TypeScript Basics

Çağatay Sönmez

02.10.2021

Arcelik Electronics Plant, R&D Team – Software Design

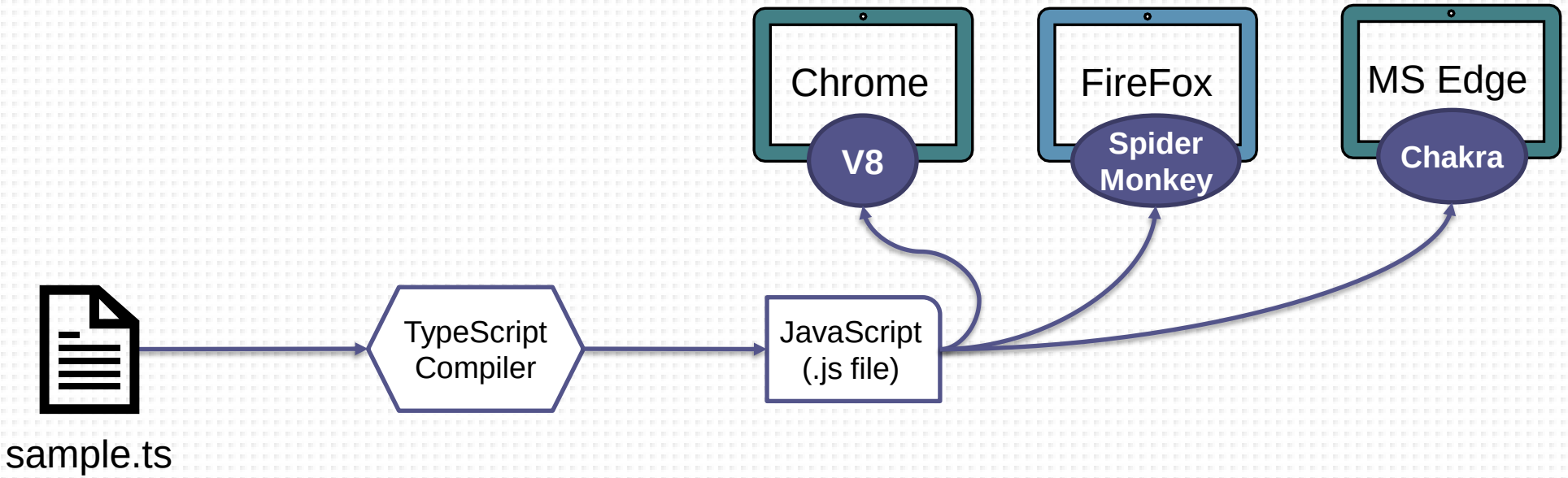
Agenda

- What is TypeScript
- TypeScript Syntax
- TypeScript Variables & Types
- TypeScript Functions
- Compiling TypeScript Project
- TypeScript IDE - Visual Studio Code
- Using External (3rd Party) Libraries

What is TypeScript

- TypeScript is developed and maintained by Microsoft
- It is a superset of JavaScript
- Publicly released in October 2012
- TypeScript 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0 were released in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 respectivelly
- Can be used for both client-side and server-side applications, e.g.
  - ReactJS on client side
  - Node.js on server side

TypeScript Compiler




```
$ sudo apt install npm
$ npm install -g typescript
$ tsc --target es2015 sample.ts
```

TypeScript to JavaScript Example

```typescript
class Greeter {
  greeting: string;

  constructor(message: string) {
    this.greeting = message;
  }

  greet() {
    console.log("Hello, " + this.greeting);
  }
}

let greeter = new Greeter("World");
greeter.greet();
```

TypeScript

Target: ES5

```javascript
"use strict";
var Greeter = /** @class */ (function () {
    function Greeter(message) {
        this.greeting = message;
    }

    Greeter.prototype.greet = function () {
        console.log("Hello, " + this.greeting);
    };
    return Greeter;
}());

var greeter = new Greeter("World");
greeter.greet();
```

JavaScript

TypeScript vs JavaScript

TypeScript (TS)	JavaScript (JS)
Just-in-time compiled (interpreted)	Requires to be compiled
Highlights errors at compilation time	Shows errors at the runtime
Dynamic typing	Static typing
Object-oriented	Prototype-based
Supports class	Does not support class (until ES6)
Supports interface	Does not support interface
.ts file extension	.js file extension

Runtime Type Check

```
1   interface User {
2     firstName: string
3     lastName: string
4   }
5
6   function welcome(user: User) {
7     console.log("Welcome" + user.firstName + " " + user.lastName);
8   }
9
10  welcome({firstName: "Cagatay", lastName: "Sonmez"});
11
12  welcome({firstName: "Cagatay"});
```

input.tsx 1 of 1 problem

```
Argument of type '{ firstName: string; }' is not assignable to parameter of type 'User'.
  Property 'lastName' is missing in type '{ firstName: string; }' but required in type 'User'. (2345)

input.tsx(3, 3): 'lastName' is declared here.
```

```
13
14
```

JavaScript

TypeScript

TypeScript Syntax

- TypeScript is a typed superset of JavaScript
  - All JavaScript code is valid TypeScript code
  - TypeScript adds a lot of new features on top of JavaScript

```
function myFunc(arg) {
    alert("argument is" + arg);
}
```

```
var flag = false;
while (flag == false) {
    alert("flag is true");
    flag = true;
}
```

```
if (x == y) {
        alert("x is equal to y");
}
```

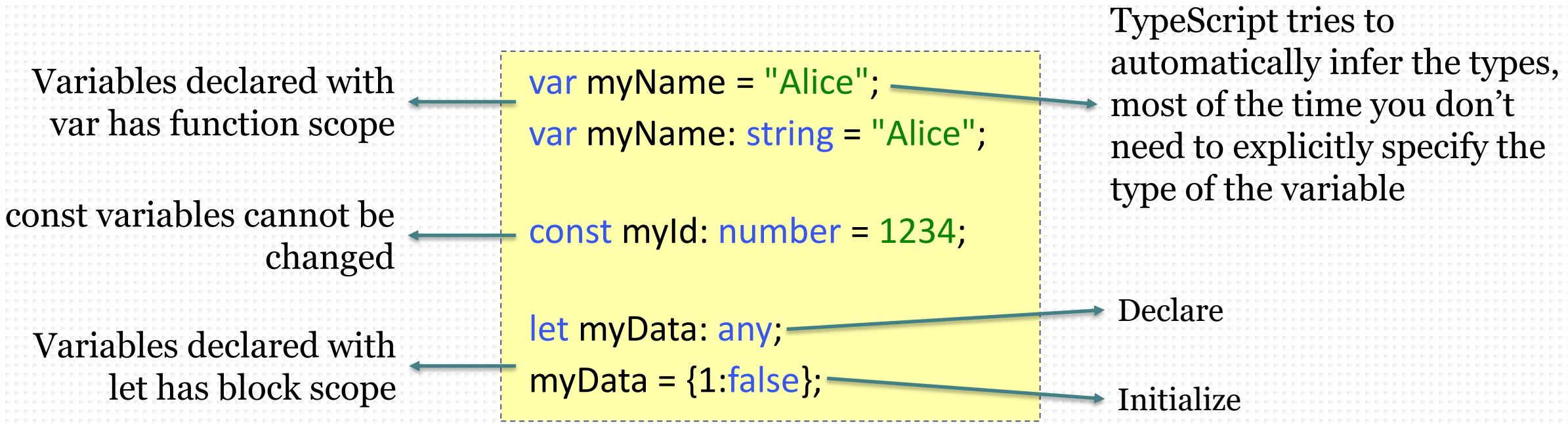
```
for (i=0; i<10; i++) {
    alert("i is: " + i);
}
```

```
switch (new Date().getDay()) {
    case 0:
        console.log("Sunday");
        break;
    default:
        console.log("Not Sunday");
}
```

```
var Shape = (function () {
    Shape.prototype.draw = function () {
        console.log("Drawing shape..");
    };
    return Shape;
}());
```

Declaring Variables and Type Annotations

- TypeScript doesn't use "types on the left"-style declarations; Type annotations will always go after the thing being typed



TypeScript Types - Primitives

- TypeScript uses the primitive types of JavaScript

boolean

```
var myBoolean = false;
var myBoolean: boolean = true;
```

inferred type (tsc marks this var as boolean)

explicit type (don't need to specify type)

number

```
var myFloat = 0.3555;
var myFloat: number;
```

string

```
var myString = "This is a string";
var myString: string;
```

Note: there is no int, double or float - everything is simply number

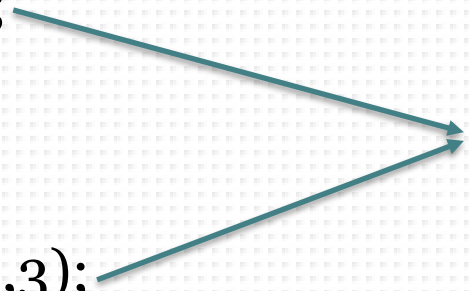
TypeScript Types - Arrays

- TypeScript uses Array type which is an Object in JavaScript

***type*[] or Array<*type*>**

```
var numberArray = [1, 2, 3];
var numberArray: number[];
var numberArray: number[] = [1, 2, 3];

var numberArray = Array (1, 2, 3);
var numberArray: Array<number>;
var numberArray: Array<number>(1,2,3);
```



declare and initialize number array

TypeScript Types - Enums

- Enum is a new data type supported in TypeScript
- Enums declare a set of named constants

```
1
2
3
4   enum PrintMedia {
5       Newspaper,
6       Newsletter,
7       Magazine,
8       Book
9   }
10
11
```

```
"use strict";
var PrintMedia;
(function (PrintMedia) {
    PrintMedia[PrintMedia["Newspaper"] = 0] = "Newspaper";
    PrintMedia[PrintMedia["Newsletter"] = 1] = "Newsletter";
    PrintMedia[PrintMedia["Magazine"] = 2] = "Magazine";
    PrintMedia[PrintMedia["Book"] = 3] = "Book";
})(PrintMedia || (PrintMedia = {}));
```

TypeScript Types - Tuples

- Tupple is a new data type supported in TypeScript
- Tuple can contain two values of different data types

```
var employee: [number, string];
employee = [1, "Cagatay"]
```

Declaring tupple

Initializing tupple

TypeScript Types - Unions

- Union is used to declare more than one data type for a variable or a function parameter

```
1   var myVar: (string | number);
2   myVar = 123;   // OK
3   myVar = "ABC"; // OK
4   myVar = false; // Compiler Error
```

input.tsx 1 of 1 problem

```
Type 'boolean' is not assignable to type 'string | number'. (2322)
```

TypeScript Types - void

- Only undefined is assignable to void variables
- void type is aslo used to declare that a function returns nothing

```
let nothing: void = undefined;

function greet(): void
{
    console.log("Hello");
}

nothing = greet();
```

Function returns nothing

TypeScript Types - any

- If you don't know the type, or want to typechecking errors, you can use any
- Default type of TypeScript is any

any

```
var obj;
var obj: any;
```

```
var obj: any = { x: 0 };

obj.foo();
obj();
obj.bar = 100;
obj = "hello";
```

No compile error

Runtime error (obj.foo is not a function)

Runtime error (obj is not a function)

Function Annotations

Parameter types

Return type

```
1   function sum(a: number, b: number ): number
2   {
3       return a + b;
4   }
5
6   var a = 10;
7   var b = 20;
8   var c = "30"
9
10  var sum1: number = sum(a,b); // OK
11  var sum2: number = sum(a,c); // Error -> Argument of type 'string' is not
12                               //           assignable to parameter of type 'number'.
13  var sum3: string = sum(a,b); // Error -> Type 'number' is not assignable to
14                               //           type 'string'.(2322)
15
```

Function as a Parameter

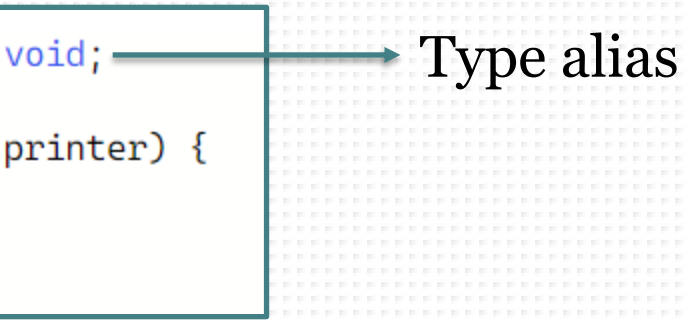
```
1  function printResult(callback: (b: boolean) => void) {
2      callback(true);
3  }
4
5  function printer(b: boolean) {
6      if(b)
7          console.log("Success!");
8      else
9          console.log("Failure!");
10 }
11
12 printResult(printer);  //Prints 'Success!'
13
```

A function argument which has a boolean parameter and returns void (nothing)

Type Alias

- Use aliases for better readability

```
1   type printer = (b: boolean) => void;
2
3   function printResult(callback: printer) {
4       callback(true);
5   }
6
```



Optional Parameters

- Use ? to mark the parameter as optional
- A required parameter cannot follow an optional parameter.

```
1   function greet(name: string, surname?: string) {
2       if(surname == undefined)
3           console.log("Hello " + name);
4       else
5           console.log("Hello " + name + " " + surname);
6   }
7
8   greet("Cagatay");  //Prints "Hello Cagatay"
9
10  greet("Cagatay Sonmez");  //Prints "Hello Cagatay Sonmez"
11
```

Rest Parameter

- Use ... to declare rest parameter (variable number of arguments)
- A rest parameter must be of an array type
- A rest parameter must be last in a parameter list

```
1
2
3
4   function multiply(name: string, ...n: number[]) {
5       console.log("Hello " + name + ", you used "
6       + n.length + " parameter(s)");
7   }
8
9   multiply("Cagatay", 3, 4, 5);
10  //Prints "Hello Cagatay, you used 3 parameter(s)"
11
12
13
14
```

```
"use strict";
function multiply(name) {
    var n = [];
    for (var _i = 1; _i < arguments.length; _i++) {
        n[_i - 1] = arguments[_i];
    }
    console.log("Hello " + name + ", you used "
        + n.length + " parameter(s)");
}
multiply("Cagatay", 3, 4, 5);
//Prints "Hello Cagatay, you used 3 parameter(s)"
```

Why Types Matters?

```
1   function noobSum(a: any, b:any): any
2   {
3       return a+b;
4   }
5
6   function proSum(a:number, b:number): number
7   {
8       return a+b;
9   }
10
11  console.log(noobSum(1, 2));         //Prints "3"
12  console.log(noobSum("1", "2"));     //Prints "12"
13
14  console.log(proSum(1, 2));          //Prints "3"
15  console.log(proSum("1", "2"));      //Compile Error
```

input.tsx 1 of 1 problem

Argument of type 'string' is not assignable to parameter of type 'number'. (2345)

Function Overloading

- Function overloading is supported by writing overload signatures
- There must be one implementation which is called implementation signature
- Overload signatures and the implementation signature should be compatible
- You should always have two or more signatures above the implementation of the function

```
1   //Overload Signatures
2   function fn(x: string): string;
3   function fn(x: number): boolean;
4
5   //Implementation Signature
6   function fn(x: string | number): string | boolean {
7     return false;
8   }
```

Function Overloading Example

Type of *a* and *b* can be a number or string

3rd argument is an optional string

```
1   function concat(a: number, b: number): string;
2   function concat(a: string, b: string): string;
3   function concat(a: string, b: string, c: string): string;
4
5   function concat(a: number | string, b: number | string, c?: string): string {
6     if(typeof a === "number" && typeof b === "number")
7       return a + "" + b;
8     else if(typeof a === "string" && typeof b === "string" && typeof c === "undefined")
9       return a + b;
10    else if (typeof a === "string" && typeof b === "string" && typeof c === "string")
11      return a + b + c;
12    else
13      return "";
14  }
15
16  console.log(concat(12, 15));                    //Prints "1215"
17  console.log(concat("hello", "world"));          //Prints "helloworld"
18  console.log(concat("hello", " ", "world"));     //Prints "hello world"
```

Function Overloading Error 1

- Overload signatures and the implementation signature should be compatible!

```
1
2
3
4
5
6   //Overloa
7   function fn(x: string): string;
8   function fn(x: number): boolean;
9
10  //Implementation Signature
11  function fn(x: string | number): boolean {
12    return false;
13  }
14
```

This overload signature is not compatible with its implementation signature. (2394)

input.tsx(11, 10): The implementation signature is declared here.

function fn(x: string): string (+1 overload)

View Problem (Alt+F8) No quick fixes available

Function Overloading Error

- Prefer parameters with union types instead of overloads when possible!

```
1   function len(s: string): number;
2   function len(arr: any[]): number;
3   function len(x: any[] | string) {
4     return x.length;
5   }
6
7   len("");  // OK
8   len([0]); // OK
9
10  // It will be OK if we add this signature -> function len(x: any[] | string): number;
11  len(Math.random() > 0.5 ? "hello" : [0]);
```

input.tsx 1 of 1 problem

```
No overload matches this call.
  Overload 1 of 2, '(s: string): number', gave the following error.
    Argument of type 'number[] | "hello"' is not assignable to parameter of type 'string'.
      Type 'number[]' is not assignable to type 'string'.
  Overload 2 of 2, '(arr: any[]): number', gave the following error.
    Argument of type 'number[] | "hello"' is not assignable to parameter of type 'any[]'.
      Type 'string' is not assignable to type 'any[]'. (2769)
```

Arrow Functions

- A compact alternative to a traditional function expression
- Remove "function" keyword and place arrow between the argument and opening body bracket
  - function (a){ … } ➡ (a) => { … }

```
1   let sum = (x: number, y: number): number => {
2       return x + y;
3   }
4
5   sum(10, 20); //returns 30
6
7
```

```
"use strict";
var sum = function (x, y) {
    return x + y;
};
sum(10, 20); //returns 30
```

Target: ES5

Arrow Functions with Type Alias

```
1   type sumFunctionSignature = (x: number, y: number) => number;
2
3   let sum: sumFunctionSignature = (x,y) => {
4       return x + y;
5   }
6
7   console.log(sum(10, 20)); //Prints 30
8
```

Arrow Function vs Regular Function

```
1   class Animal{
2     name: string;
3     constructor(name: string){ this.name = name}
4
5     print1() {
6       setTimeout(() => {
7         console.log("print1: " + this.name)
8       },1000);
9     }
10
11    print2() {
12      setTimeout(function() {
13        console.log("print2: " + this.name)
14      },1000);
15    }
```

Uses the scope of Animal class

Uses the scope of the block from which print2 function is called!

Arrow Function vs Regular Function Cont.

```
1   class Animal{
2     name: string;
3     constructor(name: string){ this.name = name}
4
5     print1() {
6       setTimeout(() => {
7         console.log("print1: " + this.name)
8       },1000);
9     }
10
11    print2() {
12      setTimeout(function() {
13        console.log("print2: " + this.name)
14      },1000);
15    }
16
17
18
```

```
var Animal = /** @class */ (function () {
    function Animal(name) {
        this.name = name;
    }
    Animal.prototype.print1 = function () {
        var _this = this;
        setTimeout(function () {
            console.log("print1: " + _this.name);
        }, 1000);
    };
    Animal.prototype.print2 = function () {
        setTimeout(function () {
            console.log("print2: " + this.name);
        }, 1000);
    };
```

Target: ES5

Arrow Function vs Regular Function Cont.

```
1  class Animal{
2    name: string;
3    constructor(name: string){ this.name = name}
4
5    print1() {
6      setTimeout(() => { console.log("print1: " + this.name) }, 1000);
7    }
8
9    print2() {
10     setTimeout(function() { console.log("print2: " + this.name) }, 1000);
11   }
12
13   print3() {
14     var _this = this;
15     setTimeout(function() { console.log("print3: " + _this.name) }, 1000);
16   }
17 }
18
19 var cat = new Animal("Cat");
20 cat.print1();                    //Prints "print1: Cat"
21 cat.print2();                    //Prints "print2: "
22 cat.print3();                    //Prints "print3: Cat"
```

Compiling Project

- TypeScript files can be compiled using the tsc <file name>.ts command
- Compiling a large project with multiple files with tsc command is difficult
- TypeScript supports tsconfig.json to compile whole project at once
- If tsc is invoked with no input files, the compiler searches for the tsconfig.json file starting in the current directory and continuing up the parent directory chain
- See all compile options below
  - https://www.typescriptlang.org/tsconfig

tsconfig.json Example

Specify module code generation: 'none', 'commonjs', 'amd', 'system', 'umd', 'es6', or 'es2015'.

```
{
  "compilerOptions": {
    "module": "commonjs",
    "target": "es5",
    "removeComments": true,
    "sourceMap": true
  },
}
```

Specify ECMAScript target version: 'es3' (default), 'es5', or 'es6'.

tsconfig.json – files property

```
{
  "compilerOptions": {
    "module": "commonjs",
    "noImplicitAny": true,
    "removeComments": true,
    "preserveConstEnums": true,
    "sourceMap": true
  },
  "files": [
    "core.ts",
    "sys.ts",
    "types.ts",
    "scanner.ts",
    "parser.ts",
    "utilities.ts",
  ]
}
```

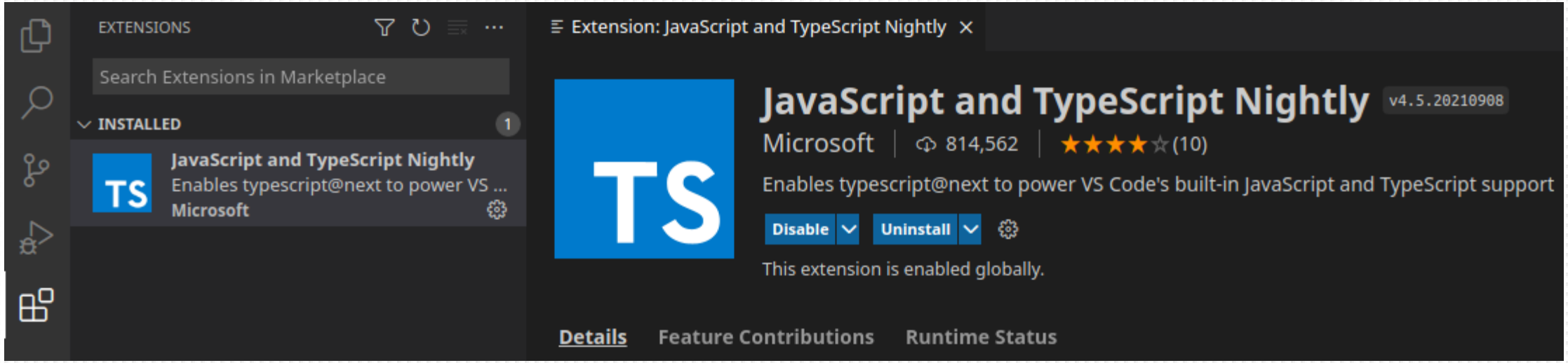
tsconfig.json – include & exclude properties

```
{
  "compilerOptions": {
    "module": "system",
    "noImplicitAny": true,
    "removeComments": true,
    "preserveConstEnums": true,
    "outFile": "../../built/local/tsc.js",
    "sourceMap": true
  },
  "include": ["src/**/*"],
  "exclude": ["node_modules", "**/*.spec.ts"]
}
```

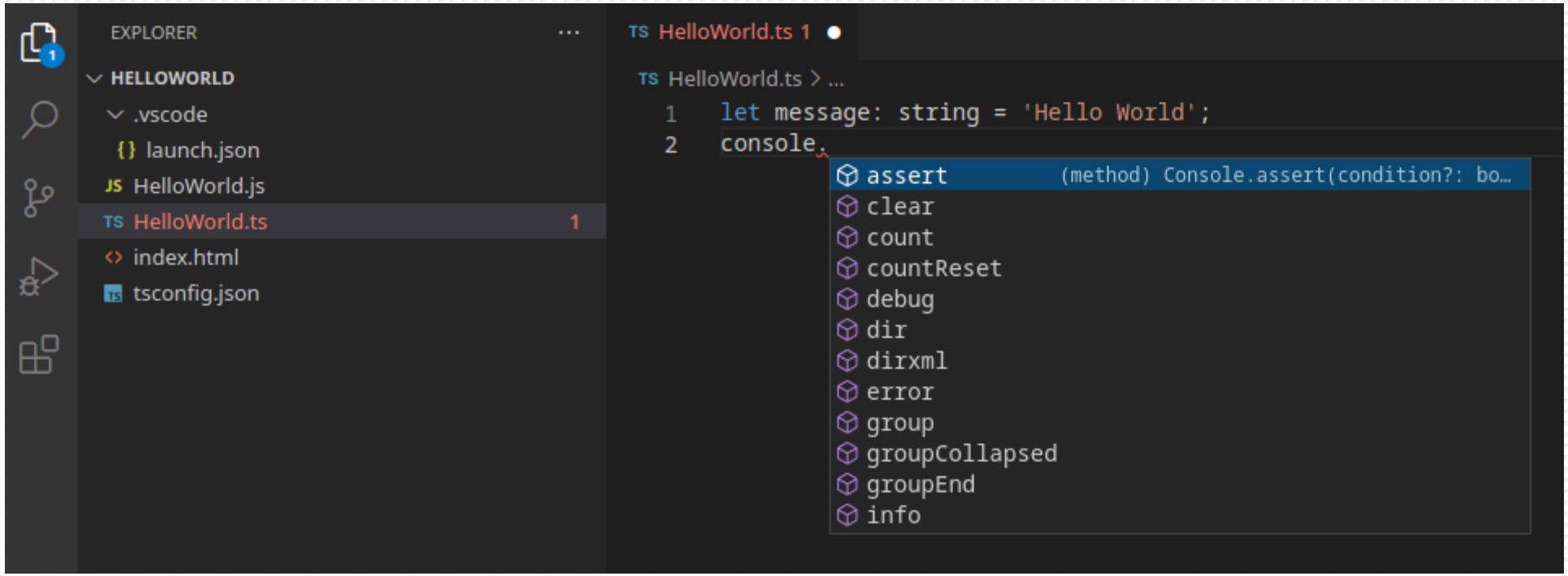
Note: 'amd' and 'system' module options can be used in conjunction with --outFile.

TypeScript IDE - Visual Studio Code

- Visual Studio Code includes TypeScript language support
- However, typescript compiler is not included by default
- You can consider installing TS extensions



Why VS Code - Intellisense



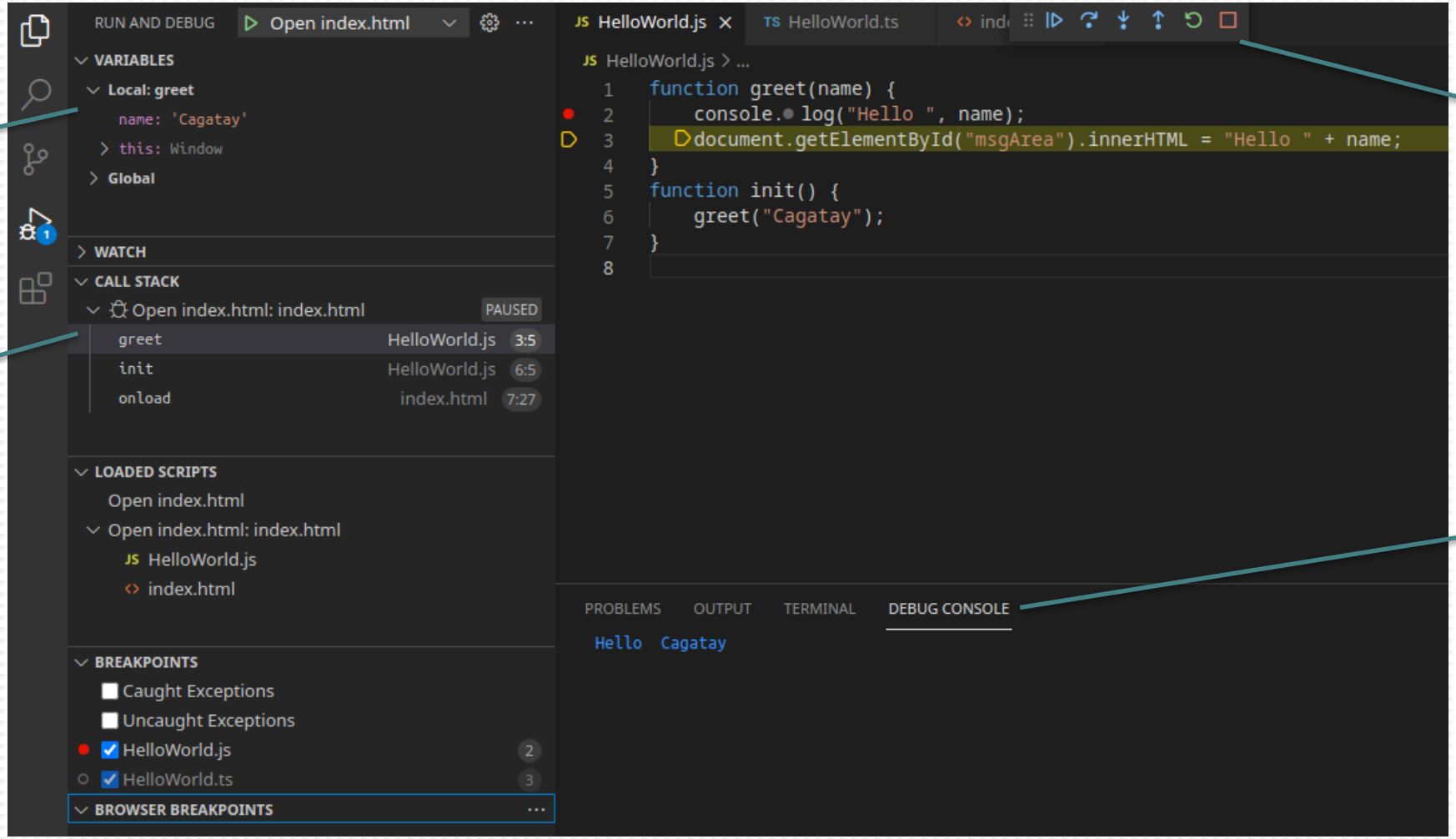
Why VS Code - Hover Information

- Hover information will be shown when you select a method to get parameter help

Why VS Code - Error Checking

- Strong type checking helps you avoid common programming mistakes

Why VS Code - Debugging



Variables

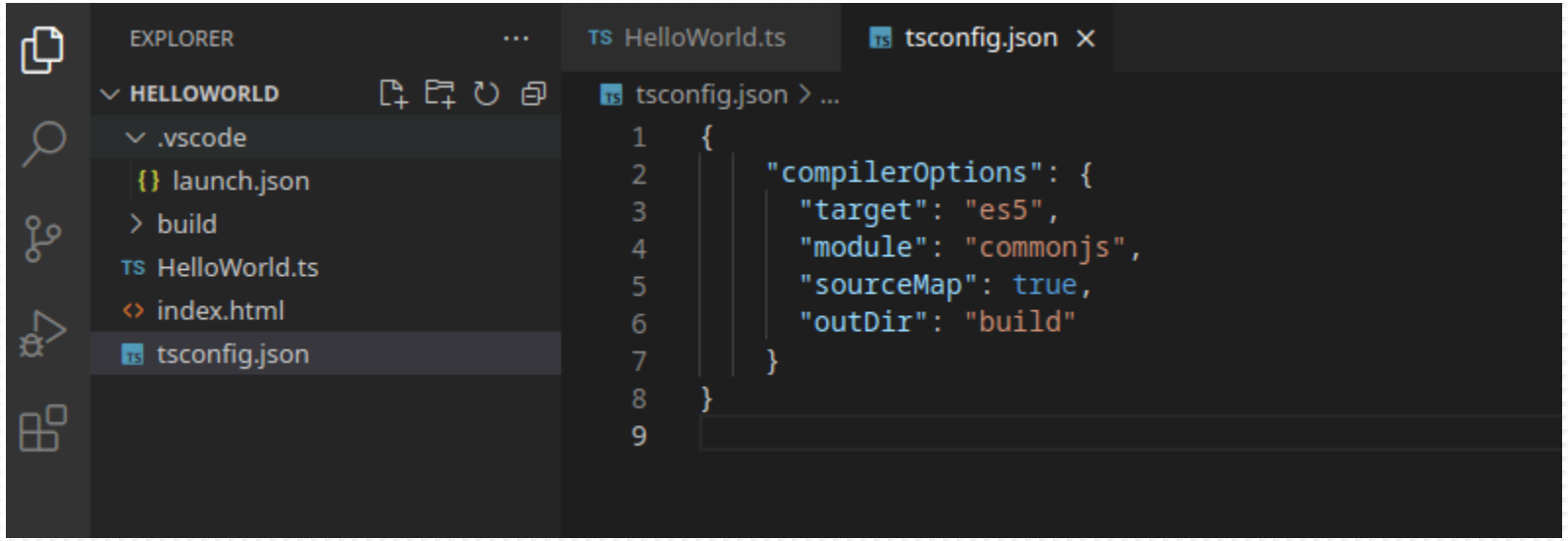
Call Stack

Debug Panel

Console

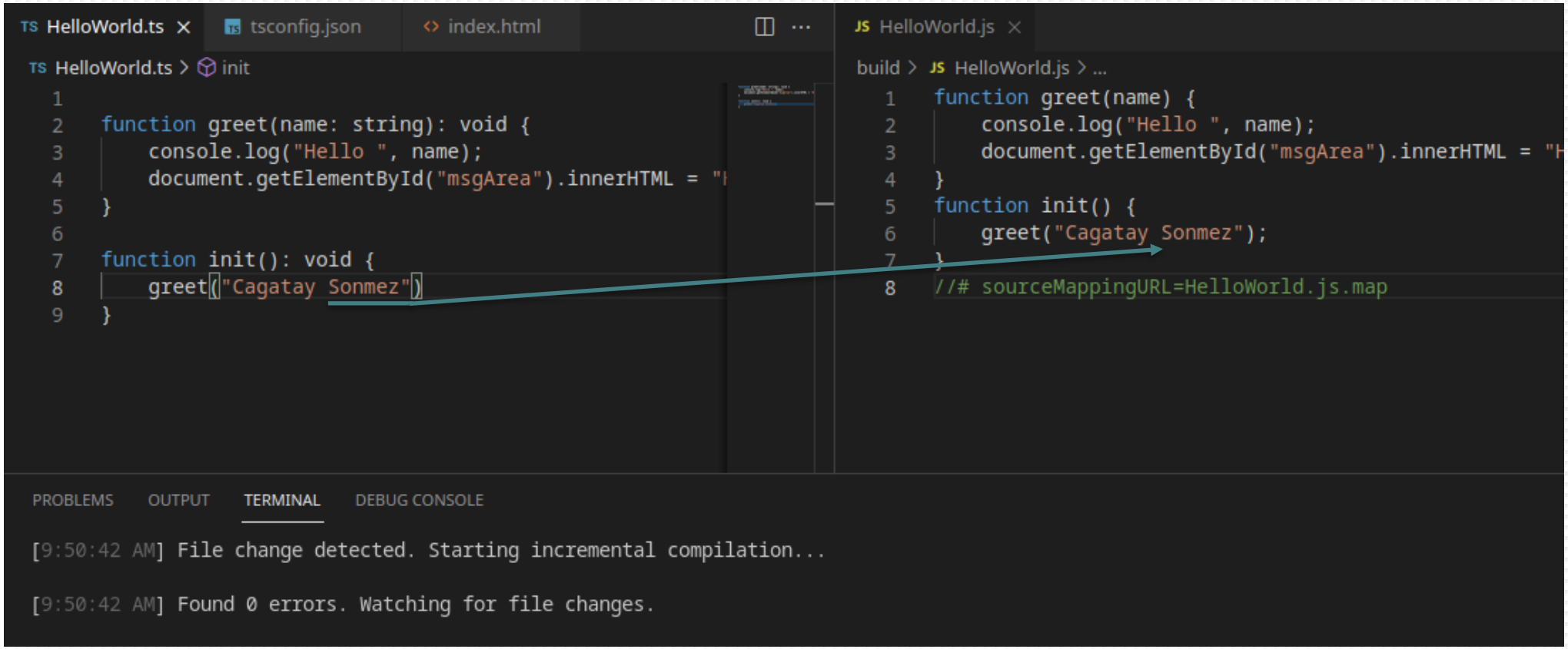
Why VS Code - Debugging with ts File

- VS Code relies on source maps for the debugger to map between the original TypeScript source code and the running JavaScript
- You can create source maps by setting "sourceMap": true in the tsconfig.json



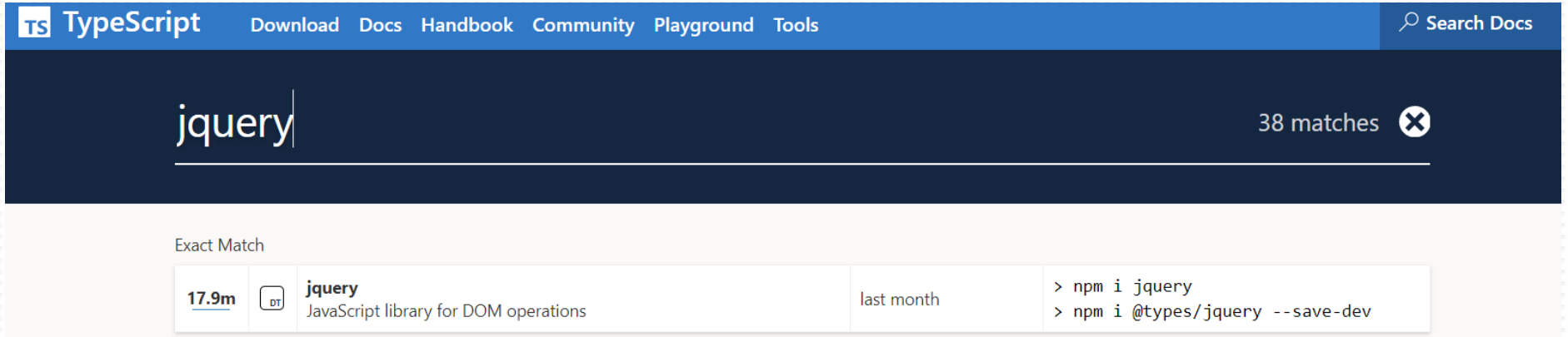
Why VS Code - Auto Generate JS File

- Your changes will be automatically compiled when you save a file if you run built task in watch mode using «ctrl + shift + B» shortcut



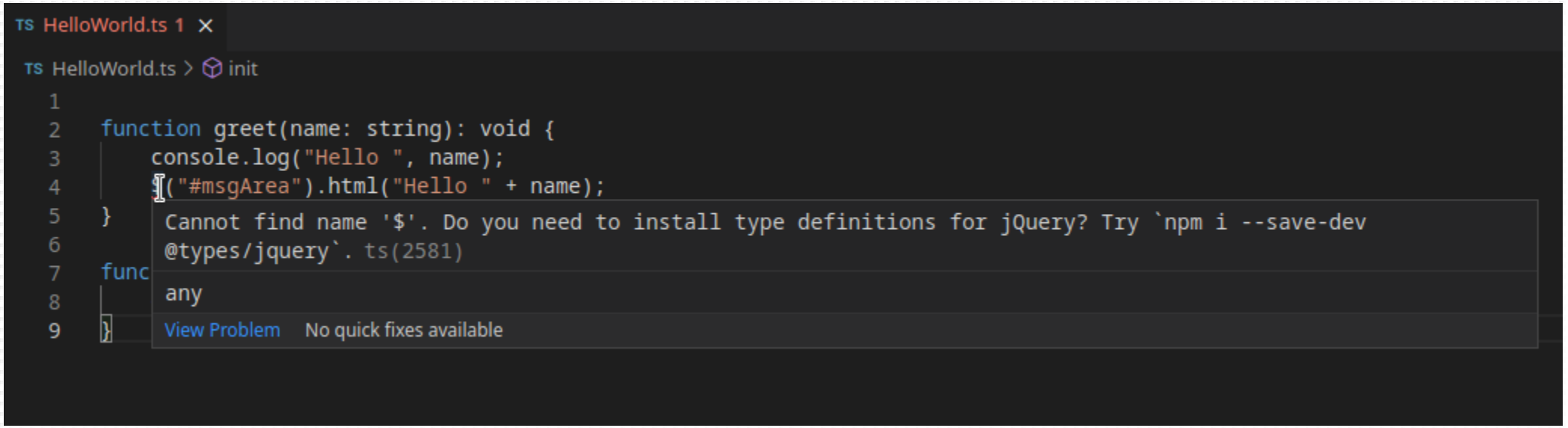
External (3rd Party) Libraries

- TypeScript cannot know type information of an existing javascript library
- A declaration file (with the extension .d.ts) is used to provide type information of an external API
- Declaration files are provided from a GitHub repository
  - https://github.com/DefinitelyTyped/DefinitelyTyped/
- You can also search for external libraries from offical TypeScript web page
  - https://www.typescriptlang.org/dt/search?search=

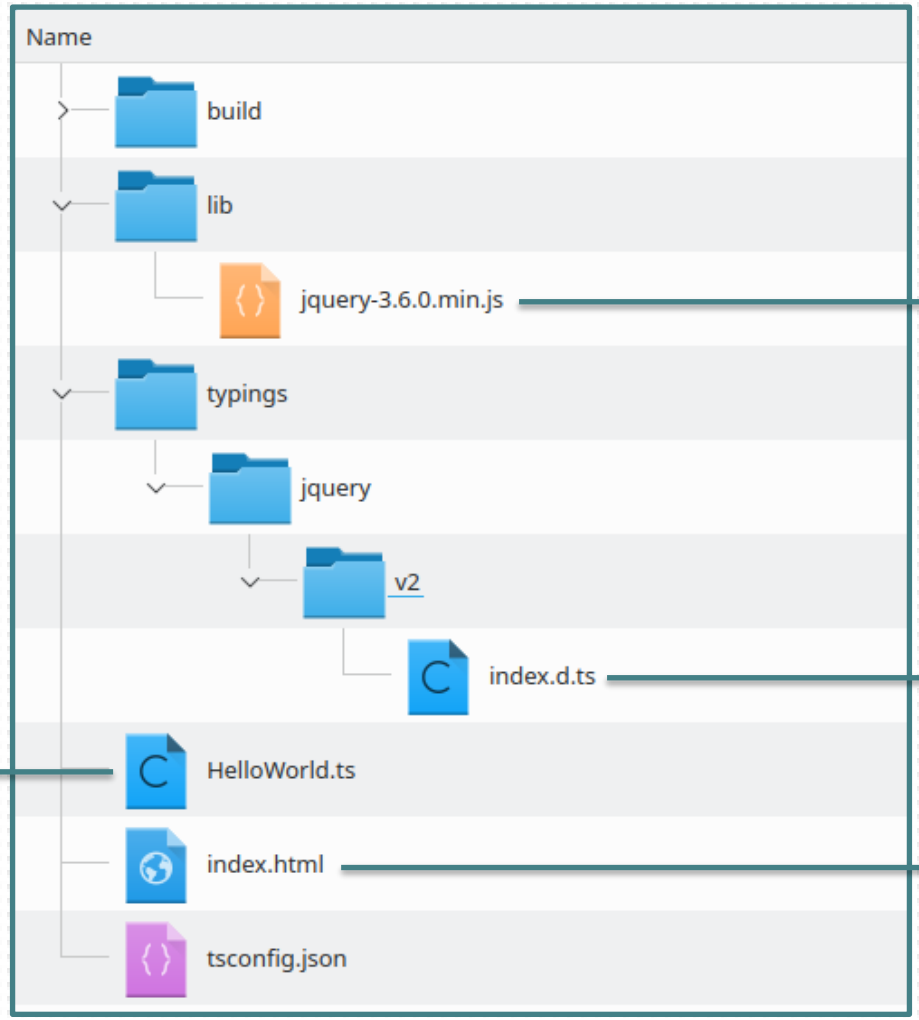


External Library Example I

- You will get compile error if you don't give d.ts file to VS Code
- Intellisense will not work either



External Library Example II



1- download the library

2- download the d.ts file

3- use reference path
to declare dependency

4- add js file of library to
<script> tag of html

Reference Path

- VS Code automatically finds .d.ts files, if you don’t have "files" section in your tsconfig.json file
- Otherwise, declare the dependency by using reference path which is a triple-slash directive

Including JavaScript files

- You can also use existing (maybe 3rd party) JavaScript file in you project
- Enable "allowJs" options in compiler options

Compile to Single Output File

- We can produce a single JS file for all TS and JS files
- To make this use the "outFile" parameter
- Please note that outFile parameters uses either *amd* or *system* "module" options

tsconfig.json

```
{
    "compilerOptions": {
      "target": "es5",
      "module":"amd",
      "sourceMap": true,
      "allowJs": true,
      "outDir": "build",
      "outFile":"build/build.js"
    },
    "files" : [
      "HelloWorld.ts",
      "lib/jquery-3.6.0.js"
    ]
}
```

1- use proper module

2- define an outFile

Why Compile to Single Output File?

- It is better to manage dependencies with build system

index.html ●

index.html > ...

```
1   <!DOCTYPE html>
2   <html>
3       <head>
4           <title>Hello World Example</title>
5           <script src="lib/jquery-3.6.0.min.js"></script>
6           <script src="build/HelloWorld.js"></script>
7       </head>
8       <body onload="init()">
9           <p id="msgArea"></p>
10      </body>
11  </html>
```

index.html ×

index.html > ...

```
1   <!DOCTYPE html>
2   <html>
3       <head>
4           <title>Hello World Example</title>
5           <script src="build/build.js"></script>
6       </head>
7       <body onload="init()">
8           <p id="msgArea"></p>
9       </body>
10  </html>
11
```

QUESTIONS?