

~~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 already 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 get a system reference to global context for evaluators if it's not created in

Stage 1

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 underivable

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);
```