Introduction to ES2015

JavaScript Versioning

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- Behind JavaScript, is EMCAScript
 - The standard is called ECMA-262
- Up to now, JavaScript was always based on a number
 - Now it is a year-based schema

JavaScript: Beyond

- Proposals follow the <u>TC39 process</u>
 - Stage 0: Strawman
 - Stage 1: Proposal
 - Stage 2: Draft
 - Stage 3: Candidate
 - Stage 4: Finished
- Other related stuff (e.g. WebAssembly)

Dealing with new Versions

Working with future JS, today

- Ignore it
- Polyfills and Shims
- <u>Transpilation</u>

Variables in JavaScript

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What's wrong with var?

- Function Scoping vs. Block Scoping
- No Temporal Dead Zone

let

- Block Scoped
- Can be re-assigned

```
let something = true;
```

const

- Block Scoped
- Can't be re-assigned
 - It has an immutable binding

```
const favNumber = 42;
```

Functions in JavaScript

Enter: Arrow Functions

- More concise
- The option of implicit returns
- They are always anonymous though

Arrow Functions

```
const sayHi = () => {
  console.log("Hello");
};
sayHi();
```

Arrow Functions

```
const add = (x, y) => {
  return x + y;
};
add(4, 5);
```

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Default Function Arguments

```
function sayHello(name = "World") {
  return "Hello " + name;
}
```

Template Strings

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- Three ways to make strings
 - Single quotes
 - Double quotes
 - Backticks
- Template strings || Interpolation

Template Strings

```
const brand = "Wurlitzer";
const keys = 64;
const message = `My ${brand} keyboard has ${keys} or ${keys / 8} octaves`;
```

Destructuring

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```
const details = ["Groucho", "Marx", "Duck Soup"];
const [first, last, bestMovie] = details;

const explorer = {
  first: "Jacques",
  last: "Cousteau"
};

const { first, last } = explorer;
```

Enhanced Object Literals

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```
const firstName = "Jacques";
const lastName = "Cousteau";

const jacques = {
  firstName,
  lastName,
  saying: "Hello World",
  speak(message) {
    console.log(message);
  }
};
```

Asynchronous Programming with JavaScript

Dealing with Asynchronicity

There are lots of different ways to deal with asynchronicity

- Callbacks
- Promises
- Now, async/await

Promises

What are promises?

- Promises represent eventual results of an asynchronous operation
- It's an object that may produce a single piece of data at some point in the future
 - Either a resolved value
 - Or a rejection (an error that tells us why it wasn't resolved)

States & Fates

- Promises have three mutually exclusive potential states:
 - Fulfilled: The action relating to the promise succeeded
 - Rejected: The action relating to the promise failed
 - Pending: Hasn't fulfilled or rejected yet
- We say that a promise is "settled" if it isn't pending

States & Fates

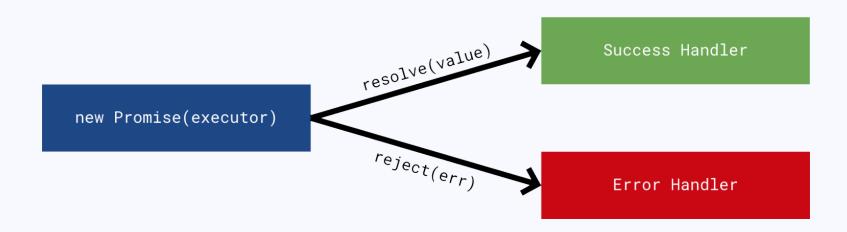
- Promises have two mutually exclusive potential fates:
 - Resolved: Finished (or locked into a thenable or another promise)
 - Unresolved: If trying to resolve or reject will make an impact

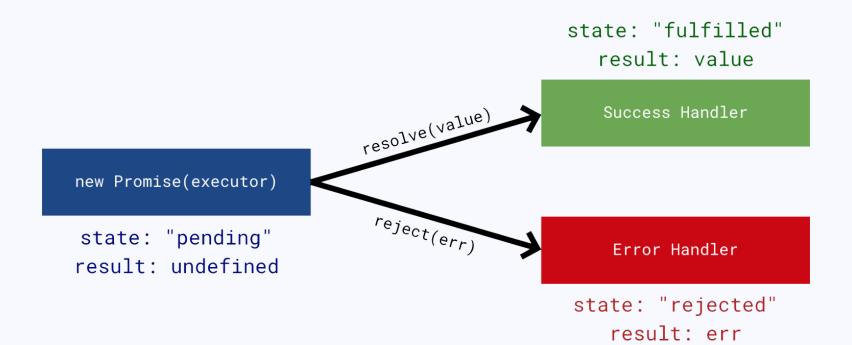
A little like event listeners

- A promise can only succeed or fail once
 - If a promise has succeeded or failed and you later add a success/failure callback
 - The correct callback will be called (even though the event happened earlier)

Why use promises?

- They help us write readable code
- They help us deal with the complexities of asynchronous programming
- They help us avoid "callback hell" | "the pyramid of doom"
- They are the backbone of some of the newer features coming out with JavaScript
- Lots of libraries/frameworks/packages use promises
 - We will have to use them all of the time





Creating Promises

```
var promise = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
  if (true) {
    resolve("Will go to the .then");
  } else {
    reject("Will go to the .catch");
  }
});
```

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Consuming Promises

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var promise = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
  if (true) {
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  } else {
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});

promise.then(function(data) {
  console.log(data);
});
```

Chaining Promises

```
function getNumbers() {
  return new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
    resolve([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]);
  });
function filterToEvenNumbers(nums) {
 /* · · · · */
function multiplyByFive(nums) {
/* · · · · */
getNumbers()
  .then(filterToEvenNumbers)
  .then(multiplyByFive);
```

Handling Errors

```
var promise = new Promise(function(resolve, reject) {
 if (false) {
    resolve("Will go to the .then");
  } else {
    reject("Will go to the .catch");
});
function successHandler() {
/* · · · */
function errorHandler() {
/* · · · · */
}
promise.then(successHandler).catch(errorHandler);
```

Data provided to reject is passed to .catch

In-class Exercise / Homework

Turn an event into a promise!

I want to be able to write something along these lines:

```
onClick("h1").then(/* ... */);
onClick("p").then(/* ... */);
```

Resources

- MDN: Promises and MDN: Using Promises
- Google Web Fundamentals: Promises
- JavaScript.info: Promises
- Scotch: JavaScript Promises
- David Walsh: Promises
- You Don't Know JS: Promises
- Exploring JS: Promises
- Eric Elliot: Promises
- Domenic: The Point of Promises