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5 Advanced ES6 Features Every JavaScript Developer Should Master



New day, new article! Today's article is about **five advanced Javascript ES6 features** that I like and that I think everyone (*at least every developer*) should understand.

Are you ready?



Destructuring

Destructuring is a quick way to get values out of objects and arrays. For example, **you can extract values** and assign them to variables with a single line of code.

Here's an example of how destructuring can be used with an object:

```
1  const person = {
2    name: 'John Doe',
3    age: 32,
4    location: 'San Francisco'
5  };
6
7  const { name, age, location } = person;
8
9  console.log(name, age, location); // John Doe 32 San Francisco
```

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And here's an example with an array:

```
1  const colors = ['red', 'green', 'blue'];
2
3  const [first, second, third] = colors;
4
5  console.log(first, second, third); // red green blue
```

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As you can see, destructuring makes it simple to extract values from objects and arrays and assign them to variables.

Block Scoping

You can use block scoping to declare variables that are only available within a specific block of code. There are two ways to declare variables in JavaScript: **var** and **let**.

The **var** keyword declares a global or function-scoped variable, which means **it can be accessed from anywhere within the same function**. On the other hand, the **let** keyword declares a variable that is block scoped, which means that it can only be accessed within the same block of code.

Here's an example of let-based block scoping:

```
1  if (true) {  
2    let message = 'Hello, world!';  
3    console.log(message); // Hello, world!  
4  }  
5  
6  console.log(message); // Uncaught ReferenceError: message is not defined
```

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As you can see, the message variable is only available within the if statement-defined block of code.

🚗 Spread Operator

Spreading the values of an array or object into a new array or object is possible with the spread operator. It's a quick way to combine arrays or objects or to turn an array-like object into a proper array.

Here's an example of how to combine two arrays using the spread operator:

```
1  const first = [1, 2, 3];  
2  const second = [4, 5, 6];  
3  
4  const combined = [...first, ...second];  
5  
6  console.log(combined); // [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

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Here's an example of how to use the spread operator to transform an array-like object into a real array:

```
1  const arrayLike = {
2    0: 'one',
3    1: 'two',
4    2: 'three'
5  };
6
7  const realArray = [...arrayLike];
8
9  console.log(realArray); // ['one', 'two', 'three']
```

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A spread operator is a powerful tool for simplifying and improving the readability of your code.

🧙 Template Literals

String literals that allow you to embed expressions within your strings are known as template literals. Instead of quotes (‘ or “), they are defined with the backtick (`) character.

Here’s an example of template literals in action:

```
1  const name = 'John Doe';
2  const age = 32;
3
4  const message = `Hello, my name is ${name} and I am ${age} years old.`;
5
6  console.log(message); // Hello, my name is John Doe and I am 32 years old.
```

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As you can see, template literals make it simple to embed expressions within strings and **allow you to write multi-line strings** without using string concatenation.

📁 Arrow Functions

In JavaScript, arrow functions are a shorthand syntax for writing anonymous functions. They enable you to write code that **is shorter, more concise, and more readable**.

Here's an example of how to use the arrow function:

```
1  const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
2
3  const square = number => number * number;
4
5  const squares = numbers.map(square);
6
7  console.log(squares); // [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

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As you can see, arrow functions make it simple to write anonymous functions and have a shorter syntax than regular functions.

It was a short article, but I hope it was helpful for you. I use these features daily and feel like **they are crucial for every Javascript developer**. So hopefully, you have discovered something new today.

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