

# TypeScript Modules

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# What's a Module?





Separated

Testable

# JavaScript Modules

Maintainable

Reusable

# You May Be a Module if ...

Explicitly declare a module

```
module dataservice {  
    // code  
};
```

*dataservice Module*

No module declaration, no exports, no imports

*Global Module*

*Global Namespace*

*window*

```
class TestClass implements ITest {  
    private a = 2;  
    public b = 4;  
};  
var t = new TestClass();
```

# Module Flexibility

- **Extend modules**

- Custom modules or the global module

*Extend modules  
within or across files*

- **Separation of concerns**

- Each module has a specific role

*“Ravioli”*

- **Open**

- Import other modules
  - Export features

*Choose what to  
expose*

# Internal Modules



# Internal – Named Module

Named Module

```
module Shapes {  
    interface IRectangle {  
        height: number;  
        width: number;  
    }  
  
    class Rectangle implements IRectangle {  
        constructor (public height: number, public width: number) {  
        }  
    }  
  
    var rect: IRectangle = new Rectangle(10, 4);  
}
```

```
var myRectangle = Shapes._____
```

Inaccessible,  
nothing was exported

# Exporting Internal Modules

```
module Shapes {  
    export class Rectangle {  
        constructor (public height: number, public width: number) {  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
var myRectangle = new Shapes.Rectangle(2,4);
```

*Accessible,  
Because it was exported*



# Extending Internal Modules

```
module Shapes {  
  export class Rectangle {  
    constructor (public height: number, public width: number) {  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Export

```
var rect = new Shapes.Rectangle(2,4);
```

```
module Shapes {  
  export class Circle {  
    constructor (public radius: number) {  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
var circle = new Shapes.Circle(20);
```

Extending the  
Shapes module

# Immediately-Invoked Function Expression

(Pronounced “iffy”)

```
(function () {  
    console.log("hi there");  
})();
```

IIFE

*outer () disambiguates function expression from statement*

*can “lock in” values and save state*

*minimize global scope pollution and create privacy*

# Emitting IIFE

## TypeScript

```
module Shapes {  
  export class Rectangle {  
    constructor (  
      public height: number,  
      public width: number) {  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
var rect =  
  new Shapes.Rectangle(2,4);
```

Rectangle IIFE

## JavaScript

```
var Shapes;  
(function (Shapes) {  
  var Rectangle = (function () {  
    function Rectangle(height, width) {  
      this.height = height;  
      this.width = width;  
    }  
    return Rectangle;  
  })();  
  Shapes.Rectangle = Rectangle;  
})(Shapes || (Shapes = {}));
```

```
var rect =  
  new Shapes.Rectangle(2, 4);
```

Shapes IIFE

# Referencing Internal Modules



# Separating Internal Modules

- **Modules separated across files**

*Separation is ideal  
for larger projects*

- **Must load them in the proper sequence**
  - Script tags

*Can get difficult to  
maintain in larger projects*

- **Reference them**
  - `/// <reference path="shapes.ts" />`

# Separation

shapes.ts

export

```
module Shapes {  
  export class Rectangle {  
    constructor (  
      public height: number, public width: number) {  
    }  
  }  
}
```

reference

shapemaker.ts

```
/// <reference path="shapes.ts" />  
  
module ShapeMaker {  
  var rect = new Shapes.Rectangle(2,4);  
}
```

# Importing External Modules and Managing Large Applications



# Internal and External Modules

## Internal

- Namespace-like modules
- For grouping code
- No need to “import” them

## External

- Separately loadable modules
- Exported entities can be imported into other modules

```
import viewmodels = module('viewmodels');
```

- CommonJS or AMD Conventions
  - <http://requirejs.org/>

When you see  
“Import”, think  
external module

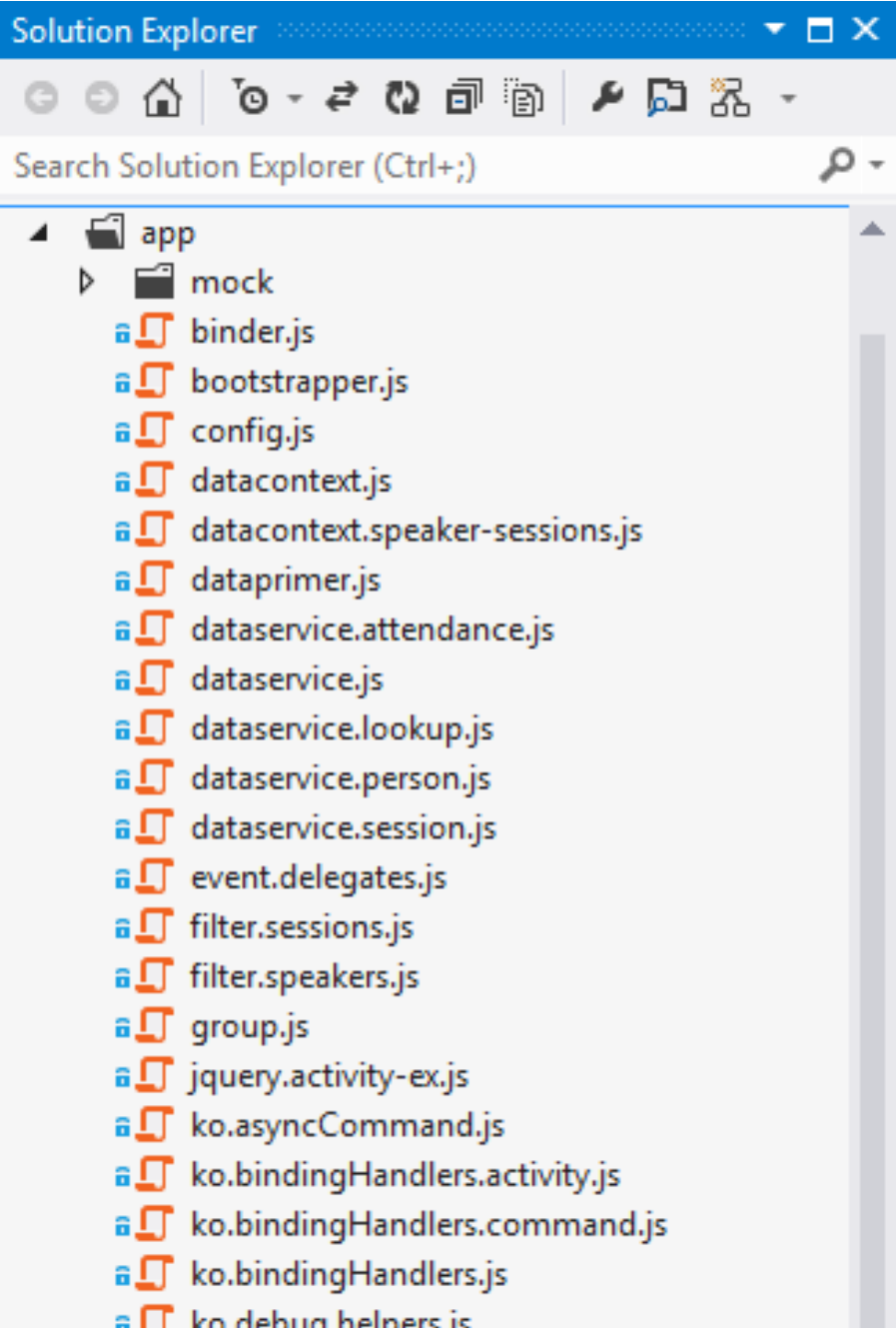


A photograph of a child's room, heavily cluttered with various items. In the background, a wooden desk is covered with papers, toys, and a small lamp. Above the desk, a bookshelf is filled with books. To the left, a wooden ladder or shelving unit holds a white teddy bear and other items. The room is filled with toys, clothes, and miscellaneous objects, creating a sense of disarray.

**Why?**

**Sequencing script  
dependencies is hard**

Many Modules



How do we  
Manage  
Dependencies  
and Order?

# AMD

- **Asynchronous Module Definition**
  - Manage Dependencies
  - Loads them asynchronously
- **Loads modules in sequence**
  - Based on defined dependencies
  - Who requires who ?
- **require.js**

*Learn More about Require.js  
in my course Single Page  
Apps*

*SPA Basics:  
Separating the  
Ravioli*

# Loading Module Dependencies with Require.js

```
require(['bootstrapper'],  
        (bootstrapper) => {  
            bootstrapper.run();  
        }  
    ));
```

main.ts

```
import gt = module('greeter');  
  
export function run() {  
    var el = document.getElementById('content');  
    var greeter = new gt.Greeter(el);  
    greeter.start();  
}
```

bootstrapper.ts

```
export class Greeter {  
    start() {  
        this.timerToken = setInterval(() =>  
            this.span.innerText = new Date().toUTCString(), 500);  
    }  
}
```

greeter.ts

# Recap





# TypeScript Modules

## ■ Modules

- Why? More maintainable and re-usable for large projects
- Extendable
- Control accessibility
- Organize your code across multiple files
- More maintainable for large projects

## ■ Internal Modules

- Development time references for the tools and type checking
- Must sequence `<script>` tags properly

## ■ External Modules

- Modules that use the CommonJS or AMD conventions
- Dependency resolution using `require.js` ( <http://requirejs.org> )