TypeScript 5.0

What's new in this major?

Decorators are an **upcoming ECMAScript** feature that allow us to customize classes and their members in a **reusable way**.

```
1 // 31_typescript_5_0/listings/decorators.ts
2
3 class Person {
4    name: string;
5    constructor(name: string) {
6         this.name = name;
7    }
8
9    greet() {
10         console.log(`Hello, my name is ${this.name}.`);
11    }
12 }
13
14 const p = new
```

greet is pretty simple here, but let's imagine it's something way more complicated – maybe it does some async logic, it's recursive, it has side effects, etc.

Regardless of what kind of ball-of-mud you're imagining, let's say you throw in some console.log calls to help debug greet.

```
// 31 typescript 5 0/listings/decorators ext.ts
   class Person {
       name: string;
       constructor(name: string) {
           this.name = name;
 9
       greet() {
10
           console.log("LOG: Entering method.");
11
12
           console.log(`Hello, my name is ${this.name}.`);
13
14
           console.log("LOG: Exiting method.")
15
16 }
```

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```
function loggedMethod(originalMethod: any, _context: any) {

function replacementMethod(this: any, ...args: any[]) {
    console.log("LOG: Entering method.")
    const result = originalMethod.call(this, ...args);
    console.log("LOG: Exiting method.")
    return result;
}

return replacementMethod;
}
```

"What's the deal with all of these **anys**? What is this, **anyscript**!?"

Just be patient – we're keeping things simple for now so that we can focus on what this function is doing.

Now we can use **loggedMethod** to *decorate* the method greet:

```
1 // 31 typescript 5 0/listings/decorators logged.ts
 3 class Person {
       name: string;
       constructor(name: string) {
           this.name = name;
      @loggedMethod
10
      greet() {
11
           console.log(`Hello, my name is ${this.name}.`);
12
13 }
14
15 const p = new Person("Ron");
16 p.greet();
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```

When TypeScript originally introduced enums, they were nothing more than a set of numeric constants with the same type.

```
1 enum E {
2   Foo = 10,
3   Bar = 20,
4 }
```

The only thing special about **E.Foo** and **E.Bar** was that they were assignable to anything expecting the type **E**. Other than that, they were pretty much just numbers.

```
function takeValue(e: E) {}

takeValue(E.Foo); // works
takeValue(123); // error!
```

It wasn't until TypeScript 2.0 introduced enum literal types that enums got a bit more special. Enum literal types gave each enum member its own type, and turned the enum itself into a union of each member type.

```
1 // Color is like a union of Red | Orange | Yellow | Green | Blue | Violet
2 enum Color {
3     Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, /* Indigo */, Violet
4 }
5
6 // Each enum member has its own type that we can refer to!
7 type PrimaryColor = Color.Red | Color.Green | Color.Blue;
8
9 function isPrimaryColor(c: Color): c is PrimaryColor {
10     // Narrowing literal types can catch bugs.
11     // TypeScript will error here because
12     // we'll end up comparing 'Color.Red' to 'Color.Green'.
13     // We meant to use ||, but accidentally wrote &&.
14     return c === Color.Red && c === Color.Green && c === Color.Blue;
15 }
```

One issue with giving **each enum member its own type** was that those types were in some part associated with the actual value of the member. In some cases it's not possible to compute that value – for instance, an enum member could be initialized by a function call.

```
1 enum E {
2    Blah = Math.random()
3 }
```

TypeScript 5.0 manages to make all enums into union enums by creating a unique type for each computed member. That means that all enums can now be narrowed and have their members referenced as types as well.

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That was all for this chapter