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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

10:50 PM · Nov 9, 2023





# 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





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## **A community**

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







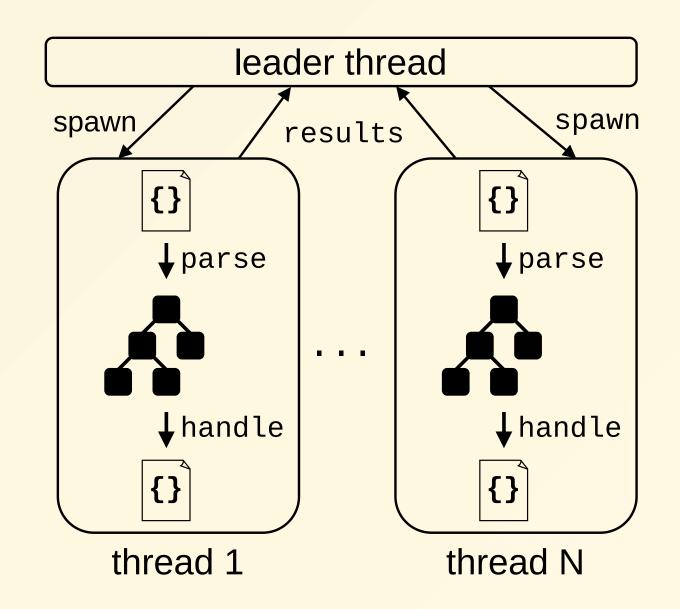


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## How Biome works?

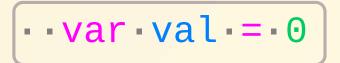
#### Architecture

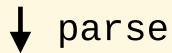
- leader-follower
- the leader thread
  - spawn a thread per file
  - collect results
- a follower thread
  - o parse the given file
  - handle (format, lint)

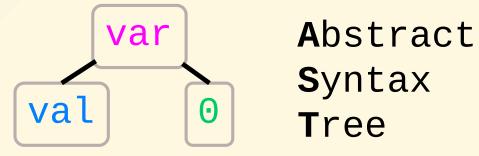


## Regular parser

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







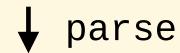


\* Don't use var

## Regular parser

- doesn't handle invalid code
  - emit syntax error

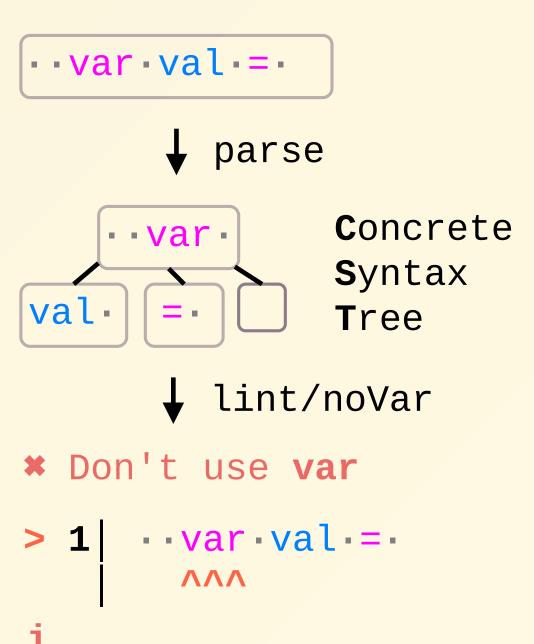
```
··var·val·=·
```



**\*** syntax error

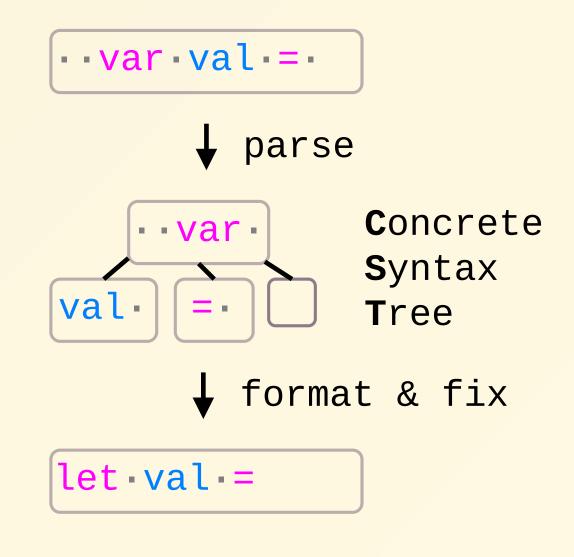
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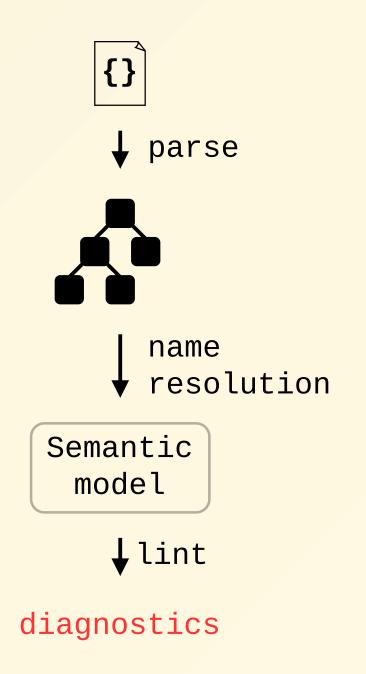
#### Lint rules

- many rules query the tree
  - noVar
  - noDoubleEquals
  - noAccumulatingSpread
- 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 👸

• type & variable with same name

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

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

## TypeScript 👸

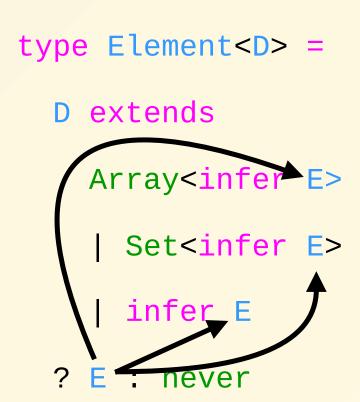
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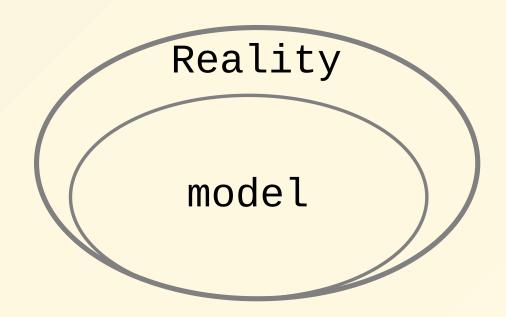
## TypeScript 👸

- type & variable with same name
- a reference can refer to a type and a variable
- a reference can refer to 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



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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

