# THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF JAVASCRIPT

2017/10/08





YUTA HIROTO



A JS engineer and Architect Dwango, Inc

Working on Node.js, Babel Node.js Japan User Group





Node Interactive(2017-10-04 - 2017-10-05) and Node.js Collaborator Summit(2017-10-06 - 2017-10-07)

The events are being held now!!



#### contents

- ECMAScript
- understand the process
- ES2015
- ES2016
- ES2017
- ES2018
- proposal updates
- proposals of interest
- summary
- <u>node.js</u>
- information



## **ECMAScript**

Specification of JavaScript by Ecma International.

So... what is JavaScript? 🤔

**ECMAScript** - JavaScript's specification(standardization)

JavaScript - implementation based on ECMAScript



## **TC39**

#### Technical Committee 39

#### Ecma TC39

Ecma International, Technical Committee 39 - ECMAScript

http://ecma-international.org/memento/TC39.htm



Maintains ECMA-262 and ECMA-402.

Members of the committee are all major browser vendors and companies.



## **Editions**

Edition	Name	Year
1	ECMAScript 1	06 / 1997
2	ECMAScript 2	06 / 1998
3	ECMAScript 3	12 / 1999
4	ECMAScript 4	Abandoned
5	ECMAScript 5	12 / 2009
5.1	ECMAScript 5.1	06 / 2011
6	ECMAScript 2015	06 / 2015
7	ECMAScript 2016	06 / 2016
8	ECMAScript 2017	06 / 2017



# JavaScript will continue to evolve 🦾

Specifications are updated every year.



## understand the process



#### TC39 Process

Needs to pass five processes to formulate specifications. It is called stage-X.(0 - 4)

TC39's meeting is held every two months and this stages will change.

Dates	Location	Host
2017-01-24 to 2017-01-26	San Jose, CA	PayPal
2017-03-21 to 2017-03-23	Portland, OR	Mozilla
2017-05-23 to 2017-05-25	New York, NY	Google
2017-07-25 to 2017-07-27	Redmond, WA	Microsoft
2017-09-26 to 2017-09-28	Boston, MA	Bocoup
2017-11-28 to 2017-11-30	San Francisco, CA	Airbnb



## stages

stage-0	Strawman	A free-form way of submitting ideas for evolving ECMAScript.  what's required: Create the document and add to proposal page on GitHub.
stage-1	Proposal	Create a polyfill and demos and identifying potential issues.  what's required: At this stage, a champion who is responsible for the proposal is required.  A champion is someone approved by TC39 to take responsiblity for the proposal.
stage-2	Draft	A first version of what will be in the specification.  what's required: The proposal must now additionally have a formal syntax description.
stage-3	Candidate	The proposal is mostly finished and now needs feedback from implementations and users to progress further. what's required: Spec text finished. Review and sign off by TC39 reviewers and the ECMAScript spec editor.
stage-4	Finished	A feature will be in the next release as the standard.  what's required: After Test262 acceptance tests, implement to more than two browsers.

Current proposals status is <u>here</u>.



## babel/babylon

Babylon is a JavaScript parser for Babel. Integrate TC39's Test262 suite to Babylon.



#### ES2015

- Arrow Functions
- Classes
- Template Strings
- Destructuring
- Default parameters
- Rest parameters
- Spread Operator
- let, const statement
- Modules
- Promise
- Generators

- for...of
- Unicode
- Map, Set, WeakMap, WeakSet
- Proxy
- Symbol
- Subclassable Built-ins
- Binary and Octal Literals
- Number, Math, Object.assign
- Array.from, Array.of
- Array.prototype.copyWithin
- Reflect
- Tail Calls



## ES2015

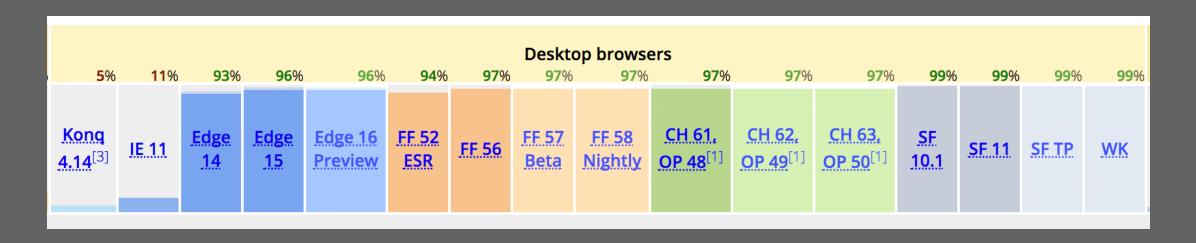
```
class Robot {
  constructor(...args) {
    const [
      age,
      name
  ] = args;

    this.name = name;
  }

say() {
    return `hello, ${this.name}`;
  }
}
```



## **Browser Compatibility**



We want to forget IE.

Tail Call Optimisation is not implemented except for Safari. (probably the priority is low)



## ESM (ES Modules)

```
import { foo } from 'https://sample-xxx/foo.js';

export default function out() {}

// Node.js e.g. main.mjs
import fs from 'fs';
// can not use `named export`
// import { readFile } from 'fs'; // error: because of `fs` is CJS
// You have to know what the import package is
import foo from './foo.mjs'; // if you use same code on both server and browser
// the browser does not automatically give extensions
```

Loader Standard in whatwg/loader.
Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge support ESM.
Node.js supports ESM as stability-1 from 8.5.0.

But, Node.js still has many TODO because of backward compatible now.(e.g. .mjs)



## **ES2016**

- Array.prototype.includes
- Exponentiation Operator (\*\*)



## ES2016

```
['a', 'b', 'c'].includes('a'); // true
6 ** 2 === Math.pow(6, 2); // true
```



## **Browser Compatibility**

3%	<b>42</b> %	<b>76</b> %	<b>89</b> %	<b>79</b> %	100%		esktop bro	owsers 94%	<b>94</b> %	<b>94</b> %	<b>94</b> %	100%	100%	100%
<u>IE 11</u>	Edge 14	Edge 15	Edge 16 Preview	FF 52 ESR	FF 56	FF 57 Beta	FF 58 Nightly	<u>CH 61,</u> <u>OP 48<sup>[1]</sup></u>	CH 62, OP 49 <sup>[1]</sup>	CH 63, OP 50 <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>SF</u> 10.1	<u>SF 11</u>	SF TP	WK
0/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3	3/3 3/3





#### **ES2017**

- Async Functions
- Shared memory and atomics
- Object.values/Object.entries
- String padding
- Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptors()
- Trailing commas in function parameter lists and calls



#### **ES2017**

```
const obj = { a: 1, b: 2 };
Object.values(obj); // [1, 2]
Object.entries(obj); // [ [ 'a', 1 ], [ 'b', 2 ] ]
Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptors(obj);
// { a: { value: 1, writable: true, enumerable: true, configurable: true },
// b: { value: 2, writable: true, enumerable: true, configurable: true } }
const str = 'es2017';
str.padEnd(10); // 'es2017 '
const fetch = (data,) => new Promise((resolve) => resolve()); // Comma is allowed
(async() => { // async/await
 await fetch({a: 1});
})();
```



## **Browser Compatibility**

	Desktop browsers													
<b>3</b> %	42%	<b>76</b> %	89%	<b>79</b> %	100%	100%	100%	94%	94%	94%	94%	100%	100%	100%
JE.11	Edge 14	Edge 15	Edge 16 Preview	FF 52 ESR	<u>FF 56</u>	FF 57 Beta	FF 58 Nightly	CH 61, OP 48 <sup>[1]</sup>	CH 62, OP 49 <sup>[1]</sup>	CH 63, OP 50 <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>SF</u> 10.1	<u>SF 11</u>	<u>SF TP</u>	WK
0/4	2/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4
0/2	0/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2
0/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2	2/2
0/15	0/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15
0/17	0/17	0/17	17/17	0/17	17/17	17/17	17/17	17/17	17/17	17/17	16/17	17/17	17/17	17/17

The bottom row is Shared memory and atomics.



Next Year is ...?



## **ES2018**

- Template Literal Revision

Currently, this is the only one in stage-4.



#### **ES2018**

```
const tag = (obj) => ({
   Raw: obj.raw,
   Cooked: obj
});

tag`\u{4B}`; // ES2015 ~
   // { Raw: [ '\\u{4B}' ], Cooked: [ 'K' ] }

// ES2018 ~
   tag`\uu ${1} \xx`; // a Unicode escape
// { Raw: [ '\\uu ', ' \\xx' ], Cooked: [ undefined, undefined ] }

tag`\100`; // an octal escape
```

Escape sequences are limited in ES2015. For example, Latex, Path, octal escape, etc...

Therefore, It will release that restriction.

An illegal escape sequence is put in the Cooked array as undefined.



## **Browser Compatibility**

<b>3</b> %	Desktop browsers 3% 42% 76% 89% 79% 100% 100% 100% 94% 94% 94% 94% 100% 100% 100%													
<u>IE.11</u>	Edge 14	Edge 15	Edge 16 Preview	FF 52 ESR	FF 56	FF 57 Beta	FF 58 Nightly	<u>CH 61,</u> <u>OP 48<sup>[1]</sup></u>	CH 62, OP 49 <sup>[1]</sup>	CH 63, OP 50 <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>SF</u> 10.1	<u>SF.11</u>	SF TP	<u>wk</u>
No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Flag <sup>[19]</sup>	Flag <sup>[19]</sup>	Flag <sup>[19]</sup>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



## Candidate Features (Stage-3)

Proposal list that may enter the next release (ES2018).

- Asynchronous Iteration
- BigInt
- Class Fields
- global
- Function.prototype.toString revision
- import()
- import.meta
- Legacy RegExp features in JavaScript
- Optional catch binding
- Promise.prototype.finally
- RegExp Lookbehind Assertions
- RegExp named capture groups
- Rest/Spread Properties
- s (dotAll) flag for regular expressions



## Proposal updates

the 60th meeting on 26-28 September 2017 (about 2 weeks ago!!)

Proposal	Stage	Description
import.meta	2 → 3	
export ns from 'mod';	2  ightarrow N/A	it moved to https://github.com/tc39/ecma262/pull/1005
Array.prototype.flat{Map,ten}	1→2	
throw Expressions	1→2	
String.prototype.matchAll	1→2	
Extensible numeric literals	<b>0</b> → <b>1</b>	
First-Class Protocols	<b>0</b> → <b>1</b>	it was called Interfaces in stage-O
JSON superset	<b>0</b> → <b>1</b>	
nullary coalescing	<b>0</b> → <b>1</b>	
Partial application	<b>0</b> → <b>1</b>	
Pipeline Operator	<b>0</b> → <b>1</b>	
<u>ArrayBuffer.transfer</u>	N/A $ ightarrow$ 0	
Builtins.typeOf() and Builtins.is()	N/A $ ightarrow$ 0	
Object Shorthand Improvements	N/A $ ightarrow$ 0	



## Proposals of Interest®

Introducing some proposals that I am interested in.

Note: stage-1 is subject to change



## class fields

```
class Counter extends HTMLElement {
 x = 0; // public fields
 #y = 0; // private fields
 constructor() {
   super();
   this.onclick = this.clicked.bind(this);
 clicked() {
   this.x++;
   this.#y++;
   window.requestAnimationFrame(this.render.bind(this));
 render() {
    this.textContent = this.#y.toString();
```



## **Optional Catch Binding**

```
let data;

try {
   data = JSON.parse(str);
} catch { // you don't need the binding `()`
   data = 'default';
}
```



## Promise.prototype.finally



## **Optional Chaining**

```
// before
const fooInput = myForm.querySelector('input[name=foo]');
const fooValue = fooInput ? fooInput.value : undefined;
// after
const fooValue = myForm.querySelector('input[name=foo]')?.value;
const obj = {
 foo: {
   bar: {
      baz: 42
obj?.foo?.bar?.baz; // 42
obj?.qux?.baz; // undefined
obj?.foo.bar.qux?.(); // undefined
```



## Pipeline Operator

```
function doubleSay (str) { return str + ', ' + str; }
function capitalize (str) { return str[0].toUpperCase() + str.substring(1); }
function exclaim (str) { return str + '!'; }
// exclaim(capitalize(doubleSay('hello'))); // 'Hello, hello!'
let result = "hello"
 > doubleSay // the argument is 'hello'
 > capitalize
 > exclaim; // 'Hello, hello!'
function double (x) { return x + x; }
function add (x, y) { return x + y; }
function boundScore (min, max, score) { return Math.max(min, Math.min(max, score)); }
// boundScore(0, 100, add(7, double(person.score)));
let newScore = 25
              // the argument is 25
 > double
 |> _ => boundScore(0, 100, _); // 57 // `_` is the return value of `add`
```



## Partial Application Syntax

```
function add(x, y) { return x + y; }
// before
const addOne = add.bind(null, 1); // this, the left(x = 1), the right(y = undefined)
add0ne(2); // 3
// after
const addOne = add(1, ?); // apply from the left(x)
add0ne(2); // 3
const addTen = add(?, 10); // apply from the right(y)
addTen(2); // 12
const f = (...x) \Rightarrow x;
const g = f(..., 9, ...);
g(1, 2, 3); // [1, 2, 3, 9, 1, 2, 3]
const res = a > f(?, 1) > g(?, 2); // const res = g(f(a, 1), 2);
```



## **Promise.try**

```
function getUserById(id) {
  return Promise.try(() => {
    if (typeof id !== 'number') {
      throw new Error('id must be a number');
    }
  return db.getUserById(id);
  });
}
```



## **Temporal**

```
let civilDate = new CivilDate(year, month, day); // month 1 - 12
let year = civilDate.year;
let month = civilDate.month;
let day = civilDate.day;
new CivilTime(hour, minute[[[, second], millisecond], nanosecond]);
let hour = civilTime.hour;
let minute = civilTime.minute;
let second = civilTime.second;
let millisecond = civilTime millisecond;
let nanosecond = civilTime.nanosecond;
let myCivilDate = new CivilDate(2016, 2, 29);
let newCivilDate = myCivilDate.plus({years: 1, months: 2});
//results in civil date with value 2017-4-28
```



#### summary

- ECMAScript will be renewed every year (ES{that year})
- ECMAScript is managed by TC39 and has 5 stages
- anyone can make suggestions
- the next release will be June 2018!!



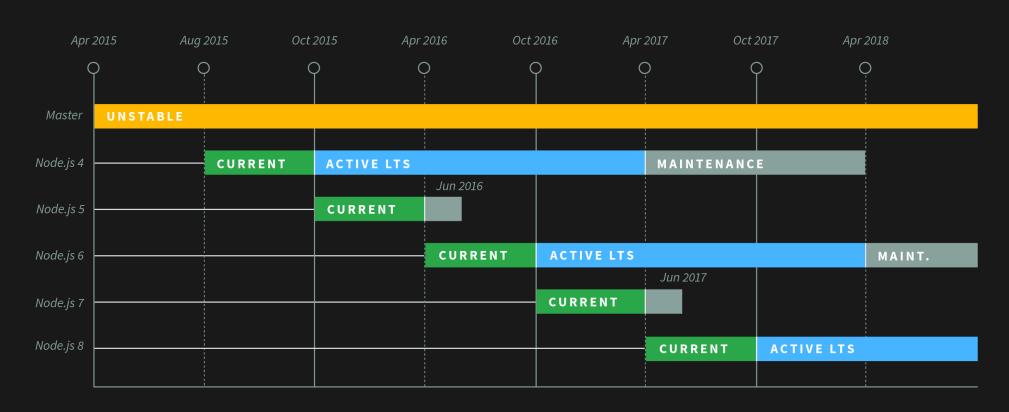
## Node.js

If time is left over...



## **LTS**

#### Node.js Long Term Support (LTS) Release Schedule



COPYRIGHT © 2017 NODESOURCE, LICENSED UNDER CC-BY 4.0



#### LTS

A even version released in April is subject to LTS.

LTS will be supported for 18 months and then will be in maintenance mode for 12 months.

#### codename

- Node4: Argon
- Node6: Boron
- Node8: Carbon



## Node.js Collaborator Summit

The Node.js Foundation hosts regular summits for active contributors to the node.js project.

Node.js Foundation has a lot of working groups.
570 members and 113 teams

- Oct 06-07 2017, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- May 04-05 2017, Berlin, Germany
- Dec 01-02 2016, Austin, Texas, USA
- Sep 17-18 2016, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Aug 06-07 2015, San Francisco, California, USA



# information 👺





## Node Festival in Tokyo 🖡

largest Node.js conference in Japan!!!



http://nodefest.jp/2017



## stuff

- Standard ECMA-262
- Ecma TC39
- ECMAScript Discussion Archives



## THEEND

ENJOY YOUR JAVASCRIPT LIFE 😇



repo: https://github.com/hiroppy/slides

