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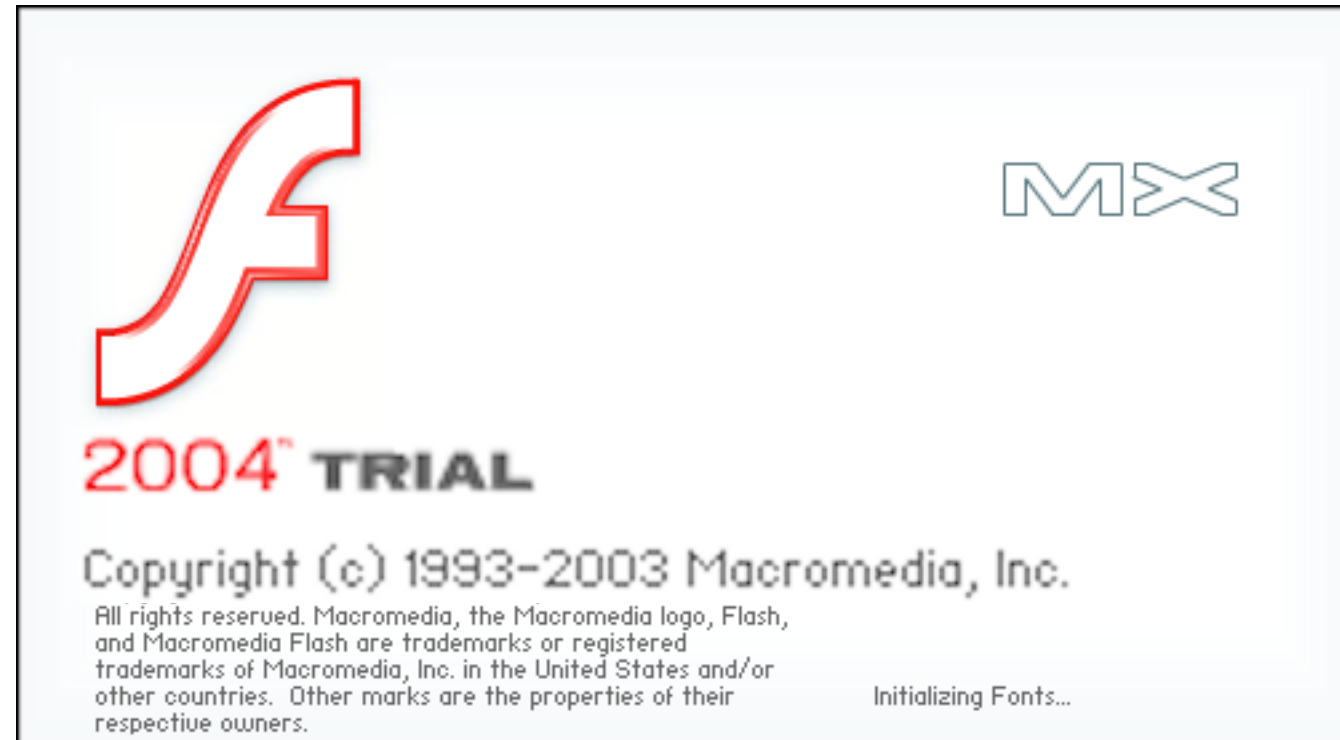


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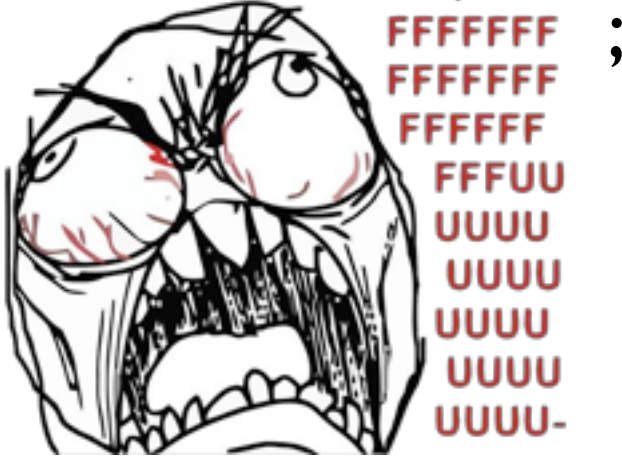
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the **arguments** Object has bloody same Array methods

meanwhile, in 2014 JavaScript

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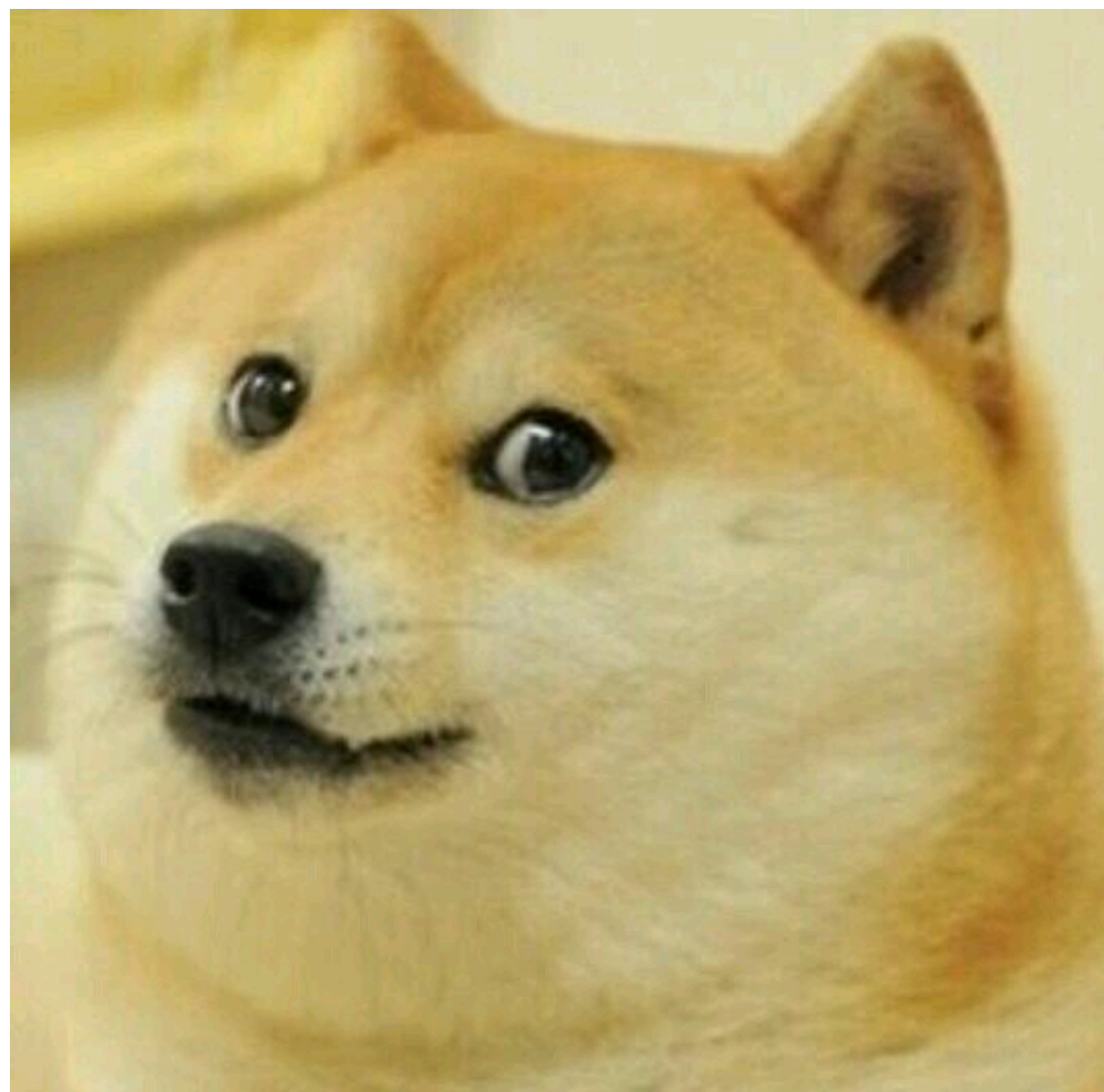
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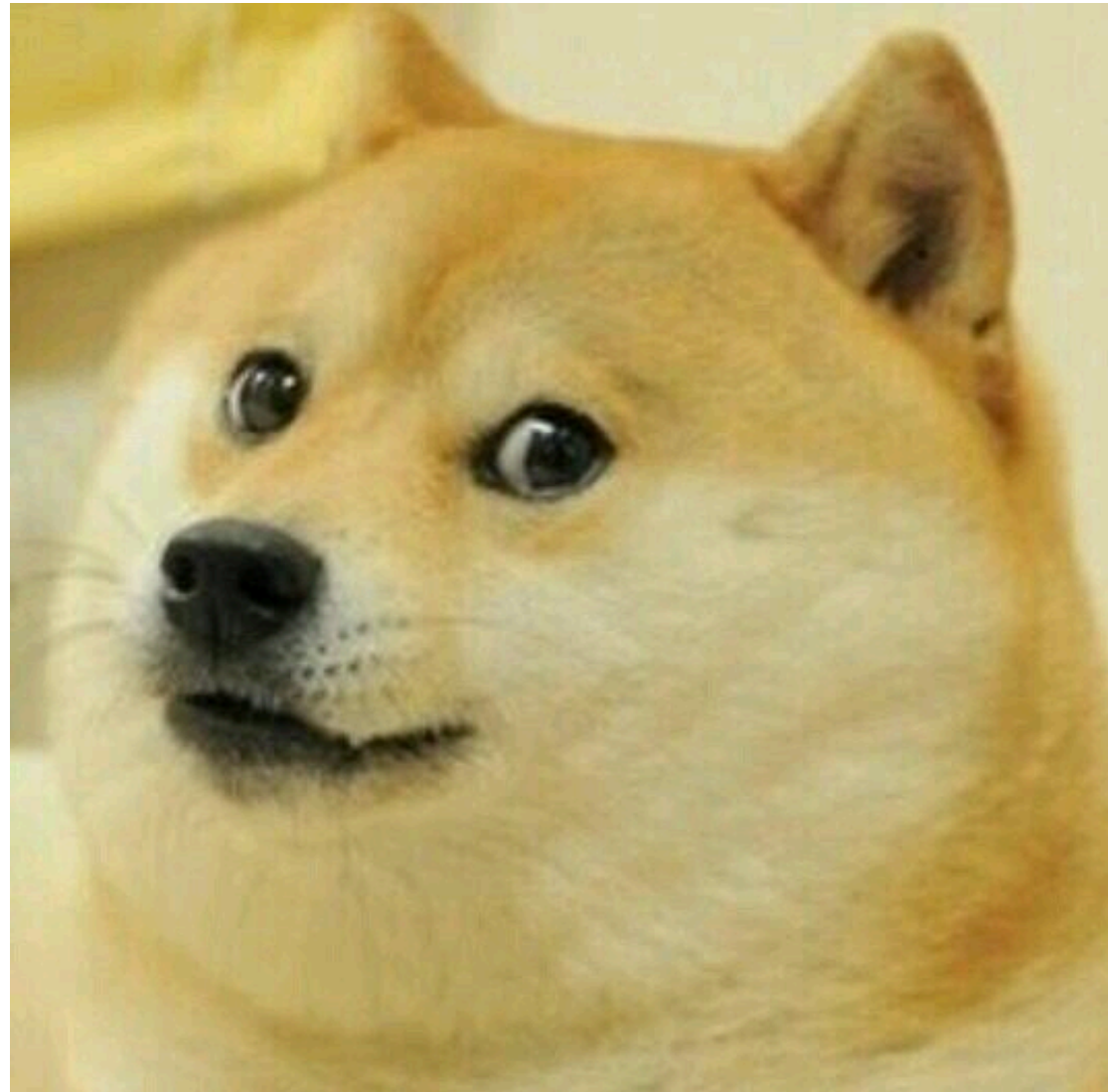
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... plus Optional Types !!!

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... at the very beginning ...

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... “few” beers later ...

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WEB^{2.0} REFLECTION
BEHIND THE DESIGN
WEB REFLECTION

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

JavaScript Act II - AS2.0 like Strict Type with JavaScript

I've just updated my JavaScript public, static, function.

It has been successfully tested with different cases and now its behaviour is like
ActionScript 2.0

With [this function](#), and dedicated Strict shortcut one, You can:

[link](#)

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);
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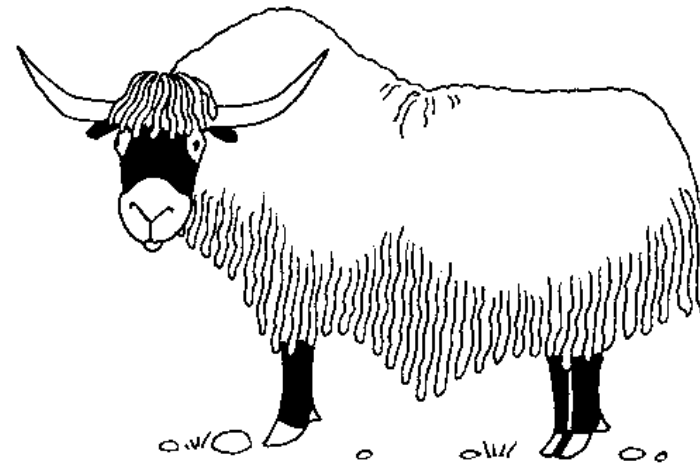
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```
dojo.require("dojox.lang.typed");

TypedClass = dojox.lang.typed(
  dojo.declare("TypedClass", null, {
    constructor: function(makeDefaults){
      if(makeDefaults){
        this.aString = "start";
      }
    },
    add: function(a, b){
      return a + b;
    }
  }));
TypedClass.properties = {
  aString:String, // this is the same aString:{type:"string"}
};
TypedClass.methods = {
  add: {
    parameters:[
      Number,
      Number
    ],
    returns: {type:"number", description: "The sum"}
  }
}
```


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Friday, August 20, 2010

Object.defineProperty ... but Strict!

In my precedent post entitled [A Pascal record via JavaScript](#) I have showed a basic function able to emulate type hints behavior via JavaScript. Even if that was a proof of concept, I consider other languages simulation of unsupported features an error, first of all because the behavior will rarely be exactly the expected one, secondly because our current programming language may already have something similar to better learn and use.

A new ES5(direction)

As soon as I have written the Pascal example, I have realized that the good "old" [Object.defineProperty](#), implemented in all major browsers (IE < 9 sucks, you know that ...), has basically the same meaning: define object accessors.

Object.defineProperty()

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propertyName: {  
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  writable: true/false  
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  configurable: true/false  
  get: Function  
  set: Function  
  value: any  
  
  // my complementary, non obtrusive, info  
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  returns: type|[type1, type2, typeN]  
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// overloads included + backward compatible
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get: {  
  type: "function",  
  returns: "string",  
  arguments: [["string"], ["string", "string", "string"]],  
  value: function (uri, user, pass) {  
    this.open("get", uri, false, pass && user, pass);  
    this.send(null);  
    return this.responseText;  
  }  
}
```

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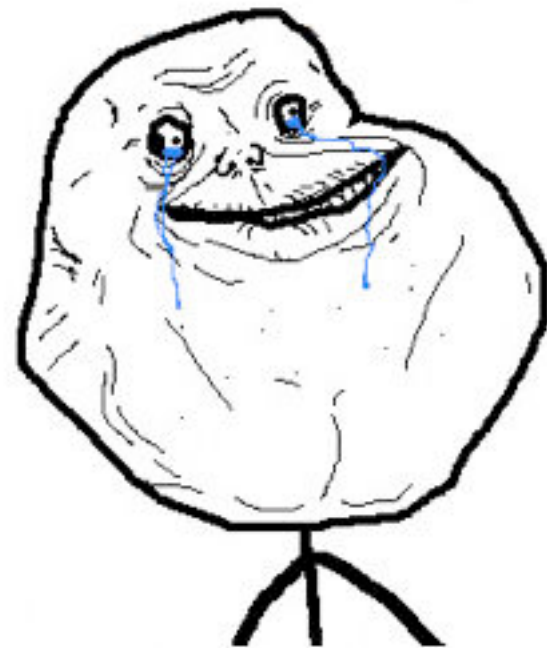
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// overloads included + backward compatible  
// it won't compromise performance in production  
// Object.defineProperty = Object.defineProperties; // DONE!
```

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October 2nd, 2012, 07:43 GMT · By [Bogdan Popa](#)


Microsoft Launches TypeScript Programming Language Based on JavaScript

Version: Latest
OS: Mac OSX
Price: Free





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Microsoft has just released a new programming language called TypeScript and designed to ease the process of creating client-side JavaScript for Windows, Internet Explorer and other browsers or operating systems.

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TypeScript PREVIEW learn

TypeScript

Walkthrough: Classes

Share

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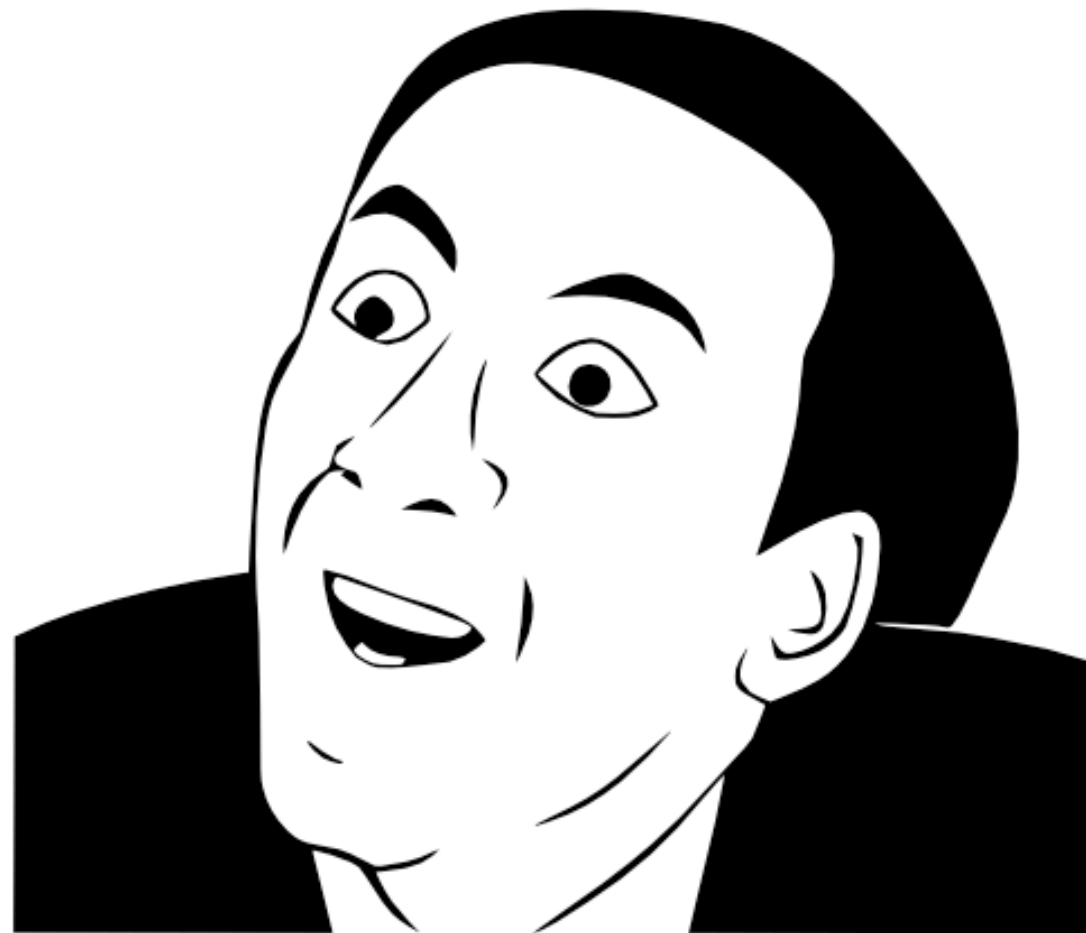
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9 Years In Between!

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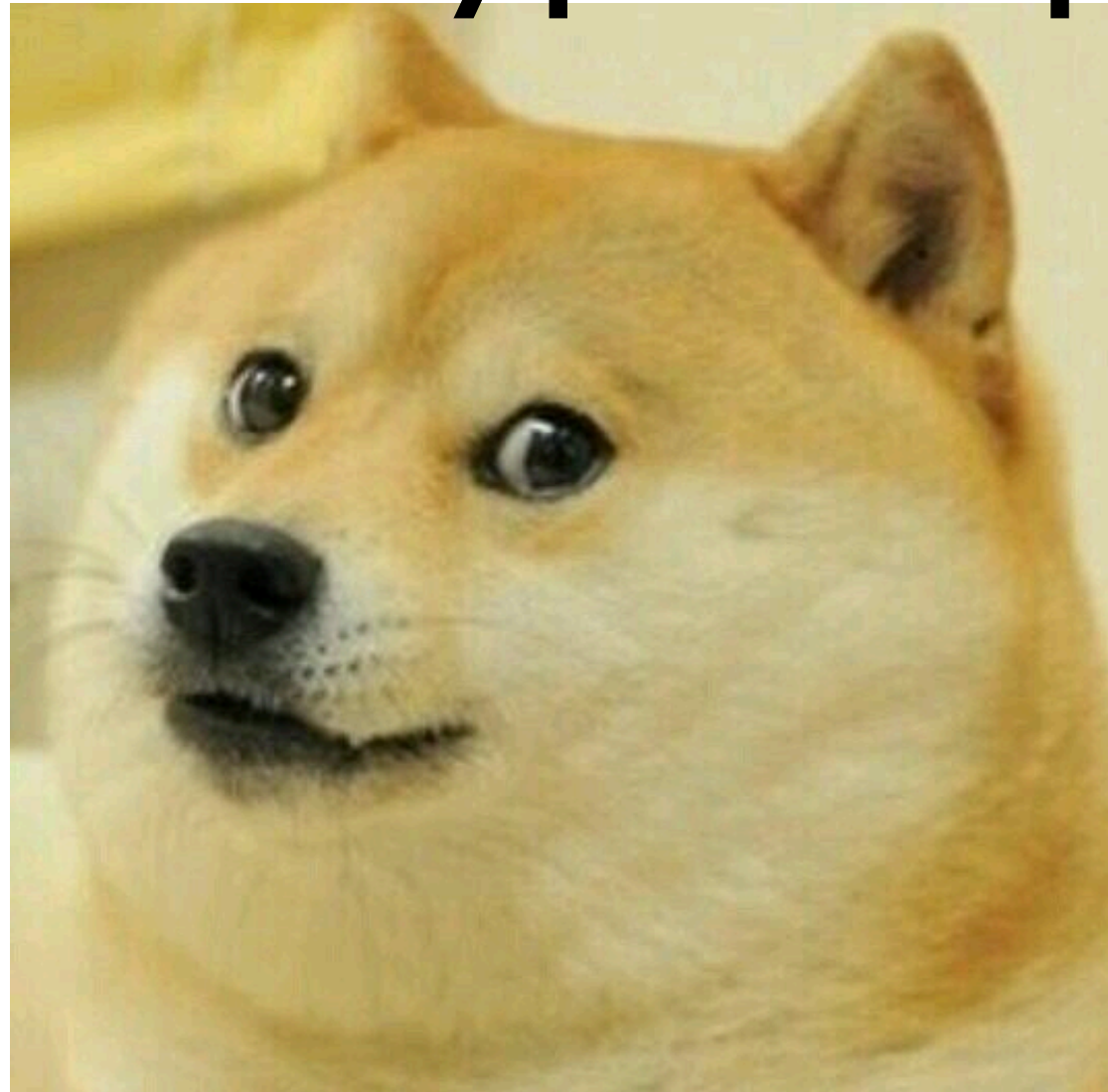
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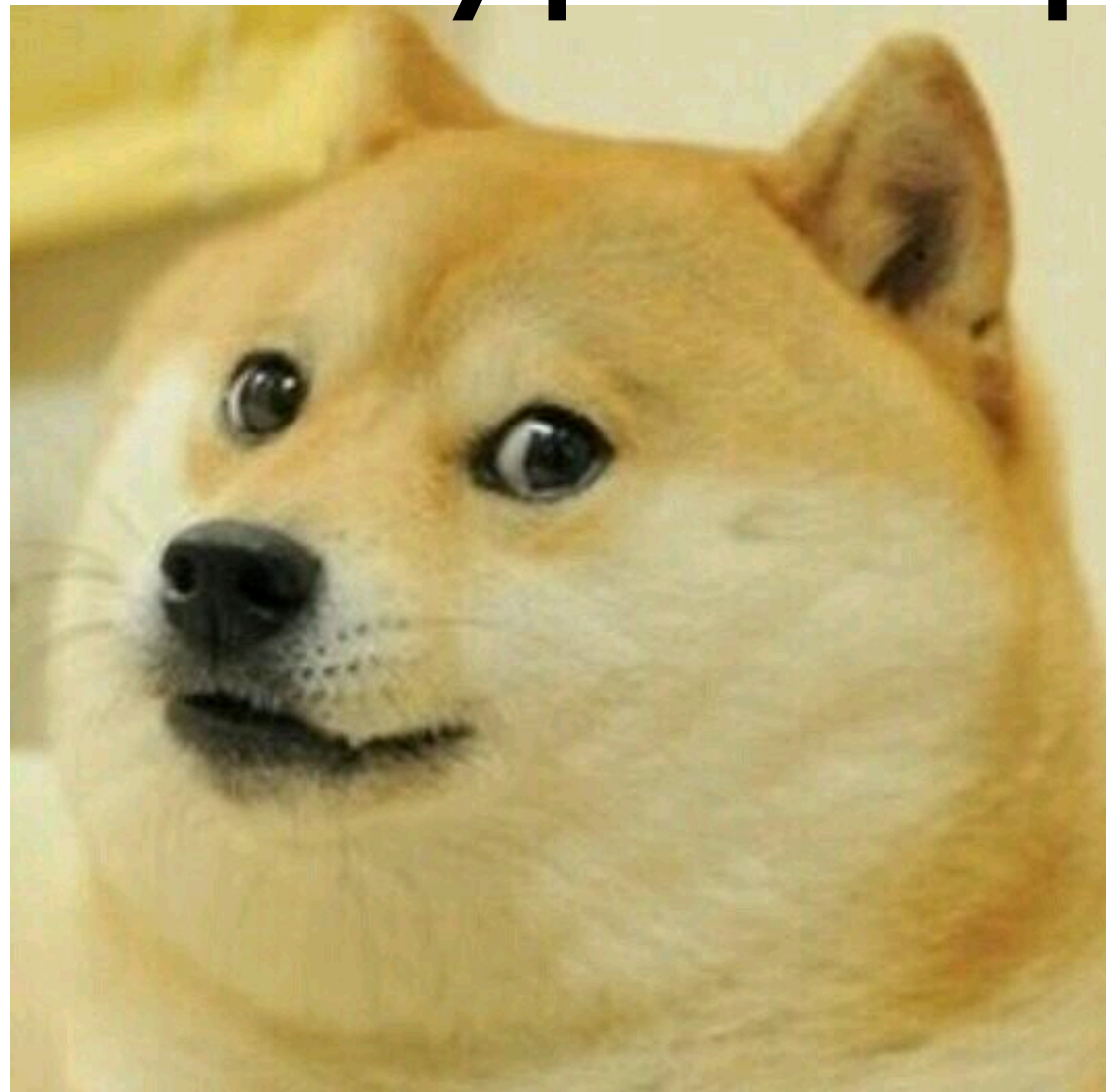


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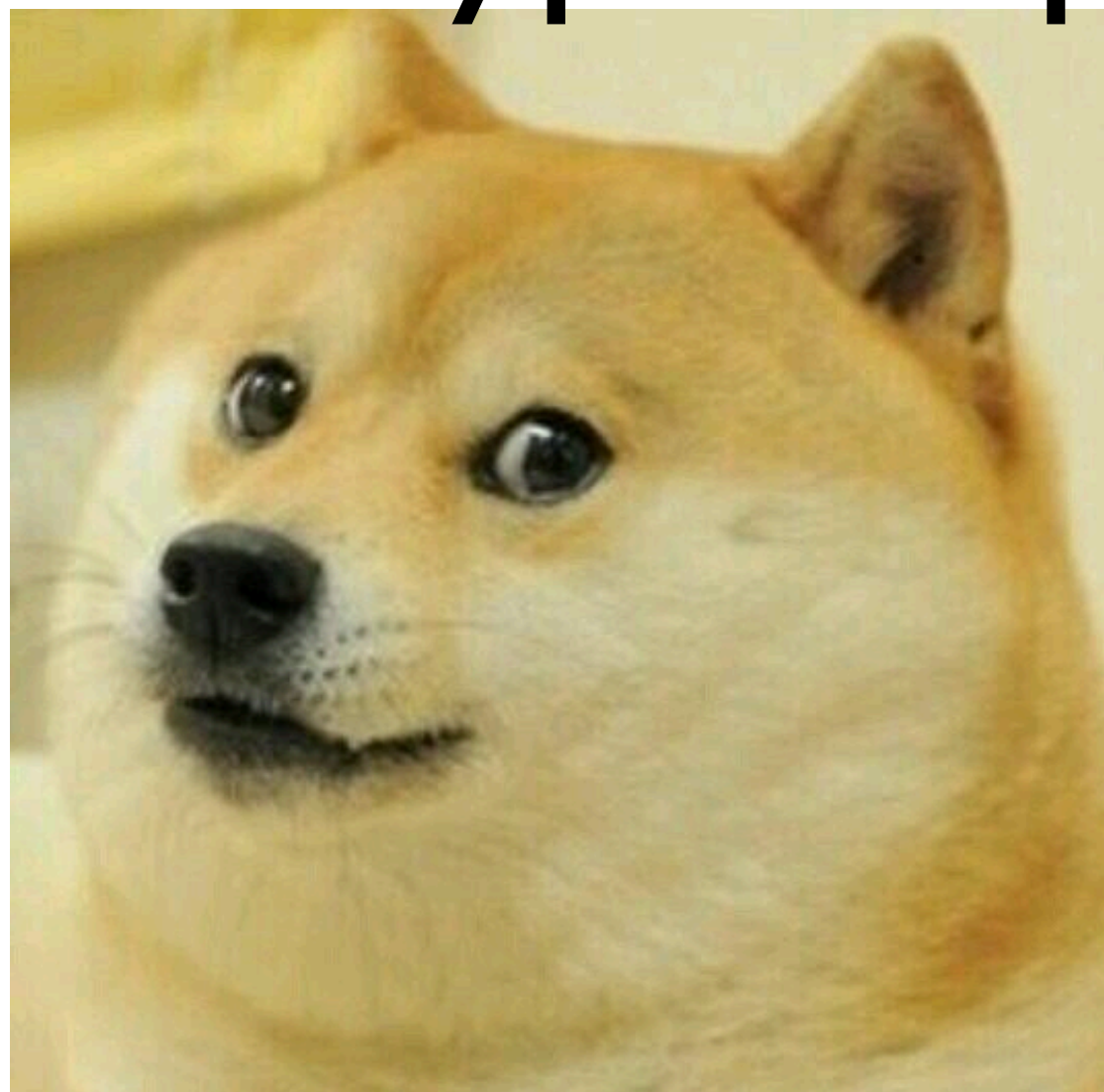


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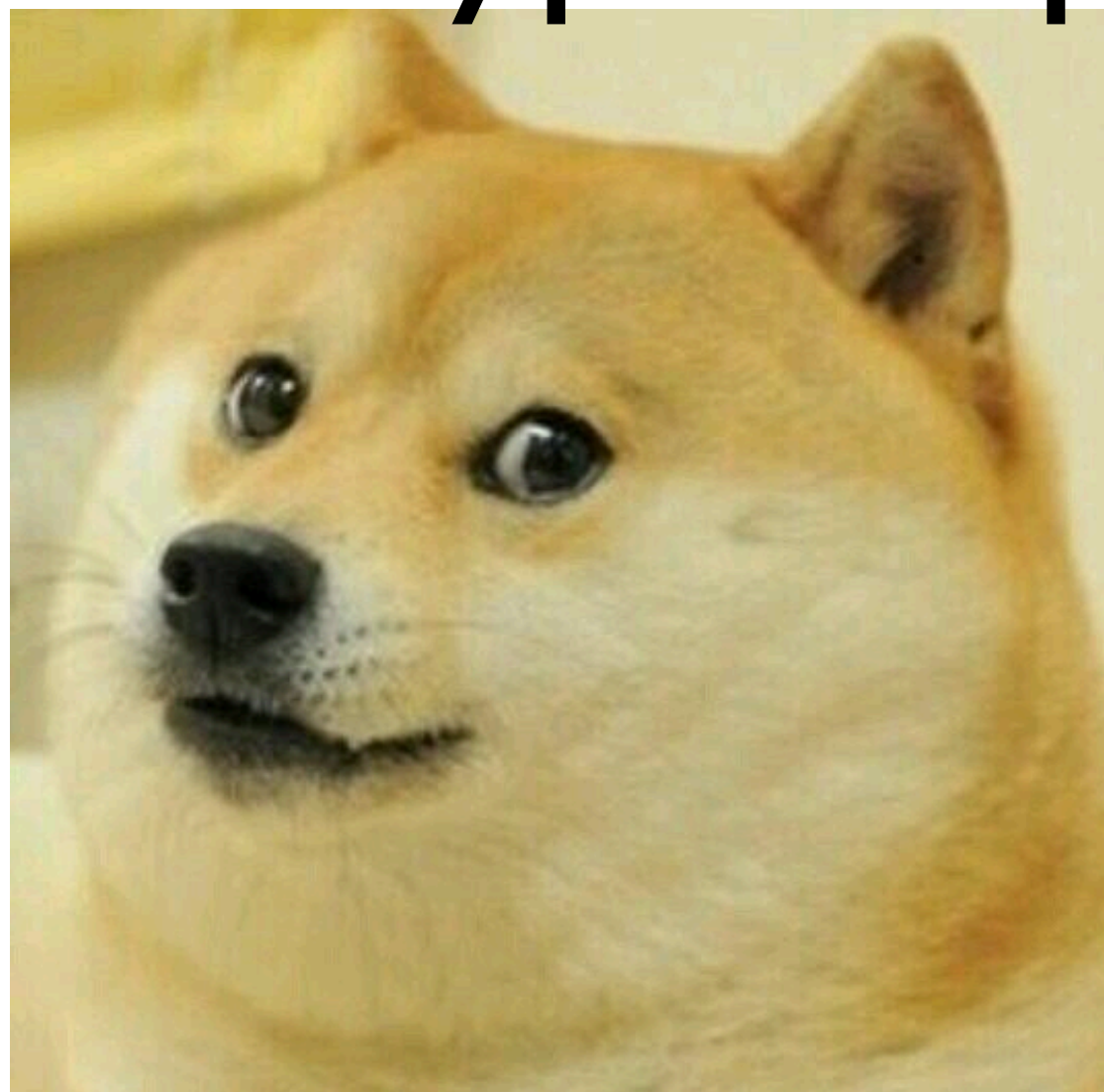


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- . **arguments in Proxy behaves like Array** ... AFAIK no changes in regular arguments

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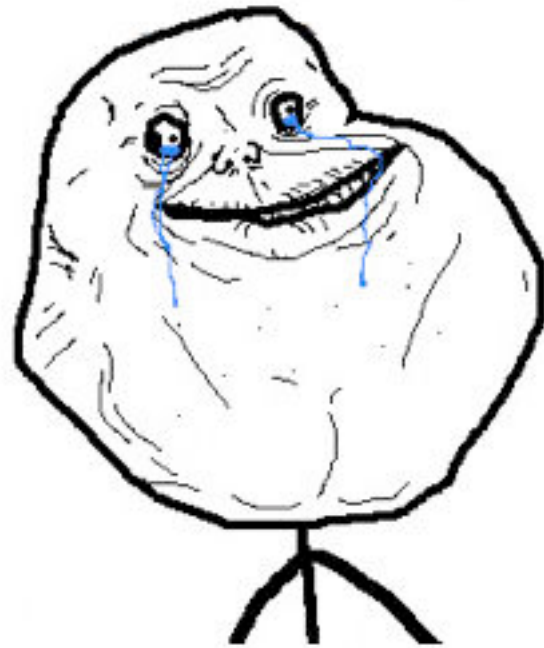
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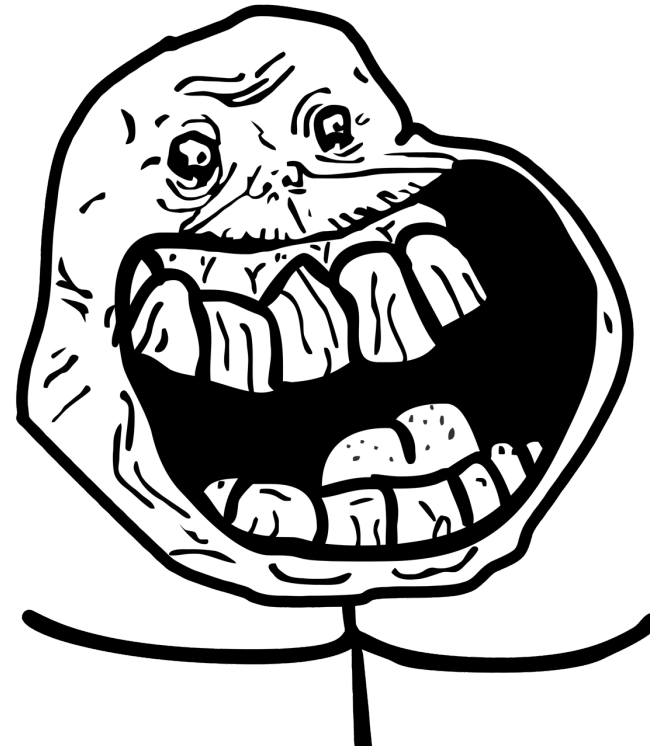
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Object.create(proto, strictDescriptors)



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a concrete Object.create/defineProperty/ies drop-in/off script behind 60+ tests
with fully covered features and Open Source in github

<https://github.com/WebReflection/define-strict-properties>

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Thank You Again!

... and see you in 9 years from now ...

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