

Part I: Concepts

From JavaScript to TypeScript

Chapter 1



Learning TypeScript

Type-safe JavaScript

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Vanilla JavaScript Pitfalls

- **Costly Freedom**

As the number of files grows in the project of JavaScript, you can only have vague ideas on how to call the functions.

```
function paintPainting(painter, painting) {  
  return painter  
    .prepare()  
    .paint(painting, painter.ownMaterials)  
    .finish();  
}
```

You might even make a lucky guess that **painting** is a **string**.

Vanilla JavaScript Pitfalls

- **Loose Documentation**

- There exists nothing in the JavaScript language specification to formalize description about code purpose.
- Developers use JSDoc but it has key issues that often make it unpleasant to use in a large codebase
- Maintaining JSDoc comments across a dozen files doesn't take up too much time, but across hundreds or even thousands of constantly updating files can be a real chore.

Vanilla JavaScript Pitfalls

- **Weaker Developer Tooling**
 - Because JavaScript doesn't provide built-in ways to identify types.
 - It can be difficult to automate large changes to or gain insights about a codebase.

TypeScript

- TypeScript was created internally at Microsoft in the early 2010s then released and open sourced in 2012.
- TypeScript is often described as a “superset of JavaScript” or “JavaScript with types.”

TypeScript

What is TypeScript

- Programming language - that includes all the existing JavaScript syntax, plus new TypeScript-specific syntax for defining and using types
- Type checker - It lets you know if it thinks anything is set up incorrectly
- Compiler - A program that runs the type checker, reports any issues, then outputs the equivalent JavaScript code
- Language service - A program that uses the type checker to tell editors such as VS Code how to provide helpful utilities to developers

Getting Started in the TypeScript Playground

The code is written in normal JavaScript syntax. If you tried to run that code in JavaScript, it would crash!

```
const firstName = "Georgia";  
const nameLength = firstName.length();  
//  
// This expression is not callable.
```

If you were to run the TypeScript type checker on this code, it would use its knowledge that the length property of a string is a number—not a function

Hovering over the code would give you the text of the complaint

```
const firstName = "Lizzo";  
const nameLength = firstName.length();
```

(property) String.length: number

Returns the length of a String object.

This expression is not callable.

Type 'Number' has no call signatures. ts(2349)

[View Problem](#) No quick fixes available

Getting Started in the TypeScript Playground

Freedom Through Restriction

- TypeScript allows us to specify what types of values may be provided for parameters and variables.
- If you change the number of required parameters for a function, TypeScript will let you know if you forget to update a place that calls the function.

Getting Started in the TypeScript Playground

Freedom Through Restriction

- **sayMyName** was changed from taking in two parameters to taking one parameter, but the call to it with two strings wasn't updated and so is triggering a TypeScript complaint:
- That code would run without crashing in JavaScript, but its output would be different from expected (it wouldn't include "Knowles"):

```
// Previously: sayMyName(firstName, lastName) { ...  
function sayMyName(fullName) {  
  console.log(`You acting kind of shady, ain't callin' me ${fullName}`);  
}  
  
sayMyName("Beyoncé", "Knowles");  
//  
// Expected 1 argument, but got 2.
```

Getting Started in the TypeScript Playground

Precise Documentation

a TypeScript version of the `paintPainting` function from earlier.

```
interface Painter {  
  finish(): boolean;  
  ownMaterials: Material[];  
  paint(painting: string, materials: Material[]): boolean;  
}  
  
function paintPainting(painter: Painter, painting: string): boolean { /* ...  
  */ }
```

A TypeScript developer reading this code for the first time could understand that `painter` has at least three properties.

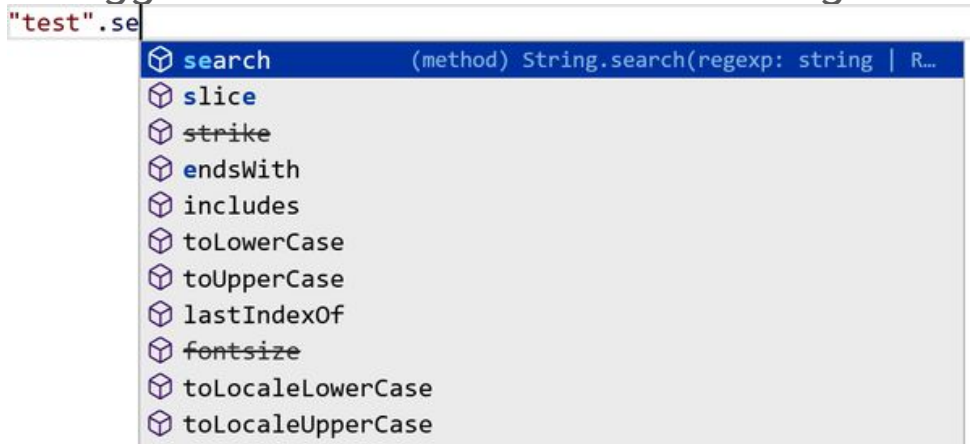
TypeScript provides an excellent, enforced system for describing how objects look.

Getting Started in the TypeScript Playground

Stronger Developer Tooling

TypeScript allow editors such as **VS Code** to gain much deeper insights into your code.

TypeScript can suggest all the members of the strings



Getting Started in the TypeScript Playground

Stronger Developer Tooling

When you add TypeScript's type checker for understanding code, it can give you these useful suggestions even for code you've written.

```
interface Painter {  
  finish(): boolean;  
  ownMaterials: Material[];  
  paint(painting: string, materials: Material[]): boolean;  
}
```



```
function paintPainting(painter: Painter, painting: string): boolean  
  painter.  
    finish (method) Painter.finish(): boolean  
    ownMaterials  
    paint
```

Getting Started in the TypeScript Playground

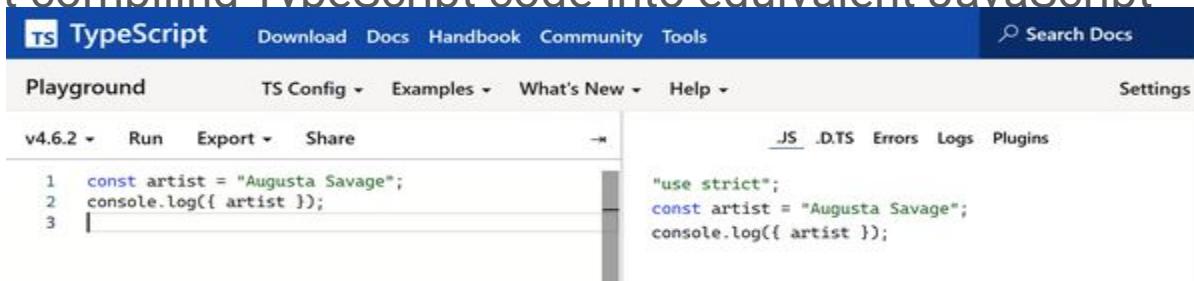
Compiling Syntax

TypeScript's compiler allows us to input TypeScript syntax, have it type checked, and get the equivalent JavaScript emitted.

```
const artist = "Augusta Savage";  
console.log({ artist });
```

TypeScript Code

TypeScript compiling TypeScript code into equivalent JavaScript



Getting Started Locally

install the latest version of TypeScript globally

```
npm i -g typescript
```

run TypeScript on the command line with the `tsc` (TypeScript Compiler) command. Try it with the `--version` flag to make sure it's set up properly:

```
tsc --version
```

Output

```
C:\>tsc --version  
Version 4.8.2
```

Getting Started Locally

Running Locally

- Create a folder somewhere on your computer and run this command to create a new `tsconfig.json` configuration file:

```
tsc --init
```

- A `tsconfig.json` file declares the settings that TypeScript uses when analyzing your code.
- Create a file named `index.ts` with the following contents:

```
console.log("Hello World");
```

- run `tsc` and provide it the name of that `index.ts` file:

```
tsc index.ts
```


What TypeScript Is Not

Let's discuss the limitations of TypeScript !

A Remedy for Bad Code

- TypeScript helps you structure your JavaScript, but other than enforcing type safety, it doesn't enforce any opinions on what that structure should look like.

What TypeScript Is Not

Extensions to JavaScript (Mostly)

- TypeScript does not try to change how JavaScript works at all.
- TypeScript's design goals explicitly state that it should:
 - Align with current and future ECMAScript proposals
 - Preserve runtime behavior of all JavaScript code

What TypeScript Is Not

Slower Than JavaScript

- TypeScript is slow than JavaScript, That claim is generally inaccurate and misleading.
- The only changes TypeScript makes to code are if you ask it to compile your code down to earlier versions of JavaScript to support older runtime environments such as Internet Explorer 11.
- Browsers and Node.js, will run it.

What TypeScript Is Not

Finished Evolving

- The TypeScript language is constantly receiving bug fixes and feature additions to match the ever-shifting needs of the web community.
- The current version of the TypeScript is

```
C:\>tsc --version  
Version 4.8.2
```

The Type System

Chapter 2



What's in a Type?

- A “type” is a description of what a JavaScript value **shape** might be.
- “**shape**” means which properties and methods exist on a value.
- TypeScript understands the type of the value to be

one of the seven basic primitives:

1. `null; // null`
2. `undefined; // undefined`
3. `true; // boolean`
4. `"Louise"; // string`
5. `1337; // number`
6. `1337n; // bigint`
7. `Symbol("Franklin"); // symbol`

What's in a Type?

- If you hover your mouse over the variable's name. The resultant popover will include the name of the primitive,

```
2  
3  
4   let singer: string  
5   let singer = "Ella Fitzgerald";  
6
```

- TypeScript knows that the ternary expression always results in a **string**, so the **bestSong** variable is a string:

```
   let bestSong: string  
let bestSong = Math.random() > 0.5  
  ? "Chain of Fools"  
  : "Respect";
```

What's in a Type?

Type Systems

A type system is the set of rules for how a programming language understands what types the constructs in a program may have.

```
let firstName = "Whitney";  
firstName.length();  
// ~~~~~  
// This expression is not callable.  
// Type 'Number' has no call signatures
```

TypeScript came to that complaint by, in order:

1. Reading in the code and understanding there to be a variable named `firstName`
2. Concluding that `firstName` is of type `string` because its initial value is a string, "Whitney"
3. Seeing that the code is trying to access a `.length` member of `firstName` and call it like a function
4. Complaining that the `.length` member of a string is a number, not a

What's in a Type?

Kinds of Errors

While writing TypeScript, the two kinds of “errors” you’ll come across most frequently are:

Syntax

Blocking TypeScript from being converted to JavaScript

```
let let wat;  
//      ~~~~  
// Error: ',', expected.
```

```
console.blub("Nothing is worth more than laughter.");  
//      ~~~~  
// Error: Property 'blub' does not exist on type 'Console'.
```

Type

Type errors occur when your syntax is valid but the TypeScript type checker has detected an error with the program's types.

Assignability

TypeScript is fine with later assigning a different value of the same type to a Variable.

If a variable is, say, initially a string value, later assigning it another string would be fine:

```
let firstName = "Carole";  
firstName = "Joan";
```

If TypeScript sees an assignment of a different type, it will give us a type error.

```
let lastName = "King";  
lastName = true;  
// Error: Type 'boolean' is not assignable to type 'string'.
```

Assignability

Understanding Assignability Errors

when we wrote

`lastName = true` in the previous snippet,

we were trying to assign the value of `true—type boolean`—to the recipient variable `lastName—type string`.

Type Annotations

- Sometimes a variable doesn't have an initial value for TypeScript to read.
- It'll consider the variable by default to be implicitly the **any type**: indicating that it could be anything in the world.

```
let rocker; // Type: any

rocker = "Joan Jett"; // Type: string
rocker.toUpperCase(); // Ok

rocker = 19.58; // Type: number
rocker.toPrecision(1); // Ok

rocker.toUpperCase();
//      ~~~~~
// Error: 'toUpperCase' does not exist on type 'number'.
```

Type Annotations

- TypeScript provides a syntax for declaring the type of a variable without having to assign it an initial value, called a *type annotation*.
- A type annotation is placed after the name of a variable and includes a colon followed by the name of a type.

```
let rocker: string;  
rocker = "Joan Jett";
```

- These type annotations exist only for TypeScript—they don't affect the runtime code and are not valid JavaScript syntax.

Type Annotations

Unnecessary Type Annotations

The following `:string` type annotation is redundant because TypeScript could already infer that `firstName` be of type `string`:

```
let firstName: string = "Tina";  
// ~~~~~ Does not change the type system...
```

Many developers generally prefer not to add type annotations on variables where the type annotations wouldn't change anything.

Type Annotations

Type Shapes

- TypeScript also knows what member properties should exist on objects.
- If you attempt to access a property of a variable, TypeScript will make sure that property is known to exist on that variable's type.

Suppose we declare a rapper variable of type string. Later on, when we use that rapper variable, operations that TypeScript knows work on strings are allowed:

```
let rapper = "Queen Latifah";  
rapper.length; // ok
```

Type Annotations

Modules

The JavaScript programming language did not include a specification for how files can share code between each other until relatively recently in its history.

Module

A file with a top-level export or import

Script

Any file that is not a module

Type Annotations

Modules

- Anything declared in a module file will be available only in that file unless an explicit export statement in that file exports it.
- A variable declared in one module with the same name as a variable declared in another file won't be considered a naming conflict (unless one file imports the other file's variable).

```
// a.ts  
export const shared = "Cher";  
  
// b.ts  
export const shared = "Cher";
```

Type Annotations

Modules

- `c.ts` file causes a type error because it has a naming conflict between an imported `shared` and its own value:

```
// c.ts
import { shared } from "./a";
//      ~~~~~
// Error: Import declaration conflicts with local declaration of 'shared'.

export const shared = "Cher";
//      ~~~~~
// Error: Individual declarations in merged declaration
// 'shared' must be all exported or all local.
```

Type Annotations

Modules

- If a file is a script, all scripts have access to its contents.
- That means variables declared in a script file cannot have the same name as variables declared in other script files.

```
// a.ts
const shared = "Cher";
// ~~~~~
// Cannot redeclare block-scoped variable 'shared'.

// b.ts
const shared = "Cher";
// ~~~~~
// Cannot redeclare block-scoped variable 'shared'.
```

The `a.ts` and `b.ts` files are considered scripts because they do not have module-style `export` or `import` statements.

That means their variables of the same name conflict with each other as if they were declared in the same file:

Type Annotations

Modules

if you need a file to be a module without an `export` or `import` statement, you can add an `export {}`; somewhere in the file to force it to be a module:

```
// a.ts and b.ts  
const shared = "Cher"; // Ok  
  
export {};
```

Unions and Literals

Chapter 3



Union Types

- Take this mathematician variable:

```
let mathematician = Math.random() > 0.5  
  ? undefined  
  : "Mark Goldberg";
```

What type is mathematician?

mathematician can be either **undefined** or **string**. This kind of “either or” type is called a **union**.

- handle code cases where we don't know exactly which type a value is, but do know it's one of two or more options.
- TypeScript represents union types using the | (pipe) operator between the possible values, or constituents.

```
let mathematician: string | undefined  
let mathematician = Math.random() > 0.5  
  ? undefined  
  : "Mark Goldberg";
```

Union Types

Declaring Union Types

- Union types are an example of a situation when it might be useful to give an

explicit type annotation for a variable even though it has an initial value.

```
let thinker: string | null = null;

if (Math.random() > 0.5) {
  thinker = "Susanne Langer"; // ok
}
```

- `thinker` starts off `null` but is known to potentially contain a `string` instead.

Giving it an explicit `string | null` type annotation means TypeScript will allow it to be assigned values of type `string`:

Union Types

Union Properties

- TypeScript will only allow you to access member properties that exist on all possible types in the union.
- It will give you a type-checking error if you try to access a type that doesn't exist on all possible types.

Union Types

Union Properties

Example

```
let physicist = Math.random() > 0.5
  ? "Marie Curie"
  : 84;

physicist.toString(); // Ok

physicist.toUpperCase();
// ~~~~~
// Error: Property 'toUpperCase' does not exist on type 'string | number'.
//   Property 'toUpperCase' does not exist on type 'number'.

physicist.toFixed();
// ~~~~~
// Error: Property 'toFixed' does not exist on type 'string | number'.
//   Property 'toFixed' does not exist on type 'string'.
```

`physicist` is of type `number | string`. While `.toString()` exists in both types and is allowed to be used, (common properties)

`.toUpperCase()` and `.toFixed()` are not because `.toUpperCase()` is missing on the `number` type and `.toFixed()` is missing on the `string` type:

Narrowing

- Narrowing is when TypeScript infers from your code that a value is of a more specific type than what it was defined, declared, or previously inferred as.
- A logical check that can be used to narrow types is called a **type guard**.

Narrowing

Assignment Narrowing

If you directly assign a value to a variable, TypeScript will narrow the variable's type to that value's type.

```
let admiral: number | string;

admiral = "Grace Hopper";

admiral.toUpperCase(); // Ok: string

admiral.toFixed();
// ~~~~~
// Error: Property 'toFixed' does not exist on type 'string'.
```

admiral variable is declared initially as a **number | string**, but after being assigned the value "Grace Hopper", TypeScript knows it must be a **string**:

Narrowing

Conditional Checks

if statement checking the variable for being equal to a known value.

```
// Type of scientist: number | string
let scientist = Math.random() > 0.5
  ? "Rosalind Franklin"
  : 51;

if (scientist === "Rosalind Franklin") {
  // Type of scientist: string
  scientist.toUpperCase(); // Ok
}

// Type of scientist: number | string
scientist.toUpperCase();
// ~~~~~
// Error: Property 'toUpperCase' does not exist on type 'string | number'.
//   Property 'toUpperCase' does not exist on type 'number'.
```

TypeScript is smart enough to understand that inside the body of that if statement, the variable must be the same type as the known value:

Narrowing

Typeof Checks

TypeScript also recognizes the `typeof` operator in narrowing down variable types.

```
let researcher = Math.random() > 0.5
  ? "Rosalind Franklin"
  : 51;

if (typeof researcher === "string") {
  researcher.toUpperCase(); // Ok: string
}
```

checking if `typeof researcher` is `"string"` indicates to TypeScript that the type of `researcher` must be `string`:

Literal Types

- When you declare a variable via `var` or `let`, you are telling the compiler that there is the chance that this variable will change its contents.
- In contrast, using `const` to declare a variable will inform TypeScript that this object will never change.
- A `literal value type` specifies a specific set of values and allows only those values.
- **Examples 1** → If you declare a variable as `const` and directly give it a literal value, TypeScript will infer the variable to be that literal value as a type. When you hover a mouse over a `const` variable with an initial literal Value, it will show you the variable's type as that literal



```
const abc = "Haroon"
```

The image shows a code editor with the line `const abc = "Haroon"`. A tooltip is displayed over the variable `abc`, showing its inferred type as `const abc: "Haroon"`. The tooltip has a light blue background and a thin border. The code itself is on a dark background with syntax highlighting: `const` is blue, `abc` is light blue, and `"Haroon"` is green.

Literal Types

- **Example 2** → TypeScript reporting a let variable as being generally its primitive type

```
let xyx: string
let xyx = "Hello"
```

- **Example 3** → a union of every possible matching literal value.

```
let abc: "Haroon" | "Abid" | "Majid"

abc = "Haroon"; //ok
abc = "Abid"; //ok
abc = "Majid"; //ok
abc = "Hamid"; // Not ok
```

Type '"Hamid"' is not assignable to type '"Haroon" | "Abid" | "Majid"'.

Translation: I was expecting a type matching A, but instead you passed B.

[See full translation](#)

```
let abc: "Haroon" | "Abid" | "Majid"

Type '"Hamid"' is not assignable to type '"Haroon" | "Abid" | "Majid"'. ts(2322)
```

[View Problem](#) No quick fixes available

Literal Types

- **Example 4** → a union of literals and other data types (primitive types).

```
let abc: "Haroon" | number
```

```
abc = "Haroon"; //ok
```

```
abc = "Hamid"; // Not ok
```

```
let abc: number | "Haroon"
```

```
abc = 1234; //OK
```


Literal Types

Literal Assignability

Different literal types within the same primitive type are not assignable to each other.

Example → `Aamir` is declared as being of the literal type `"Aamir"`, so while the value `"Aamir"` may be given to it, the types `"Babar"` and `string` are not assignable to it:

```
let abc : "Aamir";  
abc = "Aamir";  
abc = "Babar";  
  
let xyz = "";
```

Type 'string' is not assignable to type '"Aamir"'.

Translation: I was expecting a type matching A, but instead you passed B.

[See full translation](#)

```
let abc: "Aamir"
```

Type 'string' is not assignable to type '"Aamir"'. ts(2322)

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```
abc = xyz;
```

Strict Null Checking

The Billion-Dollar Mistake

- The “billion-dollar mistake” is a industry term for many type systems allowing null values to be used in places that require a different type.
- In languages without strict null checking, code like this example that assign null to a string is allowed:

```
const firstName: string = null;
```

Strict Null Checking

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Strict Null Checking

- In **strict null checking** mode, the **null** and **undefined** values are not in the domain of every type and are only assignable to themselves.
- The use of null and undefined can be restricted by enabling the strictNullChecks compiler setting (tsconfig.json)
- **Example** → with **"strictNullChecks": false**

```
let nameMaybe = Math.random() > 0.5
  ? "Lahore"
  : undefined;

nameMaybe.toLowerCase();
```

Strict Null Checking

- **Example** → with **"strictNullChecks": true**

```
let nameMaybe = Math.random() > 0.5  
  ? "Lahore"  
  : undefined;
```

Object is possibly 'undefined'.

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```
let nameMaybe: string | undefined
```

Object is possibly 'undefined'. ts(2532)

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```
nameMaybe.toLowerCase();
```

Strict Null Checking

Truthiness Narrowing

- In this type of narrowing, we check whether a variable is **truthy** before using it.
- All values in JavaScript are **truthy**
- except for those defined as **falsy**: false, 0, -0, 0n, "", null, undefined, and NaN

Strict Null Checking

Truthiness Narrowing

Example →

- `geneticist` is of type `string | undefined`
- `undefined` is always `falsey`
- TypeScript can deduce that it must be of type `string` within the `if` statement's body:

```
TS module01.ts > ...  
let geneticist = Math.random() > 0.5  
  ? "Barbara McClintock"  
  : undefined;  
if (geneticist) {  
  geneticist.toUpperCase(); // Ok: string  
}
```

Object is possibly 'undefined'.
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```
let geneticist: string | undefined
```

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```
geneticist.toUpperCase();  
~~~~~
```

Strict Null Checking

Variables Without Initial Values

Declare its type but no value. In this case, the variable will be set to undefined.

`var`

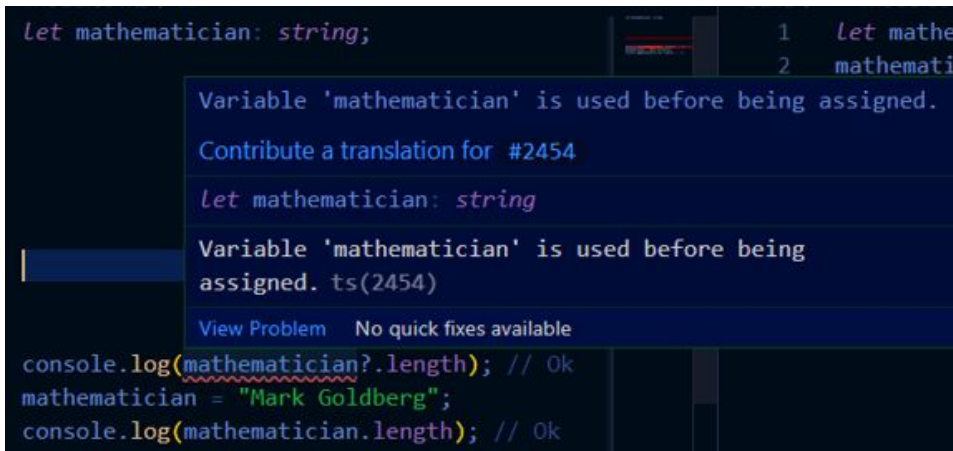
`[identifier]`

`:`

`[type-annotation]`

`;`

Example → TypeScript is smart enough to understand that the variable is undefined until a value is assigned. It will report a specialized error message if you try to use that variable



```
let mathematician: string;

console.log(mathematician?.length); // Ok
mathematician = "Mark Goldberg";
console.log(mathematician.length); // Ok
```

The screenshot shows a TypeScript IDE with a variable `mathematician` declared as `string` but not assigned a value. Below the declaration, there is a line `console.log(mathematician?.length);` which is marked as 'Ok'. However, the next line `console.log(mathematician.length);` is also marked as 'Ok', but a tooltip is visible over the `mathematician` property access. The tooltip contains the following text:

- Variable 'mathematician' is used before being assigned.
- Contribute a translation for #2454
- `let mathematician: string`
- Variable 'mathematician' is used before being assigned. ts(2454)
- [View Problem](#) No quick fixes available

Type Aliases

- longer union types are inconvenient to type out repeatedly

- **Example 1**→

```
let rawDataFirst: boolean | number | string | null | undefined;  
let rawDataSecond: boolean | number | string | null | undefined;  
let rawDataThird: boolean | number | string | null | undefined;
```

- A type alias starts with the **type** keyword, a new **name**, **=**, and then any type.

- **Example 2**→

```
type RawData = boolean | number | string | null | undefined;  
  
let rawDataFirst: RawData;  
let rawDataSecond: RawData;  
let rawDataThird: RawData;
```

Type Aliases

Example 3→

- Use `type` to declare `flower` as a type.
- By creating a `type`, you can use `flower` anywhere in your code, just like the primitive types (number, string, any etc)

```
type flower = "Rose" | "Tulip";  
  
let flower1: flower = "Rose"; //ok
```

Type '"Lily"' is not assignable to type 'flower'.
Translation: I was expecting a type matching A, but instead you passed B.
[See full translation](#)

```
let flower2: flower
```

Type '"Lily"' is not assignable to type 'flower'. ts(2322)

[View Problem](#) No quick fixes available

```
let flower2: flower = "Lily";
```

Type Aliases

Type Aliases Are Not JavaScript

- Type aliases, like `type` annotations, are not compiled to the output JavaScript.
- They exist purely in the TypeScript type system.

Type Aliases

Combining Type Aliases

Type aliases may reference other type aliases.

```
type Id = number | string;  
  
// Equivalent to: number | string | undefined | null  
type IdMaybe = Id | undefined | null;
```

This IdMaybe type is a union of the types within Id as well as undefined and null:


Objects

Chapter 4



Object Types

- In real life, a car is an **object**.
- A car has **properties** like weight and color, and **methods** like start and stop:

Object	Properties	Methods
	<code>car.name = Fiat</code>	<code>car.start()</code>
	<code>car.model = 500</code>	<code>car.drive()</code>
	<code>car.weight = 850kg</code>	<code>car.brake()</code>
	<code>car.color = white</code>	<code>car.stop()</code>

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Example 1 →

```
const car : {type: string,model: string, year: number}=  
{  
  type:"Honda",  
  model: "Suzuki",  
  year: 2022  
}  
console.log(car.year)
```

Object Types

Declaring Object Types

TypeScript can infer the types of properties based on their values.

Example 2 →

```
const car = {type:"Toyota"};  
car.type= "Honda";
```

Type 'number' is not assignable to type 'string'.

Translation: I was expecting a type matching A, but instead you passed B.

[See full translation](#)

(property) type: string

Type 'number' is not assignable to type 'string'. ts(2322)

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```
car.type = 1;
```


Object Types

Example 3 → `poet` variable is the same type from before with `name: string` and `BirthYear: number`:

```
module ts 7 ...
let poet: {BirthYear: number, name: string};
poet = {BirthYear: 1797, name: "Mirza Ghalib"}

Type 'string' is not assignable to type '{ BirthYear: number;
name: string; }'.

Translation: I was expecting a type matching A, but instead you passed B.
See full translation

let poet: {
  BirthYear: number;
  name: string;
}

Type 'string' is not assignable to type '{ BirthYear: number;
name: string; }'. ts(2322)

View Problem No quick fixes available
poet = "Iqbal"
```

Object Types

Aliased Object Types

We can avoid repeated typing properties of object with the help of **Aliases**.

```
type poet={BirthYear: number, name: string};  
  
let anotherPoet: poet;  
  
anotherPoet = {BirthYear:1950, name:"Name of Poet"};
```

Structural Typing

- TypeScript's type system is structurally typed.
- In structurally-typed languages, values are considered to be of equivalent types if all of their component features are of the same type.
- It's mean when you declare a parameter or variable is of a particular object type, you're telling TypeScript that whatever objects you use, they need to have those properties.

Structural Typing

Example 1 → variable declared as the **Person** type is assignable to a variable of the **Employee** type

```
type person = {  
  name: string;  
  DOB: number;  
};  
type employees = {  
  name: string;  
  DOB: number;  
};  
  
const newPerson: person = {  
  name: "ABC",  
  DOB: 1960  
};  
const newEmployee: employees = {  
  name: "XYZ",  
  DOB: 1970  
};
```

Structural Typing

Duck Typing vs Structural Typing vs Nominal Typing

- Programming languages can be classified as **duck typed**, **structural typed**, or **nominal typed**.

Duck Typing

- Duck Typed languages use the Duck Test to evaluate whether the object can be evaluated as a particular type. Duck Test states:

*If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck,
and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck.*

Duck-Typed languages provide the most flexibility to the programmer. And the programmers need to write the least amount of code. But these languages can be unsafe and can create runtime errors.

Structural Typing

Duck Typing vs Structural Typing vs Nominal Typing

Nominal Typing

- Nominal-Typed languages mandate programmers to explicitly call the type — but it means more code and less flexibility (additional dependencies).

Structural Typing

- Structural-Typed languages provide a balance — it has required compile-time checks and doesn't require explicit declaration of the dependencies.

In summary: JavaScript is duck typed whereas TypeScript is structurally typed.

Structural Typing

Usage Checking

TypeScript will check that the value is assignable to that object type.

The value must have the required properties of object type.

If any member required on the object type is missing in the object, TypeScript will issue a type error.

Structural Typing

Usage Checking

Example 1 →

```
type FirstAndLastNames = {  
  first: string;  
  last: string;  
};  
const hasBoth: FirstAndLastNames = { //ok  
  first: "ABC",  
  last: "XYZ",  
};  
const hasOnlyOne : FirstAndLastNames { first: "Sample Name",  
};
```

Property 'last' is missing in type '{ first: string; }' but required in type 'FirstAndLastNames'.

Translation: You haven't passed all the required properties to FirstAndLastNames - { first: string; } is missing the last property

[See full translation](#)

```
const hasOnlyOne: FirstAndLastNames
```

Property 'last' is missing in type '{ first: string; }' but required in type 'FirstAndLastNames'. ts(2741)

module01.ts(3, 5): 'last' is declared here.

Structural Typing

Excess Property Checking

Typescript will report a type error if a variable is declared with an object type and its initial value has more fields than its type describes.

Structural Typing

Excess Property Checking

Example 1 → The `poetMatch` variable has exactly the fields described in the object type aliased by `Poet`, while `extraProperty` causes a type error for having an extra property:

```
type Poet = {  
  born: number;  
  name: string;  
}  
  
// Ok: all fields match what's expected in Poet  
const poetMatch: Poet = {  
  born: 1928,  
  name: "Maya Angelou"  
};  
  
const extraProperty: Poet = {  
  activity: "walking",  
  born: 1935,  
  name: "Mary Oliver",  
};  
  
// Error: Type '{ activity: string; born: number; name: string; }'  
// is not assignable to type 'Poet'.  
// Object literal may only specify known properties,  
// and 'activity' does not exist in type 'Poet'.
```

Structural Typing

Nested Object Types

TypeScript's object types must be able to represent nested object types in the type system.

Example 1 →

```
type Poem = {  
  author: {firstName: string, lastName: string};  
  name: string;  
};  
  
const poemMatch: Poem = { // OK  
  author: {firstName: "XYZ", lastName: "ABC"},  
  name: "Sample Name"  
};  
  
const poemMismatch : Poem = {  
  author: {name: "New Name"}  
}; /*Error: Type '{ name: string; }' is not assignable to t  
| '{ firstName: string; lastName: string; }'.*/
```

Structural Typing

Optional Properties

- Object type properties don't all have to be required in the object.
- You can include a **?** before the **:** in a type property's type annotation to indicate that it's an optional property.

Structural Typing

Optional Properties

Example 1 → **Book** type requires only a **pages** property and optionally allows an **author**. Objects adhering to it may provide author or leave it out as long as they provide pages:

```
type Book = {  
  author?: string;  
  pages: number;  
};  
  
// Ok  
const ok: Book = {  
  author: "Rita Dove",  
  pages: 80,  
};  
  
const missing: Book = {  
  author: "Rita Dove",  
};  
  
// Error: Property 'pages' is missing in type  
// '{ author: string; }' but required in type 'Book'.
```

Unions of Object Types

- In TypeScript code you can describe a type that can be one or more different object types that have slightly different properties.

Unions of Object Types

Inferred Object-Type Unions

If a variable is given an initial value that could be one of multiple object types, TypeScript will infer its type to be a union of object types.

Unions of Object Types

Inferred Object-Type Unions

Example 1 → `poem` value always has a `name`

property of type `string`, and may or may not have

`pages` and `rhymes` properties:

```
const poem = Math.random() > 0.5
  ? { name: "The Double Image", pages: 7 }
  : { name: "Her Kind", rhymes: true };

// Type:
// {
//   name: string;
//   pages: number;
//   rhymes?: undefined;
// }
// |
// {
//   name: string;
//   pages?: undefined;
//   rhymes: boolean;
// }

poem.name; // string
poem.pages; // number | undefined
poem.rhymes; // boolean | undefined
```


Unions of Object Types

Explicit Object-Type Unions

Example → `poem` variable is explicitly typed to be a union type that always has the `always` property along with either `pages` or `rhymes`. Accessing `names` is allowed because it always exists, but `pages` and `rhymes` aren't guaranteed to exist:

Unions of Object Types

Explicit Object-Type Unions

```
type PoemWithPages = {  
  name: string;  
  pages: number;  
};  
  
type PoemWithRhymes = {  
  name: string;  
  rhymes: boolean;  
};  
  
type Poem = PoemWithPages | PoemWithRhymes;  
  
const poem: Poem = Math.random() > 0.5  
  ? { name: "The Double Image", pages: 7 }  
  : { name: "Her Kind", rhymes: true };  
  
poem.name; // Ok  
  
poem.pages;  
// ~~~~~  
// Property 'pages' does not exist on type 'Poem'.  
//   Property 'pages' does not exist on type 'PoemWithRhymes'.  
  
poem.rhymes;  
// ~~~~~  
// Property 'rhymes' does not exist on type 'Poem'.  
//   Property 'rhymes' does not exist on type 'PoemWithPages'.
```

Unions of Object Types

Narrowing Object Types

If the type checker sees that an area of code can only be run if a union typed value contains a certain property, it will narrow the value's type to only the constituents that contain that property.

```
if ("pages" in poem) {  
    poem.pages; // Ok: poem is narrowed to PoemWithPages  
} else {  
    poem.rhymes; // Ok: poem is narrowed to PoemWithRhymes  
}
```

Unions of Object Types

Discriminated Unions

- Literal types which you can use to let TypeScript narrow down the possible current type. This kind of type is called a discriminated union.
- the property whose value indicates the object's type is a **discriminant**.

Unions of Object Types

Discriminated Unions

Example →

```
type lowRain = {  
  flood: string;  
  location: string;  
  
};  
type highRain = {  
  flood: string;  
  rain_mm: number;  
  
};  
type Rain = lowRain | highRain;  
const rain: Rain = {flood: "heavy rain", location: "Sindh", rain_mm: 100};  
rain.flood; //OK  
rain.location; //error-->Property 'location' does not exist on type 'Rain'.  
rain.rain_mm; //error-->Property 'rain_mm' does not exist on type 'Rain'
```

Intersection Types

- TypeScript allows representing a type that is multiple types at the same time: an **&** intersection type.
- Intersection types are typically used with **aliased** object types to create a new type that combines multiple existing object types.

Intersection Types

Example →

```
type Artwork = {  
  genre: string;  
  name: string;  
};  
type Writing = {  
  pages: number;  
  name: string;  
};  
type WrittenArt = Artwork & Writing;  
// Equivalent to:  
// {  
  // genre: string;  
  // name: string;  
  // pages: number;  
  // }  
}
```

Intersection Types

Dangers of Intersection Types

1. Long assignability errors

```
type ShortPoemBase = { author: string };  
type Haiku = ShortPoemBase & { kigo: string; type: "haiku" };  
type Villanelle = ShortPoemBase & { meter: number; type: "villanelle" };  
type ShortPoem = Haiku | Villanelle;
```

```
const oneArt: ShortPoem = {  
  author: "Elizabeth Bishop",  
  type: "villanelle",  
};  
// Type '{ author: string; type: "villanelle"; }'  
// is not assignable to type 'ShortPoem'.  
//   Type '{ author: string; type: "villanelle"; }'  
//   is not assignable to type 'Villanelle'.  
//     Property 'meter' is missing in type  
//     '{ author: string; type: "villanelle"; }'  
//     but required in type '{ meter: number; type: "villanelle"; }'.
```


Intersection Types

Dangers of Intersection Types

2. Never

Trying to **&** two primitive types together will result in the **never** type, represented by the keyword `never`:

Example →

```
type NotPossible = number & string;  
// Type: never
```