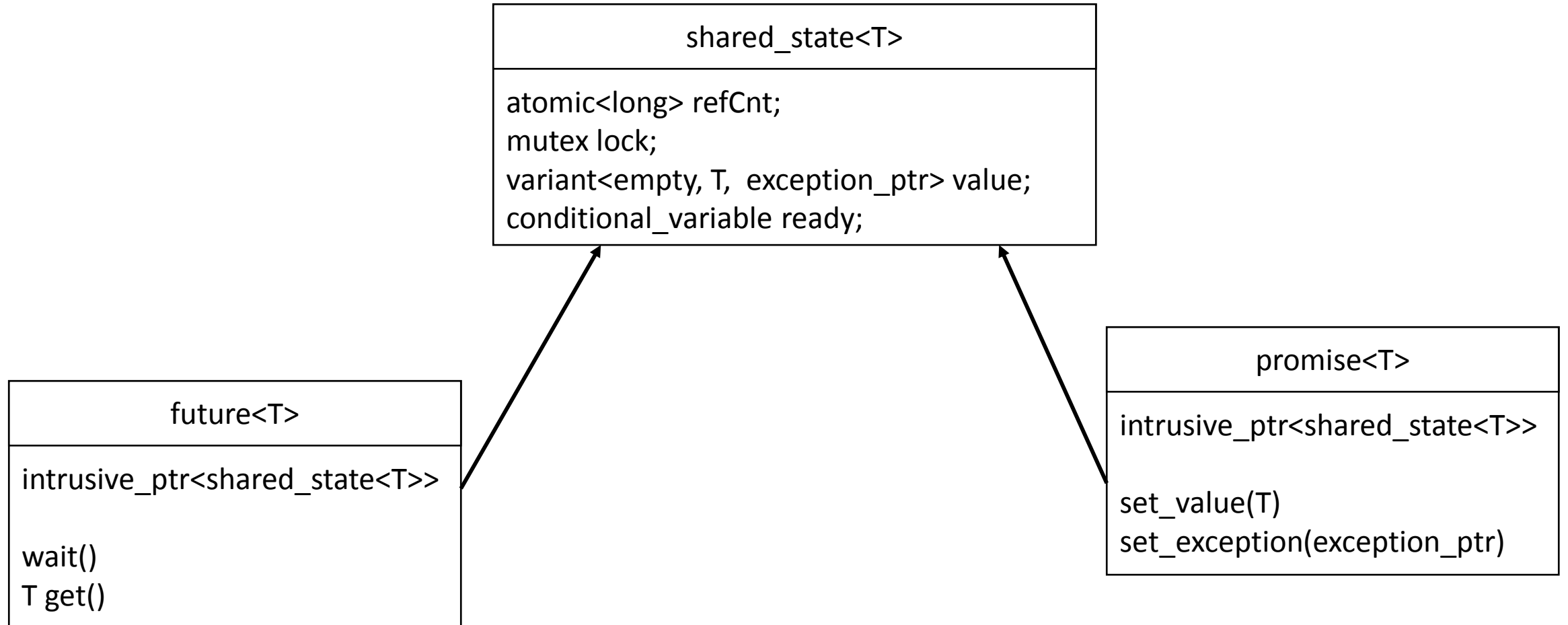
Async state machine



Trivial if synchronous

```
int tcp_reader(int total)
{
    char buf[4 * 1024];
    auto conn = Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);
    for (;;)
    {
        auto bytesRead = conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));
        total -= bytesRead;
        if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return total;
    }
}
```

std::future<T> and std::promise<T>




```
future<int> tcp_reader(int64_t total) {
    struct State {
        char buf[4 * 1024];
        int64_t total;
        Tcp::Connection conn;
        explicit State(int64_t total) : total(total) {}
    };
    auto state = make_shared<State>(total);
    return Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337).then(
        [state](future<Tcp::Connection> conn) {
            state->conn = std::move(conn.get());
            return do_while([state]()->future<bool> {
                if (state->total <= 0) return make_ready_future(false);
                return state->conn.read(state->buf, sizeof(state->buf)).then(
                    [state](future<int> nBytesFut) {
                        auto nBytes = nBytesFut.get();
                        if (nBytes == 0) return make_ready_future(false);
                        state->total -= nBytes;
                        return make_ready_future(true);
                    });
            });
        });
};
```

.then

```
future<void> do_while(function<future<bool>()> body) {
    return body().then([=](future<bool> notDone) {
        return notDone.get() ? do_while(body) : make_ready_future(); });
}
```

Forgot something

```
int tcp_reader(int total)
{
    char buf[4 * 1024];
    auto conn = Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);
    for (;;)
    {
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        total -= bytesRead;
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    }
}
```

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        explicit State(int64_t total) : total(total) {}
    };
    auto state = make_shared<State>(total);
    return Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337).then(
        [state](future<Tcp::Connection> conn) {
            state->conn = std::move(conn.get());
            return do_while([state]()->future<bool> {
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                        auto nBytes = nBytesFut.get();
                        if (nBytes == 0) return make_ready_future(false);
                        state->total -= nBytes;
                        return make_ready_future(true);
                    }); // read
            }); // do_while
        }); // Tcp::Connect
}

```

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        [state](future<Tcp::Connection> conn) {
            state->conn = std::move(conn.get());
            return do_while([state]()->future<bool> {
                if (state->total <= 0) return make_ready_future(false);
                return state->conn.read(state->buf, sizeof(state->buf)).then(
                    [state](future<int> nBytesFut) {
                        auto nBytes = nBytesFut.get();
                        if (nBytes == 0) return make_ready_future(false);
                        state->total -= nBytes;
                        return make_ready_future(true);
                    }); // read
            }); // do_while
        }).then([state]() { return make_ready_future(state->total); });
}

```

Hand-crafted async state machine (1/3)

```
class tcp_reader
{
    char buf[64 * 1024];
    Tcp::Connection conn;
    promise<int> done;
    int total;
```

```
    explicit tcp_reader(int total): total(total) {}
```

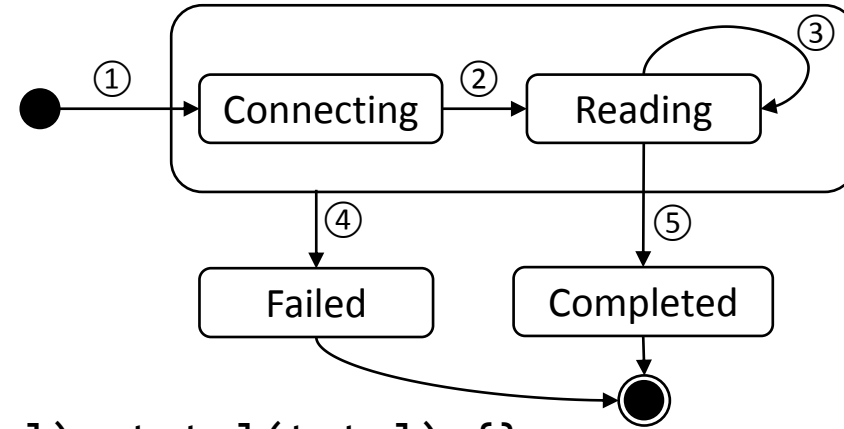
```
    ② void OnConnect(error_code ec, Tcp::Connection newCon);
    ③ void OnRead(error_code ec, int bytesRead);
    ④ void OnError(error_code ec);
    ⑤ void OnComplete();
```

```
public:
```

```
    ① static future<int> start(int total);
```

```
};
```

```
int main() {
    cout << tcp_reader::start(1000 * 1000 * 1000).get(); }
```



Hand-crafted async state machine (2/3)

```
future<int> tcp_reader::start(int total) {
    auto p = make_unique<tcp_reader>(total);
    auto result = p->done.get_future();
    Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337,
        [raw = p.get()](auto ec, auto newConn) {
            raw->OnConnect(ec, std::move(newConn));
        });
    p.release();
    return result;
}

void tcp_reader::OnConnect(error_code ec,
                          Tcp::Connection newCon)
{
    if (ec) return OnError(ec);
    conn = std::move(newCon);
    conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf),
        [this](error_code ec, int bytesRead)
            { OnRead(ec, bytesRead); });
}
```

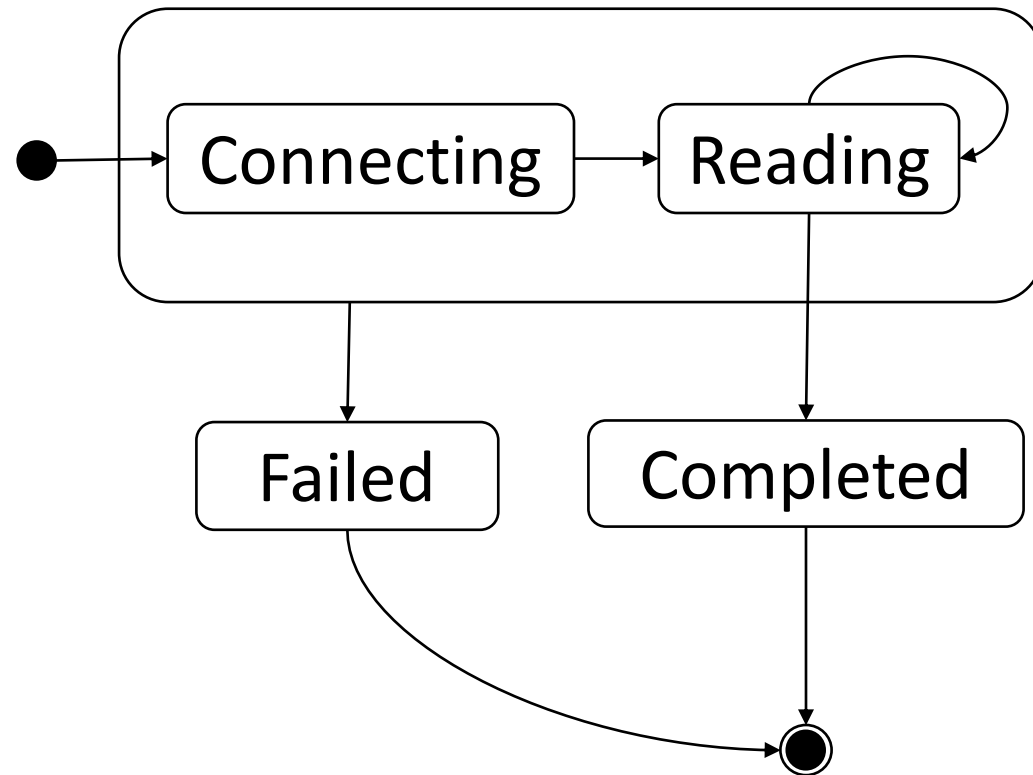
Hand-crafted async state machine (3/3)

```
void tcp_reader::OnRead(error_code ec, int bytesRead) {
    if (ec) return OnError(ec);
    total -= bytesRead;
    if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return OnComplete();
    conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf),
        [this](error_code ec, int bytesRead) {
            OnRead(ec, bytesRead); });
}

void OnError(error_code ec) {
    auto cleanMe = unique_ptr<tcp_reader>(this);
    done.set_exception(make_exception_ptr(system_error(ec)));
}

void OnComplete() {
    auto cleanMe = unique_ptr<tcp_reader>(this);
    done.set_value(total);
}
```


Async state machine



Trivial

```
auto tcp_reader(int total) -> int
{
    char buf[4 * 1024];
    auto conn = Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);
    for (;;)
    {
        auto bytesRead = conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));
        total -= bytesRead;
        if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return total;
    }
}
```

Trivial

```
auto tcp_reader(int total) -> future<int>
{
    char buf[4 * 1024];
    auto conn = await Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);
    for (;;)
    {
        auto bytesRead = await conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));
        total -= bytesRead;
        if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return total;
    }
}
```

What about perf?

```

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    auto conn = await Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);
    for (;;)
    {
        auto bytesRead = await conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));
        total -= bytesRead;
        if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return total;
    }
}

```

```

class tcp_reader
{
public:
    tcp_reader(int total): total(total) {}
    explicit tcp_reader(int total): total(total) {}
    void OnConnect(error_code ec, Tcp::Connection newCon);
    void OnRead(error_code ec, int bytesRead);
    void OnError(error_code ec);
    void OnComplete();
public:
    static future<int> start(int total);
};

```



```

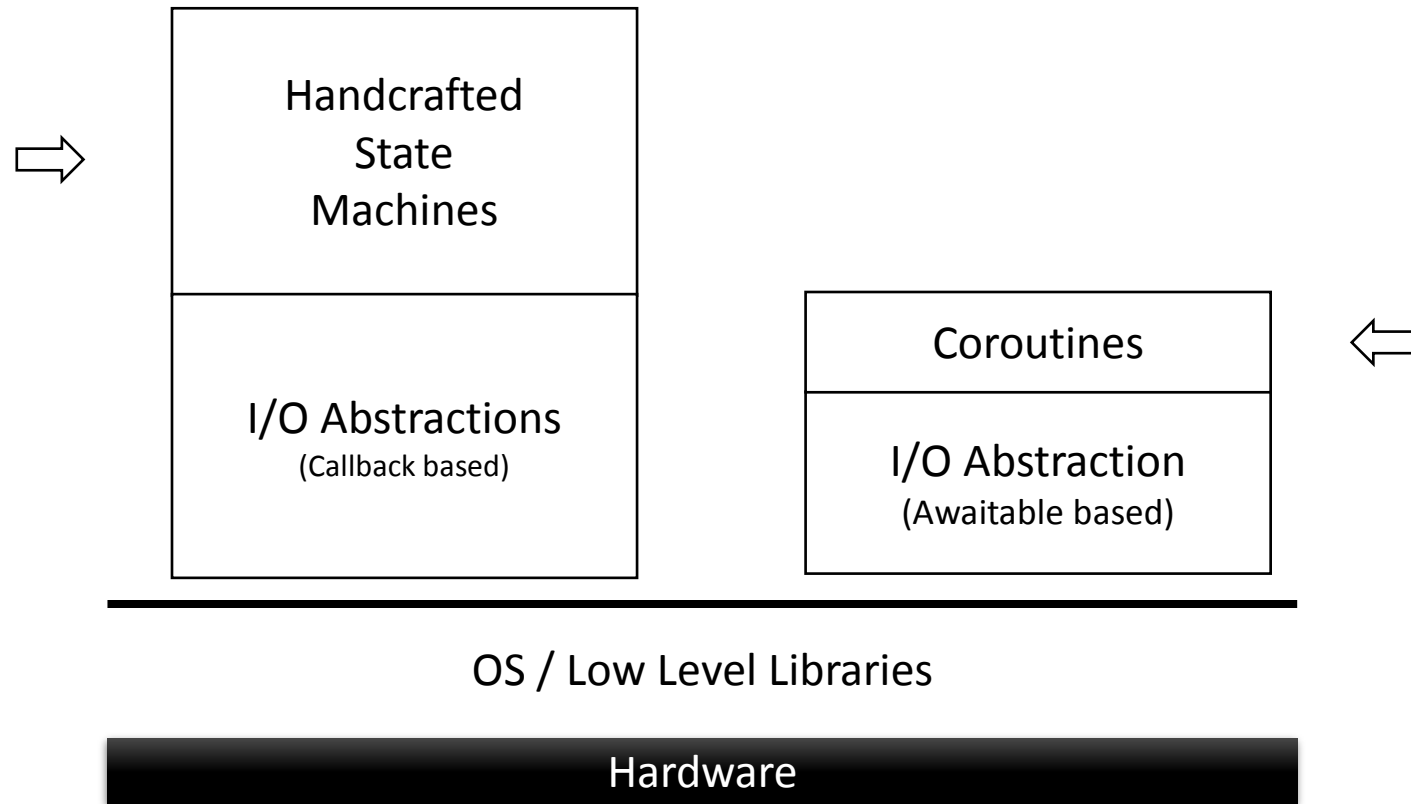
int main() {
    printf("Hello, world\n");
}

```

	Coroutines	Hand-Crafted	Hello
MB/s	495 (1.3x)	380	0
Binary size (Kbytes)	25 (0.85x)	30	9

Visual C++ 2015 RTM. Measured on Lenovo W540 laptop. Transmitting & Receiving 1GB over loopback IP addr

Coroutines are closer to the metal

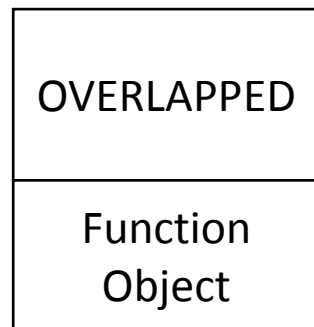


How to map high level call to OS API?

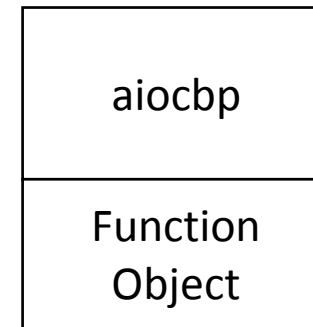
```
conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf),  
          [this](error_code ec, int bytesRead)  
          { OnRead(ec, bytesRead); });
```

```
template <class Cb>  
void Read(void* buf, size_t bytes, Cb && cb);
```

Windows: `WSARecv(fd, ..., OVERLAPPED*)`



Posix aio: `aio_read(fd, ..., aiocbp*)`

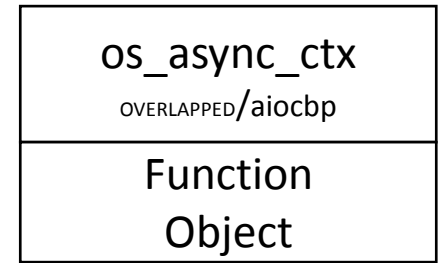


```

struct OverlappedBase : os_async_context {
    virtual void Invoke(std::error_code, int bytes) = 0;
    virtual ~OverlappedBase() {}

    static void io_complete_callback(CompletionPacket& p) {
        auto me = unique_ptr<OverlappedBase>(static_cast<OverlappedBase*>(p.overlapped));
        me->Invoke(p.error, p.byteTransferred);
    }
};

```



After open associate a socket handle with a threadpool and a callback

```
ThreadPool::AssociateHandle(sock.native_handle(), &OverlappedBase::io_complete_callback);
```

```

template <typename Fn> struct CompletionWithCount : OverlappedBase, private Fn
{
    CompletionWithCount(Fn fn) : Fn(std::move(fn)) {}

    void Invoke(std::error_code ec, int count) override { Fn::operator()(ec, count); }
};

```

```

template <typename Fn> unique_ptr<OverlappedBase> make_handler_with_count(Fn && fn) {
    return std::make_unique<CompletionWithCount<std::decay_t<Fn>>>(std::forward<Fn>(fn));
}

```



```
conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf),
          [this](error_code ec, int bytesRead)
          { OnRead(ec, bytesRead); });
```

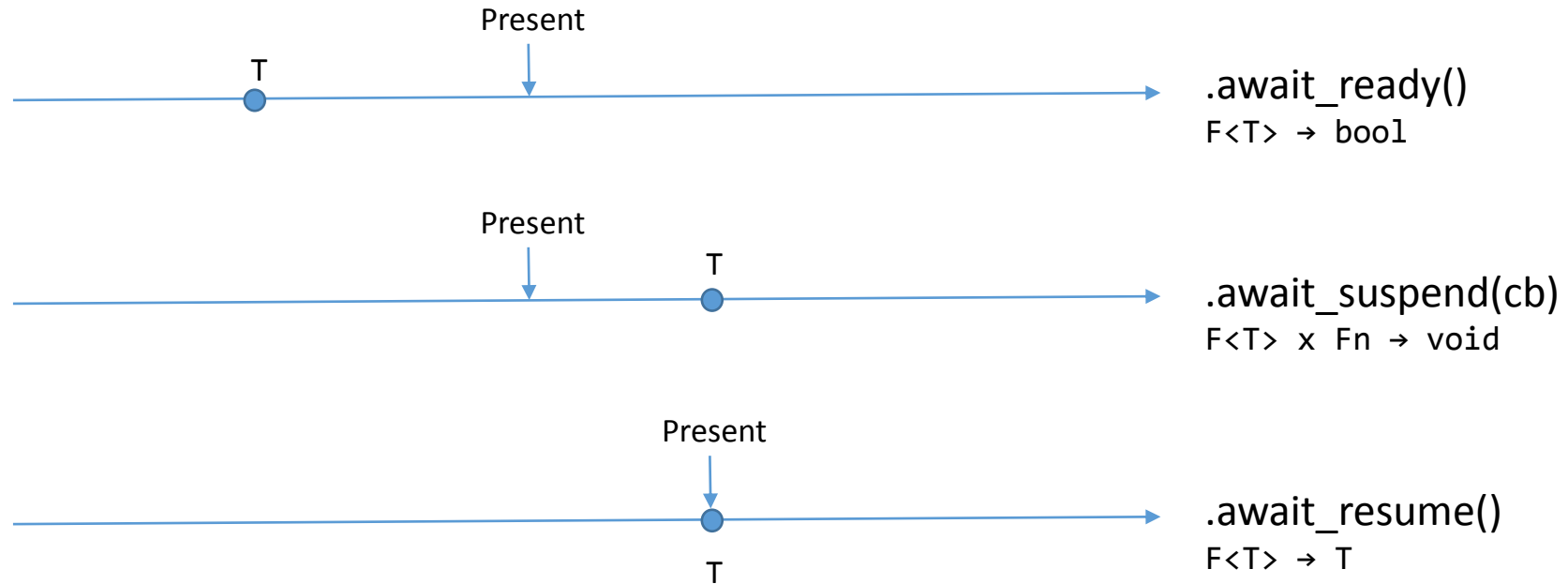
```
template <typename F>
void Read(void* buf, int len, F && cb) {
    return Read(buf, len, make_handler_with_count(std::forward<F>(cb)));
}

void Read(void* buf, int len, std::unique_ptr<detail::OverlappedBase> o)
{
    auto error = sock.Receive(buf, len, o.get());
    if (error) {
        if (error.value() != kIoPending) {
            o->Invoke(error, 0);
            return;
        }
    }
    o.release();
}
```

```
await conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));
```

?


Awaitable – Concept of the Future<T>



`await` expr-of-awaitable-type

await <expr>

Expands into an expression equivalent of

```
{  
    auto && tmp = <expr>;  
    if (!await_ready(tmp)) {  
        await_suspend(tmp, <coroutine-handle>);  
          
    }  
    return await_resume(tmp);  
}
```

suspend
resume

REMEMBER THIS?

Overlapped Base from before

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struct OverlappedBase : os_async_context
{
    virtual void Invoke(std::error_code, int bytes) = 0;
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    static void io_complete_callback(CompletionPacket& p) {
        auto me = static_cast<OverlappedBase*>(p.overlapped);
        auto cleanMe = unique_ptr<OverlappedBase>(me);

        me->Invoke(p.error, p.byteTransferred);
    }
};
```

Overlapped Base for awaitable

```
struct AwaiterBase : os_async_context
```

```
{
```

```
    coroutine_handle<> resume; ←
```

```
    std::error_code err;
```

```
    int bytes;
```

```
    static void io_complete_callback(CompletionPacket& p) {
```

```
        auto me = static_cast<AwaiterBase*>(p.overlapped);
```

```
        me->err = p.error;
```

```
        me->bytes = p.byteTransferred;
```

```
        me->resume(); ←
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

sizeof(void*)
no dtor

mov rcx, [rcx]
jmp [rcx]

```
await conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));
```

?

```

auto Connection::Read(void* buf, int len) {
    struct awaiter: AwaiterBase {
        Connection* me;
        void* buf;
        awaiter(Connection* me, void* buf, int len) : me(me), buf(buf) { bytes = len; }

        bool await_ready() { return false; }

        void await_suspend(coroutine_handle<> h) {
            this->resume = h;
            auto error = me->sock.Receive(buf, bytes, this);
            if (error.value() != kIoPending)
                throw system_error(err);
        }

        int await_resume() {
            if (this->err) throw system_error(err);
            return bytes;
        }
    };
    return awaiter{ this, buf, len };
}

```

```

struct AwaiterBase : os_async_context {
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    int bytes;

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        me->bytes = p.byteTransferred;
        me->resume();
    }
};

```


Trivial

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auto tcp_reader(int total) -> future<int>
{
    char buf[4 * 1024];
    auto conn = await Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);
    for (;;)
    {
        auto bytesRead = await conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));
        total -= bytesRead;
        if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return total;
    }
}
```

Can we make it better?

Functions Doing Most Individual Work

Name	Exclusive Samples %
WSASend	86.70
WSARecv	8.31
GetQueuedCompletionStatus	3.18
OsTcpSocket::Send	0.53
awaitable::ServeClient\$_ResumeCoro\$2	0.13

Functions Doing Most Individual Work

Name	Exclusive Samples %
WSASend	84.53
WSARecv	8.46
GetQueuedCompletionStatus	3.50
malloc	1.78
OsTcpSocket::Send	0.54

50% I/O completes synchronously
50% I/O with I/O pending error

```
SetFileCompletionNotificationModes(h,  
    FILE_SKIP_COMPLETION_PORT_ON_SUCCESS);
```

```
SetFileCompletionNotificationModes(h,  
FILE_SKIP_COMPLETION_PORT_ON_SUCCESS);
```

Take advantage of synchronous completions

```
void Read(void* buf, int len, std::unique_ptr<detail::OverlappedBase> o)  
{  
    auto error = sock.Receive(buf, len, o.get());  
    if (error) {  
        if (error.value() != kIoPending) {  
            o->Invoke(error, 0);  
            return;  
        }  
    }  
    o.release();  
}
```

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        o->Invoke(error, len);  
        return;  
    }  
  
    o.release();  
}
```


Need to implement it on the use side

```
void tcp_reader::OnRead(std::error_code ec, int bytesRead) {  
  
    if (ec) return OnError(ec);  
    total -= (int)bytesRead;  
    if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return OnComplete();  
    bytesRead = sizeof(buf);  
  
    conn.Read(buf, bytesRead,  
        [this](std::error_code ec, int bytesRead) {  
            OnRead(ec, bytesRead); }) ;  
}
```

Now handling synchronous completion

```
void tcp_reader::OnRead(std::error_code ec, int bytesRead) {
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        if (ec) return OnError(ec);
        total -= (int)bytesRead;
        if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return OnComplete();
        bytesRead = sizeof(buf);
    } while (
        conn.Read(buf, bytesRead,
            [this](std::error_code ec, int bytesRead) {
                OnRead(ec, bytesRead); }));
}
```

Let's measure the improvement (handwritten)

	MB/s		Executable size	
	Handcrafted	Coroutine	Handcrafted	Coroutine
Original	380	495	30	25
Synchr Completion. Opt	485		30	


```

auto Connection::Read(void* buf, int len) {
    struct awaiter: AwaiterBase {
        Connection* me;
        void* buf;
        awaiter(Connection* me, void* buf, int len) : me(me), buf(buf) { bytes = len; }

        bool await_ready() { return false; }

        void await_suspend(coroutine_handle<> h) {
            this->resume = h;
            auto error = me->sock.Receive(buf, bytes, this);
            if (error.value() == kIoPending) return;
            if (error) throw system_error(err);
            return;
        }

        int await_resume() {
            if (this->err) throw system_error(err);
            return bytes;
        }
    };
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}

```

```

SetFileCompletionNotificationModes(h,
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    int bytes;

    static void io_complete_callback(CompletionPacket& p){
        auto me = static_cast<AwaiterBase*>(p.overlapped);
        me->err = p.error;
        me->bytes = p.byteTransferred;
        me->resume();
    }
};

```

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        bool await_ready() { return false; }

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            if (error.value() == kIoPending) return true;
            if (error) throw system_error(err);
            return false;
        }

        int await_resume() {
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            return bytes;
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    };
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suspend
resume

Let's measure the improvement (coroutine)

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	Handcrafted	Coroutine	Handcrafted	Coroutine
Original	380	495	30	25
Synchr Completion. Opt	485	1028	30	25

Can we make it better?

Functions Doing Most Individual Work

Name	Exclusive Samples %
WSASend	60.13
WSARecv	32.01
GetQueuedCompletionStatus	5.66
awaitable::detail::io_complete_callback	0.31
OsTcpSocket::Send	0.31

Functions Doing Most Individual Work

Name	Exclusive Samples %
malloc	37.80
WSASend	35.14
WSARecv	20.01
GetQueuedCompletionStatus	3.46
free	1.57

Getting rid of the allocations

```
class tcp_reader {
    std::unique_ptr<detail::OverlappedBase> wo;
    ...

    tcp_reader(int64_t total) : total(total) {
        wo = detail::make_handler_with_count(
            [this](auto ec, int nBytes) {OnRead(ec, nBytes); });
        ...
    }

    void OnRead(std::error_code ec, int bytesRead) {
        if (ec) return OnError(ec);
        do {
            total -= (int)bytesRead;
            if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return OnComplete();
            bytesRead = sizeof(buf);
        } while (conn.Read(buf, bytesRead, wo.get()));
    }
}
```

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Prealloc handler	690	1028	28	25

Coroutines are popular!

DART 1.9

```
Future<int> getPage(t) async {  
  var c = new http.Client();  
  try {  
    var r = await c.get('http://url/search?q=$t');  
    print(r);  
    return r.length;  
  } finally {  
    await c.close();  
  }  
}
```

C#

```
async Task<string> WaitAsynchronouslyAsync()  
{  
  await Task.Delay(10000);  
  return "Finished";  
}
```

C++17

```
future<string> WaitAsynchronouslyAsync()  
{  
  await sleep_for(10ms);  
  return "Finished"s;  
}
```

Python: PEP 0492

```
async def abinary(n):  
    if n <= 0:  
        return 1  
    l = await abinary(n - 1)  
    r = await abinary(n - 1)  
    return l + 1 + r
```

JavaScript (programming language)

```
async function gen1(): Awaitable<int> {  
  $x = await Batcher::fetch(1);  
  $y = await Batcher::fetch(2);  
  return $x + $y;  
}
```

Generalized Function

Coroutine Designer

```
namespace std {  
    template <typename T, typename... anything>  
    struct coroutine_traits<boost::coroutine::future<T>, anything...> {  
        struct promise_type {  
            boost::promise<T> promise;  
            auto get_return_object() { return promise.get_future(); }  
            template <class U> void return_value(U&& value) {  
                promise.set_value(std::move(value));  
            }  
            void set_exception(std::exception_ptr e) {  
                promise.set_exception(std::move(e));  
            }  
            bool initial_suspend() { return false; }  
            bool final_suspend() { return false; }  
        };  
    };  
};
```

User

```
auto tcp_reader(int total) -> future<int>  
{  
    char buf[4 * 1024];  
    auto conn = await Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);  
    for (;;) {  
        auto bytesRead = await conn.Read(buf, sizeof(buf));  
        total -= bytesRead;  
        if (total <= 0 || bytesRead == 0) return total;  
    }  
}
```



Compiler
does not care

POF

Monadic*

await - suspend

Task

await

Generator

yield

Async

Generator

await + yield

Design Principles

- **Scalable** (to **billions** of concurrent coroutines)
- **Efficient** (resume and suspend operations comparable in cost to a function call overhead)
- Seamless interaction with existing facilities **with no overhead**
- **Open ended** coroutine machinery allowing library designers to develop coroutine libraries exposing various high-level semantics, such as generators, goroutines, tasks and more.
- **Usable** in environments where **exceptions** are forbidden or **not available**

Coroutines – a negative overhead abstraction

- Proposal is working through C++ standardization committee (C++17?)
- **Experimental** implementation in VS 2015 RTM
- Clang implementation is in progress
- more details:
 - CppCon 2014 presentation on coroutines
<http://github.com/cppcon>
 - <http://www.open-std.org/JTC1/SC22/WG21/docs/papers/2015/n4499.pdf>
 - Pre-Kona mailing (P0054, P0055, P0056)

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