**Introduction to TypeScript**

TypeScript is a statically typed superset of JavaScript developed by Microsoft. It builds on JavaScript by adding static type definitions, which allows developers to write safer and more manageable code. TypeScript code is transpiled into plain JavaScript, which can run on any JavaScript engine. Key benefits of TypeScript include early error detection, enhanced IDE support, and improved code readability and maintainability.

**Setting Up Development Environment**

To set up a TypeScript development environment, follow these steps:

1. **Install Node.js and npm:** TypeScript requires Node.js and npm (Node Package Manager) to be installed. You can download and install Node.js from [nodejs.org](https://nodejs.org/).
2. **Install TypeScript:** Once Node.js is installed, you can install TypeScript globally using npm:

npm install -g typescript

1. **Initialize a TypeScript Project:** Create a new directory for your project and initialize a tsconfig.json file, which contains the TypeScript compiler options:

mkdir my-typescript-project

cd my-typescript-project

tsc --init

1. **Install a Code Editor:** Use an editor that supports TypeScript. Visual Studio Code is a popular choice, as it has excellent TypeScript integration out of the box.
2. **Compile TypeScript:** Write TypeScript files with the .ts extension and compile them to JavaScript using the TypeScript compiler:

tsc filename.ts

**Data Types**

TypeScript introduces several basic data types that are not present in vanilla JavaScript:

1. **Boolean:** Represents true or false values.

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let isDone: boolean = false;

1. **Number:** Represents both integer and floating-point numbers.

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let decimal: number = 6;

let hex: number = 0xf00d;

1. **String:** Represents text data.

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let color: string = "blue";

1. **Array:** Represents a collection of elements of the same type.

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let list: number[] = [1, 2, 3];

1. **Tuple:** Represents an array with a fixed number of elements whose types are known.

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let x: [string, number];

x = ["hello", 10]; // OK

1. **Enum:** A way of giving more friendly names to sets of numeric values.

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enum Color {Red, Green, Blue}

let c: Color = Color.Green;

1. **Any:** A type that can represent any value, useful when dealing with third-party libraries or dynamic content.

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let notSure: any = 4;

1. **Void:** Represents the absence of any type, commonly used as the return type for functions that do not return a value.

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function warnUser(): void {

console.log("This is my warning message");

}

1. **Null and Undefined:** Both types have their own values, null and undefined.

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let u: undefined = undefined;

let n: null = null;

**Variables**

Variables in TypeScript can be declared using var, let, or const:

1. **var:** Declares a variable that is function-scoped. Variables declared with var are hoisted, meaning they can be used before they are declared within their scope.

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var a = 10;

function f() {

var message = "Hello, World!";

console.log(message); // Hello, World!

}

1. **let:** Declares a block-scoped variable. Unlike var, let declarations are not hoisted, which prevents errors related to accessing variables before they are declared.

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let b = 10;

if (true) {

let b = 20;

console.log(b); // 20

}

console.log(b); // 10

1. **const:** Declares a block-scoped constant. Variables declared with const must be initialized at the time of declaration and cannot be reassigned.

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const c = 10;

// c = 20; // Error: Assignment to constant variable.

**Theory of var, let, and const**

**var**

* **Scope:** Function-scoped.
* **Hoisting:** Yes, variables declared with var are hoisted to the top of their scope.
* **Reassignment:** Yes, can be reassigned.
* **Redeclaration:** Yes, can be redeclared within the same scope.
* **Usage:** Use var when you need to support older JavaScript environments or when dealing with legacy code.

**let**

* **Scope:** Block-scoped.
* **Hoisting:** No, variables declared with let are not hoisted.
* **Reassignment:** Yes, can be reassigned.
* **Redeclaration:** No, cannot be redeclared within the same scope.
* **Usage:** Use let for variables that need to be reassigned within a block scope.

**const**

* **Scope:** Block-scoped.
* **Hoisting:** No, variables declared with const are not hoisted.
* **Reassignment:** No, cannot be reassigned once initialized.
* **Redeclaration:** No, cannot be redeclared within the same scope.
* **Usage:** Use const for variables that should not change after being initialized.