



# JavaScript Master Seminar

## Module Pattern

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# Agenda

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## What is Module?

- Integral piece of robust application's architecture
- Keeps the units of code separated and organized



## Implementation of modules

- The Module pattern
- Object literal notation
- AMD modules
- CommonJS modules
- ECMAScript Harmony modules



## What is Module pattern?

- JavaScript design pattern
- Developed in 2003
- Private and public encapsulation
- Mimic classes in software engineering



## Advantages

- Cleaner approach for developers
- Supports private data
- Less clutter in global namespace
- Localization of functions and variables



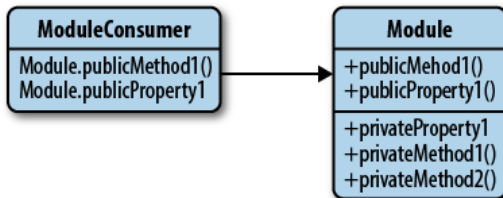
## Disadvantages

- Inability to create automated unit tests
- Lose of extendibility
- Problems when changing visibility of public/private members



# The Basics

- Anonymous Closures
- Private methods
- Global Import
- Module Export





## Anonymous Closures

- Defined function is executed immediately
- Code inside the function lives in a **closure**
- It provides **privacy** and **state**
- Maintains access to all globals

```
(function () {  
    // code  
})();
```

Figure: A simple anonymous closure

## Private methods

- Methods locally declared in modules
- Inaccessible outside of the scope defined

```
var Module = (function () {  
  
    var privateMethod = function () {  
        // do something  
    };  
  
})();
```

Figure: Private scope of a function

## Implied Globals

- Hard-to-manage code
- Not obvious (to humans) which variables are global



## Global Import

- Better alternative
- Passing globals as parameters to anonymous function
- Clearer and faster approach
- Better efficiency and readability

```
(function ($, YAHOO) {  
    // now have access to globals jQuery (as $) and YAHOO in this code  
})(jQuery, YAHOO));
```

Figure: Importing of globals

## Module Export

- Declare globals for further use
- Return value of anonymous function
- Module variables readable afterwards
- Namespacing (avoids varname conflicts)

# Submodules



# Inheritance









- Conclusion

- △ We just showed the tip of the iceberg, there are much more details and many more interesting features.
- △ The AngularJS official website is a great place to start learning:  
<https://docs.angularjs.org/>
- △ Angular is a complete client-side solution which is opinionated about how a CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) application should be built.
- △ Angular and its mentality is the future of the web, so if you are dealing with JavaScript in your career, sooner or later, you will end up learning such a framework.
- △ Finally we think Angular is the coolest thing happened to client side JavaScript since jQuery!



# Thank You!

