



Workshop

TypeScript Introduction

Task: Test your knowledge

Types

var / let / const

Classes

any vs.
unknown

Modules

Decorators

Arrow Functions

Interfaces

Union Types



TypeScript

JavaScript with syntax for types

TypeScript is a **typed superset** of JavaScript
that **compiles to plain JavaScript.**

Why TypeScript

Why TypeScript

- Statement completion and code refactoring
- Symbol-based navigation
- Avoids simple tests (`expect(service.get).toBeDefined()`)

The result: better maintenance for long-living projects

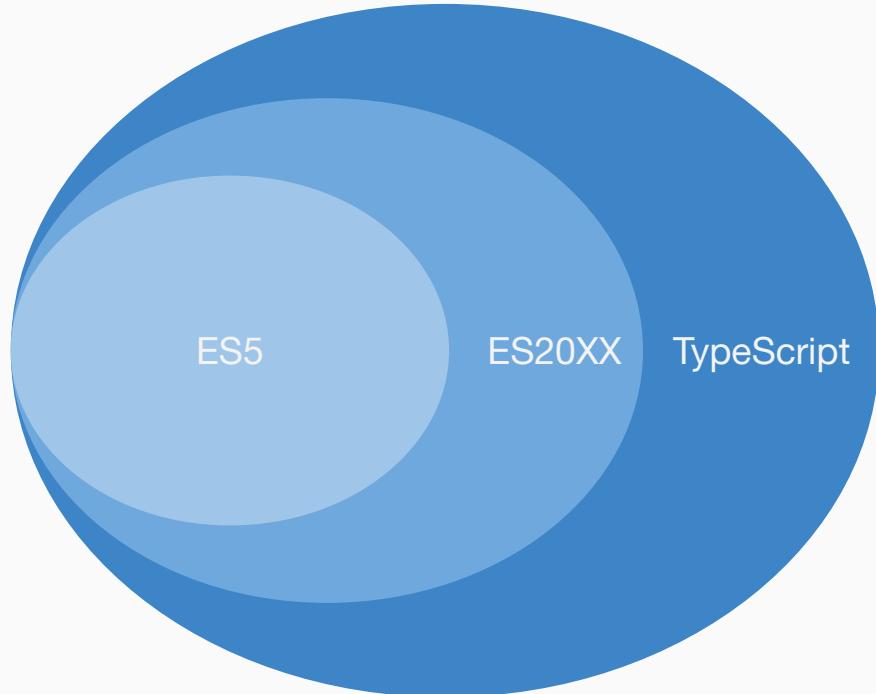
Differences TypeScript vs ECMAScript

What is **ECMAScript**?

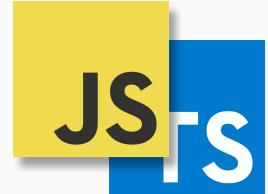
- Standardization of JavaScript
- Most modern browsers support most of **ES2023** now
- **ES2024** is standardized, browser support upcoming
- We may transpile TypeScript → ES5 (which was before ES2015)

TypeScript is a superset

- Superset of ECMAScript
- Compiles to clean code
- Optional Types



TypeScript or JavaScript?



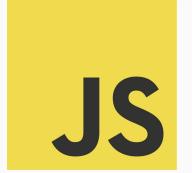
- The line between JS/TS can seem blurry when you're just getting started
- In most cases TS only refers to static type annotations, everything else is JS
- Your first places to look something up
 - [MDN JavaScript Docs](#)
 - [Official TypeScript Docs](#)

Check the logo on each slide to know what we're talking about

Variables

declaration and usage

Variables - Declaration

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Declared with the keyword `var`, `let` or `const`

```
var value;
```

```
const pi = 3.1416;
```

```
let $value__123;
```

Variables - var, let, const

JS

| | var | let | const |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| scope | function | block | block |
| value changeable | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Standard | since ever | ES2015 / TS | ES2015 / TS |
| Cases to use | nearly never | ~30% | ~70% |

let is the new **var**, but most of the time you
should use **const**



Scoping

var is **not** block-scoped. Only **functions** get a **new scope**!

```
var example = 1;

if (true) {
    var example = 2;
    console.log('Inside: ' + example); // => Inside: 2
}

console.log('Outside: ' + example); // => Outside: 2
```

Scoping

 JS

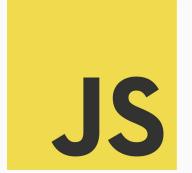
let/const are **block**-scoped

```
const example = 1;

if (true) {
  const example = 2;
  console.log('Inside: ' + example); // => Inside: 2
}

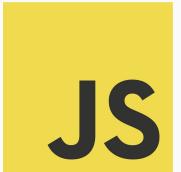
console.log('Outside: ' + example); // => Outside: 1
```

Variables - Naming



JS

- Almost all arbitrary names
- Exceptions:
 - **no** whitespace
 - **not** starting with a number
 - **no** dashes
 - **no** JS keywords (e.g. typeof etc.)



Variables - Fun fact

UTF-8 characters are also allowed!

```
const π = Math.PI;
```

```
const ℮_ಠ益ಠ_ℭ = 42;
```

```
const ℰℳ = 'Zalgo';
```

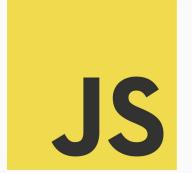
Variables

JS

Bind to the result of an expression

```
const helloWorld = 'Hello World';  
  
const helloFunction = function() {};  
  
const now = getCurrentTime();
```

Variables - Primitive types

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Call by value

```
let a = 'Hello World';
let b = a; // Only value is copied
a = 'Other Value';

console.log(b);
// => 'Hello World'
```

Variables - Object types

JS

Call by reference

```
let a = [1, 2, 3];
let b = a;    // Copy the reference
a[0] = 99;   // Modify the array using the reference

console.log(b);
// => [99, 2, 3]
```

Variables with `const`

JS

Reassigning throws an error

```
const birthdate = new Date();
```

```
birthdate = new Date(); // TypeError: Cannot assign to read only property
```

Objects with `const`

Only the reference immutable.

```
const myObj = {name: 'Florian'};  
  
// You cannot change the reference  
myObj = {name: 'Peter'}; // TypeError: Assignment to constant variable  
  
// But the object is mutable!  
myObj.name = 'Andreas';
```

Type annotations

Specify explicit data types for variables,
parameters and return types



Structured Types

Primitives

```
const isDone: boolean = true;
```

```
const size: number = 42;
```

```
const firstName: string = 'Lena';
```

```
const attendees: string[] = ['Elias', 'Anna'];
```



Types - Any

any takes any type

```
let question: any = 'Can be a string';
```

```
question = 6 * 7;  
question = false;
```



Union Types

to combine multiple types into one

```
let question: string | string[];
```

```
type UnionPerson = Student | Professor;
```

```
let question: UnionPerson = ...
```

Union Types

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For return types

```
function getPerson(n: number): Student | Professor {  
    if (n === 1) {  
        return new Student();  
    } else {  
        return new Professor();  
    }  
}
```

Template Strings

Strings - Template string



Variables in strings (multiline support!)

```
const greeting = "Hi";  
  
const name = 'Tom';  
  
const introduction = `${greeting}, my name  
is ${name}!`;  
  
// => Hi, my name  
//     is Tom!
```



Objects

An **object** is an unordered collection of
key-value pairs

Objects



Object creation (equivalent behavior)

```
// object literal, recommended for inline objects
const a = {};
```

```
// object constructor, only use for derived classes
const b = new Object();
```

Objects



Object properties

```
const car = {  
    manufacturer: 'Ford'  
};  
  
car.model = 'Mustang';  
car['year'] = 1964;
```

Functions

Functions



“First-class citizens”, functions are just expressions

```
const helloAlert = function() { alert('Hello JavaScript') };
```

```
const url = 'https://www.google.de';
http.get(url, function() {});
```

Functions



Functions are also objects

```
const fn1 = function() {  
    window.alert('Hello JavaScript');  
};  
fn1.foo = 'bar';
```

Functions - Type annotations



Add types to function parameters and return values.

```
function sayHi(firstName: string): void {  
    console.log(firstName);  
}
```

Functions - Optional parameters

Parameters can be optional. Use a question mark.

```
function buildName(firstName: string, lastName?: string) {  
  if (lastName) {  
    return firstName + ' ' + lastName;  
  } else {  
    return firstName;  
  }  
}
```

Functions - Default parameters



Function arguments can have defaults for arguments.

```
// type Inference: lastName is a string
function buildName(firstName: string, lastName = 'Bond') {
  return firstName + ' ' + lastName;
}

buildName()
```

Functions - Rest/Spread syntax

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An arbitrary amount of parameters can be stored in an array.

```
function buildName(firstName: string, ...restOfNames: string[]) {  
  
  const allNames = [firstName, ...restOfNames];  
  // allNames = [firstName, restOfName[0], restOfName[1] ...]  
  
  return allNames.join(' ');  
}
```

Arrow function expressions

Shorter alternative to traditional function expressions

Arrow function expressions

JS

Implicit return without a block

```
const square = n => n * n;
```

```
// const square = function (n) { return n * n; };
```

Arrow function expressions

JS

Use braces around arguments if you have multiple parameters.

```
const sum = (a, b) => a + b;
```

```
// const sum = function (a, b) { return a + b; };
```

Arrow function expressions

JS

Use *curly braces* and *return* if you have multiple lines

```
const even = n => {  
    const rest = n % 2;  
    return rest === 0;  
};  
  
// const even = function(n) {  
//     const rest = n % 2;  
//     return rest === 0;  
// };
```

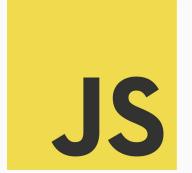
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Keyword for referring to the current context

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Global context

this - Global context

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JS

Outside of any function, `this` refers to the global object (`window`).

```
this.myTest = 42  
console.log(window.myTest) // 42
```

```
this === window // true
```

Function context

Inside a function, the value of this depends on how the function is called.

this - Arrow Functions

In arrow functions, `this` is set lexically, i.e. it's set to the value of the enclosing execution context's `this`.

```
const outerContext = this
const fatArrowFunction = () => this === outerContext

fatArrowFunction() // ==> true
```

this - In objects

`this` is set to the object itself.

```
const myObject = {  
    answer: 42,  
    method: function () { return this.answer }  
};
```

```
console.log(myObject.method()); // ==> 42
```

this - In constructors

When a function is used as a constructor (with the `new` keyword), its `this` is bound to the new object being constructed.

```
function MyConstructor() { this.a = 42 }
```

```
const myInstance = new MyConstructor() // this is returned per default
```

```
console.log(myInstance.a) // ==> 42
```

Arrays

Arrays



Arrays are **ordered** - objects are not!

```
const a = ['a', 'b'];  
  
console.log(a[0]); // a
```

Arrays - Iterators

With a for and a for...of loop you have the opportunities to **break** or **continue** the loop and exit the surrounding function with **return**.

```
const names = ['Hanni', 'Nanni'];

for (let i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
    console.log(names[i]);
}

for (const name of names) {
    console.log(name)
}
```

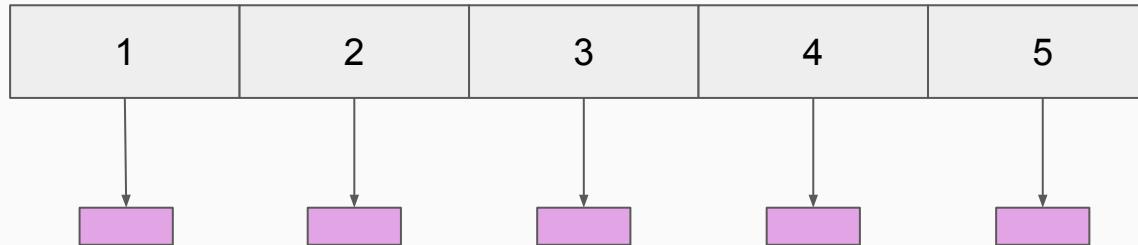
Arrays - Iterators

JS

Array.forEach()

```
const myArray = [1,2,3,4,5];
myArray.forEach(elem => console.log(elem));
```

numbers



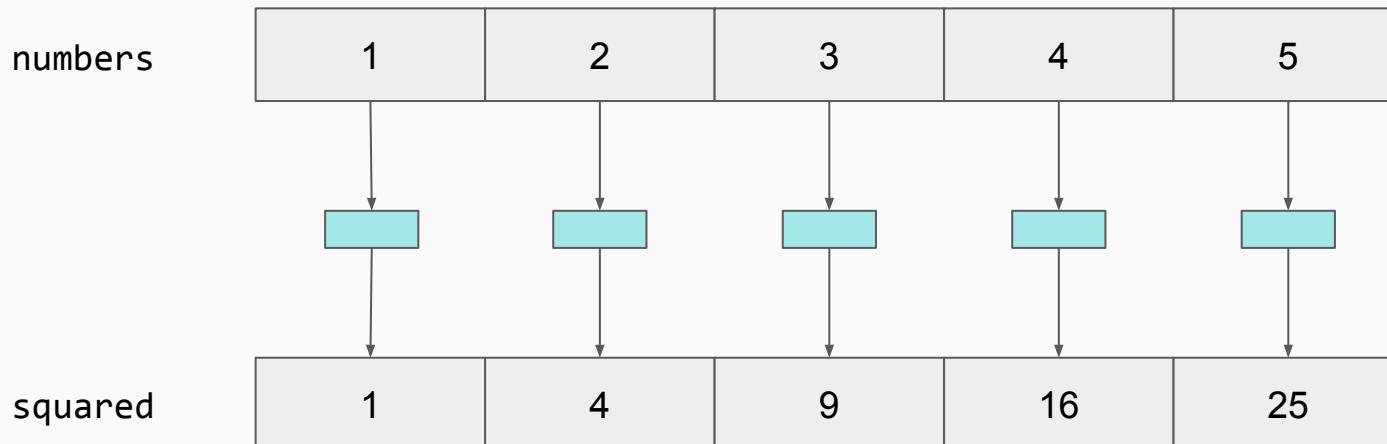
Arrays - Transformations

JS

Array.map()

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
const squared = numbers.map(num => num * num);
// squared is [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

Transforming an array



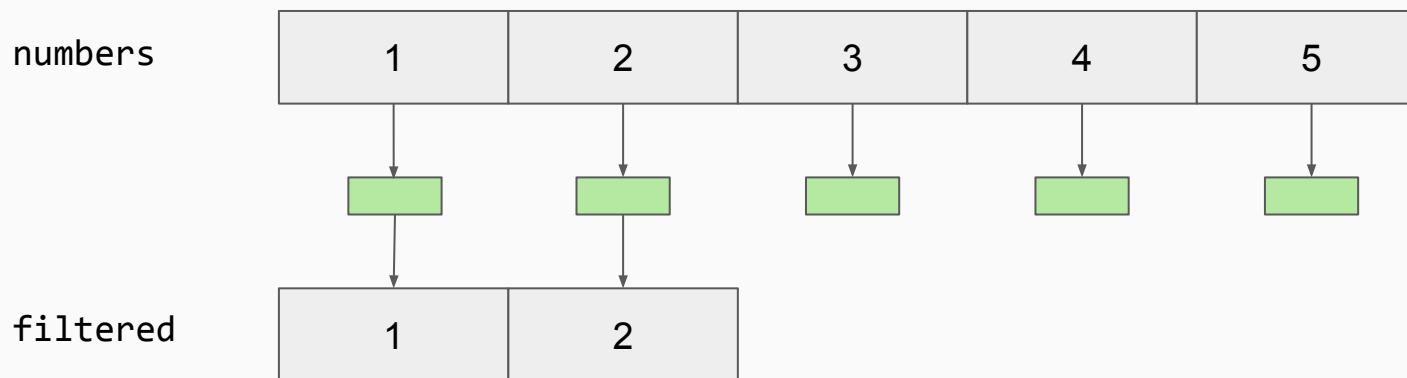
Arrays - Transformations

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Array.filter()

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
const filtered = numbers.filter(num => num < 3);
// filtered is [1, 2]
```

Filtering an array



Higher Order Functions

A famous concept in functional programming

Higher Order Functions

JS

#1 Functions that accept a function as parameter

```
http(url, () => {  
  console.log('Ready!');  
});
```

Higher Order Functions

#2 Functions that return a function

```
const createAdder = () => {
  return (a, b) => {
    return a + b;
  };
};
```

```
createAdder()(2, 3);
```

```
const myAdder = createAdder();
myAdder(2, 3);
```

**Not interesting
without closures**

Closures

Closures

JS

What happens with the variable after the function is terminated?

```
function getNumber() {  
    const myNumber = 13;  
    return myNumber;  
}  
getNumber();
```

Closures



The result is?

```
const createFunction = () => {
  const localVar = 123;
  const data = [1,2,3,4,5];

  return () => localVar + 10;
};

const addTen = createFunction();
addTen(); // ???
```

Closures

Functions that “enclose” local variables

```
const createFunction = () => {
  const localVar = 123;
  const data = [1,2,3,4,5];

  return () => {
    return localVar + 10;
  };
};

const addTen = createFunction();
addTen(); // 133
```

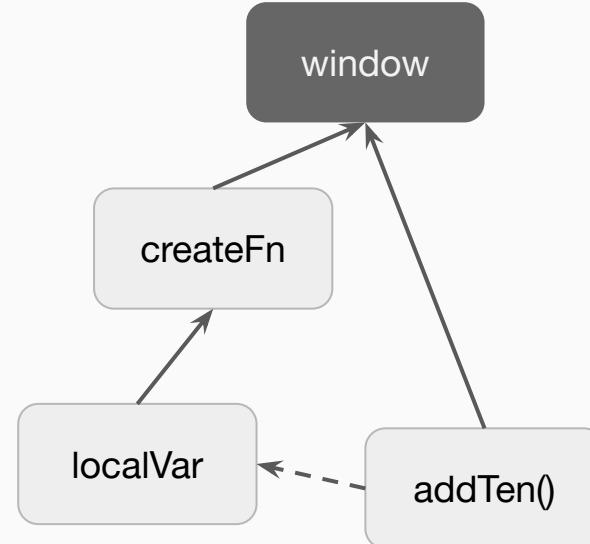
closure

- The inner function encloses *localVar* because it has read access to *localVar*.
- The **inner anonymous function** is a so-called **closure**.

Garbage Collection

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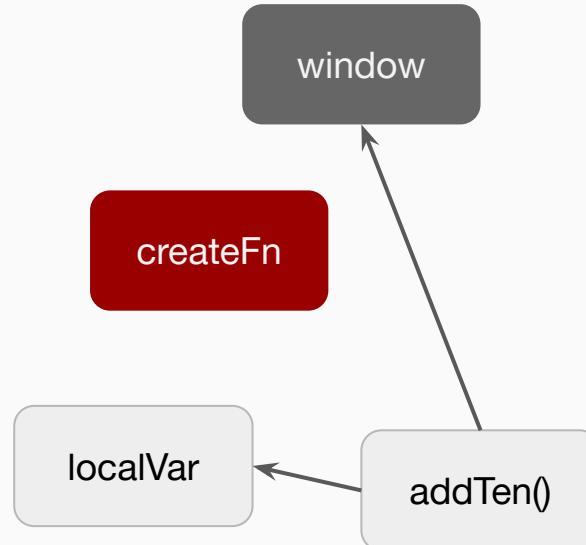
```
const createFunction = function() {  
    const localVar = 123;  
  
    return function() {  
        return localVar + 10;  
    };  
};  
  
const addTen = createFunction();  
addTen(); // 133
```



Garbage Collection

JS

- mark & sweep
- reference counting
- elements without refs are garbage collected



Closures

 JS

higher order functions and closures in combination

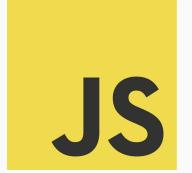
```
const createLogger = function(loggerName) {
  return function(msg) {
    console.log('[' + loggerName + '] ' + msg);
  };
};

const info = createLogger('INFO');

info('User successfully logged in!');
// [INFO] User successfully logged in!
```

Classes

Classes in JavaScript

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JS

- Code can be more readable
- Syntactic sugar over prototype-based inheritance
- Not introducing a new object-oriented inheritance model

Classes in TypeScript



Class can have a **constructor**, **attributes** and **methods**.

```
class Person {  
    birthDate: Date;  
  
    constructor(birthDate: Date) {  
        this.birthDate = birthDate  
    }  
  
    shout(): void { alert('Hello TypeScript!'); }  
}
```

Classes in TypeScript



Class *attributes* and *methods* can be public, protected or private.

```
class Person {  
    birthDate: Date; // public by default  
  
    public name: string;  
  
    protected bornOn: Date;  
  
    private weight: number;  
}
```

Classes in TypeScript



Declare a class property from a constructor parameter.

```
class Person {  
    constructor(public birthDate: Date) {  
    }  
  
    shout(): void { alert(this.birthDate); }  
}
```

Classes in TypeScript - Instances



Create new instances with the *new* keyword.

```
class Person {...}
```

```
const john = new Person(new Date());
```

```
john.birthDate; // => a Date object
```

```
john.shout(); // => nothing but alerts
```

Classes in TypeScript - Inheritance



You can inherit from another class. Use super to call the constructor.

```
class Person {  
    constructor(public name: string) {...}  
}  
  
class Employee extends Person {  
    constructor(name: string, public salary: number) {  
        super(name);  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

Interfaces

Interfaces

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TS

- Type-checking of the shape of objects
- Interfaces give a type to these shapes
- Only exist during development, can be violated at runtime



Interfaces - Without an interface

You can generate interfaces on the fly.

```
let book: { isbn: string, title: string };
```

```
book = {
  isbn: '978-1593272821',
  title: 'Eloquent JavaScript'
};
```

Interfaces - With an interface



Give an interface a name and use it as a type for variables.

```
interface Book {  
    isbn: string;  
    title: string;  
}  
  
let book: Book;  
  
book = {  
    isbn: '978-1593272821',  
    title: 'Eloquent JavaScript'  
};
```

Interfaces - Optional properties



Properties can be optional.

```
interface Book {  
    isbn: string;  
    title: string;  
    pages?: number;  
}
```



Interfaces - Class types

Forgetting to implement `ngOnInit` throws a compile error.

```
interface OnInit {  
  ngOnInit(): void;  
}  
  
class BookListComponent implements OnInit {  
  ngOnInit() {  
  }  
}
```

Decorators

How to decorate in ES5

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Decorators, or higher order functions for classes in ES5 are simple

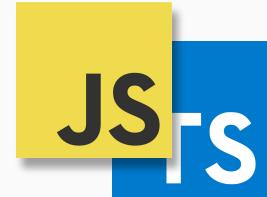
```
function Robot(target) {  
    target.isRobot = true;  
}
```

```
function Number5() {...}
```

```
Robot(Number5);
```

```
Number5.isRobot; // ==> true
```

How to decorate a ES2015/TS class



The constructor function can be notated as class

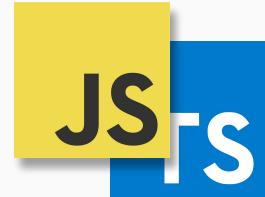
```
function Robot(target) {  
    target.isRobot = true;  
}
```

```
class Number5 {...}  
Robot(Number5);
```

```
Number5.isRobot; // ==> true
```

But the isRobot call belongs
directly to Number5

How to decorate in ES2015/TS



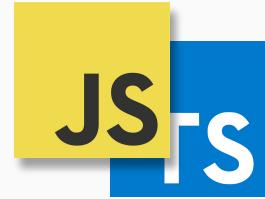
The constructor function can be notated as class

```
function Robot(target) {  
    target.isRobot = true;  
}
```

```
@Robot  
class Number5 {...}
```

```
Number5.isRobot; // ==> true
```

To decorate a class just add
a "@" decorator function above
a class definition.



How to decorate in ES2015/TS

Since the decorator function is just a function, it can be a Higher Order Function to get configuration parameters.

```
function Robot(roboName) {
  return function(target) {
    target.roboName = roboName;
  }
}

@Robot('Johnny 5')
class Number5 {...}
Number5.roboName; // ==> 'Johnny 5'
```

Destructuring

Destructuring - Objects

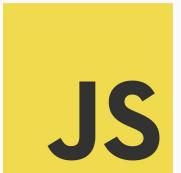
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Get multiple local variables from an object with destructuring.

```
const circle = {radius: 10, x: 140, y: 70};
```

```
const {x, y} = circle;  
// const x = circle.x;  
// const y = circle.y;
```

```
console.log(x, y)  
// => 140, 70
```



Destructuring - Arrays

Get multiple local variables from an object with destructuring.

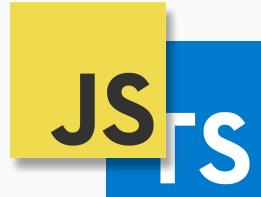
```
const coords = [51, 6];

const [lat, lng] = coords;
// const lat = coords[0];
// const lng = coords[1];

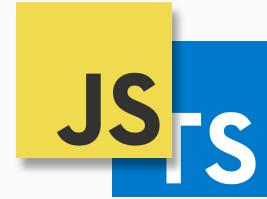
console.log(lat, lng)
// => 51, 6
```

Modules

Modules - General



- organize code
- split the application into multiple files
- solve a specific problem/deal with a specific topic
- share functionalities between modules

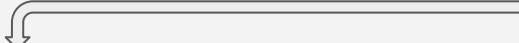


Modules

Imports and exports

```
// book.ts
export class Book {...}

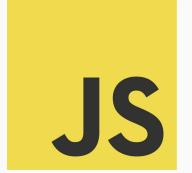
// bookshelf.ts
import {Book} from './book';
```



Destructuring!

JavaScript Runtime

Execution Model



JS

- **Single Threaded**

A program is executed in *only one thread*.

(Exception: Web Worker)

- **Run-To-Completion**

A program can't get interrupted.

Execution Model

JS

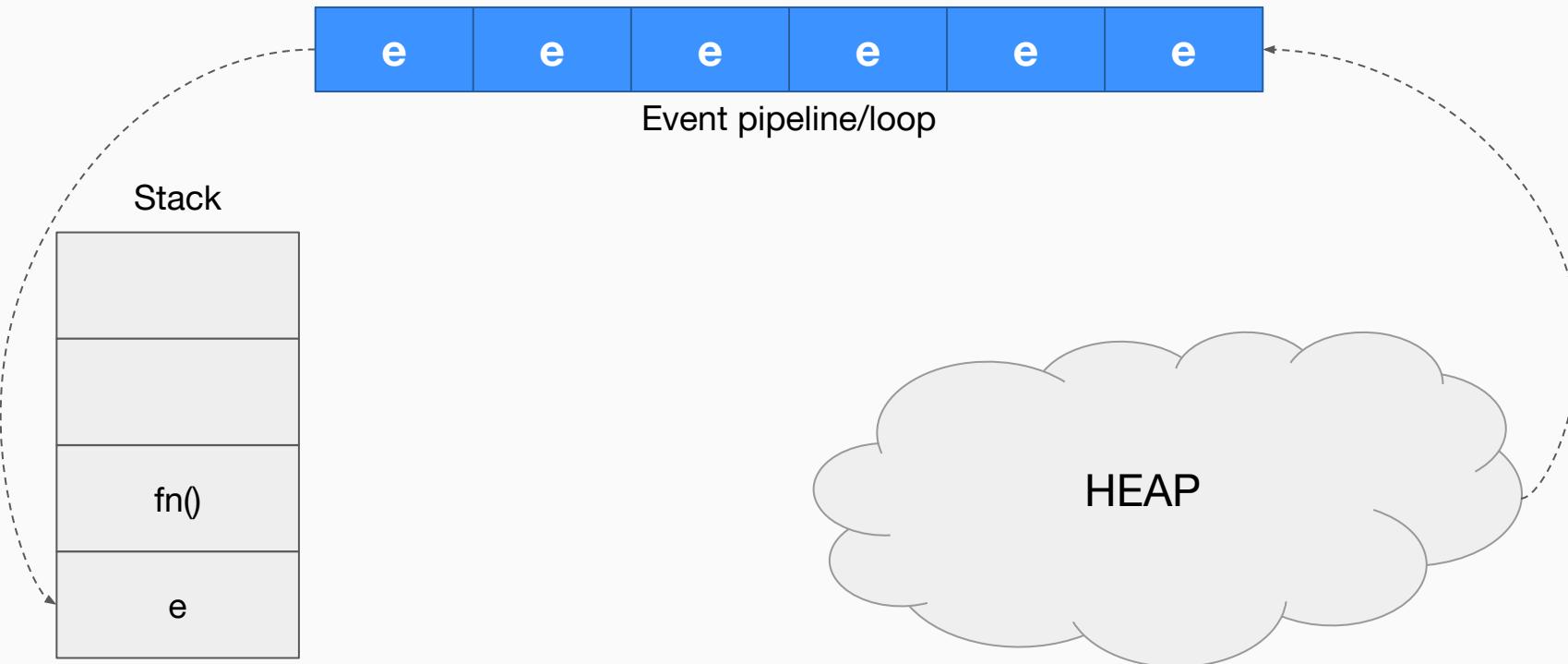


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```
while(true) {  
    e = getNextEvent();  
    executeEvent(e);  
}
```

Execution Model

JS



Long running tasks

JS



after ~10 seconds

