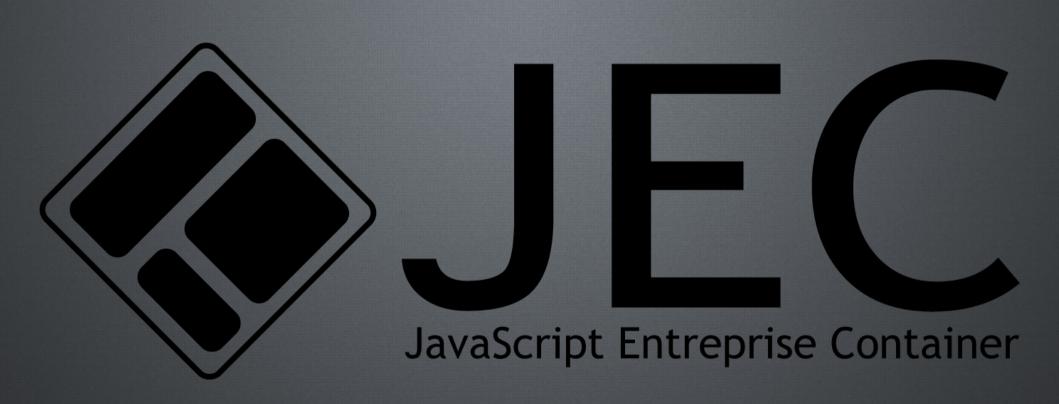
## JEC JCAD



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## What is JCAD?



JCAD stands for JavaScript Connector API for Decorators.

Both, JAVA annotations and TypeScript decorators, use the @ character to add metadata to source code.

#### **JAVA Annotations:**

- declarative interface + class implementation
- members defined through a one dimension array

### **TypeScript Decorators:**

- use decorator pattern to modify behavior of the target object
- properties defined as function parameters

JCAD turns TypeScript decorators into an abstraction layer that let developers choose implementations to execute routines depending on injected metadata.

# TypeScript Decorators 1/2



TypeScript Decorators are special kind of declarations that can be attached to classes declarations, methods, accessors, propertys, or parameters.

Decorators use the form @expression, where expression must evaluate to a function that will be called at runtime with information about the decorated declaration:

```
export class MyClass {
  @log()
  public myMethod(arg:any):string {
    return "Message: " + arg;
  }
}
```

Given the decorator @log we might write the log() function as follows:

```
function log(target:any) {
  // do something with 'target' ...
}
```

# TypeScript Decorators 2/2



We define the concrete behavior of the @log decorator as shown below:

EcmaScript (*TypeScript*) decorators are built over the Decorator Pattern, where @expression is used to directly invoke its implementation.

JCAD allows to inject concrete code into the decorator function.

## JCAD Decorators



#### **JCAD** decorators:

- are POJOs (Plain Old JavaScript Objects)
- implement the Decorator interface

```
export class Log implements Decorator {
 constructor(){}
 public decorate (target:any, key:string, descriptor:PropertyDescriptor,
                  ...args:any[]):any {
   const originalMethod = descriptor.value;
   descriptor.value = function(...args:any[]):any {
      console.log("The method args are: " + JSON.stringify(args));
     const result = originalMethod.apply(this, args);
     console.log("The return value is: " + result);
     return result;
    };
   return descriptor;
 };
                                                                       concrete code
```

## JCAD Abstraction



We use JCAD registries to define abstraction for @expression.

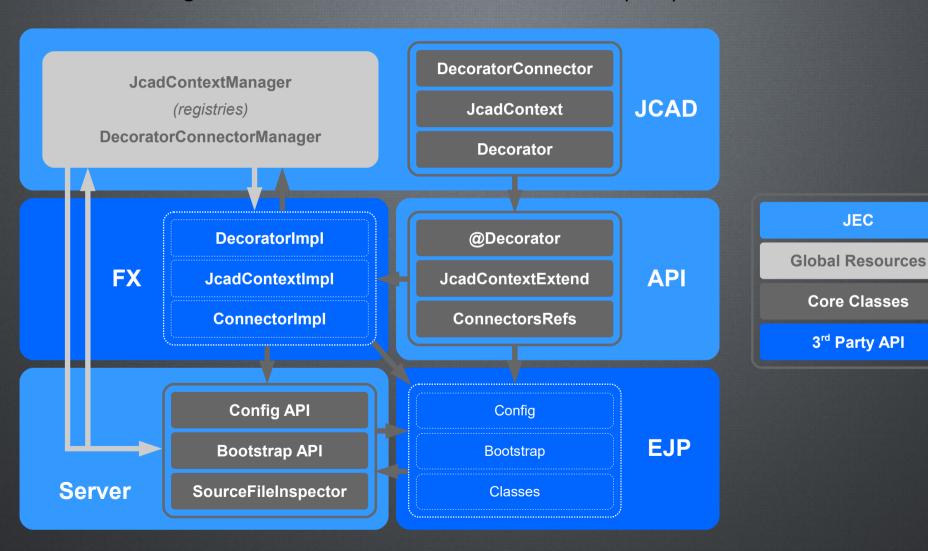
#### **JCAD** connectors:

- inject concrete code into the abstract decorator function
- are registered by the implementator (3<sup>rd</sup> party framework) and are associated to a specific JCAD context

## JCAD Architecture



JCAD is designed as a Service Provider Interface (SPI).



# Flexibility



### The JCAD abstraction layer allows to:

- create specifications and APIs based upon TypeScript decorators
- make EJPs based on these specifications portable
- create custom implementations of abstract top-level APIs

### Frameworks integration is made through the bootstrap API:

# Processing



### **Principle**

TypeScript decorators are processed at runtime during instantiation phases.

- JCAD detect TypeScript decorators before instantiation phases
- frameworks use JCAD to perform the autowiring process

### Framework containers are responsible for:

- managing objects depending on annotations (e.g. instantiation)
- injecting metada into managed objects
- · establishing communications with the current JEC implementation

#### **Performances**

- developers can create their own processors
- JEC provides access to each container processor to improve performances and save development time