

In C++/WinRT, how can I await multiple coroutines and capture the results?, part 2

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Instead of replacing the awaiter so it doesn't retrieve the results, we can go ahead and collect the results, and then return them. The Windows Runtime doesn't have a convenient way to return a strongly-typed heterogeneous collection. Structures must be declared in metadata, and returning a vector of `IInspectable` is not strongly-typed.

Fortunately, we can use our friend `simple_task`, which has since been added to the Windows Implementation Library as `wil::task`.

```
template<typename... Results>
wil::task<std::tuple<Results>>
when_all_with_results(
    winrt::Windows::Foundation::IAsyncOperation<Results>... asyncs)
{
    co_return std::make_tuple(co_await asyncs...);
}

auto [result1, result2] =
    co_await when_all_with_results(Do1Async(), Do2Async());
```

We wish we could have written

```
template<typename... Asyncs>
wil::task<auto>
when_all_with_results(Asyncs... asyncs)
{
    co_return std::make_tuple(co_await asyncs...);
}
```

but there is currently no facility in the C++ language for this sort of weirdo template placeholder usage.

The above formulation does limit you to `IAsyncOperation<T>`, so you cannot use other awaitables with `when_all_with_results`, like `IAsyncOperationWithProgress<T, P>`. Adding `IAsyncOperationWithProgress<T, P>` support isn't so bad, because the result type is available

from both `IAsyncOperation<T>` and `IAsyncOperationWithProgress<T, P>` by checking the return type of `GetResult()`.

```
template<typename... Asyncs>
wil::task<std::tuple<
    decltype(std::declval<Asyncs>().GetResults())...>>
when_all_with_results(Asyncs... asyncs)
{
    co_return std::make_tuple(co_await asyncs...);
}
```

Or, taking advantage of trailing return types so we don't need to go through the hassle of `decltype`:

```
template<typename... Asyncs>
auto
when_all_with_results(Asyncs... asyncs) ->
    wil::task<std::tuple<
        decltype(asyncs.GetResults())...>>
{
    co_return std::make_tuple(co_await asyncs...);
}
```

Extending support to other types of awaitables, such as `wil::task`, means having to fire up a lot of infrastructure to figure out what the `co_await` return type is.

```
template<typename T>
using await_result = decltype(std::declval<
    awaiter_finder::type<T>>().await_resume());

template<typename... Asyncs>
wil::task<std::tuple<await_result<Asyncs>...>>
when_all_with_results(Asyncs... async)
{
    co_return std::make_tuple(co_await async...);
}
```

Great, you solved one problem but introduced at least two new ones.

First problem is that one of these awaitables might produce a C++ reference. This wasn't a problem with `IAsyncOperation`, since that never produces a C++ reference, but arbitrary awaitables might do that. Another problem is that one of the `async` values might be an awaitable that completes with `void`. You can't put a `void` inside a tuple.

We'll look more closely at these problems next time.