Evaluators new Global

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Motivation

- Domain Specific Languages
- Test runners
- Principle of Least Authority
- Isolation of unreliable code

Example - DSL

```
const dslGlobal = const new Global();
dslGlobal.describe = () => {};
dslGlobal.before = () => {};
dslGlobal.after = () => {};

const source = await import.source(entrypoint);
await dslGlobal.eval('s => import(s)')(source);
```

```
dslGlobal.document = mockDomApi;
```

new Global

```
interface Global {
  constructor({
    keys?: string[],
    importHook?: ImportHook,
    importMetaHook?: ImportMetaHook,
  // Unique to the new global:
  Global: typeof Global,
  eval: typeof eval,
  Function: typeof Function,
  // internal slots for *Function as well
  // + properties copied from globalThis filtered by keys
```

Conceptual changes

- latest incarnation of the Evaluators proposal, from Compartments (Stage 1)
- avoids adding new concept of Evaluators, reuses existing Global concept.
- no new categories of global object, just replicas
- host creates the global object
- not opinionated on minimal set of globals

" Global picks up from the previous proposal for Evaluators and results from an observation that an object conveniently containing all evaluators alreaedy exists in the spec and all we need to do is expose a constructor for it.

It also eliminates the concern where evaluators accepting any globalThis to use would clash with the host implementation's desire to use special objects only the host can create.

No API to set a custom reference as global context for evaluators if it's not created via new Global When a new global is created it inherits all properties from parent global unless user specifies a list. Spec offers no opinions on minimal global, only demands that all evaluators are present.

Details

- allows mutating (new Global()).globalThis before evaluation
- by default copy all properties from globalThis
- properties: Global and all evaluators have their internal slots relating them to the new *global*, that includes all *Function slots.

```
(async () => {}).constructor !==
new Global().eval('async () => {}').constructor
```

Details - All properties grafted by default

```
globalThis.x = {};
const newGlobal = new globalThis.Global();
newGlobal.Object === globalThis.Object;
newGlobal.x === globalThis.x;
```

Details - Properties can be selectively grafted

```
globalThis.x = {};
globalThis.y = {};
const newGlobal = new Global({
   keys: ['y'],
});
newGlobal.x === undefined;
newGlobal.y === globalThis.y
```

Details - Some properties undeniable

```
const newGlobal = new Global({
  keys: []
});
newGlobal.Object === globalThis.Object;
```

Details - Own unique evaluators

```
const newGlobal = new Global();
newGlobal.eval !== thisGlobal.eval;
newGlobal.Global !== thisGlobal.Global;
newGlobal.Function !== thisGlobal.Function;
```

Details - Other unique intrinsic evaluators

```
const newGlobal = new Global();
newGlobal.eval("Object.getPrototypeOf(async () => {})") !==
    Object.getPrototypeOf(async () => {});
newGlobal.eval("Object.getPrototypeOf(function *() {})") !==
    Object.getPrototypeOf(function* () {});
newGlobal.eval("Object.getPrototypeOf(async function *() {})") !==
    Object.getPrototypeOf(async function* () {});
```

Details - Inherits host import hook and module map by default

```
const newGlobal = new Global();
const fs1 = await import("node:fs");
const fs2 = await newGlobal.eval('import("node:fs")');
fs1 === fs2; // if present
```

Details - Can override import hook

```
const newGlobal = new Global({
   async importHook(specifier) {
    if (specifier === 'node:fs') {
      return import.source('mock-fs.js');
   } else {
      return import.source(specifier);
   }
  });
  const fs = await newGlobal.eval('import("node:fs"))');
```

Details - Closed holes

```
const fs = await (0, eval)('import("node:fs")');

const AsyncFunction = (async () => {}).constructor;
const fs = await new AsyncFunction('return import("node:fs"))');

const fs = await import(new ModuleSource('
    export default new Function('return import("node:fs")')();
    `));
```

Closing every escape gadget requires rigor — but is possible!

Overlap with Module Harmony

```
const globalThat = new Global({
  importHook(specifier) {
   log(`global ${specifier}`);
    return new ModuleSource("");
 },
});
const source = new globalThat.ModuleSource(
  import 'static-import';
                                                     // local static-import
  eval('import("direct-eval-import")');
                                            // local direct-eval-import
  globalThis.eval('import("indirect-eval-import")'); // global indirect-eval-import
  new Function('return import("function-import")'); // global function-import
    importHook(specifier) {
      log(`local ${specifier}`);
await import(source);
```