

Do you know the output of the following?

1.

```
const arr = [10, 12, 15, 21];

for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
  setTimeout(function() {
    console.log('Index: ' + i + ', element: ' + arr[i]);
  }, 3000);
}
```

2.

```
function a(foo) {
  if (foo > 20) {
    return foo;
  }

  return b(foo + 2);
}

function b(foo) {
  return c(foo) + 1;
}

function c(foo) {
  return a(foo * 2);
}

a(1);
```



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```
4 Index: 4, element: undefined
```

```
>
```

The reason for this is because the `setTimeout` function creates a function (the closure) that has access to its outer scope, which is the loop that contains the index `i`. After 3 seconds go by, the function is executed and it prints out the value of `i`, which at the end of the loop is at 4 because it cycles through 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and the loop finally stops at 4. `arr[4]` does not exist, which is why you get `undefined`.

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Getting started with TypeScript

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What is TypeScript?

- Superset of JavaScript with static typing
- Includes some future JS features (dynamic import, decorators, etc)
- Compiles to plain JavaScript (configurable targets based on ES5, ES6, etc)
- Plain old JavaScript is valid TypeScript!



Why?

- Catches code that is not type safe before it is run and eliminates some hidden bugs
- Communicates type information that could otherwise be implicit to other developers
- Reminds future me of WTF I was thinking when I wrote something 6 months ago
- Imposes discipline in design
- Refactoring!



Why not?

- Extra friction for setup and compilation
- Unnecessary overhead for prototyping or small projects
- More syntax to learn and concepts to understand



Setting up a TypeScript project

- `echo "{}" >> tsconfig.json && touch index.ts`
- done!



Basic type annotations and type inference

- `const foo: string = "foo";`
- `const sayHello = (name: string): string => `Hello ${name}``
- `const sayHello = function(name: string): string {...}`
- Basic types:
 - `boolean`
 - `number`
 - `string`
 - `array`
 - `tuple`
 - `null`
 - `undefined`
- Inline type annotations



Interfaces

- Define object shapes and member types
- Define function parameters + return types
- Optional properties
- Readonly properties
- Index signatures
- Extending interfaces



Type aliases

- “type” keyword declares a type that can be re-used elsewhere
- You can declare a type alias with any type annotation



Union and intersection types

- Union types declare an “or” relationship
- Intersection types declare an “and” relationship



Escape hatches

- Any type
- Type assertions



Generics

- Type variables
- function `identity<T> (arg: T): T { return arg; }`
- Often inferred
- Generic constraints
- Examples:
 - `Promise<number>`
 - `Array<string>`



Enums

- Numeric enums
- String enums
- Run-time code



Configuring compilation behavior

- tsconfig.json
- noImplicitAny
- strictNullChecks



Third party libraries

- DefinitelyTyped
- `npm install @types/express`



A (very) simple example

- Type safe Express API



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