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new debugger features

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LEGACY V8 DEBUG API

JSON message API

debug context JavaScript API

C++ API

DebugCommandProcessor

--expose-debug-as, vm.runInDebugContext

v8/include/v8-debug.h



CURRENT V8 DEBUG API

JSON message API	DebugCommandProcessor
debug context JavaScript API	--expose-debug-as, vm.runInDebugContext
C++ API	v8/include/v8-debug.h
DevTools protocol	--inspect

```
yangguo@yangguo2: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[2017-09-29 10:53:16] yangguo@yangguo2:~$ ~/node/node --inspect  
Debugger listening on ws://127.0.0.1:9229/5ca793d5-3cd7-4408-8787-b3aaaded9fef  
For help see https://nodejs.org/en/docs/inspector  
> Debugger attached.  
> 
```



DEVTOOLS PROTOCOL IN V8

Chrome with Chrome DevTools

F12, CTRL+SHIFT+J

Node.js with Chrome DevTools

--inspect

Chrome with Node.js

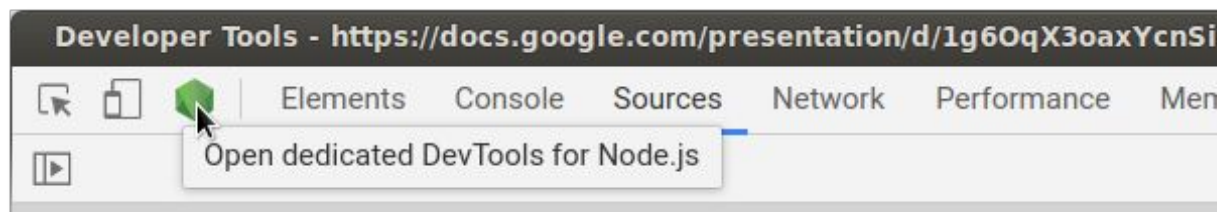
github.com/GoogleChrome/puppeteer

Node.js with Node.s

require('inspector')

Node.js with telnet

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```
{
  "id": 1,
  "method": "Debugger.setBreakpoint",
  "params": {
    "location": {
      "scriptId": "16",
      "lineNumber": 25,
      "columnNumber": 0
    }
  }
}
```

```
{
  "id": 1,
  "result": {
    "breakpointId": "16:25:0",
    "actualLocation": {
      "scriptId": "16",
      "lineNumber": 25,
      "columnNumber": 2
    }
  }
}
```

```
{
  "id": 0,
  "method": "Debugger.enable"
}
```

```
{
  "method": "Debugger.scriptParsed",
  "params": {
    "scriptId": "14",
    "url": "test/mjsunit/mjsunit.js",
    "startLine": 0,
    "startColumn": 0,
    "endLine": 826,
    "endColumn": 0,
    "executionContextId": 1,
    "hash":
      "8A11A530A7BFCC85AF929B31548DDBF56FF75175",
    "isLiveEdit": false,
    "sourceMapURL": "",
    "hasSourceURL": false,
    "isModule": false,
    "length": 27412,
    "stackTrace": {
      "callFrames": [
        {
          "functionName": "sendMessage",
          "scriptId": "15",
          "url":
            "test/debugger/test-api.js",
          "lineNumber": 360,
          "columnNumber": 4
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

```
{
  "method": "Debugger.paused",
  "params": {
    "callFrames": [
      {
        "callFrameId":
          "{\\"ordinal\\":0,\\"injectedScriptId\\":1}",
        "functionName": "f",
        "functionLocation": {
          "scriptId": "16",
          "lineNumber": 24,
          "columnNumber": 10
        },
        "location": {
          "scriptId": "16",
          "lineNumber": 25,
          "columnNumber": 2
        },
        "url": "test.js",
        "scopeChain": [
          {
            "type": "local",
            "object": {
              "type": "object",
              "className": "Object",
              "description": "Object",
              "objectId": "{\\"injectedScriptId\\": ... ,\\" ... \\", :1}"
            },
            "name": "f",
            "startLocation": {
              "scriptId": "16",
              "lineNumber": 24,
              "columnNumber": 10
            },
            "endLocation": {
              "scriptId": "16",
              "lineNumber": 26,
              "columnNumber": 1
            }
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

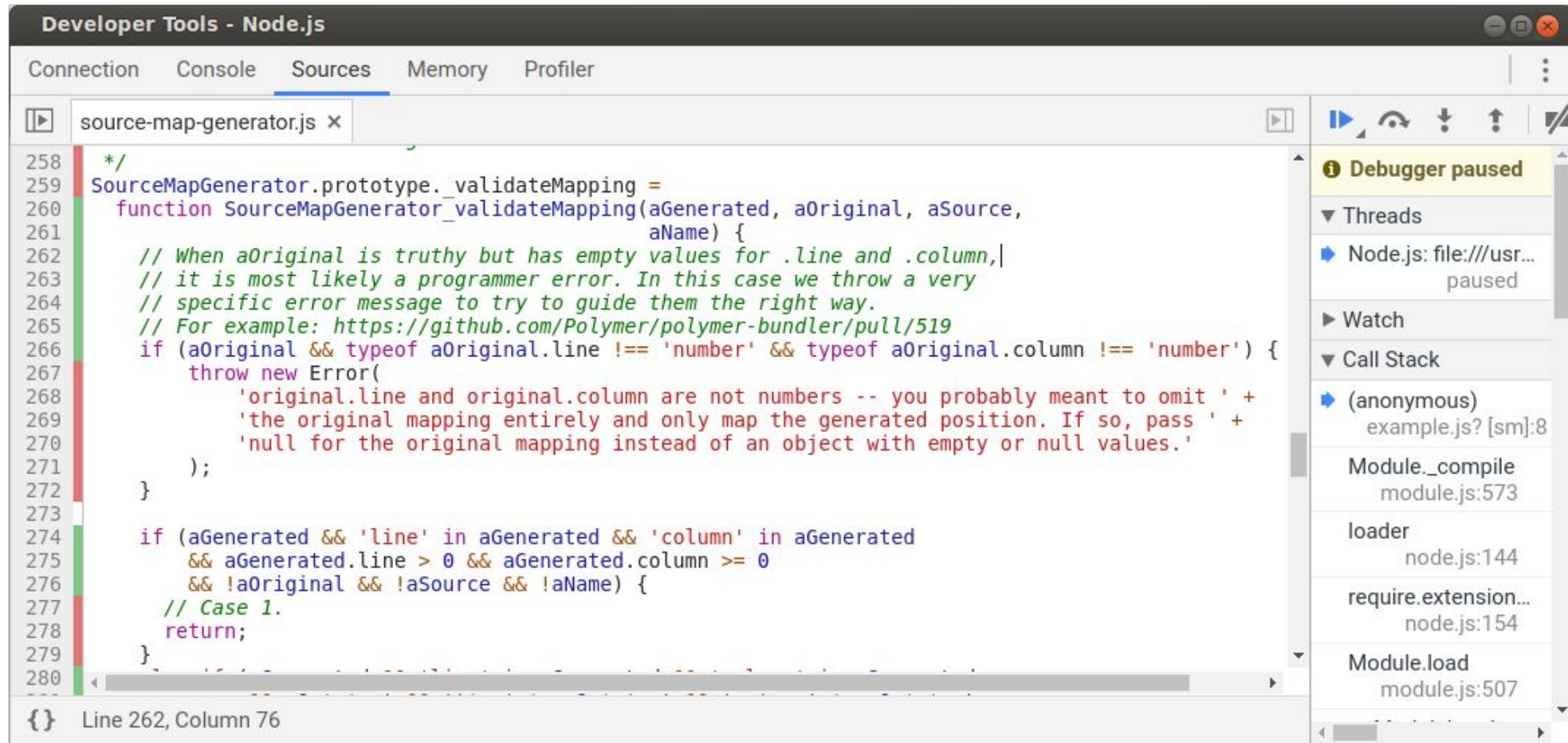
```
{
  "id": 3,
  "result": {
    "result": [
      {
        "name": "x",
        "value": {
          "type": "number",
          "value": 1,
          "description": "1"
        },
        "writable": true,
        "configurable": true,
        "enumerable": true,
        "isOwn": true
      },
      {
        "name": "y",
        "value": {
          "type": "undefined"
        },
        "writable": true,
        "configurable": true,
        "enumerable": true,
        "isOwn": true
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

INSPECTOR IN NODE

```
const inspector = require('inspector');  
const session = new inspector.Session();  
session.connect();  
session.post(command, arguments, callback);  
session.disconnect();
```



CODE COVERAGE



branch-based code coverage
accurate call counts
accessible via DevTools protocol
can be translated to common
coverage formats, e.g. LCOV

CODE COVERAGE

	Line data	Source code
1	1 :	function thrower() {
2	0 :	throw new RangeError();
3	1 :	}
4	177 :	function fib(n) {
5	177 :	if (n == 0) {
6	34 :	return 0;
7	177 :	} else if (n == 1) {
8	55 :	return 1;
9	143 :	} else if (n > 1) {
10	88 :	return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2);
11	0 :	} else {
12	0 :	thrower();
13	177 :	}
14	177 :	}
15	1 :	console.log("fib(10):", fib(10));
16	1 :	

Coverage report generated by LCOV

CODE COVERAGE

script

```
function fib(x) {  
  if (x < 2) {  
    return 1;  
  }  
  return fib(x-1) + fib(x-2);  
}  
  
function dead() {  
  unreachable;  
}  
  
var failed = false;  
try {  
  fib(8);  
} catch (e) {  
  failed = true;  
}
```

☒ Call count ☒ Detailed coverage

obtain coverage

coverage

```
function fib(x) {  
  if (x < 2) {  
    return 1;  
  }  
  return fib(x-1) + fib(x-2);  
}  
  
function dead() {  
  unreachable;  
}  
  
var failed = false;  
try {  
  fib(8);  
} catch (e) {  
  failed = true;  
}
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PROTOCOL FOR COVERAGE

Profiler.startPreciseCoverage

Enable precise code coverage. Coverage data for JavaScript executed before enabling precise code coverage may be incomplete. Enabling prevents running optimized code and resets execution counters. **EXPERIMENTAL**

PARAMETERS

callCount optional	boolean Collect accurate call counts beyond simple 'covered' or 'not covered'.
detailed optional	boolean Collect block-based coverage.

Profiler.stopPreciseCoverage

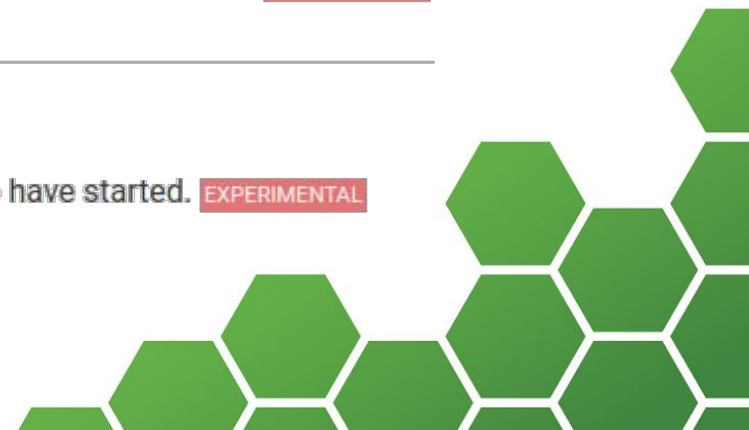
Disable precise code coverage. Disabling releases unnecessary execution count records and allows executing optimized code. **EXPERIMENTAL**

Profiler.takePreciseCoverage

Collect coverage data for the current isolate, and resets execution counters. Precise code coverage needs to have started. **EXPERIMENTAL**

RETURN OBJECT

result	array [ScriptCoverage] Coverage data for the current isolate.
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PROTOCOL FOR COVERAGE

```
session.post("Profiler.enable", arguments, callback);  
...  
session.post("Profiler.startPreciseCoverage",  
             { callCount: true, detailed: true },  
             callback);  
...  
session.post("Profiler.takePreciseCoverage");
```



TYPE PROFILE

script

```
function add(left,
              right) {
  return left + right;
}

class Potato {
  valueOf() { return 3; }
}
class Tomato {
  toString() { return "T"; }
}

console.log(add(1, 2));
console.log(add(1, "2"));
console.log(add(new Potato, new Tomato));
```

[obtain type profile](#)

type profile

```
function add(number Potato left,
             number string Tomato right) {
  return left + right;
number string }

undefined class Potato {
  valueOf() { return 3; number }
}
undefined class Tomato {
  toString() { return "T"; string }
}

console.log(add(1, 2));
console.log(add(1, "2"));
console.log(add(new Potato, new Tomato));
```



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PROTOCOL FOR TYPE PROFILE

Profiler.startTypeProfile

Enable type profile. **EXPERIMENTAL**

Profiler.stopTypeProfile

Disable type profile. Disabling releases type profile data collected so far. **EXPERIMENTAL**

Profiler.takeTypeProfile

Collect type profile. **EXPERIMENTAL**

RETURN OBJECT

result **array** [[ScriptTypeProfile](#)]
Type profile for all scripts since startTypeProfile() was turned on.



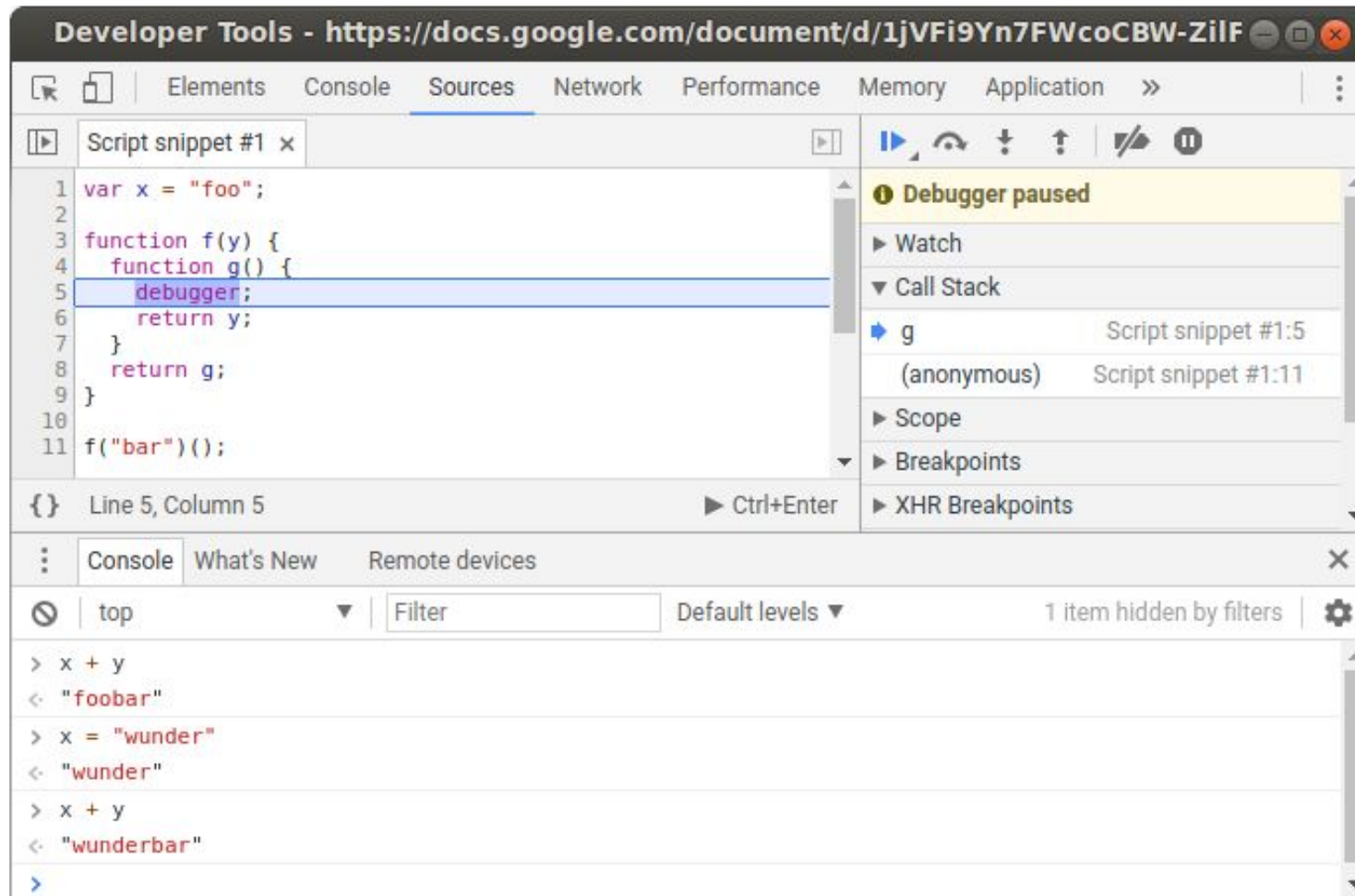
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PROTOCOL FOR TYPE PROFILE

```
session.post("Profiler.enable", arguments, callback);  
...  
session.post("Profiler.startTypeProfile", callback);  
...  
session.post("Profiler.takeTypeProfile");
```



DEBUG-EVALUATE



DEBUG-EVALUATE

script

```
function f(x) {  
  return function g() {  
    debugger;  
    console.log(x);  
    return x;  
  }  
}  
  
f(2)();
```

evaluate at debugger statement

```
x = 3
```

run

☒ allow side effect

result

3

console

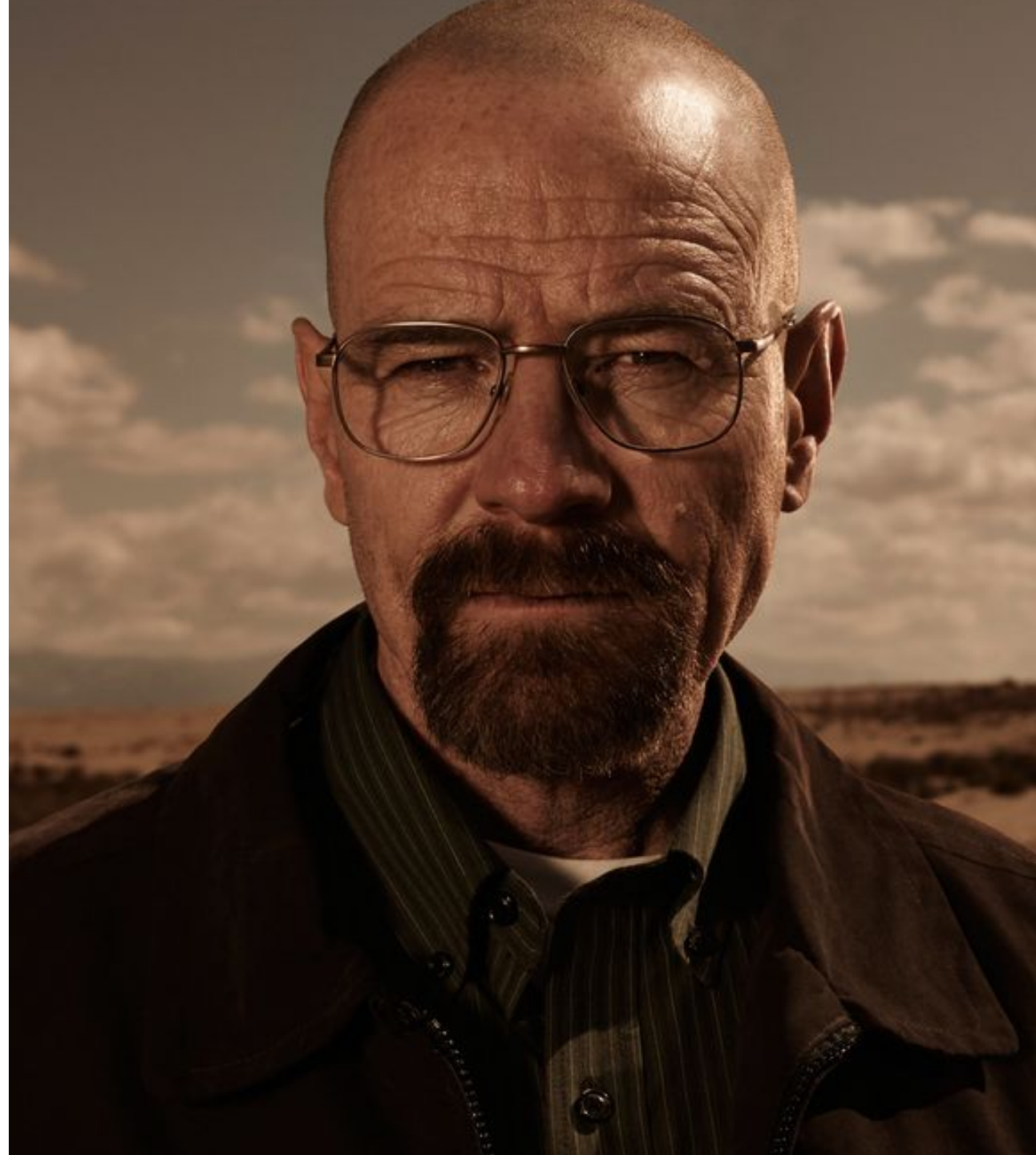
console.log: 3



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"Looking at something
changes it"

- Werner Heisenberg





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DEBUG-EVALUATE W/O SIDE-EFFECTS

script

```
function f(x) {  
  return function g() {  
    debugger;  
    console.log(x);  
    return x;  
  }  
}  
  
f(2)();
```

evaluate at debugger statement

```
x = 3
```

run

☐ allow side effect

result

[exception]

console

console.log: 2





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PROTOCOL FOR DEBUG-EVALUATE

`Debugger.evaluateOnCallFrame`

Evaluates expression on a given call frame.

PARAMETERS

<code>callFrameId</code>	CallFrameId Call frame identifier to evaluate on.
<code>expression</code>	string Expression to evaluate.
<code>objectGroup</code> <small>optional</small>	string String object group name to put result into (allows rapid releasing resulting object handles using <code>releaseObjectGroup</code>).
<code>includeCommandLineAPI</code> <small>optional</small>	boolean Specifies whether command line API should be available to the evaluated expression, defaults to false.
<code>silent</code> <small>optional</small>	boolean In silent mode exceptions thrown during evaluation are not reported and do not pause execution. Overrides <code>setPauseOnException</code> state.
<code>returnByValue</code> <small>optional</small>	boolean Whether the result is expected to be a JSON object that should be sent by value.
<code>generatePreview</code> <small>optional</small>	boolean Whether preview should be generated for the result. EXPERIMENTAL
<code>throwOnSideEffect</code> <small>optional</small>	boolean Whether to throw an exception if side effect cannot be ruled out during evaluation. EXPERIMENTAL

RETURN OBJECT

<code>result</code>	Runtime.RemoteObject Object wrapper for the evaluation result.
<code>exceptionDetails</code> <small>optional</small>	Runtime.ExceptionDetails Exception details.





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PROTOCOL FOR DEBUG-EVALUATE

`throwOnSideEffect`
optional

boolean

Whether to throw an exception if side effect cannot be ruled out during evaluation. **EXPERIMENTAL**

```
session.post('Debugger.evaluateOnCallFrame',  
  { callFrameId,  
    expression,  
    throwOnSideEffect },  
  callback);
```



LINKS

- Node.js with newest V8
<https://github.com/v8/node/commits/vee-eight-lkgr>
- DevTools protocol documentation
<https://chromedevtools.github.io/debugger-protocol-viewer/v8/>
- demo files
<https://github.com/hashseed/node-coverage-demo>

