Type Definitions



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Overview



Role of type definitions

DefinitelyTyped

Managing type definitions with tsd

Managing type definitions with typings



What Are Type Definition Files?

Files with type information for a library

Contain no implementation details

Primarily used as a TypeScript wrapper for JavaScript libraries

Design-time tool for type-checking and editor support

File names end with .d.ts



Type Definition Sources

DefinitelyTyped

Typings Type Definition

Manager (multiple sources)

npm packages

Write your own!



```
// cardCatalog.d.ts
declare module "CardCatalog" {
   export function printCard(callNumber: string): void;
// app.ts
/// <reference path="cardCatalog.d.ts" />
import * as catalog from "CardCatalog";
```

Ambient Modules

Created with the "declare" keyword

Don't define an implementation



DefinitelyTyped

Huge repository of type definitions

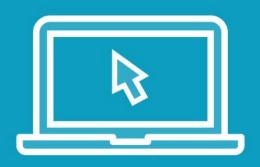
All definitions in a single Github repo

Download several ways

- Direct download from Github
- Nuget
- tsd
- typings



Demo



Using definitions from DefinitelyTyped



Managing Type Definitions with "tsd"

Find and download type definitions

Uses DefinitelyTyped exclusively

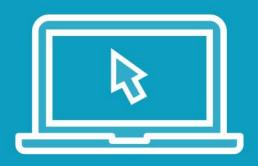
Manages references to installed definitions

Stores "triple-slash" references in a single file

But...it's deprecated



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Installing type definitions with tsd



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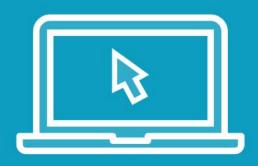
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But...it's new and not yet widely adopted



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Installing type definitions with typings



Summary



Benefits of type definitions

DefinitelyTyped

Managing type definitions



Thanks for watching!

