


Is it just
about money?

Private Static Fields (Stage 3)

<https://github.com/babel/babel/pull/8205>, by Bloomberg

JavaScript

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class C {  
  static #foo = "bar";  
}
```

Thanks to [Rob](#), [Robin](#), [Robert](#), [Tim](#), [Kubilay](#) and the team at [@Bloomberg](#) for implementing this new feature and [Justin](#) for the review! I believe this is the first time we've had a company sponsor implementation work for a proposal and looking forward to more from them! If you want to see proposals improve, move forward, or have implementation experience in the wild then consider sponsoring work on it for Babel in addition to just going to TC39.

Licenses are not sufficient

So why is it a problem that the concepts of free software and open source are intrinsically tied to licenses? It's that the aims and goals of both of these movements are about *distribution* and therefore *consumption*, but what people care about most today is about the *production* of software. Software licences regulate *distribution*, but cannot regulate *production*. (technically they can, but practically, they can't. I get into this below.) This is also the main challenge of whatever comes after open source; they cannot rely on the legal tactics of the last generation. I don't have solutions here.