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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.

- i Spread syntax should be avoided on accumulators because it causes a time complexity of `O(n^2)`.
- 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
       export class Person {
         #name: string
         constructor() {
           this.#name =
       get name() { return this.#name }
```



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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Is Biome fast?



Holy shit.

Just did a quick parsing test of @biomejs in one of our @OpenAl codebases

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

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

9:45 PM · Dec 11, 2023





Reply

A community

- 170k weekly downloads
- * 8.4k GitHub Stars
- \$\fomega 4.6k followers
- 2 1.2k Discord members







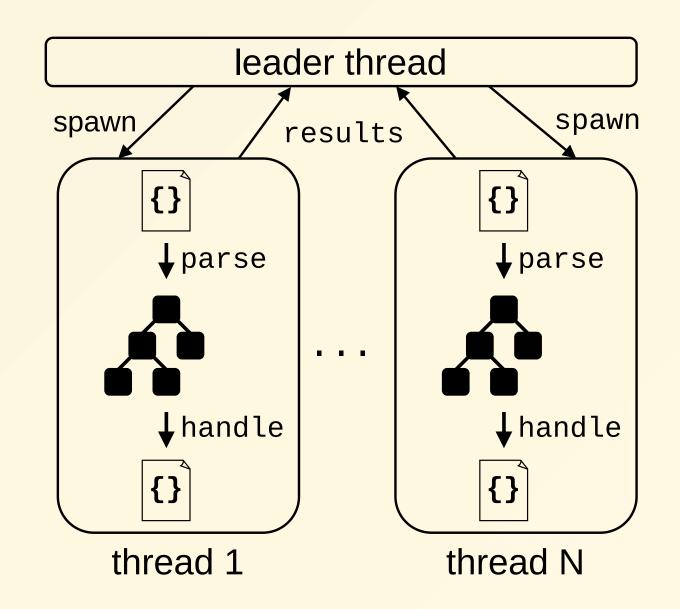


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How Biome works?

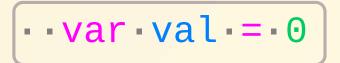
Architecture

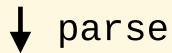
- leader-follower
- the leader thread
 - spawn a thread per file
 - collect results
- a follower thread
 - o parse the given file
 - handle (format, lint)

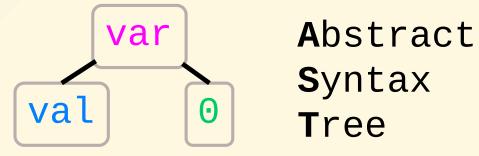


Regular parser

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





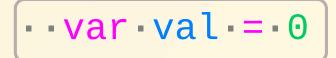


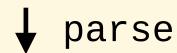


* Don't use var

Regular parser

- doesn't handle invalid code
 - emit syntax error

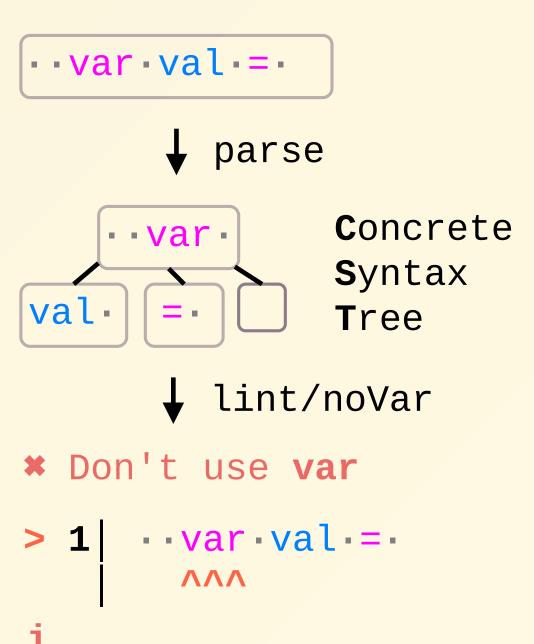




* syntax error

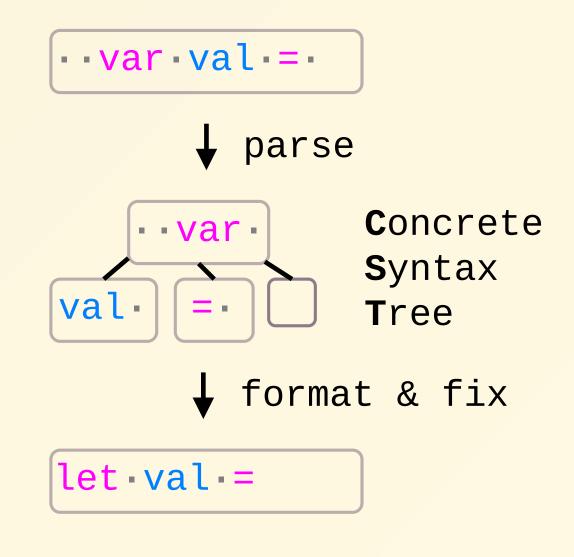
Biome parser

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



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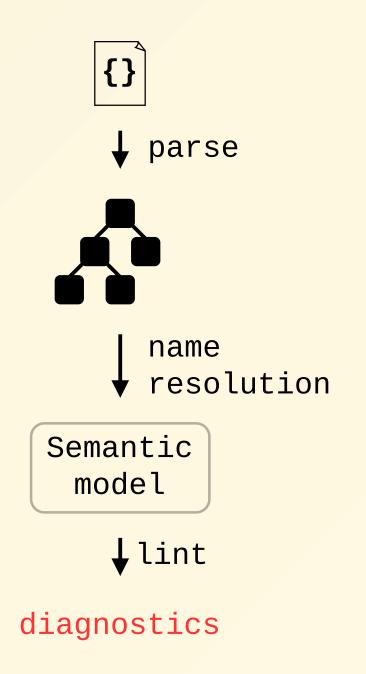
Lint rules

- 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 refrences
 - 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_name<sup>3</sup>
       name<sup>3</sup> = "anonymous"
    return { name<sup>2</sup>
export { Person<sup>1</sup> }
```

TypeScript?

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

```
interface Person<sup>0</sup> {
  name: string
}

function Person<sup>1</sup>(name ): Person<sup>1</sup> {
  return { name<sup>2</sup> }
}
```

TypeScript 👸

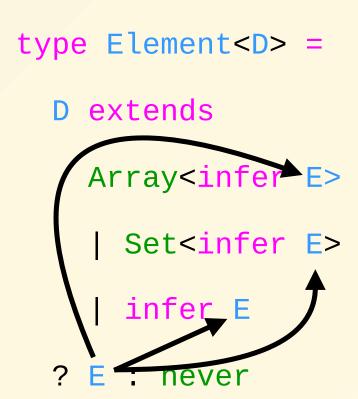
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}
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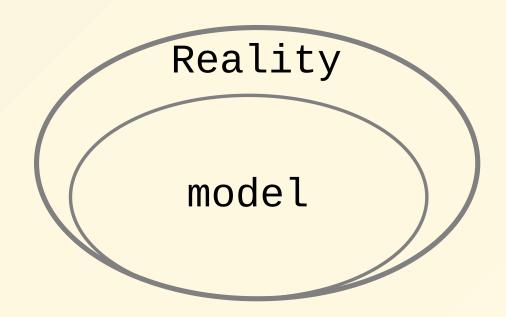
TypeScript 👸

- 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
 - o a variable
 - o both
- A reference refers either
 - a type
 - a varaible

```
interface Person<sup>t0</sup> {
  name: string
}

function Person<sup>v1</sup>(name<sup>v2</sup>): Person<sup>t0</sup> {
  return { name<sup>v2</sup> }
}
export type { Person<sup>t0</sup> }
```

Name resolver v2

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

```
interface Person<sup>0</sup> {
  name: string
}

function Person<sup>1</sup>(name<sup>2</sup>): Person<sup>0</sup> {
  return { name<sup>2</sup> }
}
export type { Person<sup>0</sup> }
```

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
 - general feedbacks
- contribute to Biome
 - GitHub good first issues
 - How to create a lint rule in Biome (youtube.com/@Biomejs)
- sponsor us!
 - Biome Open Collective



biomejs.dev

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

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

A fast formatter

scales with available threads

400 ms

35x



Biome

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

A governance

- leads (2) \nearrow owners
 - access to sensible data
 - act as tiebreakers
- core contributors (5)
 - project directions
- maintainers (5)
 - project decisions
 - write access to the repo

