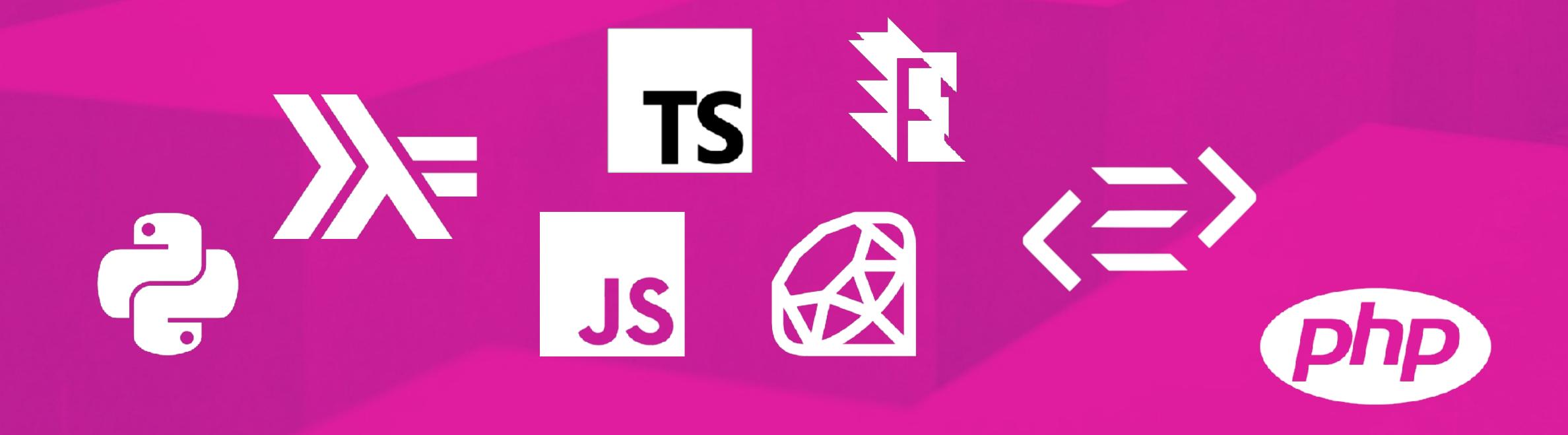
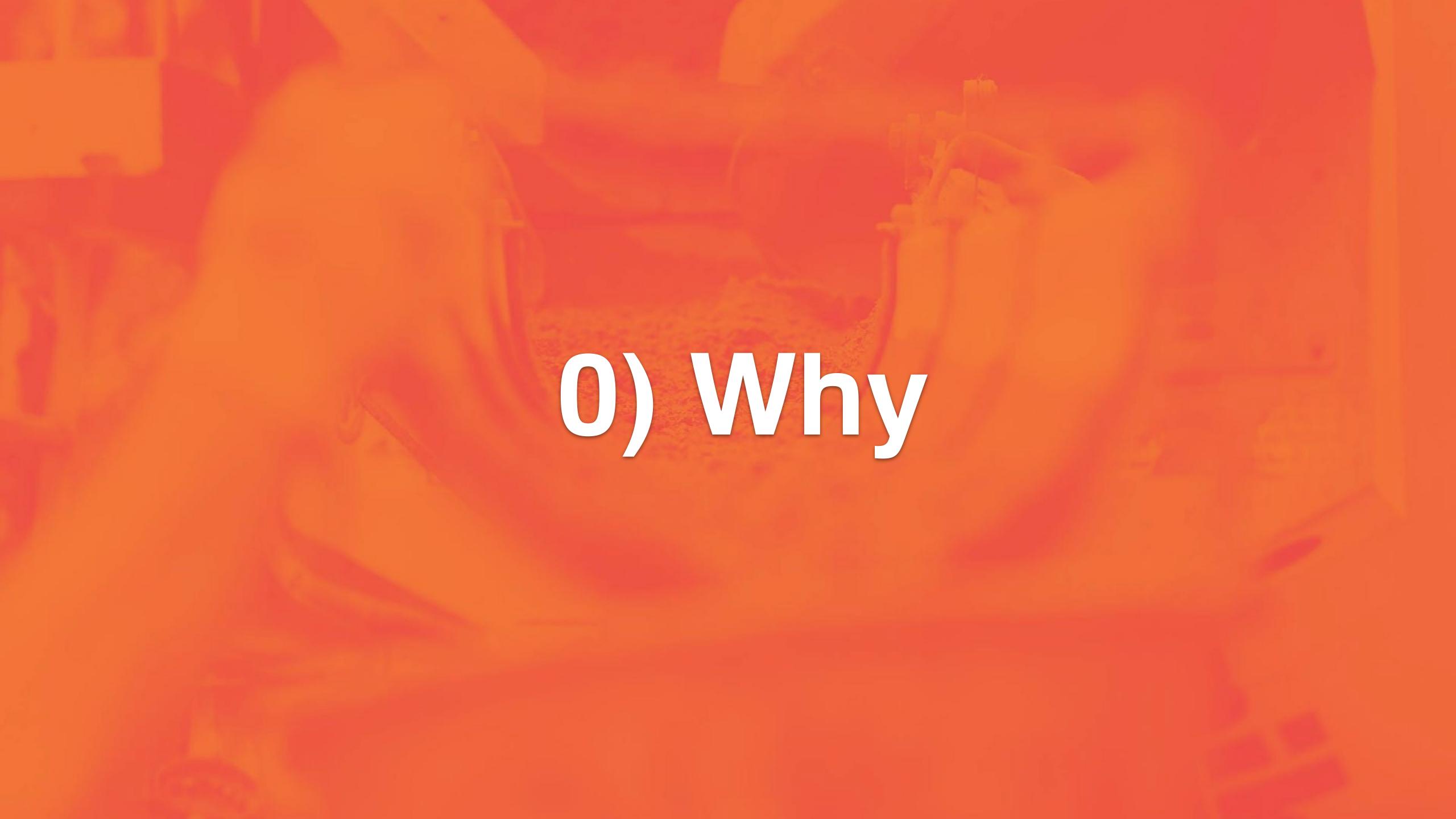
TypeScript



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Audience Interaction Time



Write down my assumptions in a way the computer understands, then have it tell me when I'm wrong.

Dear Kete

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1) Possibilities

1.1) Keep only what's needed

```
function icon(type: string): string {
   ...
}
```

```
// CSS class name for icon
function icon(type: string): string {
  return `icon icon-${type}`;
}
```

```
// CSS class name for icon
function icon(type: string): string {
  return `icon icon-${type}`;
}
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
   ...
}
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
   ...
}
```

11 11

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"spinner"

"spinner"

"Hello, world!"

"spinner"

"Hello, world!"

"不忍人之心"

11 11

"spinner"

"ACT I
SCENE I. Athens. The palace of THESEUS.

Enter THESEUS, HIPPOLYTA, PHILOSTRATE, and Attendants

• • •

"Hello, world!"

"不忍人之心"

"spinner" | "save"

"spinner" | "save"

"spinner"

"spinner" | "save"

"spinner"

"save"

Possibilities: lim n -> ∞...?

Possibilities: 2

1.2) Don't spread a choice across multiple values.

```
type Props = {
 success?: boolean,
 warning?: boolean,
 error?: boolean,
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

```
<Notification</pre>
  error={true}
  This is bad.
//Notification>
```

```
Notification({
  error: true,
  children: [
    "This is bad.",
```

```
<Notification</pre>
  error={true}
  This is bad.
//Notification>
```

```
<Notification</pre>
  error={true}
  This is bad.
//Notification>
```

```
<Notification</pre>
  success={true}
  This is good.
//Notification>
```

```
type Props = {
 success?: boolean,
 warning?: boolean,
 error?: boolean,
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

```
<Notification</pre>
      success={true}
      error={true}
      This is ... ???

<
```

```
<Notification</pre>
      success={true}
      error={true}
      This is ... ???

<
```

```
type Props = {
 success?: boolean,
 warning?: boolean,
 error?: boolean,
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean,
 warning?: boolean,
 error?: boolean,
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

```
type Props = {
  type: 'success' | 'warning' | 'error',
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

```
<Notification</pre>
        type="success"
       This is good.

<
```

```
<Notification</pre>
       type="success"
       This is good.

<
```

Possibilities: (true,true,true + true,true,false + true,false,false + ...)

Possibilities: 3

1.3) Things that change separately

```
type Props = {
 type: 'success' | 'warning' | 'error',
 dismissable: boolean,
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

```
type Props = {
 type: 'success' | 'warning' | 'error',
 dismissable: boolean,
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

1.4) Convenient types are tempting but can leave gaps.

```
type Props = {
  items: Array<Item>,
function Carousel(props: Props): {
```

```
<Carousel
  items=[...]
/>
```

```
<Carousel
  items=[]
/>
```

```
type Props = {
  items: Array<Item>,
function Carousel(props: Props): {
```

```
type Props = {
  itemsBefore: Array<Item>
  currentItem: Item,
  itemsAfter: Array<Item>,
};
function Carousel(props: Props): {
```

```
type Props = {
  itemsBefore: Array<Item>
  currentItem: Item,
  itemsAfter: Array<Item>,
};
function Carousel(props: Props): {
```

```
<Carousel</pre>
  itemsBefore=[]
  item=...
  itemsAfter=[7]
```

```
<Carousel</pre>
  itemsBefore=[]
  item=...
  itemsAfter=[7]
```

1.5) Combining Unions and values that change separately

```
function Example(props: Props): {
  const [isLoading, setLoading] =
    useState(false);
  const [isError, setError] =
    useState(false);
  const [data, setData] =
    useState<string | null>(null);
```

```
type State = {
  isLoading: boolean,
  isError: boolean,
  data: null | string,
}
```

```
type State =
  { type: 'loading' }
  { type: 'error' }
  { type: 'success',
     data: null string
```

Possibilities: (1 + 1 + (1 x 2))

Possibilities: 4

SUMMS and Procucts

Possibilities

A single possibility is a '1'

(eg. true, 5, "hi", undefined)

Unions are Sums (addition)

Union types represent a group of 'either-or' possibilities.

Total states: add all the possibilities together.

Possible states for Icon

Possible states for Icon

Possible states for Icon

Possible states for boolean

```
type undefined = 1 undefined ← 1
```

Possible states for undefined

= 1

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
   ...
}
```

Values that change independently are Products (multiplication)

Total states: multiply the groups of possibilities together.

```
type Props = {
 success?: boolean,
 warning?: boolean,
 error?: boolean,
function Notification(props: Props): {
```

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean,
  warning?: boolean,
  error?: boolean,
  ...
};
```

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean,
  warning?: boolean,
  error?: boolean,
  ...
};
```

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean,
  warning?: boolean,
  error?: boolean,
  ...
};
```

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean, ← 1+1
  warning?: boolean,
  error?: boolean,
  ...
};
```

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean, ← 1+1
  warning?: boolean, ← 1+1
  error?: boolean,
  ...
};
```

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type Props = {
  success?: boolean, ← 1+1
  warning?: boolean, ← 1+1
  error?: boolean, ← 1+1
  ...
```

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean, ← 1+1
  warning?: boolean, ← 1+1
  error?: boolean, ← 1+1
  ...
};
```

Possible states for Icon

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean,
                       ← 1 + 1
  warning?: boolean,
                       ← 1 + 1
                      ← 1 + 1
  error?: boolean,
}:
```

Possible states for Icon $= (1 + 1) \times (1 + 1) \times (1 + 1)$

```
type Props = {
  success?: boolean,
                       ← 1 + 1
  warning?: boolean,
                      ← 1 + 1
                     ← 1 + 1
 error?: boolean,
}:
Possible states for Icon
 = (1 + 1) x (1 + 1) x (1 + 1)
```

2) Exhaustivity

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
   ...
}
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
  switch (type) {
    case 'spinner': ...
    case 'save': ...
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save' | 'ok';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
 switch (type) {
    case 'spinner': ...
    case 'save': ...
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save' | 'ok';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
  switch (type) {
    case 'spinner': ...
    case 'save': ...
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save' | 'ok';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
  switch (type) {
                             Function lacks ending
    case 'spinner': ...
                             return statement and
                             return type does not
    case 'save': ...
                             include 'undefined'.
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save' | 'ok';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
 switch (type) {
    case 'spinner': ...
    case 'save': ...
    case 'ok': ...
```

```
type Icon = 'spinner' | 'save' | 'ok';
function icon(type: Icon): string {
 switch (type) {
    case 'spinner': ...
    case 'save': ...
    case 'ok': ...
```





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```
type Example = boolean | string;
function example(x: Example): number {
 switch (typeof x) {
    case 'boolean':
   case 'string':
```

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 switch (typeof x) {
   case 'boolean':
                    case 'string':
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type Example = boolean | string;
function example(x: Example): number {
 switch (typeof x) {
   case 'boolean':
                      case 'string':
                      ← x is a string in here
```

```
function example(x: Example): number {
 switch (typeof x) \{ \leftarrow switch() satisfies \}
   case 'boolean':
                       TS's exhaustivity checker.
                     case 'string':
```

type Example = boolean | string;

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 switch (typeof x) \{ \leftarrow switch() satisfies \}
   case 'boolean':
                      TS's exhaustivity checker.
                     case 'string':
```

type Example = boolean | string;

```
type Example = Array<string> | string;
function example(x: Example): number {
 if (Array.isArray(x)) {
 } else if (typeof x === 'string') {
```

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type Example = Array<string> | string;
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (Array.isArray(x)) {
  } else if (typeof x === 'string') {
                                    Function lacks ending return statement and return type does not
                                    include 'undefined'.
```

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type Example = Array<string> | string;
function example(x: Example): number {
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 switch (typeof x) {
   case 'string':
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   case 'string':
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 if (Array.isArray(x)) {
                    switch (typeof x) {
   case 'string':
```

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function example(x: Example): number {
 if (Array.isArray(x)) {
 switch (typeof x) {
   case 'string':
```

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function example(x: Example): number {
 if (Array.isArray(x)) {
 switch (typeof x) {
   case 'string':
```

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function example(x: Example): number {
  if (Array.isArray(x)) {
  switch (typeof x) {
                        ← switch() satisfies
    case 'string':
                           TS's exhaustivity checker.
                          ← x is a string in here.
```

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type Example = Array<string> | string;
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 switch (typeof x) {
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 switch (typeof x) {
   case 'string':
```

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type Example = Array<string> | string;
function example(x: Example): number {
 if (Array.isArray(x)) {
 switch (typeof x) {
   case 'string':
```

```
class Foo { ... }; class Bar { ... };
type Example = Foo | Bar;
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
```

```
class Foo { ... }; class Bar { ... };
type Example = Foo | Bar;
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
                          ← Can't use switch().
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
```

```
class Foo { ... }; class Bar { ... };
type Example = Foo | Bar;
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
                          ← Can't use switch().
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
                                  Can't use switch().
```

```
class Foo { ... }; class Bar { ... };
type Example = Foo | Bar;
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
```

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class Foo { ... }; class Bar { ... };
type Example = Foo | Bar;
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
                                    Function lacks ending return statement and return type does not
                                    include 'undefined'.
```

```
class Foo { ... }; class Bar { ... };
type Example = Foo | Bar;
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
  return notExhaustive();
```

```
function notExhaustive(): never {
  throw new Error('Not exhaustive');
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
  return notExhaustive();
```

```
function notExhaustive(): never {
  throw new Error('Not exhaustive');
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
  return notExhaustive();
```



```
function notExhaustive(): never {
  throw new Error('Not exhaustive');
function example(x: Example): number {
  if (x instanceof Foo) {
  } else if (x instanceof Bar) {
  return notExhaustive();
```

Type Guards & Exhaustivity

(It's a rabbit-hole; I'm still figuring this out myself.)

https://basarat.gitbooks.io/typescript/docs/types/typeGuard.html

https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs/handbook/advancedtypes.html#exhaustiveness-checking (Appears to be out of date / inaccurate.)

3) Intentionally-Different Types

If you mean something different, use a different type.

number

Row ID

Kilogram

Count

number

Length (cm)

Currency (AUD)

Currency (JP Yen)

```
async function saveUser(
  id: string,
 email: string
): Promise<User> {
await saveUser(id, "a@b.c");
```

```
async function saveUser(
  id: string,
  email: string
): Promise<User> {
await saveUser(id, "a@b.c");
```

```
async function saveUser(
  id: string,
 email: string
): Promise<User> {
await saveUser(id, "a@b.c");
```

```
async function saveUser(
  id: string,
  email: string
): Promise<User> {
await saveUser("a@b.c", id);
```

```
async function saveUser(
  id: string,
 email: string
): Promise<User> {
await saveUser(id, "a@b.c");
```

Method #1: Context

```
async function saveUser(
  id: string,
 email: string
): Promise<User> {
await saveUser(id, "a@b.c");
```

```
async function saveUser({ id, email }:{
  id: string,
  email: string
}): Promise<User> {
await saveUser({ id, email: "a@b.c"});
```

```
async function saveUser({ id, email }:{
  id: string,
 email: string
}): Promise<User> {
await saveUser({ id, email: "a@b.c"});
```

```
type User = {
  id: string,
  email: string,
};
async function saveUser(
  { id, email }: User
): Promise<User> {
```

```
type User = {
  id: string,
  email: string,
};
async function saveUser(
  { id, email }: User
): Promise<User> {
```

```
function checkId(string) {
function validEmail(string) {
```

```
id: string
async function saveUser(
  { id, email }: User
): Promise<User> {
                                       function validEmail(string) {
```

function checkId(string) {

```
function checkId(string) {
                         id: string
async function saveUser(
  { id, email }: User
): Promise<User> {
                                       function validEmail(string) {
                       email: string
```

```
function checkId(string) {
                         id: string
async function saveUser(
  { id, email }: User
): Promise<User> {
                                       function validEmail(string) {
                       email: string
```

Method #2: Brands (Opaque/nominal types)

```
type Brand<WrappedType, TypeName> =
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stringToUserId(id: string): UserId

userIdToString(id: UserId): string

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  id: UserId,
  email: string,
};
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function checkId(UserId) {
function validEmail(string) {
```

email: string

4) Proving things to the type-checker

unknown => known

(implicitly: ... or throw an error)

(Array<Thing>) => NonEmptyArray<Thing>

```
function messageFromApi(
  raw: unknown
): { message: string } {
  if (typeof raw == 'object' && raw != ...) {
    return ...;
  }
}
```

```
import * as t from 'io-ts';
const User = t.type({
  id: t.string,
  email: t.string,
});
// Validation succeeded
User.decode(JSON.parse('{"id":1,"email":"g@z.com"}'));
 // => Right({ id: 1, name: "g@z.com" })
// Validation failed
User.decode(JSON.parse('{"email":"g@z.com"}'));
  // => Left([...])
```

5) Lightning Round of Odd Tips

--strict

Avoid numeric enum

```
enum MyEnum {
  b = 2,
function fun(en: MyEnum) {
fun(666); // no error
```

https://twitter.com/GiulioCanti/status/1105873882882412545

(String enums are fortunately unaffected by this; thanks, @nhardy96!)

readonly & ReadOnly < ... >

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

```
type User = {...};
// NewUser has everything except
// the 'id' field from User:
type NewUser =
  Exclude<User, 'id'>;
```

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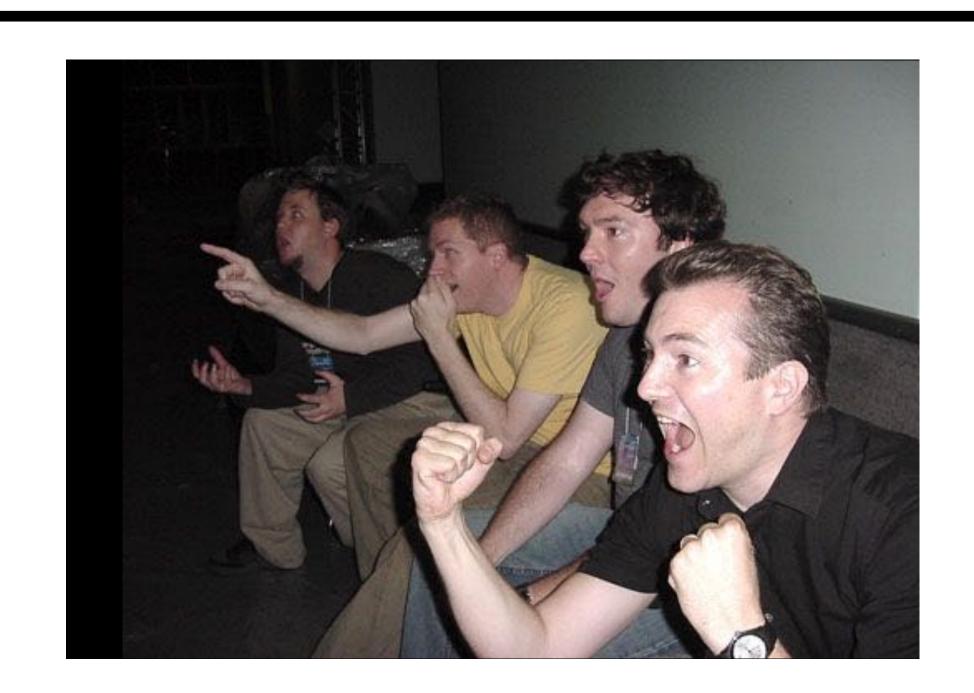
type vs interface

https://medium.com/@martin_hotell/interface-vs-type-alias-in-typescript-2-7-2a8f1777af4c

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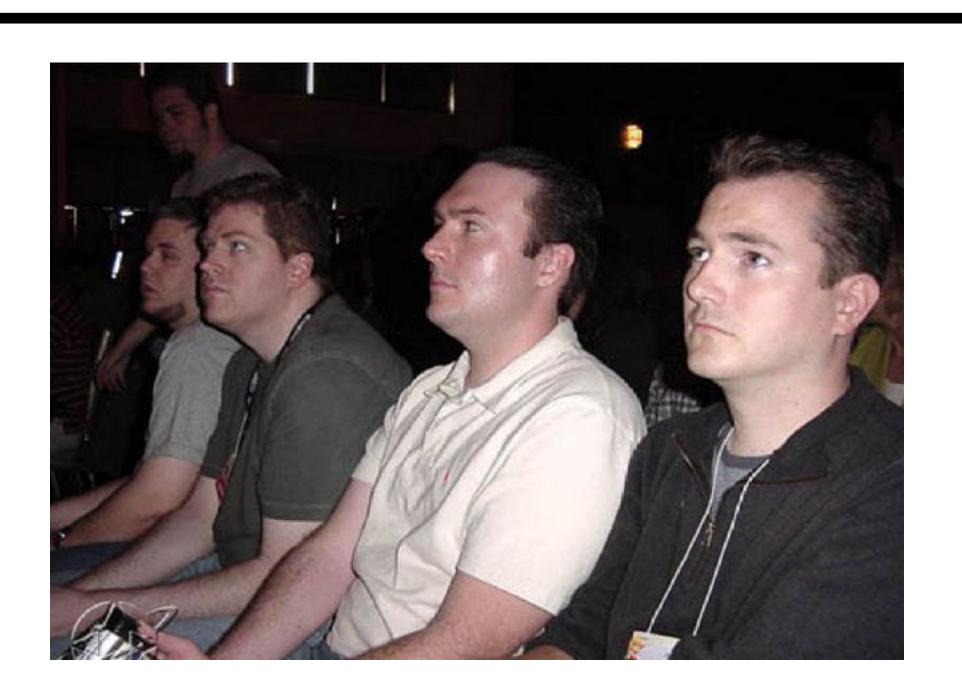
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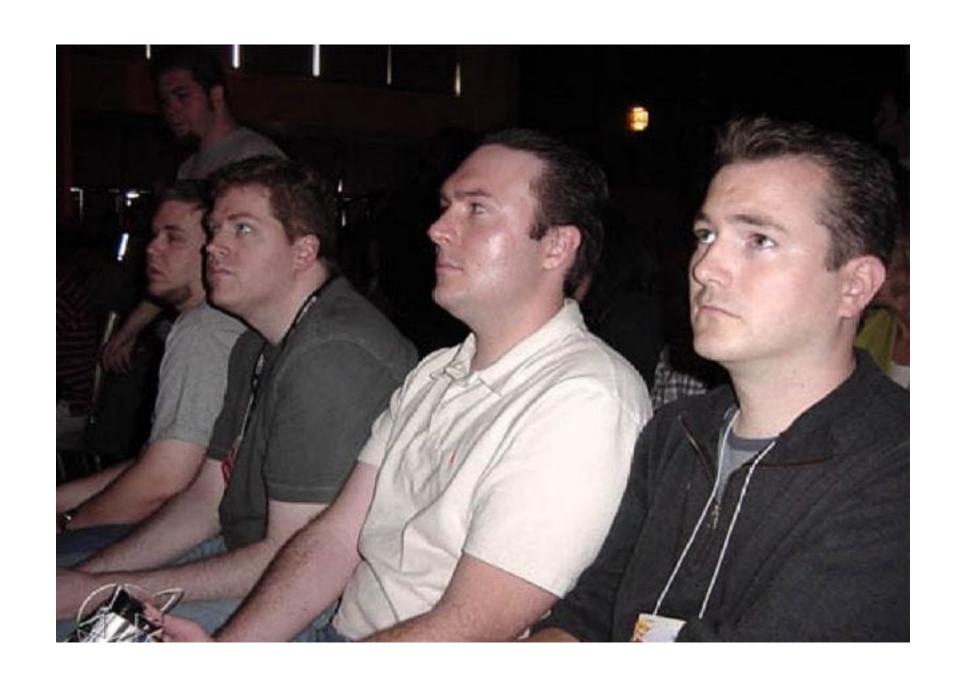
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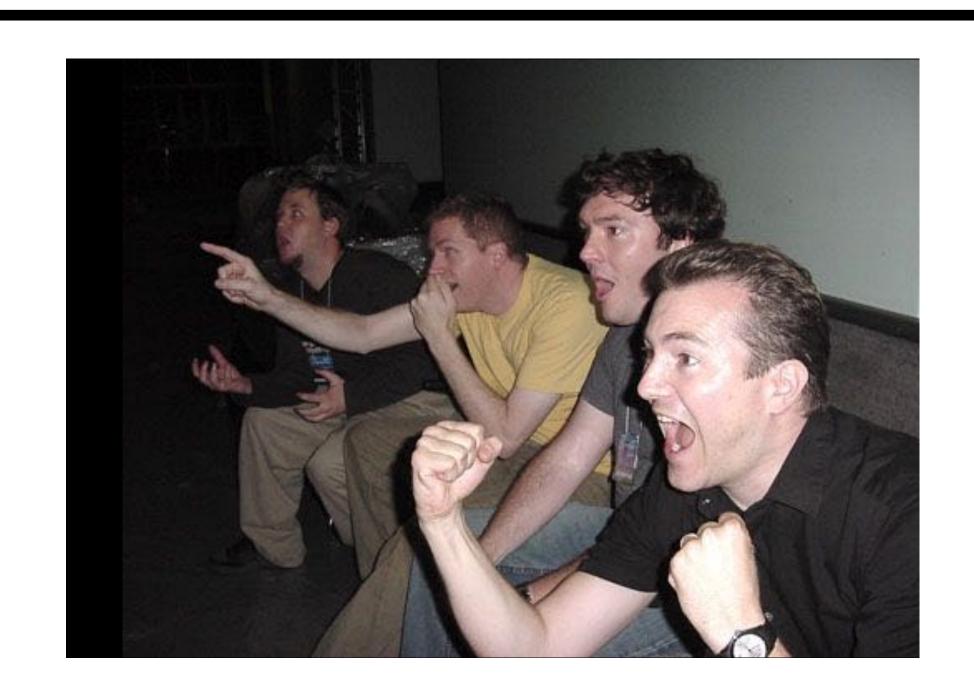
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mixed / unknown
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