

Integrating MicrotaskContext to EnteredContext

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TL;DR:

A proposal to update `HandleScopeImplementer` to merge its `microtask_context_` into `entered_contexts_`, so that we can nest `RunMicrotasks` for different `MicrotaskQueues` for [Cooperative Scheduling](#) and `Layout Worklet`.

Motivation

`HandleScopeImplementer` manages entered contexts and the microtask context separately, and we have two variants of getters of the last entered context: the microtask context is involved to one, `GetEnteredContext()`, and is not involved to another, `GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext()`. However, `GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext()` is more relevant than `GetEnteredContext()` for all callers, and the separation makes the implementations complex. Also, the current implementation doesn't work well for nested microtask queue as it's not managed as a stack.

This proposal merges the microtask context into entered contexts, and replaces `GetEnteredContext()` with `GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext()` for simpler management and nestable microtask contexts.

Nested RunMicrotasks?

Cooperative Scheduling

This is an attempt to yield the main thread occupied by a third-party long running JS execution. While V8 is running an author JS, Blink stops running the task at certain safe points (e.g. Blink callbacks), and runs high priority tasks for better responsiveness. As the nested tasks will be a third party task, that is, the task don't touch the paused task synchronously, the execution is not visible for the page authors.

However, the current implementation of the microtask queue is problematic for this scenario. As it does not support nesting, we can not run microtasks in the inner task if the outer task is running a microtask.

Worklets

Worklets is a similar concept to `Worker`, but they may share a thread unlike `Workers`. Each of them has its own context and the event loop with a microtask queue, and may run synchronously while other script is running. E.g. `Layout Worklet` may run in the synchronous re-layout, and in this case, a microtask in the worklet may run while the outer script is running a microtask.

Overview

As a rough sketch, this proposes updating "Current" to "Proposed", and to maintain the API compatibility, we probably need to go to "Transitional" first and stay there for a while.

Current

HandleScopeImplementer holds a stack of entered contexts and single microtask context separately. The microtask context is updated by RunMicrotasks builtin.

```
class Isolate {
public:
    Local<Context> GetEnteredContext();
    Local<Context> GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext();
};

class HandleScopeImplementer {
public:
    void EnterContext(Handle<Context> context);
    void LeaveContext();
    bool LastEnteredContextWas(Handle<Context> context);
    Handle<Context> LastEnteredContext();

    void EnterMicrotaskContext(Handle<Context> context);
    void LeaveMicrotaskContext();
    Handle<Context> MicrotaskContext();
    bool MicrotaskContextIsLastEnteredContext() const;

private:
    DetachableVector<Context*> entered_contexts_;
    Context* microtask_context_;
    size_t entered_contexts_count_;
    size_t entered_context_count_during_microtasks_;
};
```

Proposed

No separation between the entered context and microtask context. |entered_contexts_| contains both of them. As a preparation, we need to update DetachableVector to be accessible from builtins.

```
// No separation between the entered context and microtask context.
class Isolate {
public:
    Local<Context> GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext();
};

class HandleScopeImplementer {
public:
    void EnterContext(Handle<Context> context);
    void LeaveContext();
    bool LastEnteredContextWas(Handle<Context> context);
    Handle<Context> LastEnteredOrMicrotaskContext();

private:
    DetachableVector<Context*> entered_contexts_;
};
```

Transitional

To maintain the API compatibility, we need to keep the entered contexts and microtask contexts distinguishable. As there's no known caller of `GetEnteredContext` outside of Blink and V8, the deprecation should be easy.

```
class Isolate {
public:
  V8_DEPRECATED("Use GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext",
                 Local<Context> GetEnteredContext());
  Local<Context> GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext();
};

class HandleScopeImplementer {
public:
  void EnterContext(Handle<Context> context, bool is_microtask_context);
  void LeaveContext();
  bool LastEnteredContextWas(Handle<Context> context);

  Handle<Context> LastEnteredContext();
  Handle<Context> LastEnteredOrMicrotaskContext();

private:
  DetachableVector<Context*> entered_contexts_;
  DetachableVector<bool> is_microtask_context_;
};
```

Steps

1. Update `DetachableVector` to use its own buffer, instead of `std::vector<>`, so that builtins can access the buffer directly. <https://crrev.com/c/1297783>
2. Replace all usage of `GetEnteredContext` with `GetEnteredOrMicrotaskContext`.
<https://crrev.com/c/1297654>
3. Update `EnterMicrotaskContext` / `LeaveMicrotaskContext` for builtins to push/pop the given microtask context to `entered_contexts_`. <https://crrev.com/c/1322290>