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Vue Advanced Using TypeScript

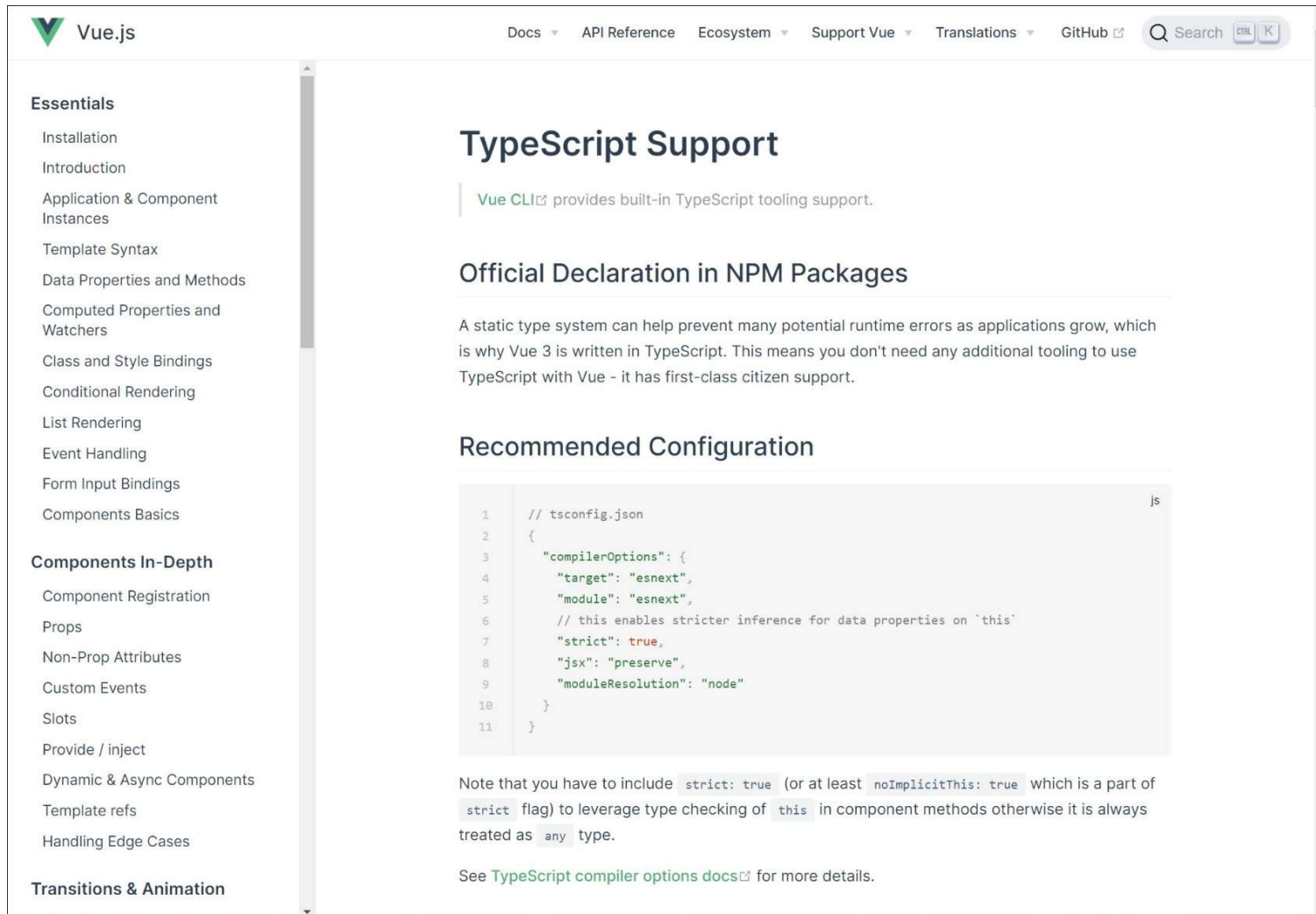
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Official documentation



The screenshot shows the official Vue.js documentation website. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with sections: Essentials, Components In-Depth, and Transitions & Animation. The main content area is titled "TypeScript Support" and includes a sub-header "Official Declaration in NPM Packages". It explains that a static type system helps prevent runtime errors and that Vue 3 is written in TypeScript. A code block shows the recommended configuration for tsconfig.json, highlighting the "strict" flag. The page also mentions that the "strict" flag is needed to leverage type checking of "this" in component methods.

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Essentials

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TypeScript Support

Vue CLI provides built-in TypeScript tooling support.

Official Declaration in NPM Packages

A static type system can help prevent many potential runtime errors as applications grow, which is why Vue 3 is written in TypeScript. This means you don't need any additional tooling to use TypeScript with Vue - it has first-class citizen support.

Recommended Configuration

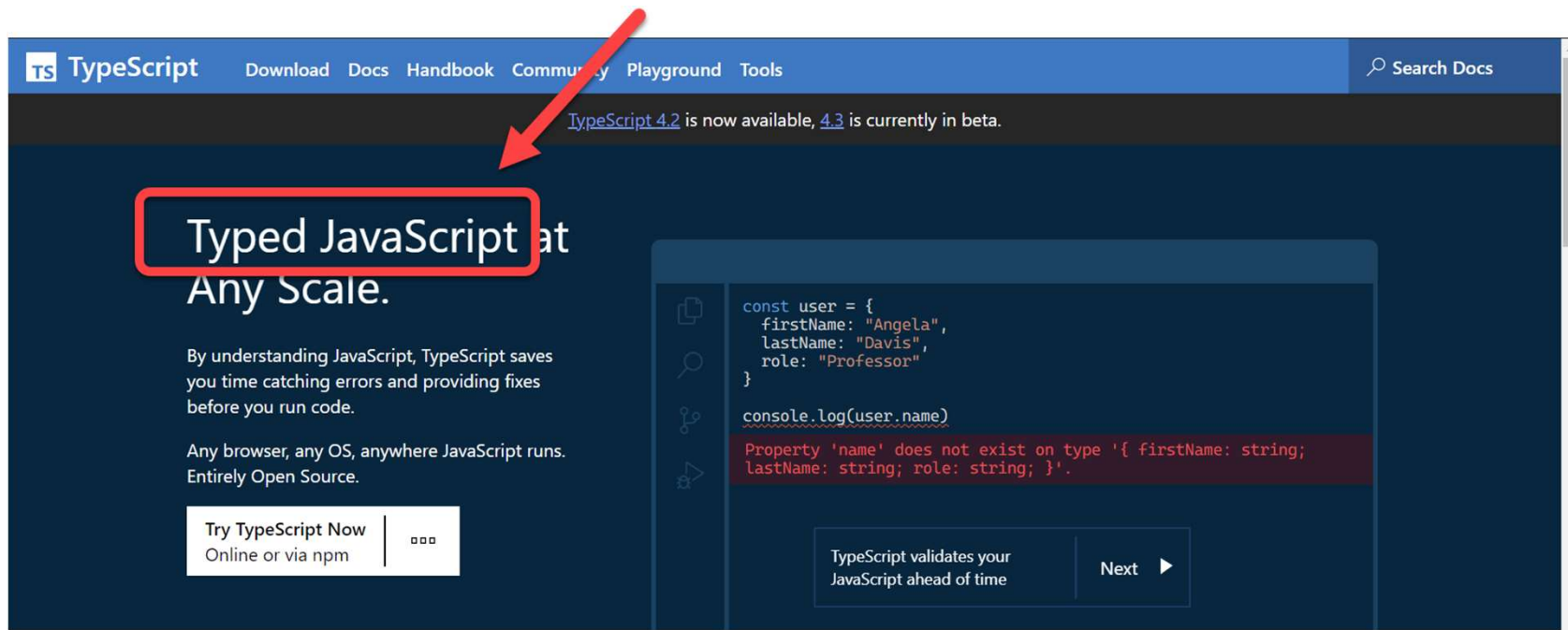
```
1 // tsconfig.json
2 {
3   "compilerOptions": {
4     "target": "esnext",
5     "module": "esnext",
6     // this enables stricter inference for data properties on `this`
7     "strict": true,
8     "jsx": "preserve",
9     "moduleResolution": "node"
10  }
11 }
```

Note that you have to include `strict: true` (or at least `noImplicitThis: true` which is a part of `strict` flag) to leverage type checking of `this` in component methods otherwise it is always treated as `any` type.

See [TypeScript compiler options docs](#) for more details.

<https://v3.vuejs.org/guide/typescript-support.html>

A short primer on TypeScript



What is TypeScript?

JavaScript and More

TypeScript is an open-source language which builds on JavaScript, one of the world's most used tools, by adding static type definitions.

A Result You Can Trust

All valid JavaScript code is also TypeScript code. You might get type-checking errors, but that won't stop you from running the resulting JavaScript. While you can go for stricter

Gradual Adoption

Adopting TypeScript is not a binary choice, you can start by annotating existing JavaScript with JSDoc, then switch a few files to be checked by TypeScript and over time prepare

<https://www.typescriptlang.org/>



A Venn diagram consisting of three concentric circles. The outermost circle is dark green and contains the text 'TypeScript'. Inside it is a medium-sized teal circle containing the text 'ES6'. Inside the 'ES6' circle is the smallest, lightest green circle containing the text 'ES5'. This visualizes that ES5 is a subset of ES6, and ES6 is a subset of TypeScript.

TypeScript

ES6

ES5

TypeScript and ECMAScript

Typescript is a **superset** of JavaScript

It doesn't replace JavaScript!

TypeScript compiles to **plain JavaScript**, executed by the browser (or other application container)

TypeScript features:

Annotations & types

Interfaces, Generics, enums,

Compiler, tooling support, and much, much more.

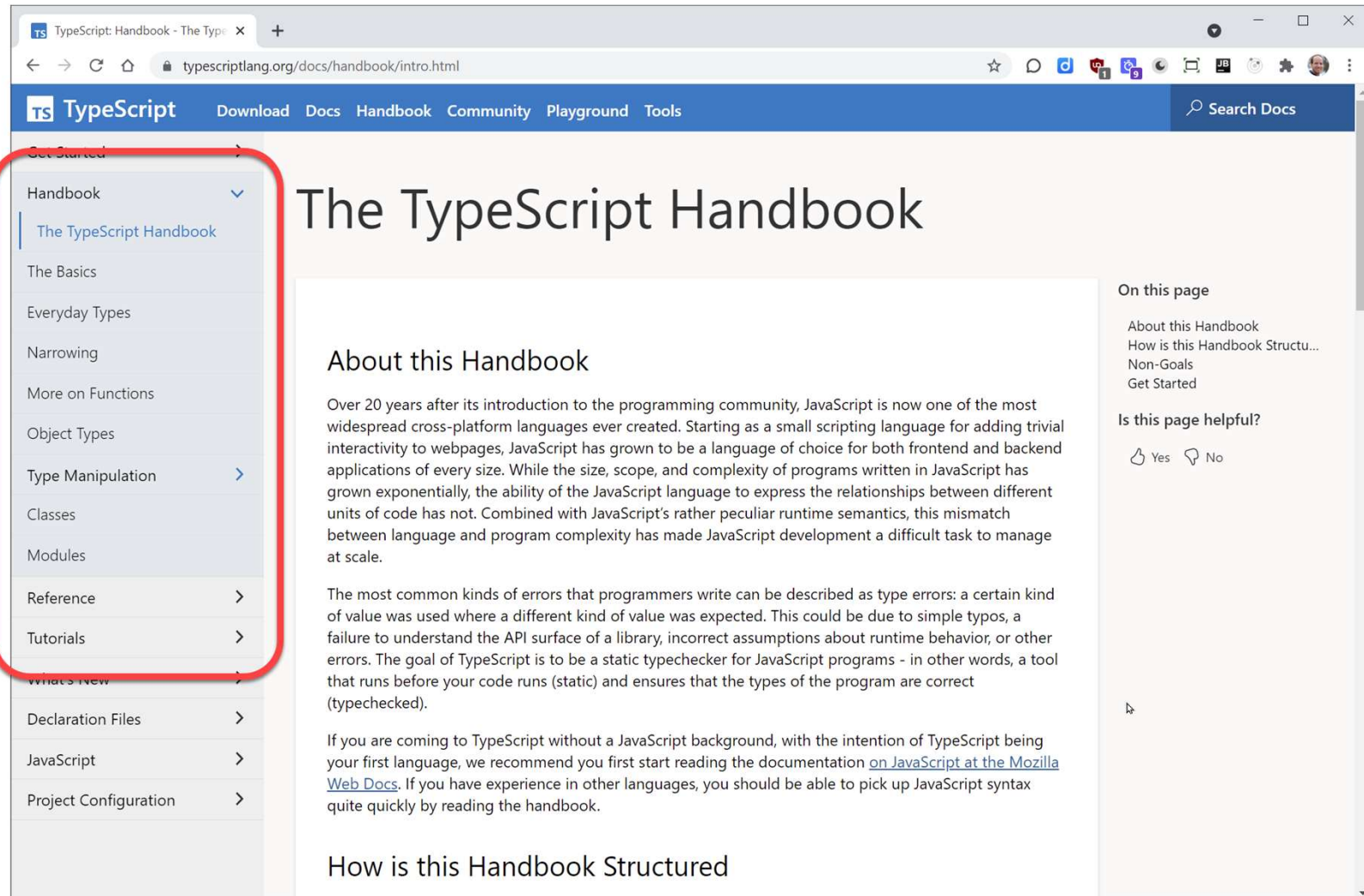
*Everything in TypeScript is **optional**.*

*You can always use just plain
JavaScript*.*

Using TypeScript in Vue

*"A **static type system** can help prevent many potential runtime errors, especially as applications grow. "*

TypeScript Handbook



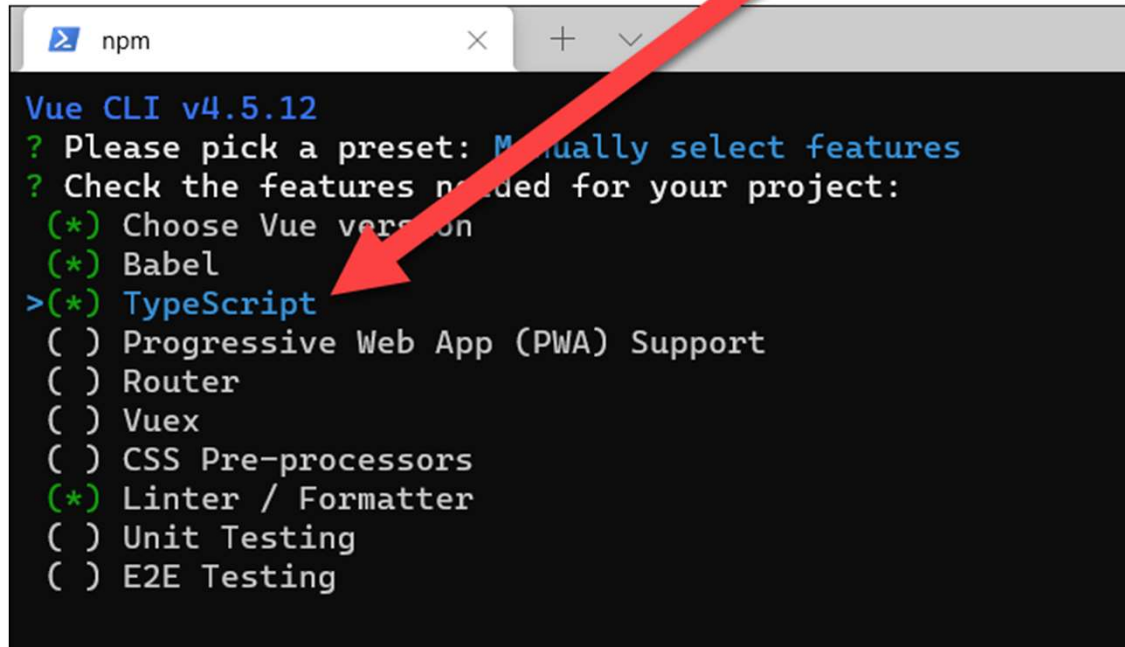
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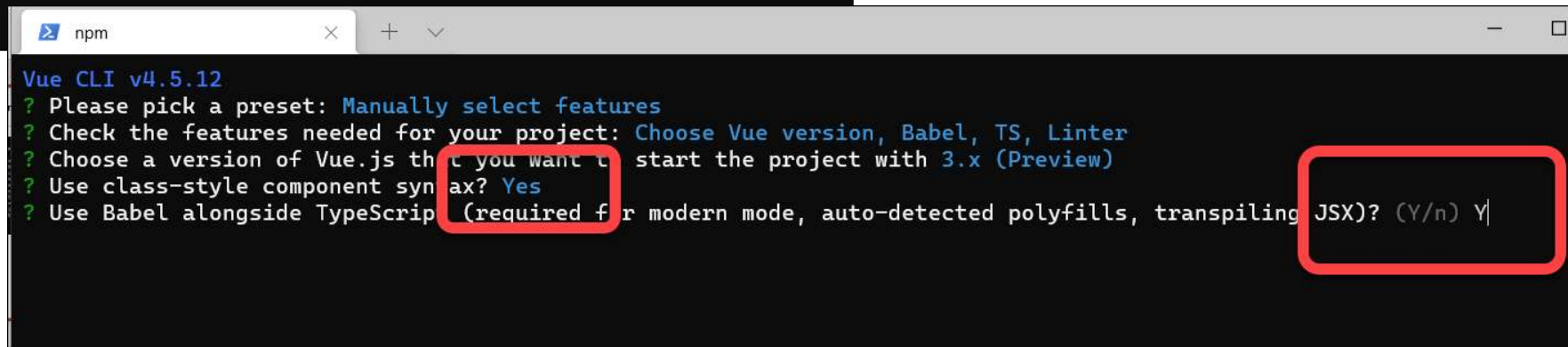
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Using TypeScript with Vue CLI



```
Vue CLI v4.5.12
? Please pick a preset: Manually select features
? Check the features needed for your project:
  (*) Choose Vue version
  (*) Babel
> (*) TypeScript
  ( ) Progressive Web App (PWA) Support
  ( ) Router
  ( ) Vuex
  ( ) CSS Pre-processors
  (*) Linter / Formatter
  ( ) Unit Testing
  ( ) E2E Testing
```



```
Vue CLI v4.5.12
? Please pick a preset: Manually select features
? Check the features needed for your project: Choose Vue version, Babel, TS, Linter
? Choose a version of Vue.js that you want to start the project with 3.x (Preview)
? Use class-style component syntax? Yes
? Use Babel alongside TypeScript (required for modern mode, auto-detected polyfills, transpiling JSX)? (Y/n) Y
```

Setting up a Vue/TypeScript project

Create a new project as usual, choosing Manually select features

Choose TypeScript

Use class-style component syntax? > Yes

```
? Please pick a preset: Manually select features
? Check the features needed for your project: Babel, TS, Router, Linter
? Use class-style component syntax? Yes
? Use Babel alongside TypeScript for auto-detected polyfills? Yes
? Use history mode for router? (Requires proper server setup for index fallback
in production) Yes
? Pick a linter / formatter config: TSLint
? Pick additional lint features: (Press <space> to select, <a> to toggle all, <i
> to invert selection) Lint on save
? Where do you prefer placing config for Babel, PostCSS, ESLint, etc.? In dedica
ted config files
? Save this as a preset for future projects? No

Vue CLI v3.4.1
✨ Creating project in /Users/PeterKassenaar/Desktop/vue-ts.
📁 Initializing git repository...
⚙️ Installing CLI plugins. This might take a while...
```

Main Differences

- All .js-files are now .ts-files (main.ts, router.ts)
- Study/update tsconfig.json

```
1 {
2   "compilerOptions": {
3     "target": "esnext",
4     "module": "esnext",
5     "strict": true,
6     "jsx": "preserve",
7     "importHelpers": true,
8     "moduleResolution": "node",
9     "experimentalDecorators": true,
10    "esModuleInterop": true,
11    "allowSyntheticDefaultImports": true,
12    "sourceMap": true,
13    "baseUrl": ".",
14    "types": [
15      "webpack-env"
16    ],
```

1. When using **Class style** component syntax:

Components now have the `<script lang="ts">` attribute

Use `import` for decorators

```
34 <script lang="ts">
35   import { Options, Vue } from 'vue-class-component';
36   |
```

Annotate your class with `@Options()` decorator (earlier:
`@Component` decorator)

Classname should be like

```
export default class <ClassName> extends Vue { ...}
```

Complete class like...

```
<script lang="ts">
import { Options, Vue } from 'vue-class-component';

@Options({
  props: {
    msg: String
  }
})
export default class HelloWorld extends Vue {
  msg! : string;
}

</script>
```

2. When using `defineComponent()`

Components again have the `<script lang="ts">` attribute

Use `import` for `defineComponent`

```
import {CounterModel} from "@/model/counterModel";  
import {defineComponent} from "vue";
```

Use the well-known `Options` API options in your component.

Component name should be like

```
export default defineComponent ({...})
```


Complete component like...

```
<script lang="ts">

import {CounterModel} from "@model/counterModel";
import {defineComponent} from "vue";

// The Options API is used here. The component is NOT a class, but
// wrapped in defineComponent from Vue.
export default defineComponent({

  data() {
    return {
      counter: {count: 0} as CounterModel
    }
  },
  methods: {
    ...
  }
});
</script>
```

OR....

- Use `Vue.extend({...})`
- You can use the **Options API** as you are used to do
- In TypeScript you'll often write **classes** or **interfaces** for your data

```
<script lang="ts">
import Vue from 'vue';
import {Counter} from "@models/counterModel";

export default Vue.extend({
  name: "Counter",
  data() {
    return {
      counter: {count: 0} as Counter
    }
  },
  ...
})
</script>
```

Importing and binding data

Create a model (class or interface or type)


For instance:

```
1 // country.model.ts
2 export interface Country {
3     id: number;
4     name: string;
5     capital: string;
6     cost: number;
7     img: string;
8     details: string;
9 }
10
```

```
export interface Counter {
    count: number
}
```

Importing and binding to data

Type your data (if possible), for instance:



```
3  import {Country} from '@models/country.model';
4
5  const countryData: { [key: string]: Country[] } = {
6    countries: [
7      {
8        id: 1,
9        name: 'USA',
10       capital: 'Washington',
11       cost: 1250,|
12       details: 'United States are among the most visited',
13       img: 'washington.jpg',
14     },
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/13315131/enforcing-the-type-of-the-indexed-members-of-a-typescript-object>

Create component and import data - **class**

```
20 <script lang="ts">
21
22   import {Component, Vue} from "vue-property-decorator";
23   import data from "@data/CountryData";
24   import {Country} from "@models/country.model";
25
26   @Component
27   export default class VacationPicker extends Vue {
28     // class properties, typed according to model
29     public countries: Country[] = data.countries;
30     public currentCountry: Country | null = null; // correct, using the Union Type?
31
32     public showCountry(country: Country): void {
33       this.currentCountry = country;
34     }
35   }
36 </script>
```

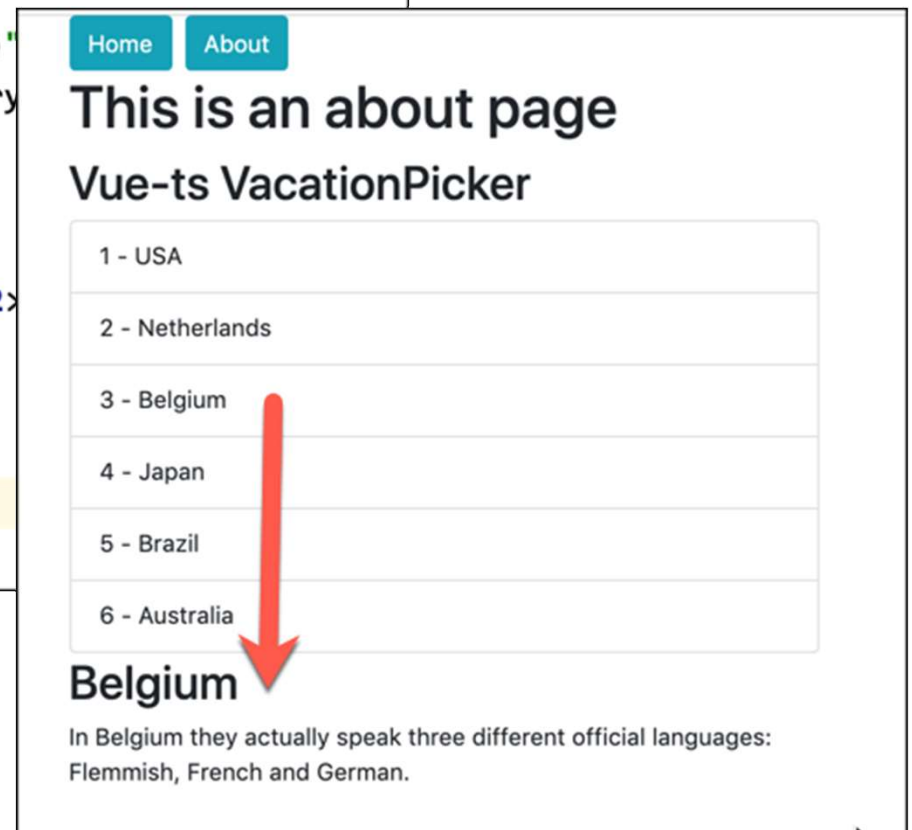
Create component and import data - **defineComponent**

```
21 <script lang="ts">
22   import {defineComponent} from "vue";
23   import countryData from "@/data/CountryData"
24   import {Country} from "@/model/countryModel";
25
26   export default defineComponent( options: {
27     name: "VacationPicker",
28     data() {
29       return {
30         countries: countryData.countries as Country[],
31         currentCountry: {} as Country
32       }
33     },
34     methods: {
35       showCountry(country: Country): void {
36         this.currentCountry = country;
37       }
38     }
39   })
40 </script>
```

../605-vue3-ts/src/components/VacationPicker.vue

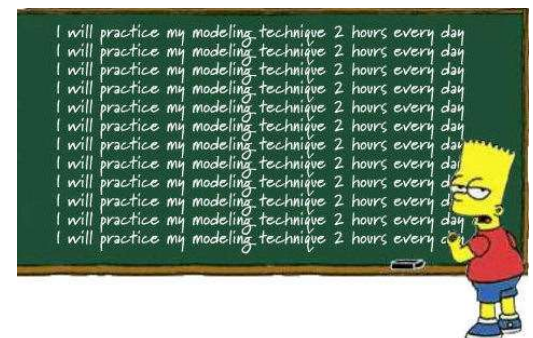
Bind to user interface as normal

```
2 <div class="VacationPicker">
3   <h2>Vue-ts VacationPicker</h2>
4   <ul class="list-group">
5     <li class="list-group-item"
6       v-for="country in countries"
7       @click="showCountry(country)"
8       {{ country.id }} - {{ country
9     </li>
10  </ul>
11  <div v-if="currentCountry">
12    <h2>{{ currentCountry.name }}</h2>
13    <p>
14      {{ currentCountry.details }}
15    </p>
16  </div>
17 </div>
```



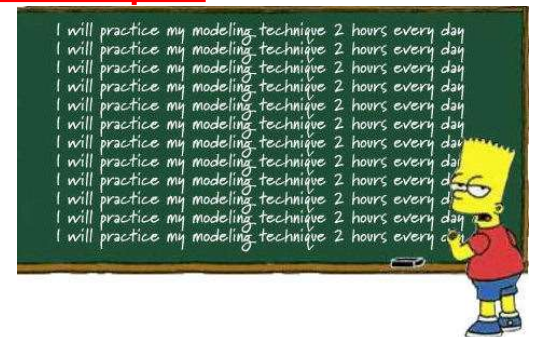
Workshop #1

- Create a new Vue+TypeScript project
- Add a component with a class
- Optional: add a component using `defineComponent()`
- Use the component(s) inside HelloWorld (or elsewhere)
- Load some data in the component, display it
- Use typesafety as much as possible
- Write an event handler and handle some event from the UI
- Example `../600-vue-ts`



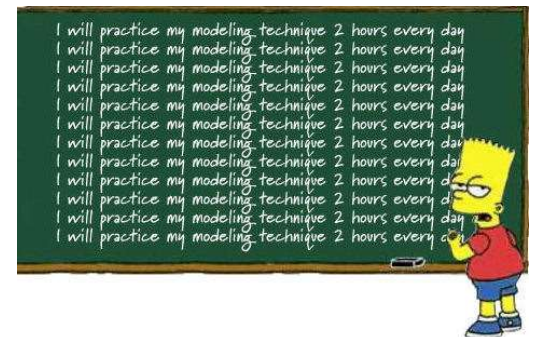
Workshop #2

- Start from `../605-vue3-ts`
- Create a prop on one of the `<Counter />` Components. Pass in the value of `Counter` as a property
- Do the same for `<VacationPicker/>`:
 - Load the list of countries in `App.vue`,
 - Pass them as a prop to `<VacationPicker />`
- Correctly type the properties on the components, possibly using `PropType`: <https://v3.vuejs.org/guide/typescript-support.html#annotating-props>



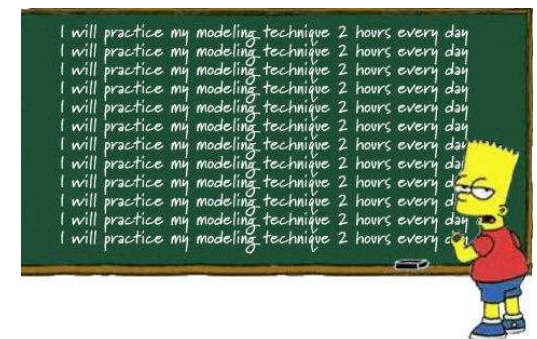
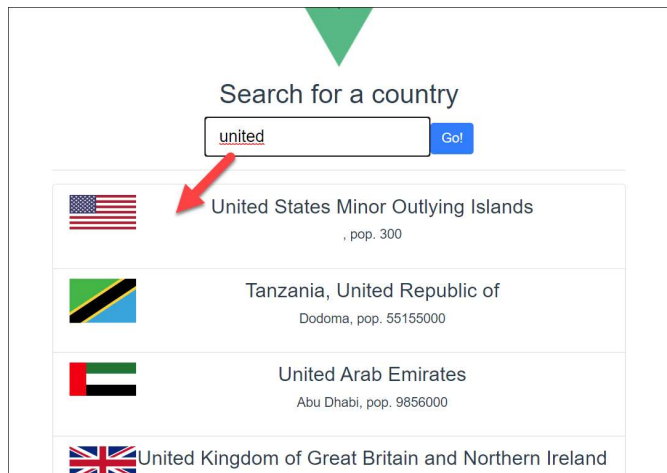
Workshop #3

- Start from `../605-vue3-ts`
- Do the same for emitting an event:
 - Emit an event from `<VacationPicker />` to `App.vue`, for instance the name of a country you click on.
 - Capture the event in `App.vue` and show which country was clicked
- Correctly type the emits, see for instance <https://v3.vuejs.org/guide/typescript-support.html#annotating-emits>



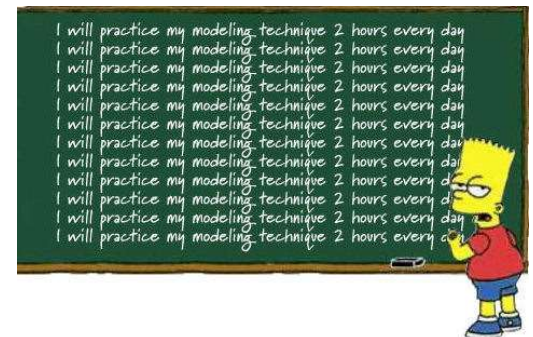
Workshop #4

- In your own application, create a component talking to a RESTful API (for instance <https://restcountries.com/>)
- Create a textbox to search for a country
- Create an interface for the returned data
- Talk to the API (using axios) to fetch countries.
- Use correct typings everywhere



Workshop #5

- Create a component talking to the dummy Users API (<https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users>)
- Create an interface for the returned data
- Talk to the API (using axios) to fetch users.
- Show the users in the component



Checkpoint

- You know about Vue + TypeScript
- You know about different ways of declaring components, by extending classes or using `defineComponent()`
- You know how to write interfaces and type variables accordingly
- You can communicate with backends and set a type for the incoming data