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# 01\_any.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=111

// Any is the TypeScript escape clause. You can use any to

// either declare a section of your code to be dynamic and

// JavaScript like, or to work around limitations in the

// type system.

// A good case for any is JSON parsing:

const myObject = JSON.parse("{}");

// Any declares to TypeScript to trust your code as being

// safe because you know more about it. Even if that is

// not strictly true. For example, this code would crash:

myObject.x.y.z;

// Using an any gives you the ability to write code closer to

// original JavaScript with the trade-off of type safety.

// any is much like a 'type wildcard' which you can replace

// with any type (except never) to make one type assignable

// to the other.

declare function debug(value: any): void;

debug("a string");

debug(23);

debug({ color: "blue" });

// Each call to debug is allowed because you could replace the

// any with the type of the argument to match.

// TypeScript will take into account the position of the

// anys in different forms, for example with these tuples

// for the function argument.

declare function swap(x: [number, string]): [string, number];

declare const pair: [any, any];

swap(pair);

// The call to swap is allowed because the argument can be

// matched by replacing the first any in pair with number

// and the second `any` with string.

// If tuples are new to you, see: example:tuples

// Unknown is a sibling type to any, if any is about saying

// "I know what's best", then unknown is a way to say "I'm

// not sure what is best, so you need to tell TS the type"

// example:unknown-and-never

# 02\_literals.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=98

// TypeScript has some fun special cases for literals in

// source code.

// In part, a lot of the support is covered in type widening

// and narrowing ( example:type-widening-and-narrowing ) and it's

// worth covering that first.

// A literal is a more concrete subtype of a collective type.

// What this means is that "Hello World" is a string, but a

// string is not "Hello World" inside the type system.

const helloWorld = "Hello World";

let hiWorld = "Hi World"; // this is a string because it is let

// This function takes all strings

declare function allowsAnyString(arg: string);

allowsAnyString(helloWorld);

allowsAnyString(hiWorld);

// This function only accepts the string literal "Hello World"

declare function allowsOnlyHello(arg: "Hello World");

allowsOnlyHello(helloWorld);

allowsOnlyHello(hiWorld);

// This lets you declare APIs which use unions to say it

// only accepts a particular literal:

declare function allowsFirstFiveNumbers(arg: 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5);

allowsFirstFiveNumbers(1);

allowsFirstFiveNumbers(10);

let potentiallyAnyNumber = 3;

allowsFirstFiveNumbers(potentiallyAnyNumber);

// At first glance, this rule isn't applied to complex objects.

const myUser = {

  name: "Sabrina",

};

// See how it transforms `name: "Sabrina"` to `name: string`

// even though it is defined as a constant. This is because

// the name can still change any time:

myUser.name = "Cynthia";

// Because myUser's name property can change, TypeScript

// cannot use the literal version in the type system. There

// is a feature which will allow you to do this however.

const myUnchangingUser = {

  name: "Fatma",

} as const;

// When "as const" is applied to the object, then it becomes

// a object literal which doesn't change instead of a

// mutable object which can.

myUnchangingUser.name = "Raîssa";

// "as const" is a great tool for fixtured data, and places

// where you treat code as literals inline. "as const" also

// works with arrays:

const exampleUsers = [{ name: "Brian" }, { name: "Fahrooq" }] as const;

# 03\_union-and-intersection-types.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play?q=374#example/union-and-intersection-types

// Type unions are a way of declaring that an object

// could be more than one type.

type StringOrNumber = string | number;

type ProcessStates = "open" | "closed";

type OddNumbersUnderTen = 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9;

type AMessyUnion = "hello" | 156 | { error: true };

// If the use of "open" and "closed" vs string is

// new to you, check out: example:literals

// We can mix different types into a union, and

// what we're saying is that the value is one of those types.

// TypeScript will then leave you to figure out how to

// determine which value it could be at runtime.

// Unions can sometimes be undermined by type widening,

// for example:

type WindowStates = "open" | "closed" | "minimized" | string;

// If you hover above, you can see that WindowStates

// becomes a string - not the union. This is covered in

// example:type-widening-and-narrowing

// If a union is an OR, then an intersection is an AND.

// Intersection types are when two types intersect to create

// a new type. This allows for type composition.

interface ErrorHandling {

  success: boolean;

  error?: { message: string };

}

interface ArtworksData {

  artworks: { title: string }[];

}

interface ArtistsData {

  artists: { name: string }[];

}

// These interfaces can be composed in responses which have

// both consistent error handling, and their own data.

type ArtworksResponse = ArtworksData & ErrorHandling;

type ArtistsResponse = ArtistsData & ErrorHandling;

// For example:

const handleArtistsResponse = (response: ArtistsResponse) => {

  if (response.error) {

    console.error(response.error.message);

    return;

  }

  console.log(response.artists);

};

// A mix of Intersection and Union types becomes really

// useful when you have cases where an object has to

// include one of two values:

interface CreateArtistBioBase {

  artistID: string;

  thirdParty?: boolean;

}

type CreateArtistBioRequest = CreateArtistBioBase & ({ html: string } | { markdown: string });

// Now you can only create a request when you include

// artistID and either html or markdown

const workingRequest: CreateArtistBioRequest = {

  artistID: "banksy",

  markdown: "Banksy is an anonymous England-based graffiti artist...",

};

const badRequest: CreateArtistBioRequest = {

  artistID: "banksy",

};

# 04\_unknown-and-never.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play?q=308#example/unknown-and-never

// Unknown

// Unknown is one of those types that once it clicks, you

// can find quite a lot of uses for it. It acts like a sibling

// to the any type. Where any allows for ambiguity - unknown

// requires specifics.

// A good example would be in wrapping a JSON parser. JSON

// data can come in many different forms and the creator

// of the json parsing function won't know the shape of the

// data - the person calling that function should.

const jsonParser = (jsonString: string) => JSON.parse(jsonString);

const myAccount = jsonParser(`{ "name": "Dorothea" }`);

myAccount.name;

myAccount.email;

// If you hover on jsonParser, you can see that it has the

// return type of any, so then does myAccount. It's possible

// to fix this with generics - but it's also possible to fix

// this with unknown.

const jsonParserUnknown = (jsonString: string): unknown => JSON.parse(jsonString);

const myOtherAccount = jsonParserUnknown(`{ "name": "Samuel" }`);

myOtherAccount.name;

// The object myOtherAccount cannot be used until the type has

// been declared to TypeScript. This can be used to ensure

// that API consumers think about their typing up-front:

type User = { name: string };

const myUserAccount = jsonParserUnknown(`{ "name": "Samuel" }`) as User;

myUserAccount.name;

// Unknown is a great tool, to understand it more read these:

// https://mariusschulz.com/blog/the-unknown-type-in-typescript

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/release-notes/typescript-3-0.html#new-unknown-top-type

// Never

// Because TypeScript supports code flow analysis, the language

// needs to be able to represent when code logically cannot

// happen. For example, this function cannot return:

const neverReturns = () => {

  // If it throws on the first line

  throw new Error("Always throws, never returns");

};

// If you hover on the type, you see it is a () => never

// which means it should never happen. These can still be

// passed around like other values:

const myValue = neverReturns();

// Having a function never return can be useful when dealing

// with the unpredictability of the JavaScript runtime and

// API consumers that might not be using types:

const validateUser = (user: User) => {

  if (user) {

    return user.name !== "NaN";

  }

  // According to the type system, this code path can never

  // happen, which matches the return type of neverReturns.

  return neverReturns();

};

// The type definitions state that a user has to be passed in

// but there are enough escape valves in JavaScript whereby

// you can't guarantee that.

// Using a function which returns never allows you to add

// additional code in places which should not be possible.

// This is useful for presenting better error messages,

// or closing resources like files or loops.

// A very popular use for never, is to ensure that a

// switch is exhaustive. E.g., that every path is covered.

// Here's an enum and an exhaustive switch, try adding

// a new option to the enum (maybe Tulip?)

enum Flower {

  Rose,

  Rhododendron,

  Violet,

  Daisy,

}

const flowerLatinName = (flower: Flower) => {

  switch (flower) {

    case Flower.Rose:

      return "Rosa rubiginosa";

    case Flower.Rhododendron:

      return "Rhododendron ferrugineum";

    case Flower.Violet:

      return "Viola reichenbachiana";

    case Flower.Daisy:

      return "Bellis perennis";

    default:

      const \_exhaustiveCheck: never = flower;

      return \_exhaustiveCheck;

  }

};

// You will get a compiler error saying that your new

// flower type cannot be converted into never.

// Never in Unions

// A never is something which is automatically removed from

// a type union.

type NeverIsRemoved = string | never | number;

// If you look at the type for NeverIsRemoved, you see that

// it is string | number. This is because it should never

// happen at runtime because you cannot assign to it.

// This feature is used a lot in example:conditional-types

# 05\_tuples.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play?q=164#example/tuples

// Typically an array contains zero to many objects of a

// single type. TypeScript has special analysis around

// arrays which contain multiple types, and where the order

// in which they are indexed is important.

// These are called tuples. Think of them as a way to

// connect some data, but with less syntax than keyed objects.

// You can create a tuple using JavaScript's array syntax:

const failingResponse = ["Not Found", 404];

// but you will need to declare its type as a tuple.

const passingResponse: [string, number] = ["{}", 200];

// If you hover over the two variable names you can see the

// difference between an array ( (string | number)[] ) and

// the tuple ( [string, number] ).

// As an array, the order is not important so an item at

// any index could be either a string or a number. In the

// tuple the order and length are guaranteed.

if (passingResponse[1] === 200) {

  const localInfo = JSON.parse(passingResponse[0]);

  console.log(localInfo);

}

// This means TypeScript will provide the correct types at

// the right index, and even raise an error if you try to

// access an object at an un-declared index.

passingResponse[2];

// A tuple can feel like a good pattern for short bits of

// connected data or for fixtures.

type StaffAccount = [number, string, string, string?];

const staff: StaffAccount[] = [

  [0, "Adankwo", "adankwo.e@"],

  [1, "Kanokwan", "kanokwan.s@"],

  [2, "Aneurin", "aneurin.s@", "Supervisor"],

];

// When you have a set of known types at the beginning of a

// tuple and then an unknown length, you can use the spread

// operator to indicate that it can have any length and the

// extra indexes will be of a particular type:

type PayStubs = [StaffAccount, ...number[]];

const payStubs: PayStubs[] = [

  [staff[0], 250],

  [staff[1], 250, 260],

  [staff[0], 300, 300, 300],

];

const monthOnePayments = payStubs[0][1] + payStubs[1][1] + payStubs[2][1];

const monthTwoPayments = payStubs[1][2] + payStubs[2][2];

const monthThreePayments = payStubs[2][2];

// You can use tuples to describe functions which take

// an undefined number of parameters with types:

declare function calculatePayForEmployee(id: number, ...args: [...number[]]): number;

calculatePayForEmployee(staff[0][0], payStubs[0][1]);

calculatePayForEmployee(staff[1][0], payStubs[1][1], payStubs[1][2]);

//

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/release-notes/typescript-3-0.html#tuples-in-rest-parameters-and-spread-expressions

// https://auth0.com/blog/typescript-3-exploring-tuples-the-unknown-type/

# 06\_built-in-utility-types.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?strictNullChecks=true&q=149

// When a particular type feels like it's useful in most

// codebases, they are added into TypeScript and become

// available for anyone which means you can consistently

// rely on their availability

// Partial<Type>

// Takes a type and converts all of its properties

// to optional ones.

interface Sticker {

    id: number;

    name: string;

    createdAt: string;

    updatedAt: string;

    submitter: undefined | string;

  }

  type StickerUpdateParam = Partial<Sticker>;

  // Readonly<Type>

  // Takes an object and makes its properties read-only.

  type StickerFromAPI = Readonly<Sticker>;

  // Record<KeysFrom, Type>

  // Creates a type which uses the list of properties from

  // KeysFrom and gives them the value of Type.

  // List which keys come from:

  type NavigationPages = "home" | "stickers" | "about" | "contact";

  // The shape of the data for which each of ^ is needed:

  interface PageInfo {

    title: string;

    url: string;

    axTitle?: string;

  }

  const navigationInfo: Record<NavigationPages, PageInfo> = {

    home: { title: "Home", url: "/" },

    about: { title: "About", url: "/about" },

    contact: { title: "Contact", url: "/contact" },

    stickers: { title: "Stickers", url: "/stickers/all" },

  };

  // Pick<Type, Keys>

  // Creates a type by picking the set of properties Keys

  // from Type. Essentially an allow-list for extracting type

  // information from a type.

  type StickerSortPreview = Pick<Sticker, "name" | "updatedAt">;

  // Omit<Type, Keys>

  // Creates a type by removing the set of properties Keys

  // from Type. Essentially a block-list for extracting type

  // information from a type.

  type StickerTimeMetadata = Omit<Sticker, "name">;

  // Exclude<Type, RemoveUnion>

  // Creates a type where any property in Type's properties

  // which don't overlap with RemoveUnion.

  type HomeNavigationPages = Exclude<NavigationPages, "home">;

  // Extract<Type, MatchUnion>

  // Creates a type where any property in Type's properties

  // are included if they overlap with MatchUnion.

  type DynamicPages = Extract<NavigationPages, "home" | "stickers">;

  // NonNullable<Type>

  // Creates a type by excluding null and undefined from a set

  // of properties. Useful when you have a validation check.

  type StickerLookupResult = Sticker | undefined | null;

  type ValidatedResult = NonNullable<StickerLookupResult>;

  // ReturnType<Type>

  // Extracts the return value from a Type.

  declare function getStickerByID(id: number): Promise<StickerLookupResult>;

  type StickerResponse = ReturnType<typeof getStickerByID>;

  // InstanceType<Type>

  // Creates a type which is an instance of a class, or object

  // with a constructor function.

  class StickerCollection {

    stickers: Sticker[];

  }

  type CollectionItem = InstanceType<typeof StickerCollection>;

  // Required<Type>

  // Creates a type which converts all optional properties

  // to required ones.

  type AccessiblePageInfo = Required<PageInfo>;

  // ThisType<Type>

  // Unlike other types, ThisType does not return a new

  // type but instead manipulates the definition of this

  // inside a function. You can only use ThisType when you

  // have noImplicitThis turned on in your TSConfig.

  // https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/utility-types.html

# 07\_nullable-types.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?strictNullChecks=false&q=408

// JavaScript has two ways to declare values which don't

// exist, and TypeScript adds extra syntax which allows even

// more ways to declare something as optional or nullable.

// First up, the difference between the two JavaScript

// primitives: undefined and null

// Undefined is when something cannot be found or set

const emptyObj = {};

const anUndefinedProperty: undefined = emptyObj["anything"];

// Null is meant to be used when there is a conscious lack

// of a value.

const searchResults = {

  video: { name: "LEGO Movie" },

  text: null,

  audio: { name: "LEGO Movie Soundtrack" },

};

// Why not use undefined? Mainly, because now you can verify

// that text was correctly included. If text returned as

// undefined then the result is the same as though it was

// not there.

// This might feel a bit superficial, but when converted into

// a JSON string, if text was an undefined, it would not be

// included in the string equivalent.

// Strict Null Types

// Before TypeScript 2.0 undefined and null were effectively

// ignored in the type system. This let TypeScript provide a

// coding environment closer to un-typed JavaScript.

// Version 2.0 added a compiler flag called "strictNullChecks"

// and this flag required people to treat undefined and null

// as types which needs to be handled via code-flow analysis

// ( see more at example:code-flow )

// For an example of the difference in turning on strict null

// checks to TypeScript, hover over "Potential String" below:

type PotentialString = string | undefined | null;

// The PotentialString discards the undefined and null. If

// you open the "TS Config" menu, enable strictNullChecks, and come

// back, you'll see that hovering on PotentialString now shows

// the full union.

declare function getID(): PotentialString;

const userID = getID();

console.log("User Logged in: ", userID.toUpperCase());

// Only in strict mode the above will fail ^

// There are ways to tell TypeScript you know more, such as

// a type assertion or via a non-null assertion operator (!)

const definitelyString1 = getID() as string;

const definitelyString2 = getID()!;

// Or you safely can check for the existence via an if:

if (userID) {

  console.log(userID);

}

// Optional Properties

// Void

// Void is the return type of a function which does not

// return a value.

const voidFunction = () => { };

const resultOfVoidFunction = voidFunction();

// This is usually an accident, and TypeScript keeps the void

// type around to let you get compiler errors - even though at

// runtime it would be an undefined.

# 08\_conditional-types.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=245

// Conditional Types provide a way to do simple logic in the

// TypeScript type system. This is definitely an advanced

// feature, and it's quite feasible that you won't need to

// use this in your normal day to day code.

// A conditional type looks like:

//

//   A extends B ? C : D

//

// Where the condition is whether a type extends an

// expression, and if so what type should be returned.

// Let's go through some examples, for brevity we're

// going to use single letters for generics. This is optional

// but restricting ourselves to 60 characters makes it

// hard to fit on screen.

type Cat = { meows: true };

type Dog = { barks: true };

type Cheetah = { meows: true; fast: true };

type Wolf = { barks: true; howls: true };

// We can create a conditional type which lets extract

// types which only conform to something which barks.

type ExtractDogish<A> = A extends { barks: true } ? A : never;

// Then we can create types which ExtractDogish wraps:

// A cat doesn't bark, so it will return never

type NeverCat = ExtractDogish<Cat>;

// A wolf will bark, so it returns the wolf shape

type Wolfish = ExtractDogish<Wolf>;

// This becomes useful when you want to work with a

// union of many types and reduce the number of potential

// options in a union:

type Animals = Cat | Dog | Cheetah | Wolf;

// When you apply ExtractDogish to a union type, it is the

// same as running the conditional against each member of

// the type:

type Dogish = ExtractDogish<Animals>;

// = ExtractDogish<Cat> | ExtractDogish<Dog> |

//   ExtractDogish<Cheetah> | ExtractDogish<Wolf>

//

// = never | Dog | never | Wolf

//

// = Dog | Wolf (see example:unknown-and-never)

// This is called a distributive conditional type because

// the type distributes over each member of the union.

// Deferred Conditional Types

// Conditional types can be used to tighten your APIs which

// can return different types depending on the inputs.

// For example this function which could return either a

// string or number depending on the boolean passed in.

declare function getID<T extends boolean>(fancy: T): T extends true ? string : number;

// Then depending on how much the type-system knows about

// the boolean, you will get different return types:

let stringReturnValue = getID(true);

let numberReturnValue = getID(false);

let stringOrNumber = getID(Math.random() < 0.5);

// In this case above TypeScript can know the return value

// instantly. However, you can use conditional types in functions

// where the type isn't known yet. This is called a deferred

// conditional type.

// Same as our Dogish above, but as a function instead

declare function isCatish<T>(x: T): T extends { meows: true } ? T : undefined;

// There is an extra useful tool within conditional types, which

// is being able to specifically tell TypeScript that it should

// infer the type when deferring. That is the 'infer' keyword.

// infer is typically used to create meta-types which inspect

// the existing types in your code, think of it as creating

// a new variable inside the type.

type GetReturnValue<T> = T extends (...args: any[]) => infer R ? R : T;

// Roughly:

//

//  - this is a conditional generic type called GetReturnValue

//    which takes a type in its first parameter

//

//  - the conditional checks if the type is a function, and

//    if so create a new type called R based on the return

//    value for that function

//

//  - If the check passes, the type value is the inferred

//    return value, otherwise it is the original type

//

type getIDReturn = GetReturnValue<typeof getID>;

// This fails the check for being a function, and would

// just return the type passed into it.

type getCat = GetReturnValue<Cat>;

# 09\_discriminate-types.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=242

// A discriminated type union is where you use code flow

// analysis to reduce a set of potential objects down to one

// specific object.

//

// This pattern works really well for sets of similar

// objects with a different string or number constant

// for example: a list of named events, or versioned

// sets of objects.

type TimingEvent = { name: "start"; userStarted: boolean } | { name: "closed"; duration: number };

// When event comes into this function, it could be any

// of the two potential types.

const handleEvent = (event: TimingEvent) => {

  // By using a switch against event.name TypeScript's code

  // flow analysis can determine that an object can only

  // be represented by one type in the union.

  switch (event.name) {

    case "start":

      // This means you can safely access userStarted

      // because it's the only type inside TimingEvent

      // where name is "start"

      const initiatedByUser = event.userStarted;

      break;

    case "closed":

      const timespan = event.duration;

      break;

  }

};

// This pattern is the same with numbers which we can use

// as the discriminator.

// In this example, we have a discriminate union and an

// additional error state to handle.

type APIResponses = { version: 0; msg: string } | { version: 1; message: string; status: number } | { error: string };

const handleResponse = (response: APIResponses) => {

  // Handle the error case, and then return

  if ("error" in response) {

    console.error(response.error);

    return;

  }

  // TypeScript now knows that APIResponse cannot be

  // the error type. If it were the error, the function

  // would have returned. You can verify this by

  // hovering over response below.

  if (response.version === 0) {

    console.log(response.msg);

  } else if (response.version === 1) {

    console.log(response.status, response.message);

  }

};

// You're better off using a switch statement instead of

// if statements because you can make assurances that all

// parts of the union are checked. There is a good pattern

// for this using the never type in the handbook:

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/advanced-types.html#discriminated-unions

# 10\_indexed-types.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=271

// There are times when you find yourself duplicating types.

// A common example is nested resources in an auto-generated

// API response.

interface ArtworkSearchResponse {

    artists: {

      name: string;

      artworks: {

        name: string;

        deathdate: string | null;

        bio: string;

      }[];

    }[];

  }

  // If this interface were hand-crafted, it's pretty easy to

  // imagine pulling out the artworks into an interface like:

  interface Artwork {

    name: string;

    deathdate: string | null;

    bio: string;

  }

  // However, in this case we don't control the API, and if

  // we hand-created the interface then it's possible that

  // the artworks part of ArtworkSearchResponse and

  // Artwork could get out of sync when the response changes.

  // The fix for this is indexed types, which replicate how

  // JavaScript allows accessing properties via strings.

  type InferredArtwork = ArtworkSearchResponse["artists"][0]["artworks"][0];

  // The InferredArtwork is generated by looking through the

  // type's properties and giving a new name to the subset which

  // you have indexed.

# 11\_mapped-types.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=479

// Mapped types are a way to create new types based

// on another type. Effectively a transformational type.

// Common cases for using a mapped type is dealing with

// partial subsets of an existing type. For example

// an API may return an Artist:

interface Artist {

    id: number;

    name: string;

    bio: string;

  }

  // However, if you were to send an update to the API which

  // only changes a subset of the Artist then you would

  // typically have to create an additional type:

  interface ArtistForEdit {

    id: number;

    name?: string;

    bio?: string;

  }

  // It's very likely that this would get out of sync with

  // the Artist above. Mapped types let you create a change

  // in an existing type.

  type MyPartialType<Type> = {

    // For every existing property inside the type of Type

    // convert it to be a ?: version

    [Property in keyof Type]?: Type[Property];

  };

  // Now we can use the mapped type instead to create

  // our edit interface:

  type MappedArtistForEdit = MyPartialType<Artist>;

  // This is close to perfect, but it does allow id to be null

  // which should never happen. So, let's make one quick

  // improvement by using an intersection type (see:

  // example:union-and-intersection-types )

  type MyPartialTypeForEdit<Type> = {

    [Property in keyof Type]?: Type[Property];

  } & { id: number };

  // This takes the partial result of the mapped type, and

  // merges it with an object which has id: number set.

  // Effectively forcing id to be in the type.

  type CorrectMappedArtistForEdit = MyPartialTypeForEdit<Artist>;

  // This is a pretty simple example of how mapped types

  // work, but covers most of the basics. If you'd like to

  // dive in with more depth, check out the handbook:

  //

  // https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/2/mapped-types.html

# 12\_soundness.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?strictFunctionTypes=false&q=56

// Without a background in type theory, you're unlikely

// to be familiar with the idea of a type system being "sound".

// Soundness is the idea that the compiler can make guarantees

// about the type a value has at runtime, and not just

// during compilation. This is normal for most programming

// languages that are built with types from day one.

// Building a type system which models a language which has

// existed for a few decades however becomes about making

// decisions with trade-offs on three qualities: Simplicity,

// Usability and Soundness.

// With TypeScript's goal of being able to support all JavaScript

// code, the language tends towards simplicity and usability

// when presented with ways to add types to JavaScript.

// Let's look at a few cases where TypeScript is provably

// not sound, to understand what those trade-offs would look

// like otherwise.

// Type Assertions

const usersAge = ("23" as any) as number;

// TypeScript will let you use type assertions to override

// the inference to something which is quite wrong. Using

// type assertions is a way of telling TypeScript you know

// best, and TypeScript will try to let you get on with it.

// Languages which are sound would occasionally use runtime checks

// to ensure that the data matches what your types say - but

// TypeScript aims to have no type-aware runtime impact on

// your transpiled code.

// Function Parameter Bi-variance

// Params for a function support redefining the parameter

// to be a subtype of the original declaration.

interface InputEvent {

  timestamp: number;

}

interface MouseInputEvent extends InputEvent {

  x: number;

  y: number;

}

interface KeyboardInputEvent extends InputEvent {

  keyCode: number;

}

function listenForEvent(eventType: "keyboard" | "mouse", handler: (event: InputEvent) => void) { }

// You can re-declare the parameter type to be a subtype of

// the declaration. Above, handler expected a type InputEvent

// but in the below usage examples - TypeScript accepts

// a type which has additional properties.

listenForEvent("keyboard", (event: KeyboardInputEvent) => { });

listenForEvent("mouse", (event: MouseInputEvent) => { });

// This can go all the way back to the smallest common type:

listenForEvent("mouse", (event: {}) => { });

// But no further:

listenForEvent("mouse", (event: string) => { });

// This covers the real-world pattern of event listener

// in JavaScript, at the expense of having being sound.

// TypeScript can raise an error when this happens via

// `strictFunctionTypes`. Or, you could work around this

// particular case with function overloads,

// see: example:typing-functions

// Void special casing

// Parameter Discarding

// To learn about special cases with function parameters

// see example:structural-typing

// Rest Parameters

// Rest parameters are assumed to all be optional, this means

// TypeScript will not have a way to enforce the number of

// parameters available to a callback.

function getRandomNumbers(count: number, callback: (...args: number[]) => void) { }

getRandomNumbers(2, (first, second) => console.log([first, second]));

getRandomNumbers(400, (first) => console.log(first));

// Void Functions Can Match to a Function With a Return Value

// A function which returns a void function, can accept a

// function which takes any other type.

const getPI = () => 3.14;

function runFunction(func: () => void) {

  func();

}

runFunction(getPI);

// For more information on the places where soundness of the

// type system is compromised, see:

// https://github.com/Microsoft/TypeScript/wiki/FAQ#type-system-behavior

// https://github.com/Microsoft/TypeScript/issues/9825

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/type-compatibility.html

# 13\_structural-typing.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=499

// TypeScript is a Structural Type System. A structural type

// system means that when comparing types, TypeScript only

// takes into account the members on the type.

// This is in contrast to nominal type systems, where you

// could create two types but could not assign them to each

// other. See example:nominal-typing

// For example, these two interfaces are completely

// transferrable in a structural type system:

interface Ball {

    diameter: number;

  }

  interface Sphere {

    diameter: number;

  }

  let ball: Ball = { diameter: 10 };

  let sphere: Sphere = { diameter: 20 };

  sphere = ball;

  ball = sphere;

  // If we add in a type which structurally contains all of

  // the members of Ball and Sphere, then it also can be

  // set to be a ball or sphere.

  interface Tube {

    diameter: number;

    length: number;

  }

  let tube: Tube = { diameter: 12, length: 3 };

  tube = ball;

  ball = tube;

  // Because a ball does not have a length, then it cannot be

  // assigned to the tube variable. However, all of the members

  // of Ball are inside tube, and so it can be assigned.

  // TypeScript is comparing each member in the type against

  // each other to verify their equality.

  // A function is an object in JavaScript and it is compared

  // in a similar fashion. With one useful extra trick around

  // the params:

  let createBall = (diameter: number) => ({ diameter });

  let createSphere = (diameter: number, useInches: boolean) => {

    return { diameter: useInches ? diameter \* 0.39 : diameter };

  };

  createSphere = createBall;

  createBall = createSphere;

  // TypeScript will allow (number) to equal (number, boolean)

  // in the parameters, but not (number, boolean) -> (number)

  // TypeScript will discard the boolean in the first assignment

  // because it's very common for JavaScript code to skip passing

  // params when they're not needed.

  // For example the array's forEach's callback has three params,

  // value, index and the full array - if TypeScript didn't

  // support discarding parameters, then you would have to

  // include every option to make the functions match up:

  [createBall(1), createBall(2)].forEach((ball, \_index, \_balls) => {

    console.log(ball);

  });

  // No one needs that.

  // Return types are treated like objects, and any differences

  // are compared with the same object equality rules above.

  let createRedBall = (diameter: number) => ({ diameter, color: "red" });

  createBall = createRedBall;

  createRedBall = createBall;

  // Where the first assignment works (they both have diameter)

  // but the second doesn't (the ball doesn't have a color).

# 14\_type-guards.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=40

// Type Guarding is the term where you influence the code

// flow analysis via code. TypeScript uses existing JavaScript

// behavior which validates your objects at runtime to influence

// the code flow. This example assumes you've read example:code-flow

// To run through these examples, we'll create some classes,

// here's a system for handling internet or telephone orders.

interface Order {

    address: string;

  }

  interface TelephoneOrder extends Order {

    callerNumber: string;

  }

  interface InternetOrder extends Order {

    email: string;

  }

  // Then a type which could be one of the two Order subtypes or undefined

  type PossibleOrders = TelephoneOrder | InternetOrder | undefined;

  // And a function which returns a PossibleOrder

  declare function getOrder(): PossibleOrders;

  const possibleOrder = getOrder();

  // We can use the "in" operator to check whether a particular

  // key is on the object to narrow the union. ("in" is a JavaScript

  // operator for testing object keys.)

  if ("email" in possibleOrder) {

    const mustBeInternetOrder = possibleOrder;

  }

  // You can use the JavaScript "instanceof" operator if you

  // have a class which conforms to the interface:

  class TelephoneOrderClass {

    address: string;

    callerNumber: string;

  }

  if (possibleOrder instanceof TelephoneOrderClass) {

    const mustBeTelephoneOrder = possibleOrder;

  }

  // You can use the JavaScript "typeof" operator to

  // narrow your union. This only works with primitives

  // inside JavaScript (like strings, objects, numbers).

  if (typeof possibleOrder === "undefined") {

    const definitelyNotAnOder = possibleOrder;

  }

  // You can see a full list of possible typeof values

  // here: https://developer.mozilla.org/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/typeof

  // Using JavaScript operators can only get you so far. When

  // you want to check your own object types you can use

  // type predicate functions.

  // A type predicate function is a function where the return

  // type offers information to the code flow analysis when

  // the function returns true.

  // Using the possible order, we can use two type guards

  // to declare which type the possibleOrder is:

  function isAnInternetOrder(order: PossibleOrders): order is InternetOrder {

    return order && "email" in order;

  }

  function isATelephoneOrder(order: PossibleOrders): order is TelephoneOrder {

    return order && "callerNumber" in order;

  }

  // Now we can use these functions in if statements to narrow

  // down the type which possibleOrder is inside the if:

  if (isAnInternetOrder(possibleOrder)) {

    console.log("Order received via email:", possibleOrder.email);

  }

  if (isATelephoneOrder(possibleOrder)) {

    console.log("Order received via phone:", possibleOrder.callerNumber);

  }

  // You can read more on code flow analysis here:

  //

  //  - example:code-flow

  //  - example:type-guards

  //  - example:discriminate-types

# 15\_type-widening-and-narrowing.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=280

// It might be easiest to start of the discussion of

// widening and narrowing with an example:

const welcomeString = "Hello There";

let replyString = "Hey";

// Aside from the text differences of the strings, welcomeString

// is a const (which means the value will never change)

// and replyString is a let (which means it can change).

// If you hover over both variables, you get very different

// type information from TypeScript:

//

//   const welcomeString: "Hello There"

//

//   let replyString: string

// TypeScript has inferred the type of welcomeString to be

// the literal string "Hello There", whereas replyString

// is general string.

// This is because a let needs to have a wider type, you

// could set replyString to be any other string - which means

// it has a wider set of possibilities.

replyString = "Hi :wave:";

// If replyString had the string literal type "Hey" - then

// you could never change the value because it could only

// change to "Hey" again.

// Widening and Narrowing types is about expanding and reducing

// the possibilities which a type could represent.

// An example of type narrowing is working with unions, the

// example on code flow analysis is almost entirely based on

// narrowing: example:code-flow

// Type narrowing is what powers the strict mode of TypeScript

// via the nullability checks. With strict mode turned off,

// markers for nullability like undefined and null are ignored

// in a union.

declare const quantumString: string | undefined;

// This will fail in strict mode only

quantumString.length;

// In strict mode the onus is on the code author to ensure

// that the type has been narrowed to the non-null type.

// Usually this is as simple as an if check:

if (quantumString) {

  quantumString.length;

}

// In strict mode the type quantumString has two representations.

// Inside the if, the type was narrowed to just string.

// You can see more examples of narrowing in:

//

// example:union-and-intersection-types

// example:discriminate-types

// And even more resources on the web:

//

// https://mariusschulz.com/blog/literal-type-widening-in-typescript

// https://sandersn.github.io/manual/Widening-and-Narrowing-in-Typescript.html

# 16\_enums.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=489

// Enums are a feature added to JavaScript in TypeScript

// which makes it easier to handle named sets of constants.

// By default an enum is number based, starting at zero,

// and each option is assigned an increment by one. This is

// useful when the value is not important.

enum CompassDirection {

    North,

    East,

    South,

    West,

  }

  // By annotating an enum option, you set the value;

  // increments continue from that value:

  enum StatusCodes {

    OK = 200,

    BadRequest = 400,

    Unauthorized,

    PaymentRequired,

    Forbidden,

    NotFound,

  }

  // You reference an enum by using EnumName.Value

  const startingDirection = CompassDirection.East;

  const currentStatus = StatusCodes.OK;

  // Enums support accessing data in both directions from key

  // to value, and value to key.

  const okNumber = StatusCodes.OK;

  const okNumberIndex = StatusCodes["OK"];

  const stringBadRequest = StatusCodes[400];

  // Enums can be different types, a string type is common.

  // Using a string can make it easier to debug, because the

  // value at runtime does not require you to look up the number.

  enum GamePadInput {

    Up = "UP",

    Down = "DOWN",

    Left = "LEFT",

    Right = "RIGHT",

  }

  // If you want to reduce the number of objects in your

  // JavaScript runtime, you can create a const enum.

  // A const enum's value is replaced by TypeScript during

  // transpilation of your code, instead of being looked up

  // via an object at runtime.

  const enum MouseAction {

    MouseDown,

    MouseUpOutside,

    MouseUpInside,

  }

  const handleMouseAction = (action: MouseAction) => {

    switch (action) {

      case MouseAction.MouseDown:

        console.log("Mouse Down");

        break;

    }

  };

  // If you look at the transpiled JavaScript, you can see

  // how the other enums exist as objects and functions,

  // however MouseAction is not there.

  // This is also true for the check against MouseAction.MouseDown

  // inside the switch statement inside handleMouseAction.

  // Enums can do more than this, you can read more in the

  // TypeScript handbook:

  //

  // https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/enums.html

# 17\_nominal-typing.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=188

// A nominal type system means that each type is unique

// and even if types have the same data you cannot assign

// across types.

// TypeScript's type system is structural, which means

// if the type is shaped like a duck, it's a duck. If a

// goose has all the same attributes as a duck, then it also

// is a duck. You can learn more here: example:structural-typing

// This can have drawbacks, for example there are cases

// where a string or number can have special context and you

// don't want to ever make the values transferrable. For

// example:

//

// -  User Input Strings (unsafe)

// -  Translation Strings

// -  User Identification Numbers

// -  Access Tokens

// We can get most of the value from a nominal type

// system with a little bit of extra code.

// We're going to use an intersectional type, with a unique

// constraint in the form of a property called \_\_brand (this

// is convention) which makes it impossible to assign a

// normal string to a ValidatedInputString.

type ValidatedInputString = string & { \_\_brand: "User Input Post Validation" };

// We will use a function to transform a string to

// a ValidatedInputString - but the point worth noting

// is that we're just \_telling\_ TypeScript that it's true.

const validateUserInput = (input: string) => {

  const simpleValidatedInput = input.replace(/\</g, "≤");

  return simpleValidatedInput as ValidatedInputString;

};

// Now we can create functions which will only accept

// our new nominal type, and not the general string type.

const printName = (name: ValidatedInputString) => {

  console.log(name);

};

// For example, here's some unsafe input from a user, going

// through the validator and then being allowed to be printed:

const input = "alert('bobby tables')";

const validatedInput = validateUserInput(input);

printName(validatedInput);

// On the other hand, passing the un-validated string to

// printName will raise a compiler error:

printName(input);

// You can read a comprehensive overview of the

// different ways to create nominal types, and their

// trade-offs in this 400 comment long GitHub issue:

//

// https://github.com/Microsoft/TypeScript/issues/202

//

// and this post is a great summary:

//

// https://michalzalecki.com/nominal-typing-in-typescript/

# 18\_types-vs-interfaces.ts

// https://www.typescriptlang.org/play/?q=230

// There are two main tools to declare the shape of an

// object: interfaces and type aliases.

//

// They are very similar, and for the most common cases

// act the same.

type BirdType = {

    wings: 2;

  };

  interface BirdInterface {

    wings: 2;

  }

  const bird1: BirdType = { wings: 2 };

  const bird2: BirdInterface = { wings: 2 };

  // Because TypeScript is a structural type system,

  // it's possible to intermix their use too.

  const bird3: BirdInterface = bird1;

  // They both support extending other interfaces and types.

  // Type aliases do this via intersection types, while

  // interfaces have a keyword.

  type Owl = { nocturnal: true } & BirdType;

  type Robin = { nocturnal: false } & BirdInterface;

  interface Peacock extends BirdType {

    colourful: true;

    flies: false;

  }

  interface Chicken extends BirdInterface {

    colourful: false;

    flies: false;

  }

  let owl: Owl = { wings: 2, nocturnal: true };

  let chicken: Chicken = { wings: 2, colourful: false, flies: false };

  // That said, we recommend you use interfaces over type

  // aliases. Specifically, because you will get better error

  // messages. If you hover over the following errors, you can

  // see how TypeScript can provide terser and more focused

  // messages when working with interfaces like Chicken.

  owl = chicken;

  chicken = owl;

  // One major difference between type aliases vs interfaces

  // are that interfaces are open and type aliases are closed.

  // This means you can extend an interface by declaring it

  // a second time.

  interface Kitten {

    purrs: boolean;

  }

  interface Kitten {

    colour: string;

  }

  // In the other case a type cannot be changed outside of

  // its declaration.

  type Puppy = {

    color: string;

  };

  type Puppy = {

    toys: number;

  };

  // Depending on your goals, this difference could be a

  // positive or a negative. However for publicly exposed

  // types, it's a better call to make them an interface.

  // One of the best resources for seeing all of the edge

  // cases around types vs interfaces, this stack overflow

  // thread is a good place to start:

  // https://stackoverflow.com/questions/37233735/typescript-interfaces-vs-types/52682220#52682220