

“One JavaScript”

- Approach named by David Herman
- Allows JavaScript to evolve without versioning
 - avoids migration issues like Python 2 to Python 3
- “Don’t break the web!”
 - removing features would cause existing web apps to stop working
 - can add new, better features
 - ES5 strict mode was a bit of a mistake since it broke some existing code
 - this is why ES6 supports “sloppy mode” code outside modules and class definitions
- Use linting tools to detect use of “deprecated” features
 - ex. switching from `var` to `let` and `const` and using rest parameters in place of `arguments` object

Transpilers

- Compilers translate code one language to another
 - ex. Java to bytecode
- Transpilers translate code to the same language
- There are several transpilers that translate ES6 code to ES5

ES6 Transpilers

percentages are as of 3/18/15

- **Traceur - 64%**

- from Google
- generates source maps
- doesn't work with IE8 and below
 - due to use of ES5 `get/set` syntax
- <https://github.com/google/traceur-compiler/>

- **Babel - 76%**

- aims to generate ES5 code that is as close as possible to the input ES6 code
- generates source maps
- some features don't work with IE10 and below
 - see <https://babeljs.io/docs/usage/caveats/#internet-explorer>
- <https://babeljs.io>

- **TypeScript - 9%**

- from Microsoft
- "a typed superset of JavaScript that compiles to plain JavaScript. Any browser. Any host. Any OS. Open Source."
- supports optional type specifications for variables, function return values, and function parameters
- has goal to support all of ES6
- generates source maps
- to install, `npm install -g typescript`
- to compile, `tsc some-file.ts`
 - generates `some-file.js`
- <http://www.typescriptlang.org>

there are more, but these are the most popular and/or support the most features

Use ES6 Today?

- It **may take years** for all the features in ES6 to be supported in all major browsers
- That's **too long to wait** and you **don't have to wait**
- **Use a transpiler** to get comfortable with new features sooner and allow writing more compact, more expressive code now
- For a **summary of ES6 feature support in browsers**, and in the Traceur tool discussed next, see ES6 compatibility table from Juriy Zaytsev (a.k.a. kangax)
 - <http://kangax.github.io/compat-table/es6/>
 - try selecting "Sort by number of features?" checkbox

ECMAScript 5 6 7 non-standard compatibility table

Please note that some of these tests represent **existence**, not functionality or full conformance.

Sort by number of features? ☐

Show obsolete browsers? ☐

| | | Compilers/polyfills | | | | | | | | | | Desktop browsers | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------|------------|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | 52% | 60% | 76% | 27% | 26% | 10% | 8% | 23% | 6% | 21% | 70% | 44% | 60% | 68% | 69% | 34% | | | | |
| Feature name | Current browser | Traceur | 6to5 + core-js ⁽¹⁾ | ES6 Transpiler | Closure | jsx ⁽²⁾ | TypeScript | es6-shim | IE 10 | IE 11 | IE Technical Preview ⁽³⁾ | FF 31 | FF 35 | FF 36 | FF 37 | CH 39, OP 26 ⁽⁴⁾ | CH 40, OP 27 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | |
| Optimisation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| proper tail calls (tail call optimisation) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | | | | |
| Syntax | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| default function parameters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0/5 | 3/5 | 5/5 | 3/5 | 4/5 | 0/5 | 3/5 | 0/5 | 0/5 | 0/5 | 3/5 | 3/5 | 3/5 | 3/5 | 0/5 | 0/5 | | | | |
| rest parameters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0/3 | 3/3 | 3/3 | 2/3 | 1/3 | 2/3 | 2/3 | 0/3 | 0/3 | 0/3 | 2/3 | 2/3 | 2/3 | 2/3 | 0/3 | 0/3 | | | | |
| spread (...) operator | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0/8 | 8/8 | 8/8 | 6/8 | 2/8 | 0/8 | 0/8 | 0/8 | 0/8 | 4/8 | 6/8 | 6/8 | 8/8 | 8/8 | 0/8 | 0/8 | | | | |
| object literal extensions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2/5 | 5/5 | 5/5 | 5/5 | 4/5 | 2/5 | 2/5 | 0/5 | 0/5 | 5/5 | 0/5 | 5/5 | 5/5 | 5/5 | 0/5 | 0/5 | | | | |

Traceur

- **Implemented in ES6** and uses itself to transpile to ES5 code that runs on Node.js
- <https://github.com/google/traceur-compiler>
- **Online tool** at <http://google.github.io/traceur-compiler/demo/repl.html>
 - enter ES6 on left side and see resulting ES5 code on right
 - useful for testing support for specific ES6 features and gaining an understanding of what Traceur generates
 - does not execute code
 - "Options" menu includes ability to enable experimental features
- **To install**
 - install Node.js
 - `npm install -g traceur`

AngularJS 2 uses Traceur
for ES6 support

Running Traceur

- To get help on options
 - `traceur --help`
 - `traceur --longhelp`
- To run code in an ES6 file
 - `traceur es6-file-path`
 - requires file extension to be `.js`, but it can be omitted in the command
- To compile an ES6 file to an ES5 file
 - `traceur --out es5-file-path es6-file-path`
 - generated code depends on provided file `traceur-runtime.js`
 - can be copied from directory where Traceur is installed
 - to use generated code in a browser, include a script tag for `traceur-runtime.js`
- Experimental features
 - to use, add `--experimental` option
 - examples of features currently considered experimental include symbols, `async/await` keywords, and type annotations

doesn't check for native browser support;
does some feature detection like not
adding shim methods if already present

Babel

- **Implemented in ES6** and uses itself to transpile to ES5 code that runs on Node.js
- <http://babeljs.io>
- **Online tool** at <http://babeljs.io/repl/>
 - enter ES6 on left side and see resulting ES5 code on right
 - useful for testing support for specific ES6 features and gaining an understanding of what Babel generates
 - optionally executes code (when "Evaluate" checkbox is checked)
 - output is at bottom of ES5 code
 - "Experimental" and "Playground" checkboxes enable ES7 features and other "ideas"
- **To install**
 - install Node.js
 - `npm install -g babel`

"Babel works perfectly with React, featuring a built-in JSX transformer."

Running Babel

- To get help on options
 - `babel --help`
- To run code in an ES6 file
 - `babel-node es6-file-path`
 - file extension can be omitted and defaults to `.js`
- To compile an ES6 file to an ES5 file
 - `babel es6-file-path -o es5-file-path`
- To compile a many ES6 files to ES5 files
 - `babel es6-dir -o es5-dir`
- Experimental features
 - to use some ES7 features, add `--experimental` option
- Optional babel-runtime
 - <http://babeljs.io/docs/usage/transformers/#self-contained>

in *nix environments, can use redirection
`babel es6-file-path > es5-file-path`

Source Maps

- Allow browser debuggers to step through code that was transpiled from another language into JavaScript
 - for example, debug CoffeeScript code
 - can debug ES6 code that was transpiled to ES5
- **Traceur**
 - option `--source-maps` causes it to generate a source map
 - places them in same directory as generated ES5 files
 - browser looks for them there
- **Babel**
 - plugins for Grunt and Gulp can generate source maps

Using Source Maps

- In Chrome

- open a page that uses transpiled ES6 code
- open Developer Tools (cmd-option-i on Mac, ctrl-shift-i on Windows)
- click gear icon in upper-right to see settings
- check "Search in content scripts"
- check "Enable JavaScript source maps"
- select ES6 .js files from "Sources" tab
- set breakpoints and refresh page

- In Firefox

- open Firefox debugger by selecting Tools ... Web Developer ... Debugger (cmd-option-s on Mac, ctrl-shift-s on Windows?)
- click gear icon in upper-right to see "Debugger Options" and verify that "Show Original Sources" is selected
- select ES6 .js files from "Sources" tab
- set breakpoints and refresh page

Linting

- It is important to use some linting tool when writing JavaScript
- Saves time and reduces errors by catching coding issues before code is run
- Can be run from command-line, integrated into editors/IDEs, and run automatically when files are saved from any editor using tools like Grunt/Gulp
- Most popular JavaScript linting tools
 - JSLint - <http://jshint.org>; unclear if or when JSLint will support ES6
 - JSHint - <http://jshint.org>; has good support now using "**esnext**" option
 - ESLint - <http://eslint.org>; recently added support ES6; needs more testing
- I highly recommend using JSHint to check ES6 code

Automation

- **Grunt** - <http://gruntjs.com>
 - great tool for automating web development tasks
 - 4,472 plugins available as of 3/8/15
 - for Traceur support, see these plugins: traceur, traceur-latest, traceur-build, **traceur-simple**, and node-traceur
 - for Babel support, see the plugin grunt-babel
 - see example **Gruntfile.js** in article
 - uses "**watch**" plugin to watch for changes to HTML, CSS and JavaScript files
 - when watch detects these, it automatically runs specified tasks including linting CSS and JavaScript, running Traceur to generate ES5 code, and refreshing browser to immediately show results of changes
 - last part is enabled by "**livereload**" option and including a special script tag in main HTML file
- **Gulp** - <http://gulpjs.com>
 - similar in goal to Grunt, but configuration is different
 - 1,457 plugins available as of 3/8/15
 - also supports watch and livereload
 - emphasizes use of file streaming for better efficiency
 - see gulp-traceur and gulp-babel plugins

see Grunt and Gulp examples at
<https://github.com/mvolkmann/gulp-traceur-demo>

ES6 Features

- The following slides describe most of the features in ES6
- Also see Luke Hoban's (TC39 member) summary
 - <https://github.com/lukehoban/es6features>

Block Scope ...

- **const** declares constants with block scope
 - must be initialized
 - reference can't be modified, but object values can
 - to prevent changes to object values, use `Object.freeze(obj)`
- **let** declares variables like **var**, but they have block scope
 - not hoisted to beginning of enclosing block, so references before declaration are errors
 - most uses of **var** can be replaced with **let** (not if they depend on hoisting)
 - when a file defines a module, top-level uses of **let** are file-scoped, unlike **var**
 - Traceur and Babel implement block scopes by renaming variables declared in block
 - when a **let** variable is accessed out of its scope, a **ReferenceError** is thrown with message "**name is not defined**"

... Block Scope

- block functions
 - functions declared in a block are scoped to that block
 - for example, in if and for-loop blocks

```
function outer() {  
  console.log('in outer');  
}  
  
{  
  function inner() {  
    console.log('in inner');  
  }  
  
  outer(); // works  
  inner(); // works  
}  
  
outer(); // works  
inner(); // throws ReferenceError
```


Default Parameters



- Example

```
let today = new Date();

function makeDate(day, month = today.getMonth(), year = today.getFullYear()) {
  return new Date(year, month, day).toString();
}

console.log(makeDate(16, 3, 1961)); // Sun Apr 16 1961
console.log(makeDate(16, 3)); // Wed Apr 16 2014
console.log(makeDate(16)); // Sun Feb 16 2014
```

run on 2/28/14

- Default value expressions can return to preceding parameters
- Explicitly passing undefined triggers use of default value
- Idiom for required parameters (from Allen Wirfs-Brock)

```
function req() { throw new Error('missing argument'); }
function foo(p1 = req(), p2 = req(), p3 = undefined) {
  ...
}
```




Rest Operator

- Gather variable number of arguments after named parameters into an array
- If no corresponding arguments are supplied, value is an empty array, not undefined
- Removes need to use **arguments** object

```
function report(firstName, lastName, ...colors) {  
  let phrase = colors.length === 0 ? 'no colors' :  
    colors.length === 1 ? 'the color ' + colors[0]:  
    'the colors ' + colors.join(' and ');  
  console.log(firstName, lastName, 'likes', phrase + '.');  
}  
  
report('John', 'Doe');  
// John Doe likes no colors.  
report('Mark', 'Volkman', 'yellow');  
// Mark Volkman likes the color yellow.  
report('Tami', 'Volkman', 'pink', 'blue');  
// Tami Volkman likes the colors pink and blue.
```


Spread Operator



- Spreads out elements of any “iterable” (discussed later) so they are treated as separate arguments to a function
- Mostly removes need to use **Function apply** method
- Examples

examples of things that are iterable include arrays, sets, and strings

```
let arr1 = [1, 2];
let arr2 = [3, 4];
arr1.push(...arr2);
console.log(arr1); // [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

alternative to
`arr1.push.apply(arr1, arr2);`

```
let dateParts = [1961, 3, 16];
let birthday = new Date(...dateParts);
console.log(birthday.toString());
// Sun Apr 16, 1961
```




Destructuring ...

- Assigns values to any number of variables from values in arrays and objects

```
// Positional destructuring of iterables
let [var1, var2] = some-iterable;
// Can skip elements (elision)
let [, var1, , var2] = some-iterable;

// Property destructuring of objects
let {prop1: var1, prop2: var2} = some-obj;
// Can omit variable name if same as property name
let {prop1, prop2} = some-obj;
```

- Can be used in variable declarations/assignments, parameter lists, and for-of loops (covered later)
- Can't start statement with {, so add parens when assigning to existing variables using object destructuring,

```
(({prop1: var1, prop2: var2})) = some-obj;
```

- LHS expression can be nested to any depth
 - arrays of objects, objects whose property values are arrays, ...

... Destructuring ...



- LHS variables can specify default values

```
[var1 = 19, var2] = some-iterable;
```

- default values can refer to variables that precede their variable
- Positional destructuring can use rest operator for last variable

```
[var1, ...others] = some-iterable;
```

- When assigning rather than declaring variables, any valid LHS variable expression can be used
 - ex. `obj.prop` and `arr[index]`
 - Can be used to swap variable values
- ```
[a, b] = [b, a];
```
- Useful with functions that have multiple return values
    - really one array or object



# ... Destructuring ...



- Great for getting parenthesized groups of a **RegExp** match

```
let dateStr = 'I was born on 4/16/1961 in St. Louis.';
let re = /(\\d{1,2})\\/(\\d{1,2})\\/(\\d{4})/;
let [, month, day, year] = re.exec(dateStr);
console.log('date pieces =', month, day, year);
```

- Great for configuration kinds of parameters of any time named parameters are desired (common when many)

```
function config({color, size, speed = 'slow', volume}) {
 console.log('color =', color); // yellow
 console.log('size =', size); // 33
 console.log('speed =', speed); // slow
 console.log('volume =', volume); // 11
}

config({
 size: 33,
 volume: 11,
 color: 'yellow'
});
```

order is  
irrelevant





# ... Destructuring

```
function report([name, color]) {
 console.log(name + "'s favorite color is", color + '.');
}
let data = ['Mark', 'yellow'];
report(data); // Mark's favorite color is yellow.

let arr = [1, [2, 3], [[4, 5], [6, 7, 8]]];
let [a, [, b], [[c], [, d]]] = arr;
console.log('a =', a); // 1
console.log('b =', b); // 3
console.log('c =', c); // 4
console.log('d =', d); // 8

let obj = {color: 'blue', weight: 1, size: 32};
let {color, size} = obj;
console.log('color =', color); // blue
console.log('size =', size); // 32

function report2(p1, {weight, color}) {
 console.log(p1, color, weight);
}
report2(19, obj); // 19 blue 1
```

extracting array  
elements  
by position

extracting object  
property values  
by name



# Arrow Functions ...

- **(params) => { expressions }**
  - if only one parameter and not using destructuring, can omit parens
  - need parens if no parameters
  - cannot insert line feed between parameters and =>
  - if only one expression, can omit braces and its value is returned without using **return** keyword
    - **expression** can be another arrow function that is returned
  - if expression is an object literal, wrap it in parens to distinguish it from a block of code

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 4];
let doubled = arr.map(x => x * 2);
console.log(doubled); // [2, 4, 6, 8]
```

```
let product = (a, b) => a * b;
console.log(product(2, 3)); // 6
```

```
let average = numbers => {
 let sum = numbers.reduce((a, b) => a + b);
 return sum / numbers.length;
};
console.log(average(arr)); // 2.5
```

Arrow functions are typically used for anonymous functions like those passed to **map** and **reduce**.

Functions like **product** and **average** are better defined the normal way so their names appear in stack traces.



# ... Arrow Functions

- Inside arrow function, **this** has same value as containing scope, not a new value (called "lexical this")
  - so can't use to define constructor functions or methods, only plain functions
- Also provides "lexical super"
- Immediately invoked functions (IIFEs)
  - not typically needed in ES6 since modules provide file scope
  - can write like this

```
(() => {
 ...
}) ();
```

- ending like this is a syntax error

```
(() => {
 ...
}) ();
```



# Symbols ...

- Immutable identifiers that are guaranteed to be unique
  - unlike strings
- To create a symbol
  - `let sym = Symbol(description);`
  - note `new` keyword is not used
    - throws `TypeError`; it's a function, not a constructor
  - description is optional and mainly useful for debugging
- To retrieve description
  - `sym.toString()` or `String(sym)`
  - returns `'Symbol(description)'`
  - concatenating a symbol to a string throws `TypeError`
- A new primitive type
  - `typeof sym === 'symbol'`



# ... Symbols

- Can use as object keys
  - `obj[sym] = value;`
- They become non-enumerable properties
  - `Object.getOwnPropertyNames(obj)` gets string keys, but not symbol keys
  - `Object.getOwnPropertySymbols(obj)` gets symbol keys, but not string keys
  - `Reflect.ownKeys(obj)` gets both string and symbol keys
- Can use for constants that only serve as unique identifiers
  - `const NAME = Symbol();`
- Can use to add “meta-level” properties or internal methods to an object that avoid clashing with normal properties
  - `Symbol.iterator` is an example (described later)
- To use in Traceur and Babel, enable experimental mode

```
// Using computed
// property syntax
let obj = {
 [sym1]: value,
 [sym2](params) {
 ...
 }
};
```



# Public Symbols

- There are several predefined symbols that can be used as method names to customize how JavaScript treats specific objects
- To customize `instanceof`, implement `Symbol.hasInstance` method
- To customize conversion to a primitive, implement `Symbol.toPrimitive` method
- To customize conversion to a string, implement `Symbol.toStringTag` method
- To make an object “iterable”, implement `Symbol.iterator` method

unlike constants whose names are all uppercase, these have camelcase names



# Enhanced Object Literals ...



- Literal objects can omit value for a key if it's in a variable with the same name
  - similar to destructuring syntax
- Example

```
let fruit = 'apple', number = 19;
let obj = {fruit, foo: 'bar', number};
console.log(obj);
// {fruit: 'apple', foo: 'bar', number: 19}
```



# ... Enhanced Object Literals ...



- Computed properties names can be specified inline

```
// Old style
let obj = {};
obj[expression] = value;

// New style
let obj = {
 [expression]: value
};
```

one use is to define properties  
whose keys are symbols  
instead of strings



# ... Enhanced Object Literals



- Property method assignment
  - alternative way to attach a method to a literal object
  - example

```
let obj = {
 number: 2,
 multiply: function (n) { // old way
 return this.number * n;
 },
 times(n) { // new way
 return this.number * n;
 },
 // This doesn't work because the
 // arrow function "this" value is not obj.
 product: n => this.number * n
};

console.log(obj.multiply(2)); // 4
console.log(obj.times(3)); // 6
console.log(obj.product(4)); // NaN
```





# Classes ...

- Use `class` keyword
- Define constructor and methods inside
  - one constructor function per class
- Really just sugar over existing prototypal inheritance mechanism
  - creates a constructor function with same name as class
  - adds methods to prototype
- Code in class definition is always evaluated in strict mode

```
class Shoe {
 constructor(brand, model, size) {
 this.brand = brand;
 this.model = model;
 this.size = size;
 Shoe.count += 1; class method
 }
 static createdAny() { return Shoe.count > 0; }
 equals(obj) { not a standard JS method
 return obj instanceof Shoe &&
 this.brand === obj.brand &&
 this.model === obj.model &&
 this.size === obj.size;
 }
 toString() {
 return this.brand + ' ' + this.model +
 ' in size ' + this.size;
 }
}
Shoe.count = 0; class property

let s1 = new Shoe('Mizuno', 'Precision 10', 13);
let s2 = new Shoe('Nike', 'Free 5', 12);
let s3 = new Shoe('Mizuno', 'Precision 10', 13);
console.log('created any?', Shoe.createdAny()); // true
console.log('count =', Shoe.count); // 3
console.log('s2 = ' + s2); // Nike Free 5 in size 12
console.log('s1.equals(s2) =', s1.equals(s2)); // false
console.log('s3.equals(s3) =', s3.equals(s3)); // true
```



# ... Classes ...



- Inherit with **extends** keyword

```
class RunningShoe extends Shoe {
 constructor(brand, model, size, type) {
 super(brand, model, size);
 this.type = type;
 this.miles = 0;
 }
 addMiles(miles) { this.miles += miles; }
 shouldReplace() { return this.miles >= 500; }
}
```

value after **extends** can be an expression that evaluates to a class/constructor function

inherits both instance and static methods

inside constructor, **super**(args) calls the superclass constructor; can only call **super** like this in a constructor and only once

inside a method, **super.name**(args) calls the superclass method **name**

```
let rs = new RunningShoe(
 'Nike', 'Free Everyday', 13, 'lightweight trainer');
rs.addMiles(400);
console.log('should replace?', rs.shouldReplace()); // false
rs.addMiles(200);
console.log('should replace?', rs.shouldReplace()); // true
```

- In subclasses, constructor **must** call **super**(args) and it must be **before** **this** is accessed because the highest superclass creates the object

**this** is not set until the call to **super** returns



# ... Classes



- In a class with no **extends**,  
omitting **constructor** is the same as specifying  
`constructor() {}`
- In a class with **extends**,  
omitting **constructor** is the same as specifying  
`constructor(...args) { super(...args); }`
- Can extend builtin classes like **Array** and **Error**
  - requires JS engine support; transpilers cannot provide
  - instances of **Array** subclasses can be used like normal arrays
  - instances of **Error** subclasses can be thrown like provided **Error** subclasses
- Precede method names with `"* "` for generators (discussed later)



# Getters and Setters



- ES5 supports these using `Object.defineProperty/defineProperties`
- ES6 supports `get` and `set` keywords in class definitions

```
class Shoe {
 ...
 get size() {
 return this._size;
 }
 set size(size) {
 this._size = size;
 }
 ...
}
let s = new Shoe();
s.size = 13; // invokes setter
console.log(s.size); // invokes getter
```

can do more here

using `size` instead of `_size` for the "backing field" would cause a `ModuleEvaluationError` with message "Maximum call stack size exceeded"

can use a `Symbol` in place of `_size` and `_name` to make them a non-enumerable properties

```
class Person {
 constructor(name) {
 this._name = name;
 }
 get name() {
 return this._name;
 }
}
let p = new Person('Mark');
console.log('name is', p.name); // Mark
p.name = 'Jason';
// throws ModuleEvaluationError
// with message "Cannot set property name
// of #<Person> which has only a getter
```

- ES5 also allows use `get` and `set` in object literals, but that seems less useful



# ES5 vs. ES6 Functions

|                 | ES5                                | ES6                                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| normal function | <code>function</code>              | <code>function</code> or arrow function        |
| method          | <code>function</code> on prototype | method in <code>class</code>                   |
| constructor     | <code>function</code>              | <code>constructor</code> in <code>class</code> |



# New **Math** Functions

- **Math.fround**(*number*) - returns nearest single precision floating point number to *number*
- **Math.sign**(*number*) - returns sign of *number*; -1, 0 or 1
- **Math.trunc**(*number*) - returns integer part of *number*
- **Math.cbrt**(*number*) - returns cube root of *number*
- **Math.expm1**(*number*) - returns **exp**(*number*) - 1;
  - **Math.exp** returns e (Euler's constant) raised to *number* power
- **Math.hypot**(*x*, *y*, ...) - returns square root of sum of squares of arguments
- **Math.imul**(*n1*, *n2*) - multiplies two 32-bit integers; for performance
- logarithmic functions - **Math.log1p**(*number*), **Math.log10**(*number*), **Math.log2**(*number*)
  - **Math.log1p** returns **Math.log**(1 + *number*)
- hyperbolic trig functions - **Math.asinh**(*number*), **Math.acosh**(*number*), **Math.atanh**(*number*)



# New **Number** Functions

- **Number.isFinite**(*n*) - returns boolean indicating whether *n* is a **Number** and is not **NaN**, **Infinity** or **-Infinity**
- **Number.isInteger**(*n*) - returns boolean indicating whether *n* is an integer and not a float, **NaN**, **Infinity** or **-Infinity**
- **Number.isNaN**(*n*) - returns boolean indicating whether *n* is the special **NaN** value
- **Number.isSafeInteger**(*n*) - returns boolean indicating whether *n* can be represented exactly in a double (within 53 bits)
  - also new constants **Number.MIN\_SAFE\_INTEGER** and **Number.MAX\_SAFE\_INTEGER**
- **Number.toInteger**(*n*) - converts a number to an integer
- **Number.parseInt**(*string*) - parses a string into an integer; same as the global function
- **Number.parseFloat**(*string*) - parses a string into a double; same as the global function

note how some of these are  
functions on other objects in ES5



# Numeric Literals

- Hexadecimal
  - preceded with zero and **x**
  - `0xa === 10`
  - supported before ES6
- Octal
  - preceded with zero and **o**
  - `0o71 === 57`
- Binary
  - preceded with zero and **b**
  - `0b1101 === 13`
- When used in strings,  
all of these can be parsed with **Number(s)**



# New **String** Methods

- **`s1.startsWith(s2)`** - determines if starts with given characters
- **`s1.endsWith(s2)`** - determines if ends with given characters
- **`s1.includes(s2)`** - determines if includes given characters
- **`s.repeat(count)`** - creates new string by copying *s* *count* times
- JavaScript uses UTF-16 characters
  - each occupies two or four bytes
  - **`length`** property of JavaScript strings, as well as **`charAt`** and **`charCodeAt`** methods assume two bytes per character
    - to get length in code points, `[...string].length`
  - no easy way to get or create 4-byte characters in ES5
  - **`string.codePointAt(pos)`** gets UTF-16 integer value at a given position
    - to convert to hex, call **`toString(16)`** on this value
  - **`String.fromCodePoint(int1, ..., intN)`** returns string created from any number of UTF-16 integer values

can specify starting position of test for each of these

ES7 may add **`trimLeft`** and **`trimRight`** methods

use of 4-byte UTF-16 characters is somewhat rare (ex. Egyptian Hieroglyphs), so this is often not a problem

new Unicode escape syntax inside literal strings for specifying a code point **`\u{code}`** (really include the braces)



# Template Strings



- String interpolation
- Surrounded by backticks
- Can contain newline characters for multi-line strings

```
let greeting = `Hello,
World!`;
```

- Can contain any number of embedded expressions

- `${expression}`

```
console.log(`${x} + ${y} = ${x + y}`);
```



# Tagged Template Strings ...



- Preceded by a function name that will produce a customized result
  - examples include special escaping (ex. HTML encoding), language translation, and DSLs
- Passed array of template strings outside expressions ("raw") and expression values as individual parameters ("cooked")

```
function upValues(strings, ...values) {
 let result = strings[0];
 values.forEach((value, index) =>
 result += value.toUpperCase() + strings[index + 1]);
 return result;
}
let firstName = 'Mark';
let lastName = 'Volkmann';
console.log(upValues `Hello ${firstName} ${lastName}!`);
// Hello MARK VOLKMANN!
```

In this example  
strings is ['Hello ', ' ', '!', ''] and  
values is ['Mark', 'Volkmann']

JSHint doesn't support  
tagged template strings yet

- Provided template function `String.raw`
  - treats characters like `\n` as separate `\\` and `n` characters



# ... Tagged Template Strings

```
function dedent(strings, ...values) {
 let last = strings.length - 1, re = /\n\s+/g, result = '';
 for (let i = 0; i < last; i++) {
 result += strings[i].replace(re, '\n') + values[i];
 }
 return result + strings[last];
}

let homeTeam = 'Cardinals';
let visitingTeam = 'Cubs';
console.log(dedent `Today the ${homeTeam}
 are hosting the ${visitingTeam}.`);

// Outputs
// If template starts with an expression, strings will start with ''.
// If template ends with an expression, strings will end with ''.
console.log(dedent `${homeTeam}
 versus
 ${visitingTeam}`);
```

## Output

Today the Cardinals  
are hosting the Cubs.  
Cardinals  
versus  
Cubs



# New **Array** Functions

- **Array.of(values)** - creates an **Array** from its arguments
  - can use literal array syntax instead
- **Array.from(arrayLikeObj, [mapFn])** - creates an **Array** from an **Array**-like object
  - *mapFn* is an optional function that is called on each element to transform the value



# New **Array** Methods

- **`arr.copyWithIn(targetIndex, srcStartIndex, [srcEndIndex])`** - copies elements from `srcStartIndex` to `srcEndIndex - 1`, or to the end of the array, to `targetIndex`, replacing existing elements
  - indexes can be negative to count from end
- **`arr.find(predicateFn)`** - returns first element in `arr` that satisfies a given predicate function
  - `predicateFn` is passed element, index, and `arr`
  - if none satisfy, `undefined` is returned
- **`arr.findIndex(predicateFn)`** - same as **`find`**, but returns index instead of element
  - if none satisfy, -1 is returned
- **`arr.fill(value, [startIndex], [endIndex])`** - fills `arr` with a given value
  - `startIndex` defaults to 0; `endIndex` defaults to the array length
- **`arr.entries()`** - returns an iterator over the `[index, value]` pairs of `arr`
- **`arr.keys()`** - returns an iterator over the indices of `arr`
- **`arr.values()`** - returns an iterator over the values in `arr`



# New Object Functions ...

- **Object.assign(target, src1, ... srcN)**

- copies properties from src objects to target, replacing those already present
- returns *target*
- can use to create a shallow clone an object
- to create a clone with the same prototype

```
let copy = Object.assign({}, obj);
```

```
function clone(obj) {
 let proto = Object.getPrototypeOf(obj);
 return Object.assign(
 Object.create(proto), obj);
}
let copy = clone(obj);
```

- can use in constructors to assign initial property values
- can use to add default values to an object

```
const DEFAULTS = {
 color: 'yellow',
 size: 'large'
};
let obj = {size: 'small'};
obj = Object.assign({}, DEFAULTS, obj);
```

order is significant!

```
class Shoe {
 constructor(brand, model, size) {
 this.brand = brand;
 this.model = model;
 this.size = size;
 // or
 Object.assign(this,
 {brand, model, size});
 }
 ...
}
```

uses enhanced object literal



# ... New Object Functions

- **Object.is**(*value1*, *value2*)
  - determines if *value1* and *value2* are the same
    - values can be primitives or objects; objects are the same only if they are the same object
    - unlike `===`, this treats `Number.NaN` as the same as `Number.NaN`
    - google "MDN JavaScript Object" for more detail
- **Object.setPrototypeOf**(*obj*, *prototype*)
  - changes prototype of an existing object
  - use is discouraged because it is slow and makes subsequent operations on the object slow
- **Object.getOwnPropertySymbols**(*obj*)
  - returns array of symbol keys
  - alternative to existing `Object.keys` and `Object.getOwnPropertyNames` functions
  - also see functions on `Reflect` object (described next)



# Reflect Functions

supported by Babel, but not Traceur

- `get(obj, propName)` - alternative to `obj[propName]`
- `set(obj, propName, value)` - alternative to `obj[propName] = value`
- `has(obj, propName)` - alternative to `propName in obj`
- `deleteProperty(obj, propName)` - alternative to `delete obj[propName]`
- `construct(ctorFn, args)` - alternative to using `new ctorFn(...args)`
- `apply(fn, thisValue, args)` - alternative to using `fn.apply(thisValue, args)`
- `getOwnPropertyDescriptor(obj, propName)` - similar to same function in `Object`
- `defineProperty(obj, propName, propAttrs)` - similar to same function in `Object`
- `getPrototypeOf(obj)` - same as function in `Object`
- `setPrototypeOf(obj, prototype)` - changes prototype of `obj`
- `ownKeys(obj)` - returns an array of string and symbol keys
- `enumerate(obj)` - returns an iterator over all string keys (not symbols) including those in prototype chain
- `isExtensible(obj)` - same as function in `Object`
- `preventExtensions(obj)` - similar to same function in `Object`



# Getting Object Keys

|                                           | string<br>keys | symbol<br>keys | only<br>own | only<br>enumerable |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <code>Object.keys</code>                  | ✓              |                | ✓           | ✓                  |
| <code>Object.getOwnPropertyNames</code>   | ✓              |                | ✓           |                    |
| <code>Object.getOwnPropertySymbols</code> |                | ✓              | ✓           |                    |
| <code>Reflect.ownKeys</code>              | ✓              | ✓              | ✓           |                    |
| <code>Reflect.enumerate</code>            | ✓              |                |             | ✓                  |



# for-of Loops

- New way of iterating over elements in an “iterable”
  - for arrays, this is an alternative to for-in loop and `Array.forEach` method
- Iteration variable is scoped to loop
- Value after `of` can be anything that is iterable such as an array
  - iterators are described later
- Example

```
let stooges = ['Moe', 'Larry', 'Curly'];
for (let stooge of stooges) {
 console.log(stooge);
}
```



# Collections

- New collection classes include
  - **Set**
  - **Map**
  - **WeakSet**
  - **WeakMap**



# Set Class ...

- Instances hold collections of unique values
  - when values are objects, they are compared by reference
- Values can be any type including objects and arrays could store references to DOM nodes
- To create, `let mySet = new Set()`
  - can pass iterable object (such as an array) to constructor to add all its elements
- To add an element, `mySet.add(value)` ; can chain to add multiple values
- To test for element, `mySet.has(value)`
- To delete an element, `mySet.delete(value)`
- To delete all elements, `mySet.clear()`



# ... Set Class

- **size** property holds number of keys
- **keys** method returns iterator over elements
- **values** method returns iterator over elements
  - used by default in for-of loop
- **entries** method returns iterator over [element, element] pairs
- **forEach** method is like in that in **Array**, but passes *value*, *value* and the set to callback

these  
iterate in  
insertion  
order

methods for **Set** iteration  
treat sets like maps  
where corresponding keys  
and values are equal  
for API consistency

**iterators** are  
described later



# Common Set Operations

- All of these work by creating **Arrays** from **Sets**, operating on them, and creating a new **Set**

- Map 

```
let newSet = new Set([...set].map(elem => some-code));
```

- Filter 

```
let newSet = new Set([...set].filter(elem => some-code));
```

- Union

```
let union = new Set([...set1, ...set2]);
```

- Intersection

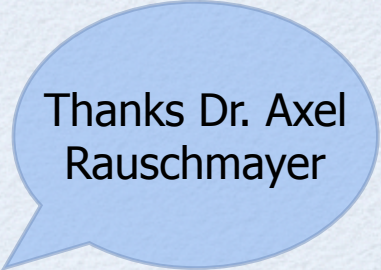
```
let intersection = new Set([...set1].filter(elem => set2.has(elem)));
```

- Difference

```
let union = new Set([...set1].filter(elem => !set2.has(elem)));
```

- Remove duplicates from an array

```
let newArr = [...new Set(arr)];
```



Thanks Dr. Axel Rauschmayer



# Set Example

```
let colors = new Set();
colors.add('red');
colors.add('green');
colors.add('blue');
colors.add('red');

// Another way to populate a Set
let arr = ['red', 'green', 'blue', 'red'];
colors = new Set(arr);

console.log(colors.size); // 3
console.log(colors.has('red')); // true
console.log(colors.has('pink')); // false

console.log('\nkeys are:');
colors.forEach(key => console.log(key));
// red green blue
```

```
console.log('\nvalues are:');
for (let value of colors.values()) {
 console.log(value); // red green blue
}
for (let value of colors) { // same
 console.log(value); // red green blue
}

console.log('\nentries are:');
for (let entry of colors.entries()) {
 console.log(entry);
 // ['red', 'red']
 // ['green', 'green']
 // ['blue', 'blue']
}

colors.delete('red');
console.log(colors.size); // 2
console.log(colors.has('red')); // false
```



# Map Class ...

- Instances hold key/value pairs where keys are unique
  - when keys are objects, they are compared by reference
- Keys and values can be any type including objects and arrays
  - differs from JavaScript objects in that keys are not restricted to strings
- To create, `let myMap = new Map()`
  - can pass iterable object to constructor to add all its pairs (ex. array of `[key, value]`)
- To add or modify a pair, `map.set(key, value)`
- To get a value, `myMap.get(key)` ;
  - returns `undefined` if not present
- To test for key, `myMap.has(key)`
- To delete a pair, `myMap.delete(key)`
- To delete all pairs, `myMap.clear()`
- `size` property holds number of keys

could use DOM nodes  
as keys or values

can chain to add/modify multiple values



# ... Map Class

- **size** property holds number of keys
- **keys** method returns iterator over keys
- **values** method returns iterator over values
- **entries** method returns iterator over array of [*key*, *value*] arrays
  - used by default in for-of loop
- **forEach** method is like in Array, but passes *value*, *key* and *map* to callback

these  
iterate in  
insertion  
order



# Common Map Operations

- Map

an array of key/value arrays

```
let newMap = new Map([...map].map(
 ([key, value]) => [new-key-expr, new-value-expr]));
```

- Filter

```
let newMap = new Map([...map].filter(
 ([key, value]) => boolean-expr));
```

Thanks Dr. Axel  
Rauschmayer



# Map Example

```
let teams = new Map();
teams.set('Chicago', 'Cubs');
teams.set('Kansas City', 'Royals');
teams.set('St. Louis', 'Cardinals');

// Another way to populate a Map
let arr = [
 ['Chicago', 'Cubs'],
 ['Kansas City', 'Royals'],
 ['St. Louis', 'Cardinals']
];
teams = new Map(arr);

console.log(teams.size); // 3
console.log(teams.has('St. Louis')); // true
console.log(teams.has('Los Angeles')); // false
console.log(teams.get('St. Louis')); // Cardinals

console.log('\nkeys are:');
teams.forEach((value, key) => console.log(key));
// Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis

// Another way to iterate over keys
for (let key of teams.keys()) {
 console.log(key);
 // Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis
}
```

```
console.log('\nvalues are:');
for (let value of teams.values()) {
 console.log(value);
 // Cubs, Royals, Cardinals
}

console.log('\nentries are:');
for (let entry of teams.entries()) {
 console.log(entry);
 // ['Chicago', 'Cubs']
 // ['Kansas City', 'Royals']
 // ['St. Louis', 'Cardinals']
}

for (let [city, team] of teams) { // same
 console.log(
 'The', team, 'plays in', city);
}

teams.delete('Chicago');
console.log(teams.size); // 2
console.log(teams.has('Chicago')); // false
```



# WeakSet Class

supported by Babel, but not Traceur

- Similar API to `Set`, but differs in that
  - values must be objects
  - values are “weakly held”,  
i.e. can be garbage collected if not referenced elsewhere
  - don’t have a `size` property
  - can’t iterate over values
  - no `clear` method to remove all elements



# WeakMap Class

supported by Babel, but not Traceur

- Similar API to **Map**, but differs in that
  - keys must be objects
  - keys are “weakly held”,  
i.e. a pair can be garbage collected if the key is not referenced elsewhere
    - at that point the value can be garbage collected if not referenced elsewhere
  - don’t have a **size** property
  - can’t iterate over keys or values
  - no **clear** method to remove all pairs



# Promises ...

- Proxy for a value that may be known in the future after an asynchronous operation completes
- Create with **Promise** constructor, passing it a function that takes **resolve** and **reject** functions
- Register to be notified when promise is **resolved** or **rejected** with **then** or **catch** method
  - **then** method takes success and failure callbacks and returns a **Promise** to support chaining
  - **catch** method only takes failure callback
  - "success callback" is passed a value of any kind
  - "failure callback" is passed a "reason" which can be an **Error** object or a string
- Can call **then** on a promise after it has been resolved or rejected
  - the success or failure callback is called immediately
- Three possible states: pending, fulfilled, and rejected
  - once state is fulfilled or rejected, can't return to pending

call omit  
one callback



# ... Promises ...

```
function asyncDouble(n) {
 return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
 if (typeof n === 'number') {
 resolve(n * 2);
 } else {
 reject(n + ' is not a number');
 }
 });
}

asyncDouble(3).then(
 data => console.log('data =', data), // 6
 err => console.error('error:', err));
```

in real usage, some asynchronous operation would happen above

- Static methods

- `Promise.resolve(value)` returns promise that is resolved immediately with given value
- `Promise.reject(reason)` returns promise that is rejected immediately with given reason
- `Promise.all(iterable)` returns promise that is resolved when all promises in *iterable* are resolved
  - resolves to array of results in order of provided promises
  - if any are rejected, this promise is rejected
- `Promise.race(iterable)` returns promise that is resolved when any promise in *iterable* is resolved or rejected when any promise in *iterable* is rejected



# ... Promises ...

- Supports chaining to reduces code nesting

```
asyncDouble(1) .
 then(v => asyncDouble(v)) .
 then(v => asyncDouble(v)) .
 //then(v => asyncDouble('bad')) .
 then(v => console.log('success: v =', v)) .
 catch(err => console.error('error:', err));
```

**asyncDouble**  
returns a **Promise**

**Output**  
success: v = 8

- Some fine print
  - if a success callback returns a non-**Promise** value,  
it becomes the resolved value of the **Promise** returned by **then**
  - if a success callback returns a **Promise** value,  
it becomes the **Promise** returned by **then**
  - if any **Promise** in the chain is rejected or throws,  
the next failure callback in the chain receives it
  - if a failure callback returns a value,  
it becomes the resolve value for the next success callback in the chain



# ... Promises

- If an error is thrown inside a success or failure callback the promise returned by **then** is rejected

```
let p = asyncDouble(3).then(
 v => {
 // This causes the promise returned by
 // the call to then above to be rejected.
 throw 'Did you see this?';
 },
 err => console.error('error:', err)); // not reached

p.then(
 value => console.log('resolved with', value),
 reason => console.log('rejected with', reason));
// Output is "rejected with Did you see this?"
```



# Modules

- A JavaScript file that is imported by another is treated as a “module”
  - defined by a single, entire source file
  - contents are not wrapped in any special construct
  - also code in an HTML `<module>` tag is treated as a “module” (will anyone use this?)
- Modules typically export values to be shared with other files that import it
- Top-level variables and functions that are not exported are not visible in other source files (like in Node.js)
- Module code is evaluated in strict mode by default
  - no need to specify `'use strict';`
- Supports cyclic module dependencies
- Enables APIs to be defined in modules instead of global variables
  - eliminates need to use objects for namespaces - ex. `JSON` and `Math`
  - future versions of jQuery `$` and Underscore `_` will be defined using modules



# Modules - Exporting

- Can export any number of values from a module
  - values can be any JavaScript type including functions and classes
  - can optionally specify a default export which is actually a named export with the name "default"

- To export a value

- `export let name = value;`
  - `export function name(params) { ... }`
  - `export class name { ... }`

- To export multiple, previously defined values

- `export {name1, name2 as other-name2, ...};`

note ability to export a value under a different name

- To specify a default export

- `export default expr;`
  - `export {name as default};`
  - `export default function (params) { ... };`
  - `export default class { ... };`

same as previous line if value of *name* is *expr*



# Modules - Importing

- Can import values from other modules
- To import all exports into a single object
  - `import * as obj from 'module-path';`
  - `obj` is read-only
- To import specific exports
  - `import {name1, name2 as other-name, ...} from 'module-path';`
- To import the default export
  - `import name from 'module-path';`
  - `import {default as name} from 'module-path';`
- To import the default export and specific exports
  - `import default-name, {name1, name2, ...} from 'module-path';`
- To import a module only for its side effects
  - `import 'module-path';`

module paths **do not** include `.js` file extension;  
relative to containing file;  
can start with `./` (the default) or `../`

note ability to import a value  
under a different name

same as previous line

bindings from imports  
are read-only



# More on Modules

- A module can export values from another module without first importing them

- adds to its own exports

- `export * from 'module-path';` exports everything exported by the given module

- `export {name1, name2 as other-name} from 'module-path';`

- Module Loader API

- supports conditionally loading modules

- allows customized resolving of '*module-path*' strings (see `Reflect.Loader`)

```
System.import('module-path').
 then(theModule => { ... }).
 catch(err => { ... });
```

- `System.import` returns a promise

- can use `Promise.all` to wait for multiple modules to be loaded

- there is much more to this!



# Modules in Traceur ...

- To transpile ES6 files that use modules
  - transpile just main file to generate a single ES5 file that contains all required code
  - `traceur --out main.js --source-maps main6.js`
- Traceur generated source maps support modules
  - can step through each of the original ES6 files that make up a single generated ES5 file
- Use in browsers requires `traceur-runtime.js`
  - if Traceur was installed using `npm install -g traceur`, determine where global modules are installed with `npm -g root` and copy `traceur-runtime.js` from `traceur/bin` below that directory
  - add `script` tag for this in main HTML file




# ... Modules in Traceur

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>bar6.js</b><br><pre>export let bar1 = 'the value of bar1';<br/><br/>export function bar2() {<br/>  console.log('in bar2');<br/>}</pre>                                                                                                  | <b>index.html</b><br><pre>&lt;html&gt;<br/>  &lt;head&gt;<br/>    &lt;title&gt;&lt;/title&gt;<br/>    &lt;script src="lib/traceur-runtime.js"&gt;&lt;/script&gt;<br/>    &lt;script src="gen/main.js"&gt;&lt;/script&gt;<br/>  &lt;/head&gt;<br/>  &lt;body&gt;<br/>    See console output.<br/>  &lt;/body&gt;<br/>&lt;/html&gt;</pre> |
| <b>foo6.js</b><br><pre>import {bar1, bar2} from './bar6';<br/><br/>export let fool = 'the value of fool';<br/>console.log('foo6: bar1 =', bar1);<br/><br/>export function foo2() {<br/>  console.log('in foo2');<br/>  bar2();<br/>}</pre> | <p>To run from command-line:<br/>traceur main6</p> <p>To generate ES5 and source map:<br/>traceur --out gen/main.js \<br/>--source-maps main6.js</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>main6.js</b><br><pre>import {fool, foo2} from './foo6';<br/>console.log('in main');<br/>console.log('fool =', fool);<br/>foo2();</pre>                                                                                                  | <p><b>Output:</b></p> <pre>foo6: bar1 = the value of bar1<br/>in main<br/>fool = the value of fool<br/>in foo2<br/>in bar2</pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



# Guy Bedford Rocks!



- **ES6 Module Loader** - <https://github.com/ModuleLoader/es6-module-loader>
  - "dynamically loads ES6 modules in browsers and NodeJS"
  - will track "JavaScript Loader Standard" at <https://github.com/whatwg/loader>
- **SystemJS** - <https://github.com/systemjs/systemjs>
  - "universal dynamic module loader - loads ES6 modules (using **ES6 Module Loader**), AMD, CommonJS, and global scripts (like jQuery and lo-dash) in the browser and NodeJS."
  - dependency management handles circular references and modules that depend on different versions of the same module (like Node.js does)
  - supports "loading assets ... such as CSS, JSON or images"
- **jspm** - <http://jspm.io> and <https://github.com/jspm> 
  - JavaScript Package Manager for **SystemJS**
  - "load any module format (ES6, AMD, CommonJS, and globals) directly from any endpoint such as **npm** and **GitHub**"
  - "custom endpoints can be created"
  - "for development, load modules as separate files with ES6"
  - "for production, optimize into a bundle ... with a single command"

all of these support  
Traceur and Babel



# Using jspm ...

- **To install and configure jspm**

- `npm install -g jspm`
- `jspm init`
  - prompts and creates `package.json` and `config.js`
  - can accept all defaults
- create `index.html`
- setup a local file server
  - a good option is live-server
  - `npm install -g live-server`
  - `live-server`
- browse localhost:8080
- automatically transpiles using Traceur (default) or Babel
- automatically generates sourcemaps

- **To install modules**

lesser used modules  
require jspm configuration  
before they can be installed

- for packages in npm
  - `jspm install npm:module-name` (ex. jsonp)
  - by default, installs in `jspm_packages/npm`
- for packages in GitHub
  - `jspm install github:module-name`
  - by default, installs in `jspm_packages/github`
- for well-known packages
  - `jspm install module-name`
  - includes angularjs, bootstrap, d3, jquery, lodash, moment, and underscore
  - see list at <https://github.com/jspm/registry/blob/master/registry.json>
- adds dependencies to `package.json`
- adds `System.config` call in `config.js`



# ... Using jspm

- **To reinstall dependencies**

- similar to npm, run `jspm install`
- recreates and populates `jspm_packages` directory
- recreates `config.js` if it is missing

- **To make your own packages compatible with jspm**

- see <https://github.com/jspm/registry/wiki/Configuring-Packages-for-jspm>
- can publish in npm or GitHub
- allows others to install them using jspm

- **To bundle for production**

- `jspm bundle-sfx --minify main`
- removes all dynamic loading and transpiling
- generates `build.js` and `build.js.map`
- replace all script tags in main HTML file with one for `build.js`
- if using Traceur, add  

```
<script src="jspm_packages/traceur-runtime.js">
</script>
```
- there are other bundling options, but this seems like the best
- won't be necessary in the future when browsers support HTTP2
  - will be able to download many files efficiently
  - today browsers limit concurrent HTTP requests to the same domain to 6 or 8

sfx is short for  
"self executing"



# jspm Example #1

the basics plus a little jQuery

```
jspm install jquery
```

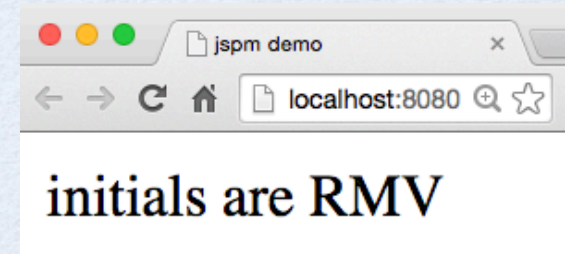
```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <head>...</head>
 <body>
 <div id="content"></div>

 <!-- Enable ES6 module loading and more. -->
 <script src="jspm_packages/system.js"></script>

 <!-- Enable loading dependencies
 that were installed with jspm. -->
 <script src="config.js"></script>

 <!-- Load the main JavaScript file
 that can import others. In this
 example, main.js is in same directory.
 Can also specify a relative directory path. -->
 <script>System.import('main');</script>
 </body>
</html>
```

index.html



```
import $ from 'jquery';
import * as strUtil from './str-util';

$('#content').text('initials are ' +
 strUtil.initials(
 'Richard Mark Volkmann')); main.js
```

```
export function initials(text) {
 return text.split(' ').
 map(word => word[0]).
 join('');
} str-util.js
```



# jspm Example #2

jspm install bootstrap

adds Bootstrap and more jQuery

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <head>
 <title>jspm demo</title>
 <meta charset="utf-8">
 <link rel="stylesheet" href="main.css">
 <script src="jspm_packages/system.js"></script>
 <script src="config.js"></script>
 <script>System.import('main');</script>
 </head>
 <body>
 <label>Name</label>
 <input id="name-input"
 class="form-control"
 value="Richard Mark Volkmann">
 <button id="get-initials-btn"
 class="btn btn-default">
 Get Initials
 </button>
 <div id="content"></div>
 </body>
</html>
```

index.html

```
body {
 display: none;
 padding: 10px;
}

input.form-control {
 display: inline-block;
 vertical-align: middle;
 width: 180px;
}
```

main.css

```
import 'bootstrap';
import $ from 'jquery';
import * as strUtil from './str-util';

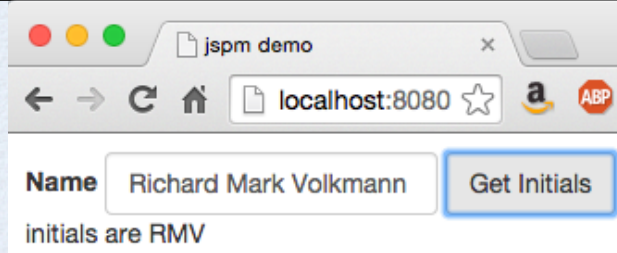
$('#get-initials-btn').click(() => {
 let name = $('#name-input').val();
 let initials = strUtil.initials(name);
 $('#content').text(
 'initials are ' + initials);
});

$('body').show();
```

main.js

```
export function initials(text) {
 return text.split(' ').
 map(word => word[0]).
 join('');
}
```

str-util.js





# Iterators and Iterables

- Iterators are objects that can visit elements in a sequence
  - not created with a custom class; can be `Object`
  - have a `next` method and optional `return` and `throw` methods
    - described on next slide
- Iterables are objects that have a method whose name is the value of `Symbol.iterator`
  - this method returns an iterator



# Iterator Methods

## Why return a new object from **next** method instead of returning the same object with modified **value** and **done** properties?

It is possible for an iterator to be used by more than one consumer and those consumers could access the object returned by **next** asynchronously. If each call doesn't return a new object, its properties could be modified after the object is received, but before it checks the properties. While this is a rare situation, implementers of iterators can't be sure how they will be used.

**yield** and generators will be discussed soon

- **next** method
  - gets next value in sequence
  - takes optional argument, but not on first call
    - specifies value that the **yield** hit in this call will return at the start of processing for the next call
  - returns a **new object** with **value** and **done** properties
  - **done** will be true if end of sequence has been reached; can omit if false
  - when **done** is true, **value** is not valid; typically **undefined**; can omit
- **return** method (optional)
  - called if iteration ends before iterator returns **done: true**
  - can end iteration with **break**, **return**, **throw**, and **continue** (with label of outer loop; rarely used)
  - allows iterator to clean up (ex. close files)
- **throw** method (optional)
  - takes error argument and throws it inside generator function that created the iterator
  - can catch inside generator function



# Iterable Objects ...

- Objects from these builtin classes are iterable
  - **Array** - over elements
  - **Map** - over key/value pairs as [*key*, *value*]
  - **Set** - over elements
  - DOM **NodeList** - over **Node** objects (coming soon)
- Primitive strings are iterable
  - over Unicode code points
- These methods on **Array** (including typed arrays), **Map**, and **Set** return an iterable
  - **entries** - over key/value pairs as [*key*, *value*]
  - **keys** - over keys
  - **values** - over values
- Custom objects can be made iterable
  - by adding **Symbol.iterator** method

for arrays, keys are indices;  
for sets, keys are same as values



# ... Iterable Objects

- To get an iterable representation of an array-like object
  - `let iterable = Array.from(arrayLike)`
- **Ordinary objects** such as those created from object literals are **not iterable**
  - when this is desired, use new `Map` class instead **or** write a function like the following

```
function objectEntries(obj) {
 let index = 0;
 let keys = Reflect.ownKeys(obj); // gets both string and symbol keys
 return { // note how the iterable and iterator can be same object
 [Symbol.iterator]() { return this; },
 next() {
 if (index === keys.length) return {done: true};
 let k = keys[index++], v = obj[k];
 return {value: [k, v]};
 }
 };
}

let obj = {foo: 1, bar: 2, baz: 3};
for (let [k, v] of objectEntries(obj)) {
 console.log(k, 'is', v);
}
```



# Iterable Consumers

- **for-of** loop
  - `for (let value of someIterable) { ... } // iterates over all values`
- **spread operator**
  - can add all values from an iterable into a new array
    - `let arr = [firstElem, ...someIterable, lastElem];`
  - can use all values from iterable as arguments to a function, method, or constructor call
    - `someFunction(firstArg, ...someIterable, lastArg);`
- **destructuring to an array**
  - `let [a, b, c] = someIterable; // gets first three values`
- **Map** constructor takes an iterable over key/value pairs
- **Set** constructor takes an iterable over elements
- **Promise** methods **all** and **race** take an iterable over promises
- In a generator, **yield\*** yields all values in an iterable one at a time



# Iterator Example #1

```
let fibonacci = {
 [Symbol.iterator]() {
 let prev = 0, curr = 1;
 return {
 next() {
 [prev, curr] = [curr, prev + curr];
 return {value: curr};
 }
 };
 }
};

for (let n of fibonacci) {
 if (n > 100) break;
 console.log(n);
}
```

iterators can also be implemented  
with generators - see slide 89

1  
2  
3  
5  
8  
13  
21  
34  
55  
89

stops iterating when  
done is true which never  
happens in this example



# Iterator Example #2

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11];
let isOdd = n => n % 2 === 1;

// This is less efficient than using an iterator because
// the Array filter method builds a new array and
// iteration cannot begin until that completes.
arr.filter(isOdd).forEach(n => console.log(n)); // 1 3 5 11

// This is more efficient, but requires more code.
function getFilterIterator(arr, filter) {
 let index = 0;
 return {
 [Symbol.iterator] = () => ({
 next() {
 while (true) {
 if (index >= arr.length) return {done: true};
 let value = arr[index++];
 if (filter(value)) return {value};
 }
 }
 })
 };
}

for (let v of getFilterIterator(arr, isOdd)) {
 console.log(v); // 1 3 5 11
}
```



# Generators

- **Generator functions**
  - implicitly return a **generator** which is a special kind of **iterator**
  - have multiple return points, each specified using **yield** keyword
  - each **yield** is hit in a separate call to the iterator **next** method
- Can obtain values from a sequence one at a time
  - supports lazy evaluation and infinite sequences
- Defined with **function\* *name*(*params*) { *code* }**
  - *code* uses **yield** keyword to return each value in sequence, often inside a loop
  - ends when generator function exits
    - can exit using **return** keyword; value returned is not yielded
- Can create generator methods in class definitions
  - preceded method name with **\***
  - ex. to make instances iterable, **\* [Symbol.iterator]() { ... }**



# Steps to Use Generators

- 1) Call generator function to obtain generator
- 2) Call generator **next** method to request next value
  - optionally pass a value that iterator can use to compute the subsequent value
  - after iterator “yields” next value, its code is “suspended” until next request
- 3) Process value
- 4) Repeat from step 2

When an iterator is used in a **for-of** loop it performs steps 2 and 4. Step 3 goes in loop body.

```
for (let v of someGenerator()) {
 // process v
}
```



# Generator `yield`

- To return a “normal” value

- `yield value;`

```
function* fibonacci() {
 let [prev, curr] = [0, 1];
 while (true) {
 [prev, curr] = [curr, prev + curr];
 yield curr;
 }
}

for (let value of fibonacci()) {
 if (value > 100) break;
 console.log(value);
}
```

compare to  
slide 85

1  
2  
3  
5  
8  
13  
21  
34  
55  
89

```
// Iterables can be
// implemented with generators.
let fib = {
 * [Symbol.iterator]() {
 let [prev, curr] = [0, 1];
 while (true) {
 [prev, curr] = [curr, prev + curr];
 yield curr;
 }
 }
};

for (let n of fib) {
 if (n > 100) break;
 console.log(n);
}
```

- To yield each value returned by an iterable one at a time

- `yield* some-iterable;`
- can obtain an iterable by calling another generator function - `otherGenerator(params)` ;
- not commonly used



# More Generator Examples

```
function* gen2(v) {
 try {
 v = yield 'foo' + v;
 v = yield 'bar' + v;
 yield 'baz' + v;
 } catch (e) {
 console.error('caught', e);
 }
}
```

```
function* gen1() {
 yield 'foo';
 yield 'bar';
 yield 'baz';
}

for (let value of gen1()) {
 console.log(value);
}
```

```
let iter = gen2(1); // can pass value to generator function,
let result = iter.next(); // but can't pass in first call to next
console.log(result.value); // foo1; result.done is false
```

```
result = iter.next(2);
console.log(result.value); // bar2; result.done is false
```

```
//iter.throw('stop now'); // triggers catch in gen2
```

```
result = iter.next(3);
console.log(result.value); // baz3; result.done is false
```

```
result = iter.next(4);
console.log(result.done ? 'done' : result.value); // done
```



# Generators For Async ...

workflow.js

```
function double(n) {
 return new Promise(resolve => resolve(n * 2));
}
```

multiplies a given number  
by 2 asynchronously

```
function triple(n) {
 return new Promise(resolve => resolve(n * 3));
}
```

multiplies a given number  
by 3 asynchronously

```
function badOp(n) {
 return new Promise((resolve, reject) => reject('I failed!'));
}
```

called on  
next slide

```
function async(generatorFn) {
 let iter = generatorFn();
 function success(result) {
 let next = iter.next(result);
 // next.value is a promise
 // next.done will be true if iter.next is called after
 // the last yield in workflow (on next slide) has run.
 if (!next.done) next.value.then(success, failure);
 }
 function failure(err) {
 let next = iter.throw(err);
 // next.value is a promise
 // next.done will be false if the error was caught and handled.
 if (!next.done) next.value.then(success, failure);
 }
 success();
}
```

The magic! This obtains and waits for each of the promises  
that are yielded by the specified generator function.  
It is a utility method that would only be written once.

**BUT DON'T DO THIS!**  
See `async` and `await`  
keywords ahead.

compare to  
slide 98



# ... Generators for Async

Call multiple asynchronous functions in series in a way that makes them appear to be synchronous. This avoids writing code in the pyramid of doom style.

```
async(function* () { // passing a generator
 let n = 1;
 try {
 n = yield double(n);
 n = yield triple(n);
 //n = yield badOp(n);
 console.log('n =', n); // 6
 } catch (e) {
 // To see this happen, uncomment yield of badOp.
 console.error('error:', e);
 }
});
```

These yield promises that the `async` function waits on to be resolved or rejected.

This can be simplified with new ES7 keywords!



# Proxies ...

- Can intercept all operations whose names match functions on the **Reflect** object
  - see slide 51
  - can provide additional or alternate functionality
- Uses new **Proxy** class
  - constructor takes "target" (the object for which operations are to be intercepted) and "handler" (an object that defines alternate handling)
- Must use proxy object instead of target object or interceptions won't occur!
- Methods called on proxy that aren't defined there are forwarded to the target object
- Can create proxies that can be later turned off (revoked)
  - after being revoked, calls on proxies object are just forwarded to target
- Proxies can be the prototype of other objects
- Support - currently only Firefox; no transpilers



# ... Proxies

```
var obj = {
 p1: 'some value',
 m1: () => 'm1 result',
 m2: () => 'm2 result'
};
```

At the time this was written, only Firefox supported proxies. However, there were other ES6 features it did not yet support such as "let" and enhanced object literals.

```
var proxy = new Proxy(obj, {
 get: (target, key) => {
 console.log('intercepted get for key =', key);
 var value = target[key];
 return value === undefined ? () => 'missing method ' + key :
 typeof value === 'string' ? value.toUpperCase() :
 value;
 },
 set: (target, key, value) => {
 console.log('intercepted set for key =', key);
 target[key] = value;
 }
});
```

// Replace a method on obj with a proxy for it.

```
obj.m1 = new Proxy(obj.m1, {
 apply: (fn, target, args) => {
 console.log('intercepted call to function', fn);
 var result = fn.apply(target, args);
 return typeof result === 'string' ? result.toUpperCase() : value;
 }
});
```

This works because functions are objects.

```
proxy.p1 = 'other value';
console.log('proxy.p1 =', proxy.p1);
console.log('obj.p1 =', obj.p1);
```

```
console.log('proxy.m1() =', proxy.m1()); // has a proxy
console.log('proxy.m2() =', proxy.m2()); // doesn't have a proxy
```

```
console.log(proxy.makeMeUpOnTheFly());
```

Proxies **can't distinguish** between gets for **property lookup** and gets for **method calls**, so "method missing" can only be implemented if it can be assumed that all missing property lookups should provide a method. It could only supply methods for key names that match a certain pattern.

## Output

```
intercepted set for key = p1
intercepted get for key = p1
proxy.p1 = OTHER VALUE
obj.p1 = other value
```

```
intercepted get for key = m1
intercepted call to function function obj.m1()
proxy.m1() = M1 RESULT
```

```
intercepted get for key = m2
proxy.m2() = m2 result
```

```
intercepted get for key = makeMeUpOnTheFly
missing method makeMeUpOnTheFly
```



# Tail Call Optimization

- Makes it possible to avoid growing the call stack when making recursive calls or invoking callback functions

continuation passing style (CPS)

- otherwise could exceed maximum call stack allowed
- alternative to recursion is using loops

- Possible when the last operation in a function is a function call

```
function fac(n, acc) {
 return n == 0 ? acc : fac(n - 1, acc * n);
}
function factorial(n) {
 return fac(n, 1);
}
```

- translates to

```
// This version can't use TCO because
// multiplication occurs AFTER the recursive call.
function factorial(n) {
 return n <= 1 ? n : n * factorial(n - 1);
}
```

- Support - currently only Babel; no browsers

```
"use strict";

function fac(_x, _x2) {
 var _again = true;
 _function: while (_again) {
 _again = false;
 var n = _x,
 acc = _x2;
 if (n == 0) {
 return acc;
 } else {
 _x = n - 1;
 _x2 = acc * n;
 _again = true;
 continue _function;
 }
 }
}

function factorial(n) {
 return fac(n, 1);
}
```

a label

why not drop the  
\_again flag, label,  
and continue and  
change the loop  
condition to true?



# What's Next?

- The next version is always referred to as "JS-next"
- Currently that is ES7
- Will include
  - `async` and `await` keywords
  - type annotations
  - new `Object` instance method `observe`
  - array comprehensions
  - generator comprehensions
  - value objects - immutable datatypes for representing many kinds of numbers
  - more



# async and await ...

- Keywords to be added **in ES7**
  - already implemented in Traceur as an experimental feature
  - JSHint doesn't recognize these yet
- Hide use of generators for managing async operations, simplifying code
- Replace use of **yield** keyword with **await** keyword to wait for a value to be returned asynchronously
  - **await** can be called on any function
  - not required to be marked as **async** or return a **Promise**
- Mark functions that use **await** with **async** keyword
- Works in Traceur and Babel now in experimental mode



# ... async and await

```
function sleep(ms) {
 return new Promise(resolve => {
 setTimeout(resolve, ms);
 });
}

async function double(n) {
 await sleep(50);
 return n * 2;
}

function triple(n) {
 return new Promise(resolve => resolve(n * 3));
}

function quadruple(n) {
 return n * 4;
}

function badOp() {
 return new Promise(
 (resolve, reject) => reject('I failed!'));
}
```

compare to  
slides 91-92

async function

function that returns a promise

"normal" function

Call multiple asynchronous functions in series in a way that makes them appear to be synchronous. This avoids writing code in the pyramid of doom style.

```
async function work() {
 let n = 1;
 try {
 n = await double(n);
 n = await triple(n);
 //n = await badOp(n);
 n = await quadruple(n);
 console.log('n =', n); // 24
 } catch (e) {
 // To see this happen,
 // uncomment await of badOp.
 console.error('error:', e);
 }
}

work();
```