



# Biome

TOOLCHAIN OF THE WEB


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**What is Biome?**

# A code **linter**

- JavaScript, **TypeScript**, **JSX**, TSX
  - no extra dependencies
- **Helpful diagnostics**
- **200 lint rules**
  - some unique to Biome
  - ESLint, ESLint plugins
  -  Tailwind class sorting

```
➤ npx @biomejs/biome lint main.ts
```

```
main.ts:4:18 lint/noAccumulatingSpread
```


✗ Avoid the use of spread `...` syntax on accumulators.

```
3 | array.reduce(  
> 4 |   (acc, v) => [...acc, v],  
   |                      ^^^^^^^  
5 |   []  
6 | )
```

i Spread syntax should be avoided on accumulators because it causes a time complexity of `O(n2)`.

i Consider methods such as `.splice` or `.push` instead.

# A code formatter

- JavaScript, TypeScript, JSX, TSX
- JSON, JSONC
-  CSS
- **format invalid code**

```
TS main.ts 2 •
TS main.ts > Person > constructor
1  export class Person {
2      #name: string
3
4      constructor() {
5          this.#name =
6      }
7
8  get name() { return this.#name }
9  }
10
```



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There's lot of excitement around faster pretty printers using Rust. The main issue is that none of them match the long tail of formatting logic of prettier.

I'm putting up a \$10k bounty for any project written in Rust that passes > 95% of the prettier JavaScript tests.

*\$10,000 Bounty*

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# Write a pretty printer in Rust

## Win \$25,000

### Grand Prize

#### \$22,500

Pass > 95% of the prettier JavaScript tests

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### WASIX Prize

#### \$2,500

Compile to WASIX and publish (via CI) to Wasmer

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**Biome**

@biomejs



Biome formatter has reached 97% compatibility with Prettier in JavaScript formatting. 🚀

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**Is Biome fast?**





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Holy shit.

Just did a quick parsing test of [@biomejs](#) in one of our [@OpenAI](#) codebases

- 3 eslint + prettier = 58.81 s
- 2 eslint (w/ cache) + prettier = 12.82 s
- 1 🤯 biomeJS check (first run) = 1.78 s

(Tried tweaking the config, and was able to get a 95% config parity in ~20m) 🤯

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# A community

- 📦 170k weekly downloads
- ★ 8.4k GitHub Stars
- 🐦 4.6k followers
- 💬 1.2k Discord members



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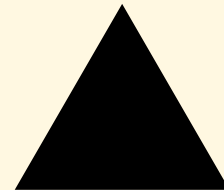
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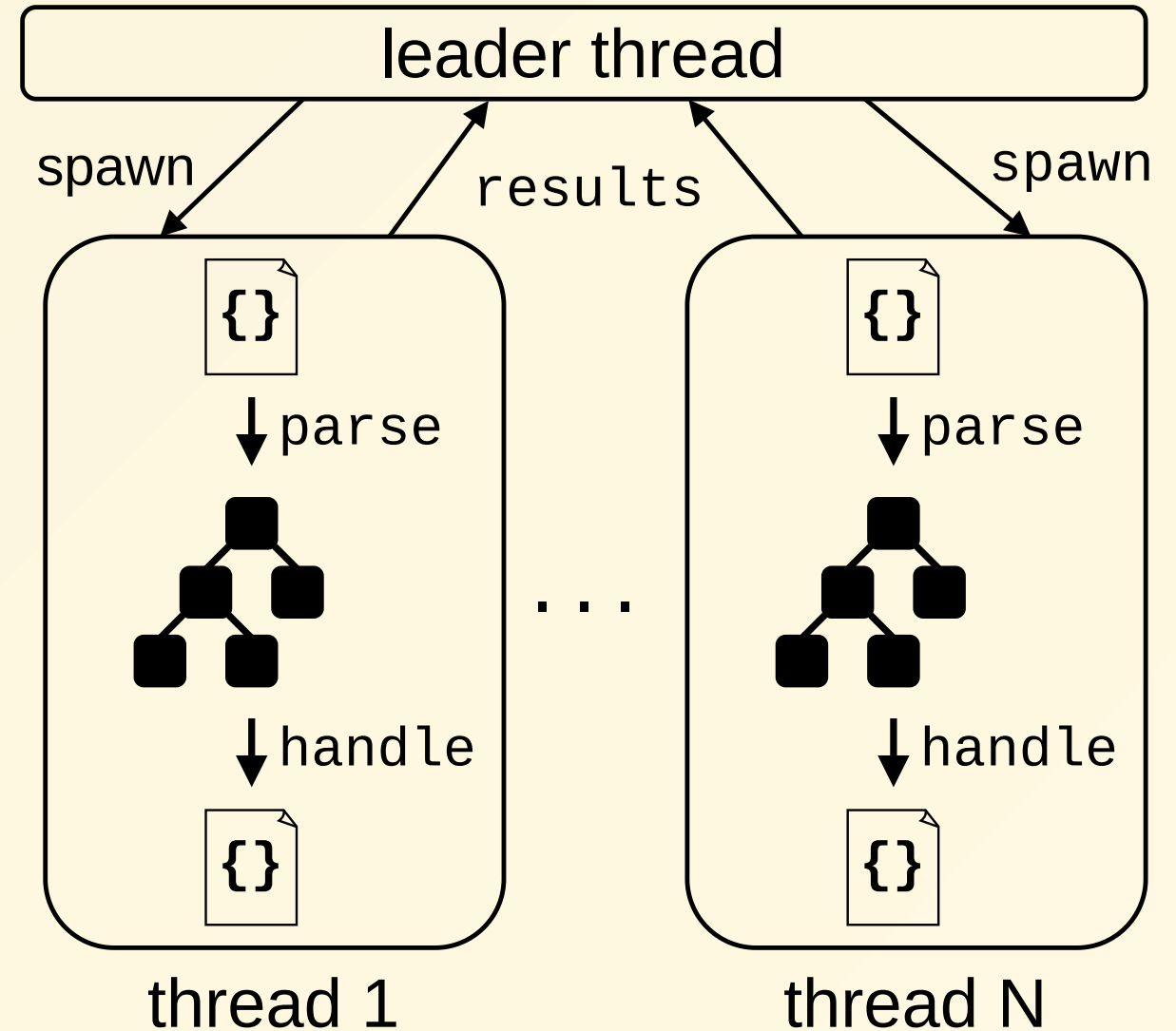


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**How Biome works?**

# Architecture

- **leader-follower**
- the leader thread
  - spawn a thread per file
  - collect results
- a follower thread
  - parse the given file
  - handle (format, lint)

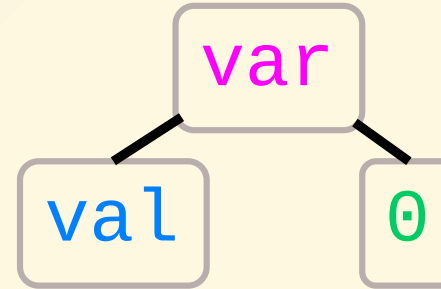


# Regular parser

1. parse to an Abstract Syntax Tree
2. handle (format, lint)

```
· · var · val · = · 0
```

↓ parse



Abstract  
Syntax  
Tree

↓ lint/noVar

✗ Don't use var

```
> 1 | · · var · val · = · 0
    |   ^^^
```

i . . .

# Regular parser

- doesn't handle invalid code
  - **emit syntax error**

· · var · val · = ·

↓ parse

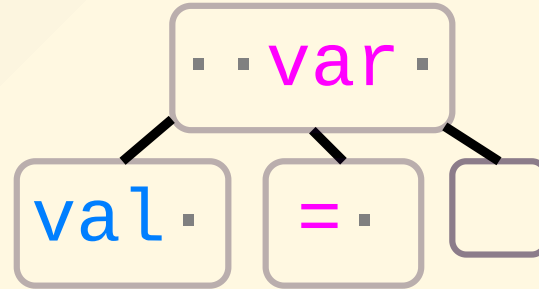
✗ syntax error

# Biome parser

- **accept invalid code**
  - bogus tree nodes
  - holes in the tree
- **lossless** parsing using CST
  - preserve whitespace

```
· · var · val · = ·
```

↓ parse



**Concrete  
Syntax  
Tree**

↓ lint/noVar

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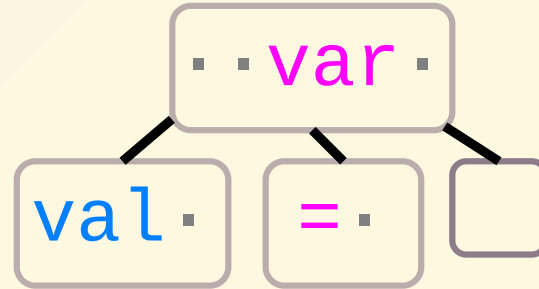
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**Concrete  
Syntax  
Tree**

↓ format & fix

```
let · val · =
```



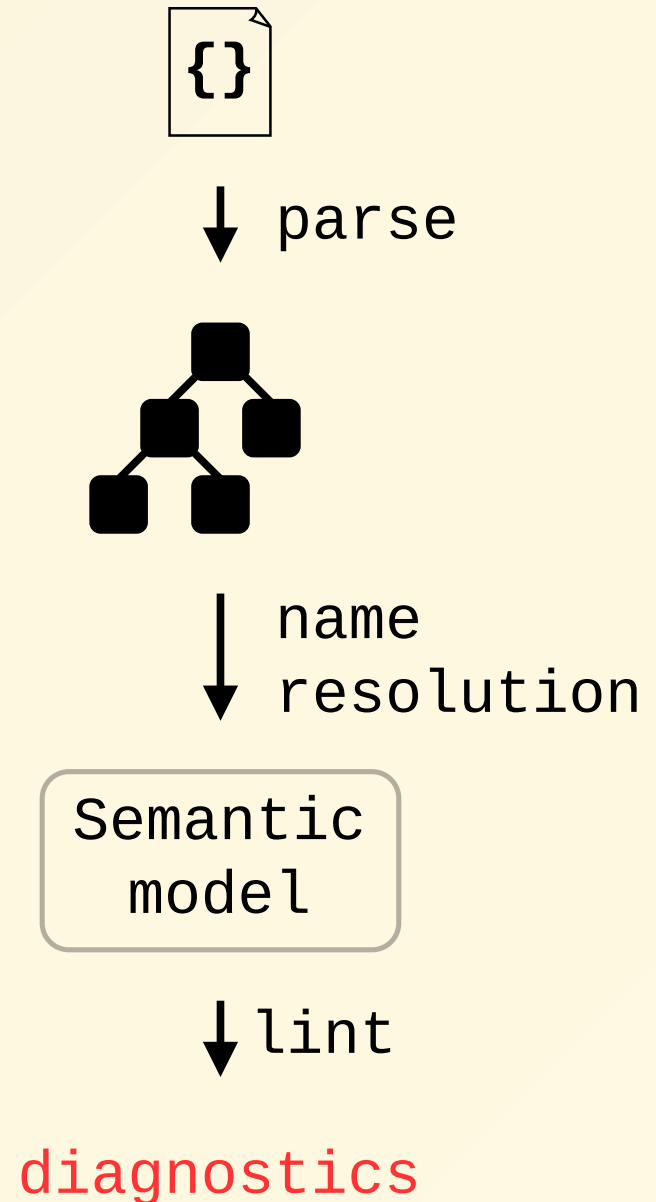
# Lint rules

- many rules query the tree
  - noDoubleEquals
  - useFlatMap
  - useOptionalChain
- others need more complex data
  - **noUnusedVariables**
  - noUnusedImports
  - useImportType
  - useExportType

```
function Person (name ) {  
    if (name == "") {  
        let name  
        name = "anonymous"  
    }  
    return { name }  
}  
  
export { Person }
```

# Semantic model

- find references of a declaration
  - write references
  - read references



# Name resolver v1

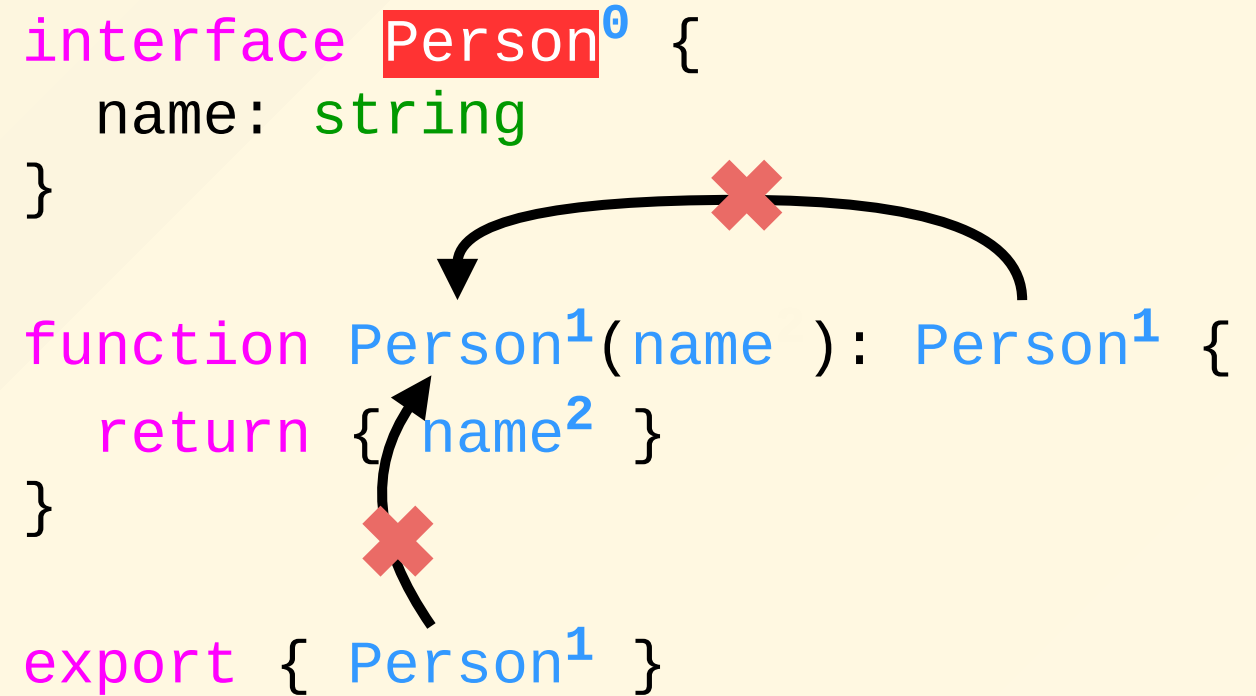
- bind declarations to references
  - unique id for each declaration
  - a reference refers to a single declaration
- take scopes into account
  - variable shadowing

```
function Person1(name2) {  
  if (name2 == "") {  
    let name3  
    name3 = "anonymous"  
  }  
  return { name2 }  
}  
  
export { Person1 }
```

# TypeScript?

- bind declarations to references
  - unique id for each declaration
  - a reference refers to a single declaration
- take scopes into account
  - variable shadowing

```
interface Person0 {  
  name: string  
}  
  
function Person1(name): Person1 {  
  return { name2 }  
}  
  
export { Person1 }
```



# TypeScript 🤯

- **type & variable** with **same name**
- **a reference** refers to **multiple declarations**

```
interface Person {  
  name: string  
}  
  
function Person (name): Person {  
  return { name }  
}  
  
export { Person }
```

The diagram illustrates how a single reference 'Person' can point to multiple declarations in TypeScript. Three curved arrows originate from the 'Person' identifier in different contexts and point to the 'Person' interface declaration:

- An arrow from the 'Person' parameter in the function signature `function Person (name): Person` points to the `interface Person` declaration.
- An arrow from the `{ name }` object in the function body `return { name }` points to the `interface Person` declaration.
- An arrow from the `Person` in the export statement `export { Person }` points to the `interface Person` declaration.

# TypeScript 🤯🤯

- type & variable with same name
- **a reference** refers to **multiple declarations**

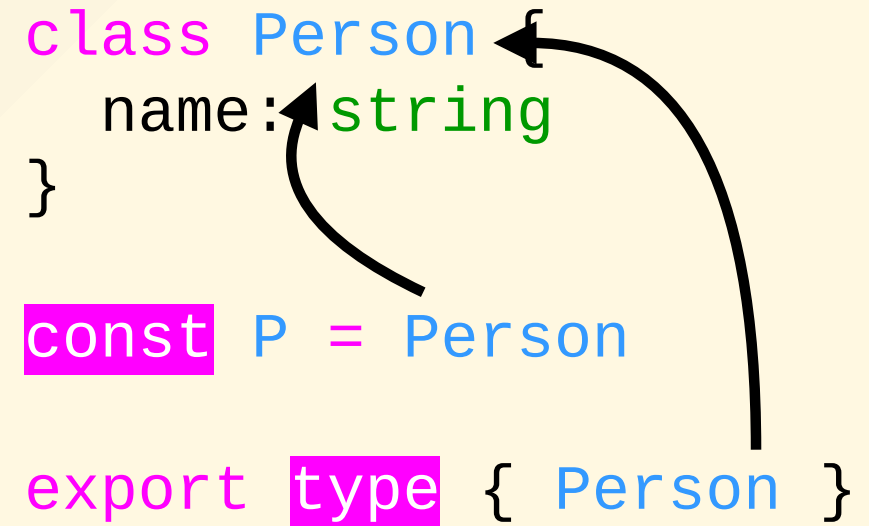
```
type Element<D> =  
  D extends  
    Array<infer E>  
    | Set<infer E>  
    | infer E  
  ? E : never
```

The diagram illustrates the inference process for the type `Element<D>`. It shows three possible cases for `D` in the `extends` clause: `Array<infer E>`, `Set<infer E>`, and `infer E`. Arrows from each of these `infer E` expressions point to the declaration `? E` at the bottom, indicating that `E` is inferred from these contexts. The final line `: never` represents the default type when no inference is possible.

# TypeScript 🤯

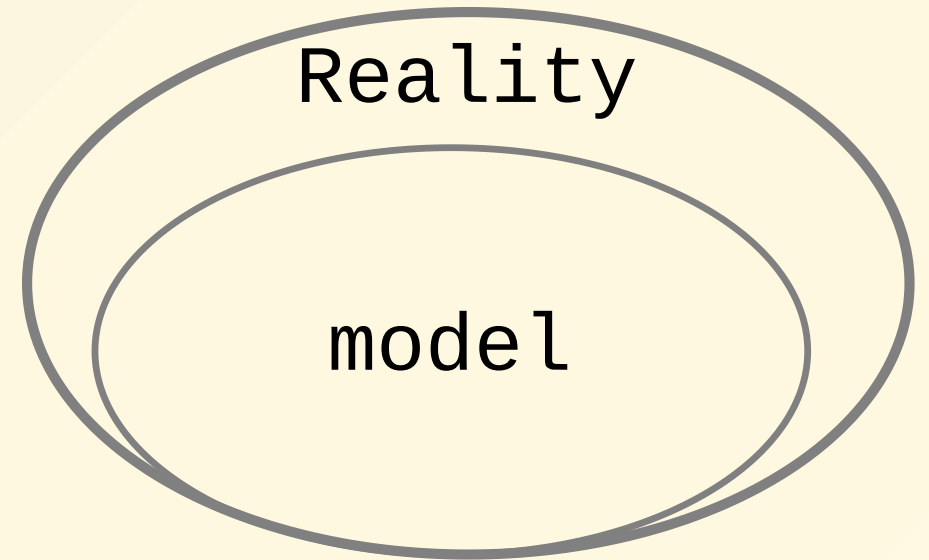
- type & variable with same name
- a reference refers multiple declarations
- **partially referenced declarations**
  - type / variable duality

```
class Person {  
  name: string  
}  
  
const P = Person  
  
export type { Person }
```



# Simplification

- a reference refers to a **single declaration**
  - handle differently edge cases (*export*, *infer*)
- type and value with same names
- type / variable duality





# Name resolver v2

- A declaration is either
  - a type
  - a variable
  - both
- A reference refers either
  - a type
  - a variable

```
interface Persont0 {  
    name: string  
}
```

```
function Personv1(namev2): Persont0 {  
    return { namev2 }  
}
```

```
export type { Persont0 }
```

# Name resolver v2

- A declaration is either
  - a type
  - a variable
  - both
- A reference refers either
  - a type
  - a variable
- type/value duality not exposed

```
interface Person0 {  
    name: string  
}
```


```
function Person1(name2): Person0 {  
    return { name2 }  
}
```

```
export type { Person0 }
```






# Conclusion

- Biome is both a **formatter** and a **linter**
  - and more: JavaScript **import sorting**
- Biome is **fast**
- Biome is **editor-ready**
  - error-resilient parsers
  - Concrete Syntax Tree
- Biome **supports TypeScript**
  - type-aware semantic model

# 2024 and beyond

- extend to **more languages**
  - CSS, HTML, Markdown
  - Vue, Angular, Svelte, Astro
- **improve linter capabilities**
  - multi-file analysis
  - simplified type system
-  **plugins**

# Want to help?

-  try Biome
  -  report issues
  -  feedbacks
- contribute to Biome
  - [GitHub good first issues](#)
  -  [How to create a lint rule in Biome](#)  
(youtube.com/@Biomejs)
-  sponsor us!
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# biomejs.dev

*format code*

`npx @biomejs/biome format --write src`

*lint code, apply safe fixes*

`npx @biomejs/biome lint --apply src`

*all at once*

`npx @biomejs/biome check --apply src`

**Backup slides**

# A toolchain

-  toolchain for **web dev**
  - code formatter
  - code linter
- written in **Rust** 
- supports main web language
  - **JavaScript, TypeScript, JSX, TSX**
  - JSON, JSONC
  - CSS 
- **community successor** of Rome Tools



# A fast formatter

- scales with available threads

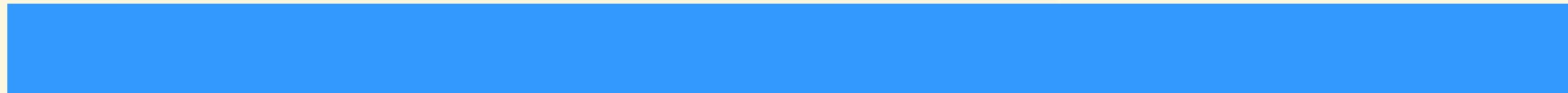


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Prettier

Formatting **170k lines** of code in **2.1k files** with an **Intel Core i7 1270P**

# A governance

- leads (2) 🔑 owners
  - 🛡️ access to sensible data
  - ⚔️ act as tiebreakers
- core contributors (5)
  - 👍 project directions
- maintainers (5)
  - 👍 project decisions
  - ⬆️ write access to the repo

