ES6 & TypeScript

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Symbols

- > Symbols are a new primitive type in ES6.
- Symbols are tokens that serve as unique IDs.
- They are created via a factory function Symbol() as follows:
 const mySymbol = Symbol('mySymbol');
- Every time you call the factory function, a new and unique symbol is created. It means two Symbols can never be equal.

Using Symbols as enumeration constant

```
var COLOR_RED = Symbol("Red");
var COLOR ORANGE = Symbol("Orange");
var COLOR YELLOW = Symbol("Yellow");
switch (color) {
   case COLOR RED: return 1;
   case COLOR ORANGE:
                              return 2;
   case COLOR YELLOW:
                              return 3;
```

Using Symbols as unique property keys

Symbols are mainly used as unique property keys – a symbol never clashes with any other property key (symbol or string).

```
const MY_KEY = Symbol();
let obj = {};
obj[MY_KEY] = 123;
console.log(obj[MY_KEY]); // 123
```

Thus, symbol as a attribute of an object will help us to create private attribute.

Iterators

- Iterators are used to traverse a collection.
- ➤ JavaScript developers use for..in loop to iterate. However, in ES6 we use for..of loop.

```
let aryNames = ['Tom', 'Isabela', 'Emil'];
for(let name of aryNames) {
   console.log(name);
}
```

- Note that **for..in** iterates over property names while **for..of** iterates over property values.
- We can also iterate using Iterator object.

```
let itr = aryNames[Symbol.iterator]();
console.log(itr.next()); //{value: "Tom", done: false}
console.log(itr.next()); //{value: "Isabela", done: false}
console.log(itr.next()); //{value: "Emil", done: false}
console.log(itr.next()); //{value: undefined, done: true}
```

Custom Iterator

You can also define iterator for user defined object. Code for Fibonacci series

```
using iterator:
let fibonacci = {
    [Symbol.iterator]() {
        let pre = 0;
        let cur = 1;
        return {
        next() {
             [pre, cur] = [cur, pre + cur];
             return {done: false, value: cur};
let itr = fibonacci[Symbol.iterator]();
console.log("Fibonacci no ", itr.next()); //call itr.next() multiple times...
```

Generators

- > Generators are functions that can be paused and resumed.
- ➤ A function declared as **function*** returns a **Generator** instance.
- Generators are subtypes of iterators that include additional next and throw functions.
- Generators provide yield keyword to pause a function.

Simple Generator

```
function* myGenerator() {
    console.log("1st line");
    yield(555);
    console.log("2nd line");
    yield("End");
                                                  Output:
export function testGenerators() {
                                                  1st line
    let gen = myGenerator();
    console.log(gen.next());
                                                  Object {value: 555, done: false}
    console.log(gen.next());
                                                 2nd line
                                                  Object {value: "End", done: false}
```

Generator for Fibonacci series

```
function* fibonacci() {
    let pre = 0;
                                                             Output:
    let cur = 1;
    for(;;){
        [pre, cur] = [cur, pre + cur];
        let reset = yield cur;
        if(reset) {
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             pre = 0;
             cur = 1;
let seq = fibonacci();
console.log(seq.next().value); //call multiple times
console.log(seq.next(true).value); //resets the Fibonacci series to one.
```

Map & Set

➤ ES6 has given support for collections in JavaScript. Now we have two data structures:

- 1. Map &
- 2. Set

Map

Map data structure allows us to create data with key-value pairs.

```
let map = new Map();
map.set('foo', 123);
map.set('bar', 222);
console.log(map.get('foo'));
console.log(map.has('foo'));
console.log(map.delete('foo'));
console.log(map.has('foo'));
map.clear();
console.log(map.size);
```

Iterating over a Map

Iterating over keys: for (let key of map.keys()) { console.log(key); **Iterating over values:** for (let value of map.values()) { console.log(value); **Iterating over entries (key, value both)** for (let entry of map.entries()) { console.log(entry[0], entry[1]); } for (let [key, value] of map.entries()) { console.log(key, value); }

Spreading a Map

```
let map = new Map([
[1, 'one'],
[2, 'two'],
[3, 'three']
]);
let arr = [...map.keys()]; //Map spreading
console.log(arr);
Output: [1,2,3]
```

WeakMap

- ➤ WeakMap is a map that doesn't prevent its keys from being garbage-collected. That means that you can associate data with objects without worrying about memory leaks.
- WeakMap is a data structure whose keys must be objects.
- WeakMap has same API as Map.
- > You should not perform following operations on WeakMap:
 - ➤ You should not iterate over contents i.e. keys, values or entries.
 - > You should not clear WeakMap.

Set

> Set data structure stores data with no duplicate value.

```
let set = new Set();
    set.add('red');
    console.log(set.has('red'));
    set.delete('red');
    console.log(set.has('red'));
    set.clear();
    console.log(set.size);
Set can also be created as follows:
    let set = new Set(['red', 'green', 'blue']);
Converting set to an array:
    let set = new Set(['red', 'green', 'blue']);
    let arr = [...set]; //Spread operator
    console.log(arr);
```

WeakSet

- ➤ WeakSet is a set that doesn't prevent its elements from being garbage-collected.
- WeakSet doesn't recommend for iteration, looping, or clearing.

Thank you!!