REASONML

What is it and why should we care?

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REASON - SYNTAX

OCAML - SEMANTICS

Syntax and Toolchain for OCAML

REASON - WHAT IS IT?

- ➤ New syntax for Ocaml
- Compiler and workflow
- ➤ Docs, libs, utils
- ➤ Npm friendly
- ➤ ES/JS Friendly syntax

HOW DOES IT WORK?



Reason - ES6/ES-Next friendly, familiar syntax



Semantics

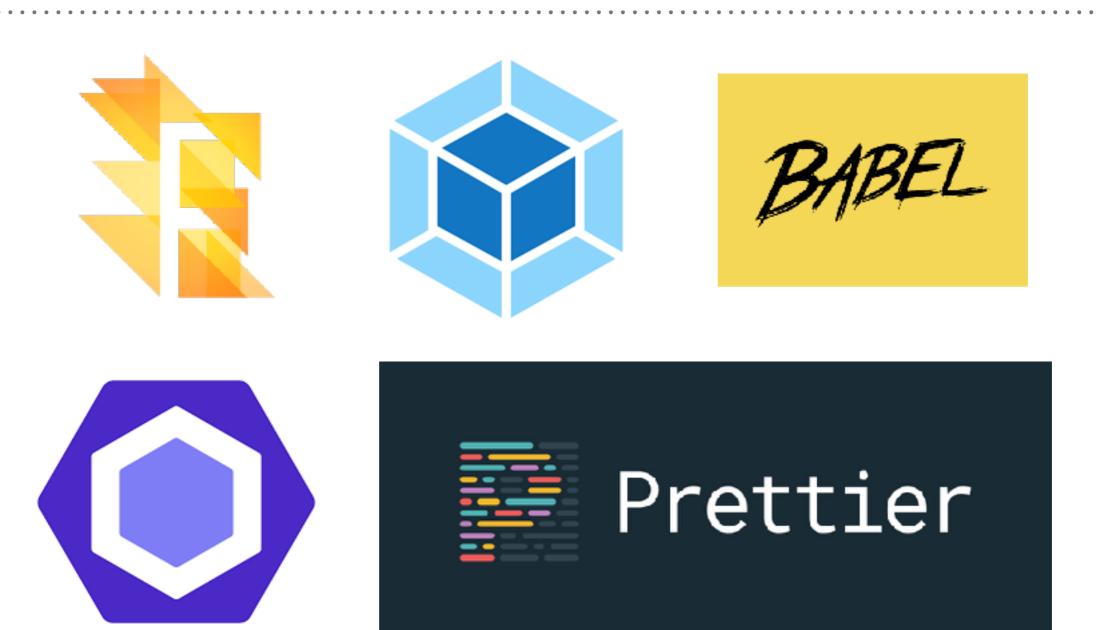
OCaml provides a typesafe OO/FP (meta) language



BS Compiler

Bucklescript compiles Ocaml/Reason to JavaScript

WHY? AN EXAMPLE TOOLCHAIN





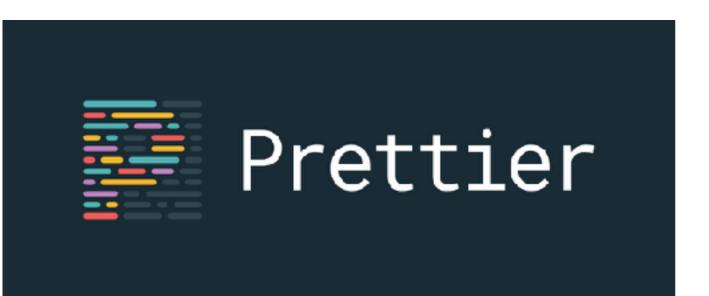
FLOW - ADDS TYPES

- ➤ OCaml is a typed language
- ➤ Flow is written in Ocaml (cheat!)
- ➤ Type lookups
- ➤ Type inference (annotate when necessary)
- ➤ Refactoring... what?



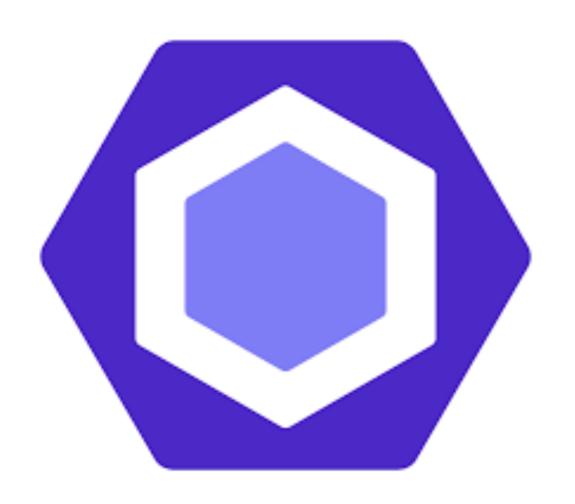
BABEL - ES TO JS COMPILER

- Bucklescript 10x faster than TypeScript
- ➤ Human readable JS output
- Can compile to bytecode (native) - not just JS



PRETTIER - FORMAT

- ➤ Taken from reason-fmt (cheat!)
- Reason-Fmt has fewer config options
- ➤ Eject long legacy of craft



ESLINT - NO NAUGHTY STUFF

- ➤ Compiler!
- ➤ Type safety
- > Type infererence
- ➤ Monads ... (IO, Maybe, Either)
- > Deprecation
- Reason tries to tame the MetaLanguage (see Cheng Lou talk)

WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO OFFER?

- ➤ Destruction of NULL
- ➤ History
- ➤ Community
- ➤ Solid type system (30+ years of compiler research)
- ➤ Incremental conversion
- ➤ Performance and Size (compiler does crazy optimization)
- ➤ Vastly improved bundle compaction
- ➤ Features not even on ES-Next-Next radar
- ➤ Simpler toolchain (bsb to js then webpack?) ...

REASON VS JS TOOLCHAIN

- ➤ All of the tools get "absorbed" into the toolchain
- ➤ Example: reason app

```
The name of the package.
"name": "reason-talk-demo",
"version": "0.1.0",
"scripts": {
"build": "bsb -make-world",
"start": "bsb -make-world -w",
"clean": "bsb -clean-world"
"keywords": [
"BuckleScript"
"author": "",
"license": "MIT",
"devDependencies": {
  "bs-platform": "^2.1.0"
```

REASON VS REACT TOOLCHAIN

- ➤ Add reason-react to deps
- CRA reason scripts
- ➤ Example: reason-react

```
"name": "reason-talk-react-demo",
"version": "0.1.0",
"private": true,
"dependencies": {
 "react": "^16.2.0",
 "react-dom": "^16.2.0",
 "reason-scripts": "0.8.0"
"scripts": {
 "start": "react-scripts start",
 "build": "react-scripts build",
 "test": "react-scripts test --env=jsdom",
 "eject": "react-scripts eject",
 "prepare": "npm link bs-platform"
},
"devDependencies": {
 "bs-jest": "^0.2.0",
 "reason-react": "^0.3.0"
```

REASON - BASICS

PRIMITIVES

| Strings | "Hello" |
|------------|---|
| Characters | X ¹ |
| Integers | 23 , -23 |
| Floats | 23.0 , -23.0 |
| Arrays | [1, 2, 3] |
| Records | <pre>type player = {score: int}; {score: 100}</pre> |
| Comments | /* Comment here */ |

MATH

| Integer Division/Multiplication | 2 / 23 * 1 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Float Division/Multiplication | 2.0 /. 23.0 *. 1.0 |
| Float Exponentiation | 2.0 ** 2.0 |

OPERATIONS

| Immutable Lists | [1, 2, 3] |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Immutable Prepend | [item1, item2,theRest] |
| String Concatenation | "Hello " ++ "World" |
| Comparison | > , < , >= , =< |
| Boolean operations | !, && , |
| Reference, Physical (deep) Equality | === , == |

RECORDS

/* Records **/
/* Type: mandatory **/
type person = {age: int, name: string};
/* values **/
let me: School.person = {age: 20, name: "Big Reason"};
/* or **/
let me = School.{age: 20, name: "Big Reason"};
/* or **/
let me = {School.age: 20, name: "Big Reason"};

DESTRUCTURING

```
/* Destructuring **/
type *person *= *{name: *string, *age: int};
let *somePerson *= *{name: "Guy", *age: 30};
let *{name, *age} *= *somePerson;
```

TUPLES

```
/* tuples **/
type coord3d = (float, float, float);
let my3dCoordinates: coord3d = (20.0, 30.5, 100.0);
let (_, y, __) = my3dCoordinates; /* now you've retrieved y */
```

VARIANTS

```
/* Variants **/
type myResponseVariant =

' | Yes
' | No
' | PrettyMuch;

let areYouCrushingIt = Yes;
```

PATTERN MATCHING

```
/* Pattern Matching */

─ type payload =

     BadResult(int)
     GoodResult(string)
    | NoResult;
  let data = GoodResult("Product shipped!");
☐ let message =
   switch data {
  | GoodResult(theMessage) => "Success! " ++ theMessage
  | BadResult(errorCode) => "Something's wrong. The error
   code is: " ++ string_of_int(errorCode)
   };
 Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
  Here is an example of a value that is not matched:
 NoResult
  */
```

FUNCTIONS

```
/* Functions */
let add = (x, y) \Rightarrow x + y;
Js.log(add(3, 2)); /* 5 */
/* Functions are curried by default */
let add1 = add(1);
Js.log(add1(2)); /* 3 */
/* Use rec to expose recursive function definition */
let rec sum = xs => switch xs {
· · | · [] · => · 0
· | [x, ...xs] => x + sum(xs)
·};
let oneToFive = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
Js.log(sum(oneToFive)); /* 15 */
```

EXAMPLE: QUICKSORT

```
/* Quicksort **/
let rec quicksort = (gt) =>
fun
| [] => []
| [x, ...xs] => {
| let (ys, zs) = List.partition(gt(x), xs);
| quicksort(gt, ys) @ [x, ...quicksort(gt, zs)]
| };
| [4, 65, 2, (-31), 0, 99, 83, 782, 1] | > quicksort((>)) | >
| Array.of_list |> Js.log;
| */* [-31,0,1,2,4,65,83,99,782] **/
```

REASON VS...

QUESTIONS