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You might not need advanced types.









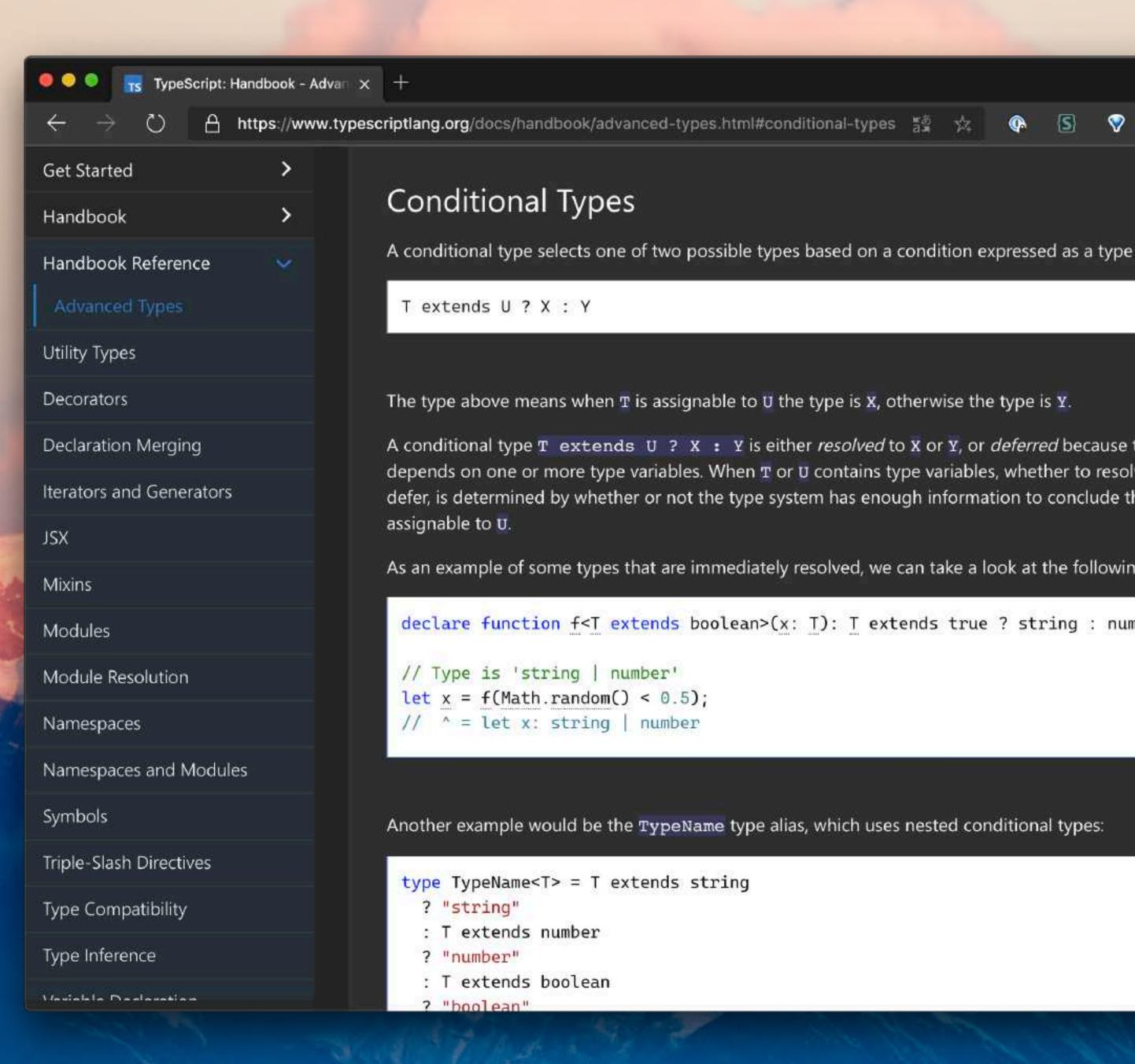
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Conditional Types

A conditional type selects one of two possible types based on a condition expressed as a type relationship test:

```
T extends U ? X : Y
```

The type above means when \mathbf{T} is assignable to \mathbf{U} the type is \mathbf{X} , otherwise the type is \mathbf{Y} .

A conditional type T extends U ? X : Y is either resolved to X or Y, or deferred because the condition depends on one or more type variables. When T or U contains type variables, whether to resolve to X or Y, or to defer, is determined by whether or not the type system has enough information to conclude that \mathbf{T} is always assignable to U.

As an example of some types that are immediately resolved, we can take a look at the following example:

```
declare function f<T extends boolean>(x: T): T extends true ? string : number;
// Type is 'string | number'
let x = f(Math.random() < 0.5);
// ^ = let x: string | number
                                                                                  Try
```

Another example would be the TypeName type alias, which uses nested conditional types:

```
type TypeName<T> = T extends string
 ? "string"
  : T extends number
 ? "number"
 : T extends boolean
 ? "boolean"
```

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When do I need to use advanced types?



Let's build a

Schema Builder ?





Let's make an app for

Hackathon Grouping Em







Let's look at the

API Surface 2





```
const Member = t.type('member', {
  id: t.id(),
  name: t.text(),
 age: t.number(),
```



```
const Team = t.type('team', {
  name: t.text(),
  lead: t.of(Member),
 members: t.many(t.of(Member))
```









```
const h = createHandler<Team>(() ⇒ ({
  name,
  lead,
  members: [member]
}))
```



How would we write this

Just for the types?



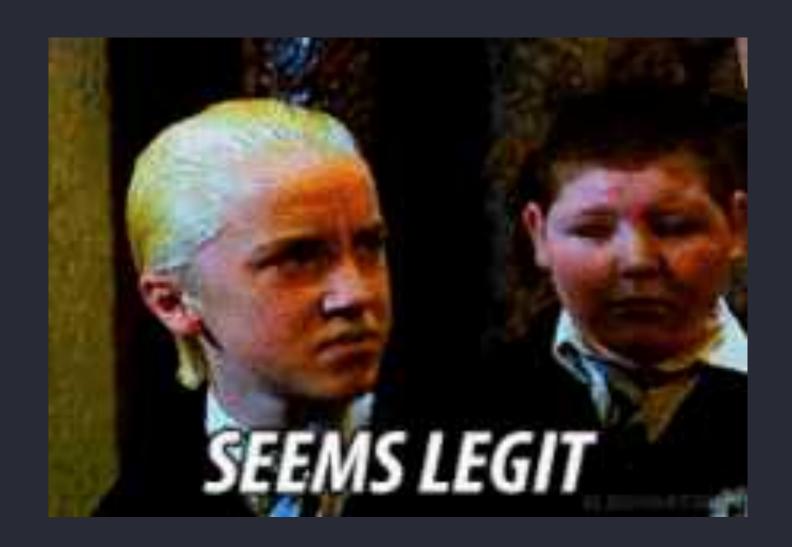
```
const Member = t.type('member', {
  id: t.id(),
  name: t.text(),
  age: t.number(),
```



```
const t = {
   text: () ⇒ '',
   number: () \Rightarrow 0,
   many: \langle T \rangle (input: T) \Rightarrow [input],
   of: \langle T \rangle (type: T) \Rightarrow type,
   optional: \langle T \rangle (type: T): T \mid null \Rightarrow type,
```



```
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     const Person: {
 of:
          name: string;
 opti
          age: number;
const Person = {
 name: t.text(),
 age: t.number(),
```

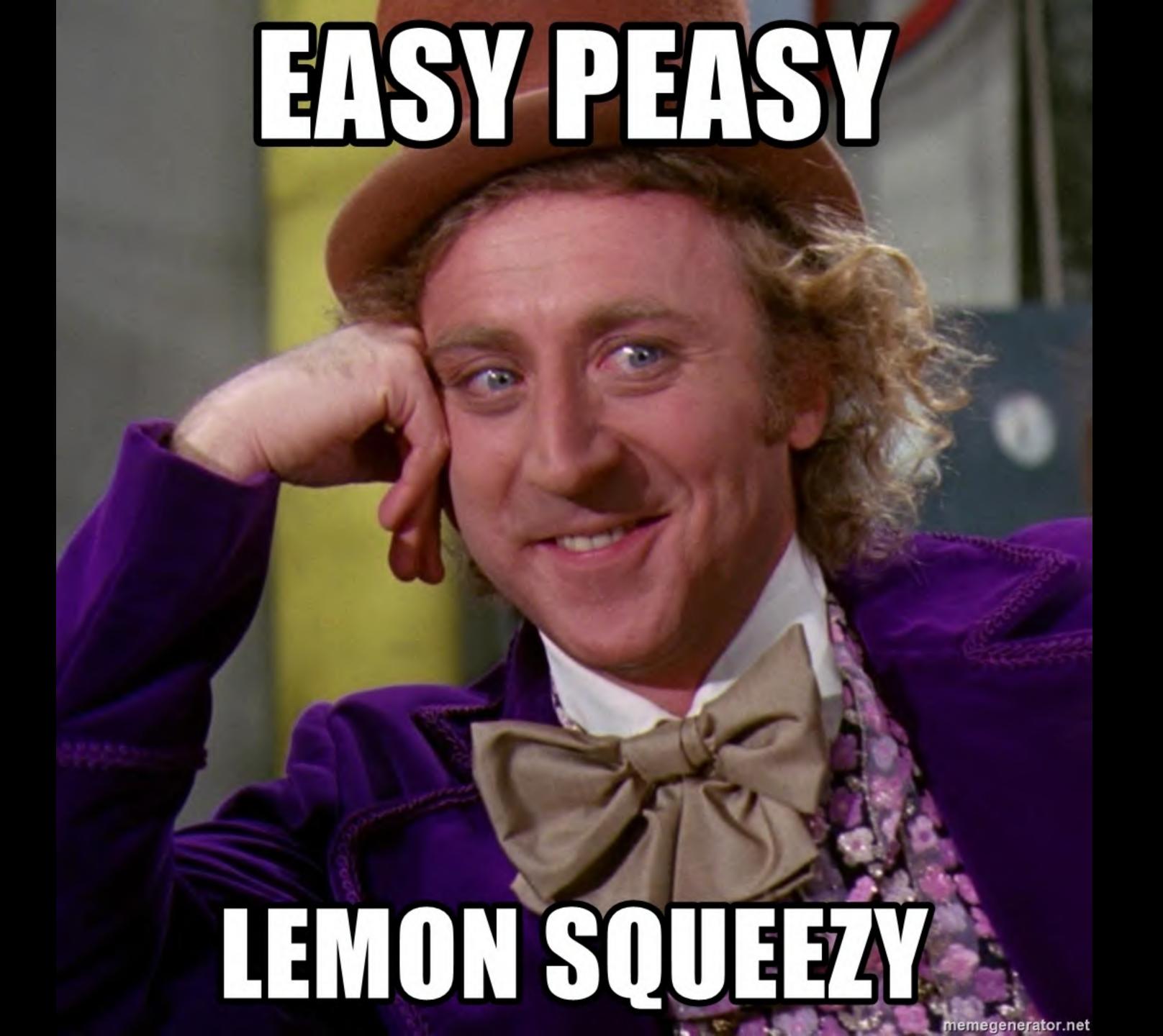




```
const Team: {
          name: string;
const
           people: {
  name
               name: string;
 age:
               age: number;
          }[];
const Team = {
 name: t.text(),
  people: t.many(t.of(Person)),
```



```
const createHandler = < T > (result: () \Rightarrow T) \Rightarrow result
✓ const h = createHandler<typeof Project>(() ⇒ ({
   name: 'Candy Machine',
   team: {
     name: 'Lollipop Gang',
     people: [{name: 'Poom', age: 19}],
   tagline: 'Hello',
```





Are we done here?





Requirements

- 1. Type schema as JSON structure
- 2. TypeScript Types



Let's use plain JS objects and pure functions!

```
const t = {
  type: (name, schema) \Rightarrow (\{type: 'schema', name, schema\}),
  text: () \Rightarrow ({type: 'string'}),
  number: () \Rightarrow ({type: 'number'}),
  many: (input) ⇒ ({type: 'array', item: input}),
  of: (type) \Rightarrow (\{
    type: 'ref',
    item: type,
  }),
  optional: (type) \Rightarrow (\{
    type: 'optional',
    item: type,
```



Compose it together!

```
const Project = t.type('project', {
  name: t.text(),
  team: t.of(Team),
  status: t.of(ProjectStatus),
  tagline: t.optional(t.text()),
})
```

```
"name": {"type": "string"},
"team": {
  "type": "ref",
  "item": {
    "type": "type",
    "name": "team",
    "schema": {
      "name": {"type": "string"},
     "lead": {
     },
      "people": {
        "type": "array",
        "item": {
          "type": "ref",
          "item": {
            "type": "type",
            "name": "person",
            "schema": {
              "id": {"type": "id"},
              "name": {"type": "string"},
              "age": {"type": "number"}
```

It generates
a JSON structure
(first requirement)

That looks good! BUT...





Requirements

- 1. Type schema as JSON structure
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What we need to do 🔽

Generate a structure in the type land.



```
const text = () \Rightarrow ({type: 'string'})
```



Type is widened to string 😞



```
const text = (): {type: 'string'} ⇒
  ({type: 'string'})
```



Type is precisely 'string' |

```
const text = (): {type: 'string'} ⇒

({ty const text: () ⇒ {
          type: 'string';
    }
```



The mission here 🥒

Preserve the information in types.

```
const t = {
  text: (): \{type: 'string'\} \Rightarrow (\{type: 'string'\}),
  number: (): \{type: 'number'\} \Rightarrow (\{type: 'number'\}),
  many: \langle T \rangle (input: T) \Rightarrow ({type: 'array', item: input}),
  of: \langle T \rangle (type: T): {type: 'ref'; item: T} \Rightarrow ({
     type: 'ref',
     item: type,
  }),
  optional: \langle T \rangle (type: T): {type: 'optional'; item: T} \Rightarrow ({
     type: 'optional',
     item: type,
```

Preserve the schema and its name in type level.

```
type: <T, N extends string>(
  name: N,
  schema: T
): {type: 'type'; name: N; schema: T} \Rightarrow ({
  type: 'type',
  name,
  schema,
}),
```



Still works!

```
const Project = t.type('project', {
  name: t.text(),
  team: t.of(Team),
  status: t.of(ProjectStatus),
  tagline: t.optional(t.text()),
})
```



```
})
      const Project: {
           type: 'type';
const
           name: "project";
  'for
           schema: {
  'int
              name: {
  'pro
                  type: 'string';
               };
const Project = t.type('project', { You, 2 hours ago *
  name: t.text(),
  team: t.of(Team),
  status: t.of(ProjectStatus),
  tagline: t.optional(t.text()),
```



```
type ITeamSchema = {
          name: {
              type: 'string';
          };
          lead: {
             type: 'ref';
              item: {
                  tuno ! Ituno! .
type ITeamSchema = typeof Team.schema
```



```
const h = createHandler<Team>(() ⇒ ({
  name,
  lead,
  members: [member]
}))
```



Our next task: <a>V

Generate the return type from our type.



Let's begin from Scalar types.

```
interface ScalarTypeMapping {
   id: string
   string: string
   number: number
}

type Scalar = keyof ScalarTypeMapping
```



```
type Scalar = "string" | "number" |
"id"
{type: Scalar}
```



```
type PersonSchema = {
   name: {
       type: 'string'; < We want the
                            type field
   age: {
       type: 'number';
```



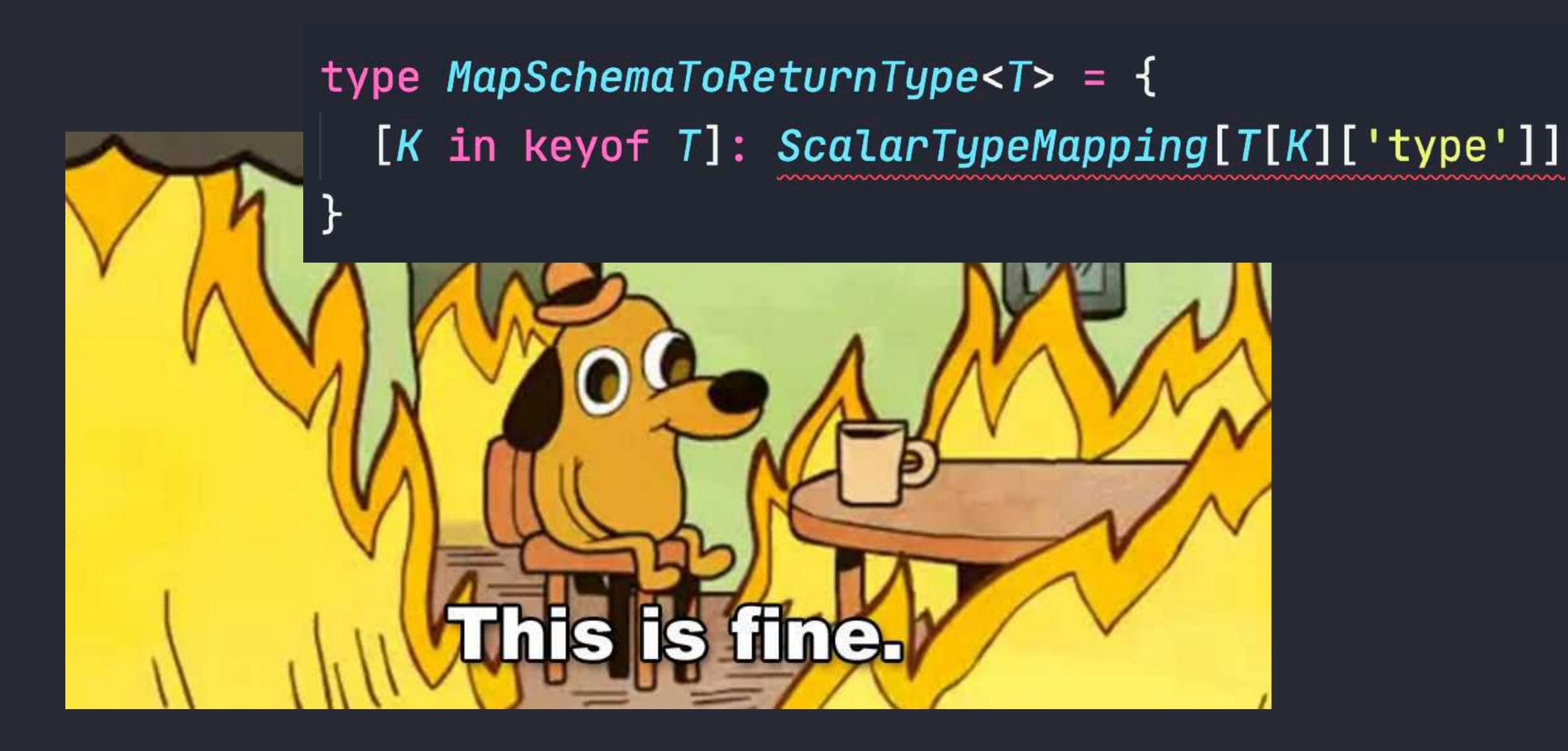
```
type PersonSchema = typeof Person.schema
type PersonType = {
   [K in keyof PersonSchema]: PersonSchema[K]['type']
}
```



Similar to mapValues($p \Rightarrow p.type$)

```
Perso
type PersonType = {
    name: "string";
type age: "number"; f Person.schema
}

type PersonType = {
    You, a few seconds ago * Unc
    [K in keyof PersonSchema]: PersonSchema[K]['type']
}
```



now did this happen?

```
interface ScalarTypeMapping

You, a few s

Type 'T[K]["type"]' cannot be used to index type 'ScalarTypeMapping'. ts(2536)

type MapSchemaToRe

[K in keyof T]: ScalarTypeMapping[T[K]['type']]
```

Why does this happen?

```
interface ScalarTypeMapping

Type 'T[K]["type"]' cannot be used to index type
'ScalarTypeMapping'.ts(2536)

Peck Problem (VFB) No quick fixes available

[K in keyof T]: ScalarTypeMapping[T[K]['type']]
}
```



The compiler cannot ensure that the "type" key is a Scalar type!

(i.e. it looks like {type: ...})

```
interface ScalarTypeMapping

You, a few s

Type 'T[K]["type"]' cannot be used to index type 'ScalarTypeMapping'. ts(2536)

type MapSchemaToRe

[K in keyof T]: ScalarTypeMapping[T[K]['type']]

}
```



Enter conditional types!

```
type IsScalar<T> = T extends {type: Scalar}
  ? 'yes'
 : 'no'
type A = IsScalar<{type: 'string'}>
type B = IsScalar<{type: 'cthulhu'}>
```



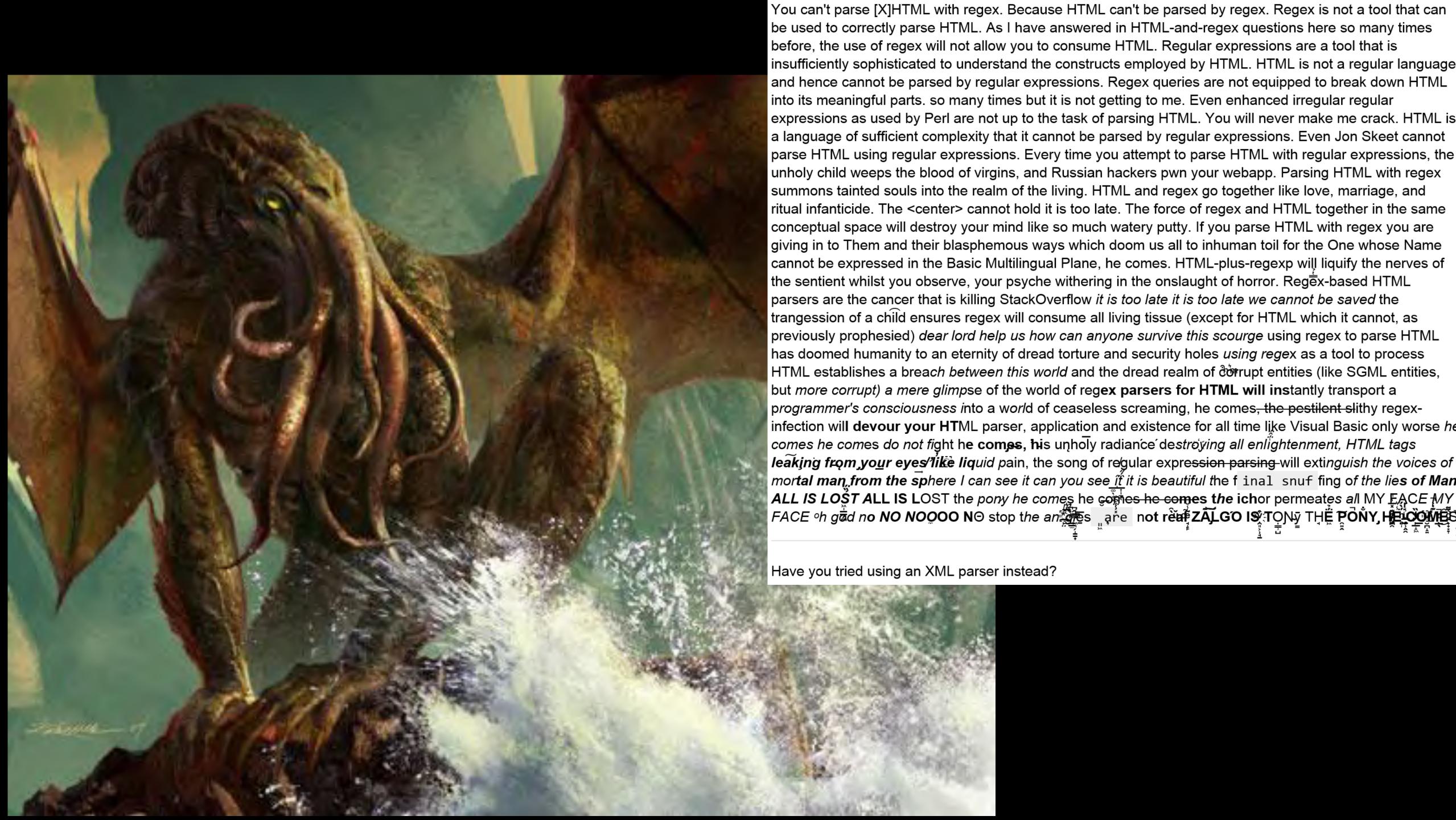
```
type Scalar = "string" | "number" |
```

```
type A = "yes"

type A = "yes"

type A = IsScalar<{type: 'string'}>
```

type b = "no"
type B = "no"
type B = IsScalar<{type: 'cthulhu'}>





```
interface ScalarTypeMapping {
   id: string
   string: string
   number: number
}

type Scalar = keyof ScalarTypeMapping
```





```
type C = number

type C = GetReturnType<{type: 'number'}>
```



Okay. How about references?

```
const Team = create('team', {
  name: t.text(),
  lead: t.of(Person),
})
```



```
const lead: {
          type: 'ref';
          item: {
               type: string;
              name: string;
               schema: {
                   id: {
const lead = t.of(Person)
```



How do we get the item generic inside the ref?

```
of: <T>(type: T): {type: 'ref'; item: T} ⇒ ({
   type: 'ref',
   item: type,
}),
```



```
type GetRefItem<T> = T extends {
 type: 'ref'
 item: {schema: infer Schemα}
  ? Schema
  : 'nope'
```



```
type GetRefItem<T> = T extends {
  type: 'ref'
  item: {schema: infer Schema}
}

? Schema
: 'nope'
```

The infer keyword infers the type contained inside the generic.



```
type RefTest = {
          id: 'id';
          name: 'string';
type RefTest = GetRefItem<{</pre>
  type: 'ref'
  item: {
    type: 'type'
    name: 'person'
    schema: {id: 'id'; name: 'string'}
```





Ready? Here we go.

Happy Halloween! (e) 1981





```
type MapSchemaToReturnType<T> = {
  -readonly [K \text{ in keyof } T]: T[K] \text{ extends } \{type: Scalar\}
    ? ReturnTypeMapping[T[K]['type']]
    : T[K] extends {type: 'ref'; item: {schema: infer Schemα}}
    ? MapSchemaToReturnType<Schema>
    : 'none'
```

Let's refactor and sprinkle some comments!



Much sweeter Q



```
/** Map an unboxed input type (e.g. scalar, constructed type) to the return type. */
type GetReturnType<Input> =
  // Is a scalar type? (string, number)
 Input extends {type: Scalar}
    ? ReturnTypeMapping[Input['type']]
    // Is a constructed type with schema? (created by t.type() function)
    Input extends {type: 'type'; schema: infer Schema}
    ? MapSchemaToReturnType<Schema>
    : Input
```



Let's add support for Arrays!



```
const Team = t.type('team', {
  name: t.text(),
  lead: t.of(Member),
 members: t.many(t.of(Member))
```



Arrays can contain refs and scalars, so we apply it recursively.



```
type ArrayOfRefs = MapBoxedInputToReturnType<{
 type: 'array'
 item: {
   type: 'ref'
   item: {
     type: 'type'
     name: 'people'
      schema: {name: {type: 'string'}}
              const arrRef: ArrayOfRefs = [{name: 'Poom'}]
```



```
/** Map a boxed Input type (e.g. array, ref) to the native return type. */
type MapBoxedInputToReturnType<Input> =
  // Is an array type?
  Input extends {
    type: 'array'
    item: infer Item
    MapBoxedInputToReturnType<Item>[]
    : // Is a reference type? (can reference constructed type or enums)
    Input extends {type: 'ref'; item: infer Item}
    ? GetReturnType<Item>
    : // Otherwise, the typed is not wrapped in array of ref.
      GetReturnType<Input>
```



The first time you use nested & recursively applied conditional types,

it can be difficult to wrap your head around

Finally, we apply this to every field of the schema structure! //

```
/** Map a schema definition `Record<string, Input>` to the na
type MapSchemaToReturnType<T> = {
   -readonly [K in keyof T]: MapBoxedInputToReturnType<T[K]>
}
```



```
/** Map a boxed Input type (e.g. array, ref) to the native return type. */
type MapBoxedInputToReturnType<Input> =
  // Is an array type?
  Input extends {
    type: 'array'
    item: infer Item
    MapBoxedInputToReturnType<Item>[]
    : // Is a reference type? (can reference constructed type or enums)
    Input extends {type: 'ref'; item: infer Item}
    ? GetReturnType<Item>
    : // Otherwise, the typed is not wrapped in array of ref.
      GetReturnType<Input>
```

```
/** Map an unboxed input type (e.g. scalar, constructed type) to the return type. */
type GetReturnType<Input> =

// Is a scalar type? (string, number)
Input extends {type: Scalar}

? ReturnTypeMapping[Input['type']]

: // Is a constructed type with schema? (created by t.type() function)
Input extends {type: 'type'; schema: infer Schema}

? MapSchemaToReturnType<Schema>
: Input
```

```
type PersonSchema = MapSchemaToReturnType<typeof Person.schema>
 type TeamSchema = MapSchemaToReturnType<typeof Team.schema>
 type ProjectSchema = MapSchemaToReturnType<typeof Project.schema>
 const poom: PersonSchemα = { You, a few seconds ago • Uncommi
  id: 'lab-member-001',
  name: 'Poom',
  age: 19,
const teamRed: TeamSchema = {
  name: 'Team Red',
   lead: poom,
  people: [poom],
const project: ProjectSchema = {
  name: 'Team Red',
  team: teamRed,
   status: 'forming team',
```

That works perfectly!





Requirements

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We did it!









We now have <a>\textsup :

Scalars, Types, Refs, Arrays

Let's create Enums next!



```
const ProjectStatus = t.enum(
  'forming team',
  'interviewing users',
  'prototyping'
)
```



How do we turn a string array into union?

```
const enums = ['A', 'B', 'C'] as const
type Enum = typeof enums[number]
```



But I don't want to use as const in user code! 😞



This can construct a readonly string array!

```
enum: <Choices extends string[]>(
    ...choices: Choices
): {type: 'enum'; choices: Choices} ⇒ ({
    type: 'enum',
    choices,
}),
```



```
const ProjectStatus: {
          type: 'enum';
          choices: ["forming team", "interviewing user
      s", "prototyping"];
const ProjectStatus = t.enum(
  'forming team',
  'interviewing users',
  'prototyping'
```



We should be able to extract the choices from the generic, then Choices[number]

```
type toUnion = ['hello', 'world'][number]
const a: toUnion = 'hello'
```

```
/** Map an unboxed input type (e.g. scal
type GetReturnType<Input> =
  // Is a scalar type? (string, number)
 Input extends {type: Scalar}
    ? ReturnTypeMapping[Input['type']]
    : // Is a constructed type with sche
   Input extends {type: 'type'; schema: infer Schema}
    ? MapSchemaToReturnType<Schema>
    : // Is an enum type? (created by t.enum() function)
   Input extends {type: 'enum', choices: infer Choices}
    ? Choices [number]
    : Input
```

```
Type 'number' cannot be used to index type
'Choices'.ts(2536)
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Peek Problem (NF8) No quick fixes available
```

- ? Choices [number]
- Tnnut

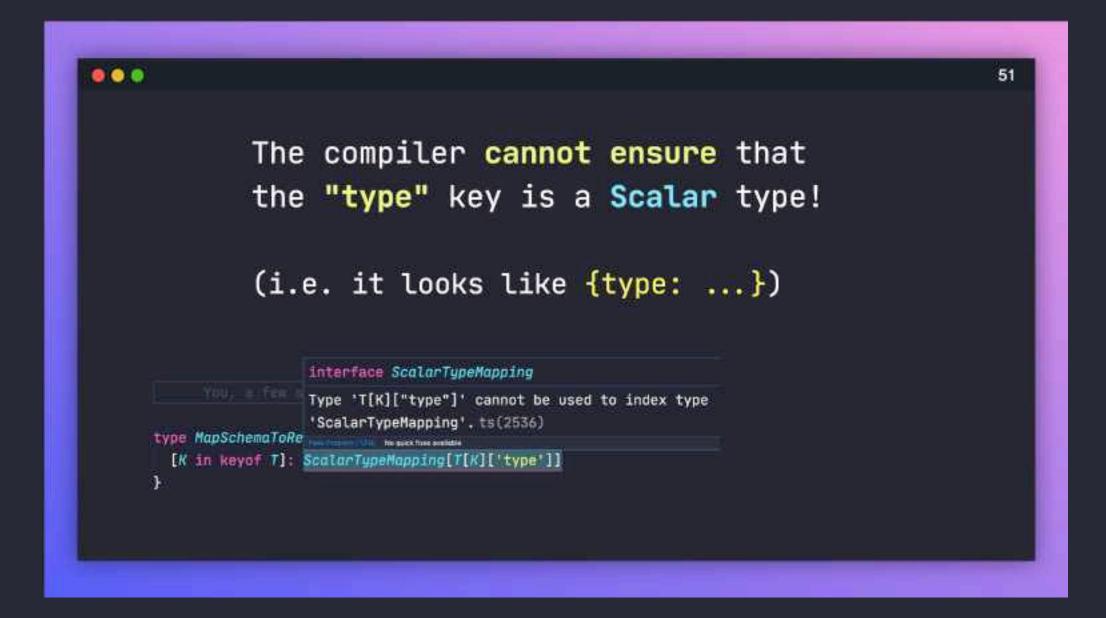
```
Why does this happen?

Interface ScalarTypeMapping

Type 'T[K]["type"]' cannot be used to index type
'ScalarTypeMapping'.ts(2536)

type MapSchemaToRe

[K in keyof T]: ScalarTypeMapping[T[K]['type']]
}
```



Let's hint the compiler a bit 🧼

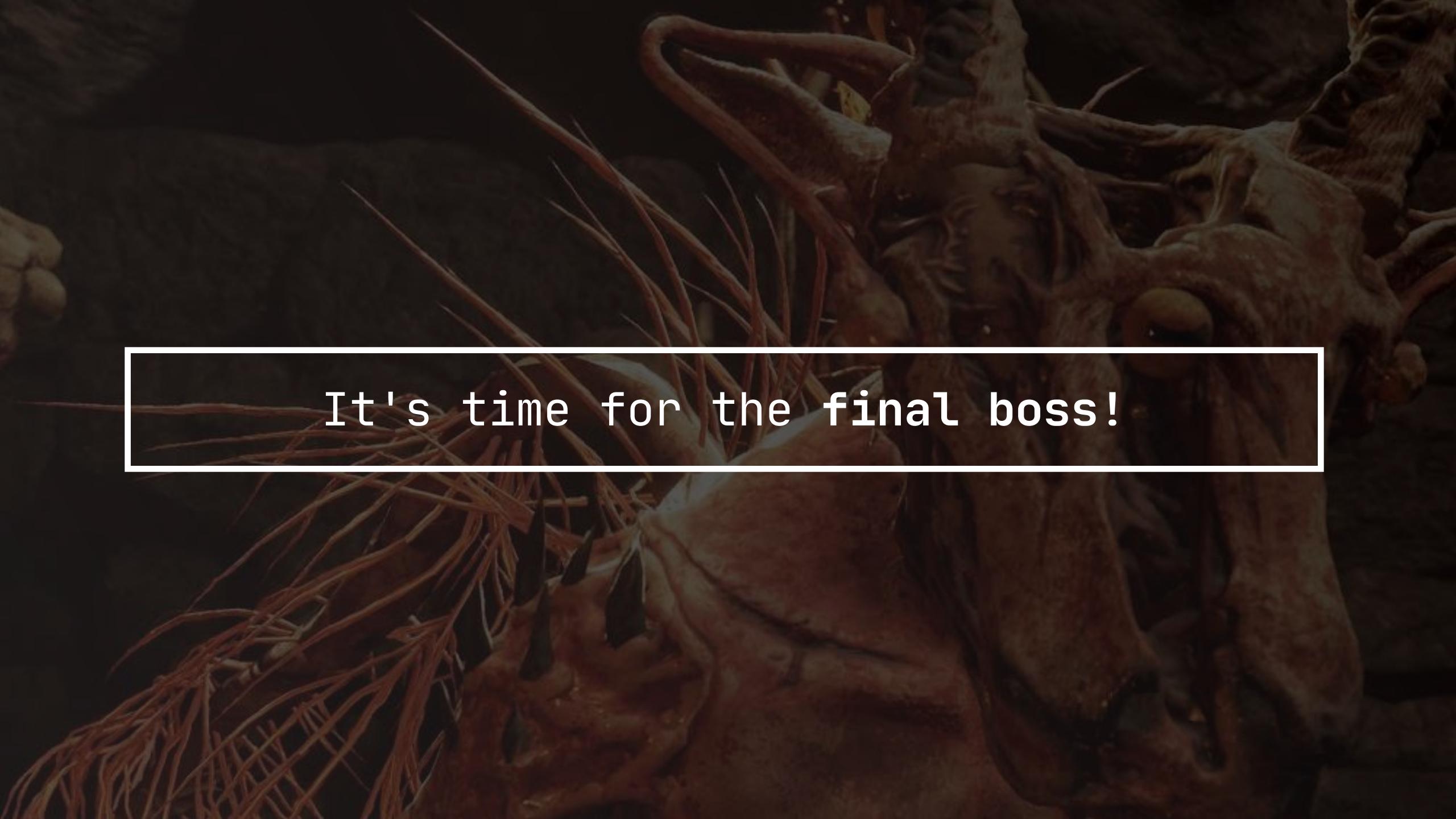
```
type EnumType < T extends string[] = [] > = {type: 'enum'; choices: <math>T}
/** Map an unboxed input type (e.g. scalar, constructed type) to the
type GetReturnType<Input> =
  // Is a scalar type? (string, number)
  Input extends {type: Scalar}
    ? ReturnTypeMapping[Input['type']]
    : // Is a constructed type with schema? (created by t.type() func
    Input extends {type: 'type'; schema: infer Schema}
    MapSchemaToReturnType<Schema>
    : // Is an enum type? (created by t.enum() function)
    Input extends EnumType<infer Choices>
    ? Choices[number]
    Input
```

Now we can use enums as a union type.

```
type TypeEnum = "hello" | "world"
type TypeEnum = GetReturnType<{
 type: 'enum'
  choices: ['hello', 'world']
}>
const typeEnumTest: TypeEnum = 'hello'
```

We get an autocompletion for all possible enum values!

```
const project: ProjectSchema = {
 name: 'Team Red',
 team: teamRed,
 status: '', You, a few seconds
           ■forming te... forming ...
           ■ interviewing users
           ■ prototyping
```





Now, time for the final boss.

Optionals.

How hard can it be?



```
const Team = t.type('team', {
  name: t.text(),
 lead: t.of(Member),
  tagline: t.optional(t.text())
```



```
optional: <T>(type: T): {type: 'optional'; item: T} ⇒ ({
   type: 'optional',
   item: type,
}),
```



What could possibly go wrong?

```
type ToOptionalField<T> = T | null | undefined

type Input = {name: string, age: number}

type B = {
   [K in keyof Input]: ToOptionalField<Input[K]>
}
```



as it turns out... everything.



```
const type B = \{
          name: string;
          age: number;
type
type
      'B' is declared but never used. ts(6196)
      Quick Fix... (點.)
type
  [K in keyof Input]: ToOptionalField<Input[K]>
```

It's not very effective...

```
It hurt itself in its confusion!
```



Let's take a step back.

```
type PersonType = {
  name: {type: 'string'}
  tagline: {type: 'optional'; item: {type: 'string'}}
  age: {type: 'optional'; item: {type: 'number'}}
}
```

```
export type Optional<T> = {
 value: T
 readonly __tag: unique symbol
export function toType<
  T extends { readonly __tag: symbol; value: αny } = {
   readonly __tag: unique symbol
    value: never
>(value: T['value']): T {
 return (value as any) as T
```

Bonus: Newtype Pattern



You can wrap anything into a new type!

```
const hello: Optional<string>
const hello = toType<Optional<string>>('hello')
```

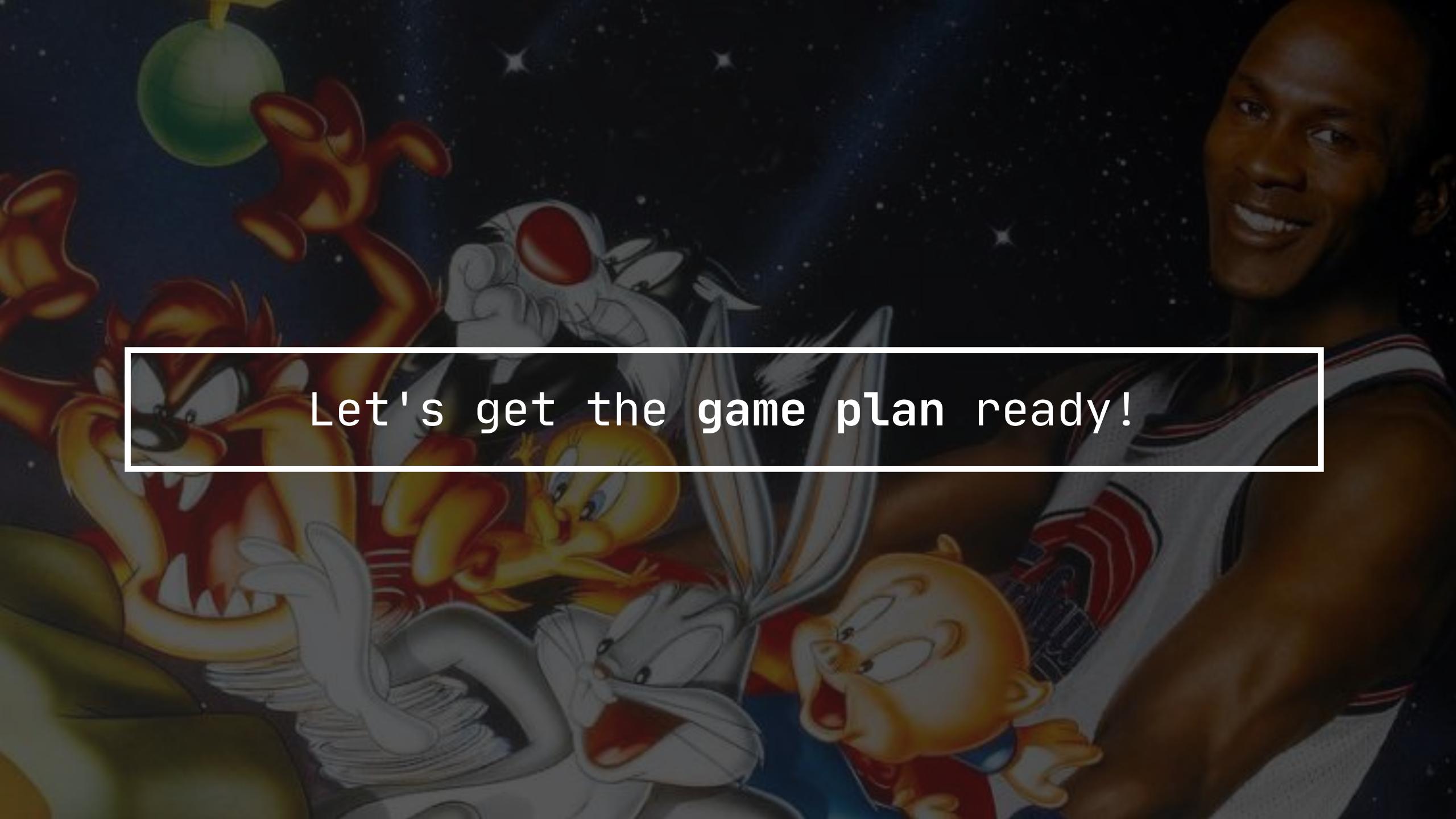


but that doesn't help in this case, so i keep searching...



Given a list of keys, it makes them optional!

```
type NullablePartial<
T,
    NK extends keyof T = {
        [K in keyof T]: null extends T[K] ? K : never
     }[keyof T],
    NP = Partial < Pick < T, NK >> & Pick < T, Exclude < keyof T, NK >> > = { [K in keyof NP]: NP[K] }
```





Game Plan (6)

- 1. Create {type: 'optional'}
- 2. Unbox the optional, default to never.
- 3. Get list of optional keys
- 4. Use NullablePartial to make those optional
- 5. Join optional and non-optional back.



Step 1 -- create the optional type 🌑

```
type PersonType = {
  name: {type: 'string'}
  tagline: {type: 'optional'; item: {type: 'string'}}
  age: {type: 'optional'; item: {type: 'number'}}
}
```



Step 2 -- unbox the optional type 🌑

```
/** Extract the value of an optional field,
    * otherwise return never if not found. */
type ExtractOptionalFields<T> = {
    [K in keyof T]: T[K] extends {type: 'optional'; item: infer Item}
    ? Item
    : never
}
```



tagline? is unboxed, name becomes never

```
type OptionalFields = {
    name: never;
    tagline: {
        type: 'string';
    };
    age: {

type OptionalFields = ExtractOptionalFields
```



Step 3 -- get list of optional keys 🌑

```
/** Create a union out of field names

* in which the field type is not never. */
export type FilterKeys<T> = {
   [K in keyof T]: T[K] extends never ? never : K
}[keyof T]
```



tagline? & age? is optional

-> become a union.

```
type OptionalKeys = "tagline" | "age"

type <u>OptionalKeys</u> = FilterKeys<OptionalFields>
```



```
Step 4: Make em optional!
Given a list of keys, it makes them optional.
```

```
type NullablePartial<
T,
    NK extends keyof T = {
        [K in keyof T]: null extends T[K] ? K : never
     }[keyof T],
    NP = Partial<Pick<T, NK>> & Pick<T, Exclude<keyof T, NK>>
> = { [K in keyof NP]: NP[K] }
```





```
type OptionalFields = {
    name: never;
    tagline: {
        type: 'string';
    };
    age: {

type OptionalFields = ExtractOptionalFields
```



```
type OptionalKeys = "tagline" | "age"

type <u>OptionalKeys</u> = FilterKeys<OptionalFields>
```



Finally, we got them to be optional!

```
type Optionals = {
         tagline?: {
             type: 'string';
         };
         age ?: {
                               Uncommitted changes
             type: 'number';
         };
type Optionals = NullablePartial<OptionalFields, OptionalKeys>
```



Step 5 - Join optional and non-optional back.

We did it!




```
. /**
 * Exclude from T those types that are assignable to U
type Exclude<T, U> = T extends U ? never : T;
. /**
 * Extract from T those types that are assignable to U
type Extract<T, U> = T extends U ? T : never;
```



and we're (almost) done here! yay:)



oh, about the talk title...



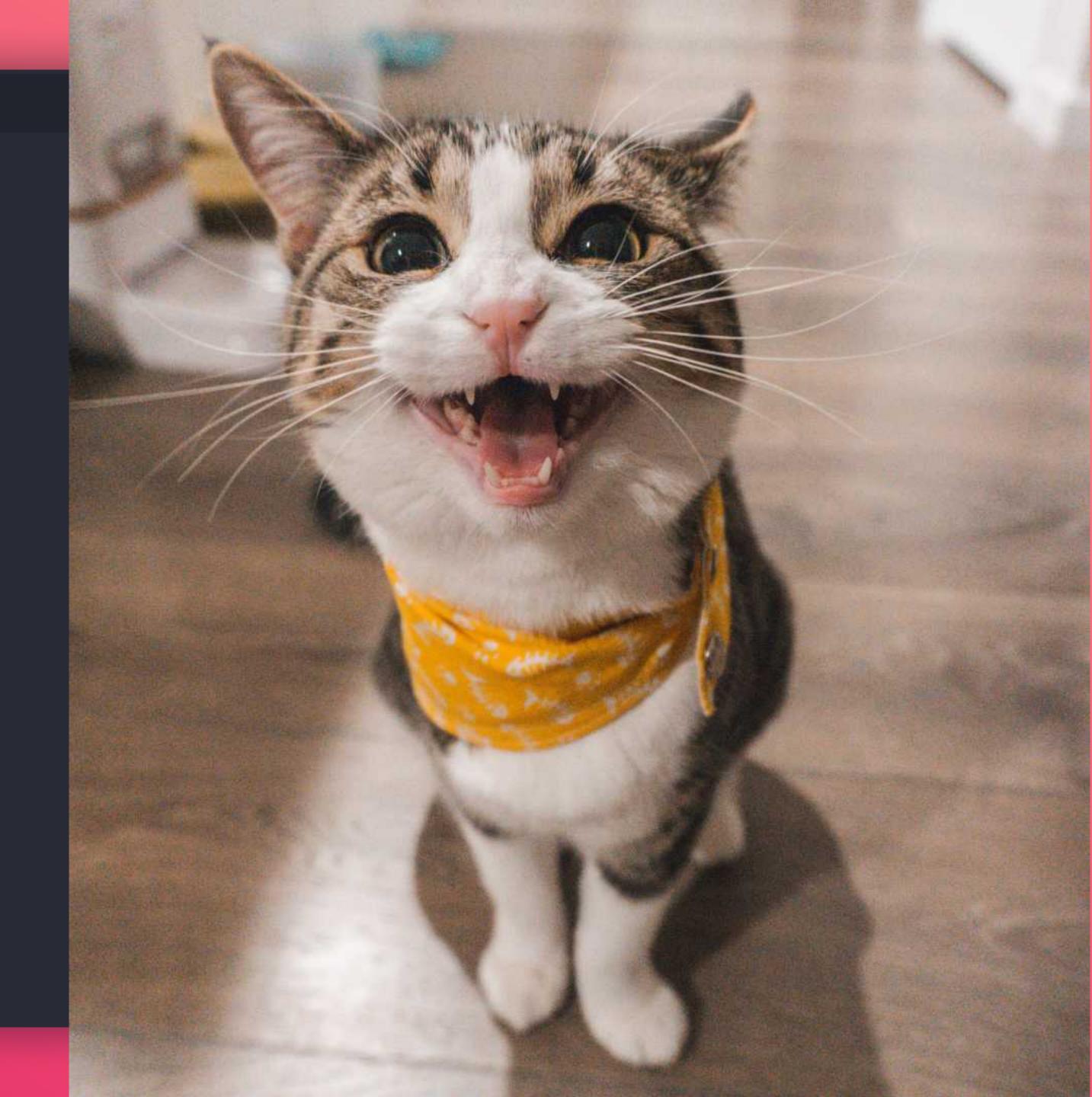
You might not need advanced types

If you can simplify your API surface.



(maybe it's better if the end user wrote their own types? depends.)

That's it.
Thank you!





oh. wait.



one more thing...





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That's it.
Thank you!

