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Type manipulation

Union and Intersection types, utility types



Union

- In Typescript a value can support multiple types
- We refer to each of these types as the union types
- We use union operator (|) syntax

```
type1 | type2 | type3 | .. | typeN
```

```
var a: number | string
```



Union

Example

```
function printId(id: number | string) {  
    console.log("Your ID is: " + id);  
}
```

```
// OK
```

```
printId(101);
```

```
// OK
```

```
printId("202");
```

```
// Error
```

```
printId({ myID: 22342 });
```

```
//Argument of type '{ myID: number; }' is not assignable to parameter of type 'string | number'.
```



Union

- It's common to use the same type more than once
- Use type aliases to create new types and name them

```
type ID = number | string;
```

```
var id: ID = 1
```

```
var id2: ID = "my_id"
```

```
function printId(id: ID) {  
    console.log("Your ID is: " + id);  
}
```



Intersection

- An intersection type create a new type by combining multiple existing ones
- The new type has all properties of the existing types
- To combine types, use (&) operator

```
type typeABC = typeA & typeB & typeC & ...;
```



Intersection

Example

```
interface Identity {  
  id: number;  
  name: string;  
}
```

```
interface Contact {  
  email: string;  
  phone: string;  
}
```

```
type Employee = Identity & Contact;
```

```
let e: Employee = {  
  id: 100, //Identity  
  name: 'John Doe', //Identity  
  email: 'john.doe@example.com', //Contact  
  phone: '(408)-897-5684' //Contact  
};
```



Template literal types

- Template literal types allows to create custom string types based on a template
- Use template interpolation syntax

```
type Greeting = `hello ${string}`;
```

```
var text: Greeting = "hello world" //OK  
text = "hi world" //Error
```

- We can also use union with string literal, example:

```
type Lang = "en" | "fr" | "ar";
```



Operator: typeof

- **typeof** operator returns a string indicating the operands value type
- Can be used in expression context

```
var str = "Hello world"  
console.log(typeof str) //Prints 'string'
```

- Or type context

```
var str = "Hello world"  
type Custom = typeof str //Custom = string
```




Operator: keyof

- **keyof** operator is used to extract key types from an object type

```
type User = { id: number; email: number };
```

```
type P = keyof User;
```

```
//P = "id" | "email"
```

```
var p:P = "name" //Error, 'name' is not a key of User
```



Operator: instanceof

- **instanceof** operator checks if an object is an instance of a class
- Takes inheritance into account
- Returns true if the objects inherits from the class prorotype

```
class Person {  
  name: string = '';  
}  
  
let person = new Person();  
let contact = { name: "john"}  
  
console.log(person instanceof Person ); // true  
console.log(contact instanceof Person ); // false
```



Utility types

- Typescript provides utility types that are available globally to facilitate type transformations
- Utility types are generic types that applies to any type you provide and create new types
- Most common utility types
 - `Partial<T>`
 - `Required<T>`
 - `Pick<T>`
 - `Omit<T>`
 - ...



Utility types

Partial<T>

- Constructs a type with all properties of T set to **optional**

```
interface Person {  
    firstName: string;  
    lastName: string;  
}
```

```
type PersonOpt = Partial<Person>
```

```
/*  
    firstName?: string;  
    lastName?: string;  
*/
```



Utility types

Required<T>

- Constructs a type with all properties of T set to **required**

```
interface Person {  
    firstName?: string;  
    lastName?: string;  
}  
  
type PersonReq = Required<Person>  
  
/*  
    firstName: string;  
    lastName: string;  
*/
```



Utility types

Readonly<T>

- Constructs a type with all properties of T set to **readonly**

```
var a : Readonly<Person> = {  
  firstName: "Me",  
  lastName: "Me"  
}
```

```
a.firstName = "something" //Error: readonly
```



Utility types

Pick<T, Keys>

- Constructs a type by picking specific Keys from a type T

```
type FirstName = Pick<Person, "firstName">
```

```
/*  
    firstName: string  
*/
```



Utility types

Omit<T, Keys>

- Constructs a type by picking properties of type T, removing (omitting) Keys
- Opposite of Pick

```
type FirstName = Omit<Person, "firstName" >
```

```
/*  
    lastName: string  
*/
```




Utility types

Parameters<F>

- Return a tuple type from the types used in the parameters of a function type F

```
function f1(a: number, b: string ): void {  
}
```

```
type Params = Parameters<typeof f1>  
//Params : [number, string]
```

```
var params : Params = [1, "str"]
```



Utility types

ReturnType<F>

- Constructs a type from the return type of function type F

```
function f1(a: number, b: string ): void {  
}
```

```
type Return = ReturnType<typeof f1>  
//void
```



Utility types

UpperCase<S>

- Construct an uppercase equivalent from the string type S

```
type LANG = 'fr' | 'en' | 'ar'
```

```
type LANG_ID = Uppercase<LANG>
```

```
var lang: LANG_ID = "FR" //OK
```

```
lang = "fr" //Error
```



Utility types

LowerCase<S>

- Construct an lowercase equivalent from the string type S

```
type DIR = "RTL" | "LTR"  
type dir = Lowercase<DIR>  
//dir: "rtl" | "ltr"
```

Capitalize<S>

- Construct a capitalized equivalent from the string type S

```
type Dir = Capitalize<dir>  
//dir: "Rtl" | "Ltr"
```