ECMA Script 6

Agenda

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Import, Export

• ECMASCRIPT 2015

Overview

JAVASCRIPT

- JavaScript (JS) is a lightweight, interpreted or JIT compiled programming language with first-class functions
- Most well-known as the scripting language for Web pages
- Many non-browser environments also use it, such as node.js and Apache CouchDB.
- JS is a prototype-based multi-paradigm, dynamic scripting language, supporting object-oriented, imperative, and declarative (e.g. functional programming) styles.

What falls under the scope of ECMAScript?

- The JavaScript programming language is standardized by ECMA (a standards body like W3C) under the name ECMAScript.
- Among other things, ECMAScript defines:
 - Language syntax parsing rules, keywords, statements, declarations, operators, etc.
 - Types boolean, number, string, object, etc.
 - Prototypes and inheritance
 - The standard library of built-in objects and functions JSON, Math, Array methods, Object introspection methods, etc.

What falls under the scope of ECMAScript?

- ES6 is a major upgrade to the language.
- At the same time, while JS code will continue to work, ES6
 was designed for maximum compatibility with existing code.
- In fact, many browsers already support various ES6 features, and implementation efforts are ongoing.
- This means most of JS code has already been running in browsers that implement some ES6 features!

ES 6

- ES6 is different.
- It's the product of years of harmonious work.
- It's a treasure trove of new language and library features, the most substantial upgrade for JS *ever*.
- The new features range from arrow functions and simple string interpolation, to new concepts like proxies and generators.
- ES6 will change the way we write JS code.

Let is the new var

- *let variables are block-scoped*: The scope of a variable declared with let is just the enclosing block, not the whole enclosing function.
- There's still hoisting with let, but it's not as indiscriminate.
- Global let variables are not properties on the global object: That is, we
 won't access them by writing window.variableName. Instead, they live in
 the scope of an invisible block that notionally encloses all JS code that runs
 in a web page.
- Loops of the form for (let x...) create a fresh binding for x in each iteration.
- It's an error to try to use a let variable before its declaration is reached.
 The variable is uninitialized until control flow reaches the line of code where it's declared.
- Re-declaring a variable with let is a Syntax Error

Const

- ES6 also introduces a third keyword that can be used alongside let: const.
- Variables declared with const are just like let except that we can't assign to them, except at the point where they're declared. It's a Syntax Error.

```
const MAX_CAT_SIZE_KG = 3000; //
MAX_CAT_SIZE_KG = 5000; // Syntax Error
MAX_CAT_SIZE_KG++; // nice try, but still a Syntax Error
```

• We can't declare a const without giving it a value.

```
const theFairest; // Syntax Error
```

Classes

- Classes are "special functions"
- function declarations are hoisted and class declarations are not. We first need to declare class and then access it
- Class declaration:

```
class Rectangle {
  constructor(height, width) {
    this.height = height;
    this.width = width;
  }
}
```

Classes

Constructors:

- The constructor method is a special method for creating and initializing an object created with a class.
- There can only be one special method with the name "constructor" in a class.
- A Syntax Error will be thrown if the class contains more than one occurrence of a constructor method.

Classes

Static Methods:

- The static keyword defines a static method for a class.
- Static methods are called without instantiating their class and cannot be called through a class instance.
- Static methods are often used to create utility functions for an application.

Modules

- An ES6 module is a file containing JS code
- There's no special module keyword;
- A module mostly reads just like a script.
- ES6 modules are automatically strict-mode code.
- We can use import and export in modules.

Modules

- Everything declared inside a module is local to the module, by default.
- If we want something declared in a module to be public, so that other modules can use it, we must export that feature.
- We can export any top-level function, class, var, let, or const.

Modules

```
// module "my-module.js"
function cube(x) {
  return x * x * x;
}
const foo = Math.PI + Math.SQRT2;
export { cube, foo};
// in another file script.js import it as :
import { cube, foo, graph } from 'my-module';
```

USING THE DEFAULT EXPORT/IMPORT

 To export a single value or to have a fallback value for our module, we could use a default export:

```
export default function cube(x) {
    return x * x * x;
}
```

 Then, in another script, it will be straightforward to import the default export :

```
import cube from './my-module.js';
console.log(cube(3)); // 27
```

Arrow Functions

- An arrow function expression is a syntactically compact alternative to a regular function expression.
- However without its own bindings to: this, arguments, super
- Arrow function expressions are ill suited as methods.
- they cannot be used as constructors.

SIMPLE SYNTAX

```
(param1, param2, ..., paramN) => { statements }
(param1, param2, ..., paramN) => expression
// equivalent to: => { return expression; }
// Parentheses are optional when there's only one parameter
name:
(singleParam) => { statements }
singleParam => { statements }
// The parameter list for a function with no parameters should
be written with a pair of parentheses.
() => { statements }
```

ADVANCED SYNTAX

```
// Parenthesize the body of function to return an object
literal expression:
params => ({foo: bar})
// Rest parameters and default parameters are supported
(param1, param2, ...rest) => { statements }
(param1 = defaultValue1, param2, ..., paramN =
defaultValueN) => {
statements }
// Destructuring within the parameter list is also supported
var f = ([a, b] = [1, 2], \{x: c\} = \{x: a + b\}) => a + b + c;
f(); // 6
```

Features

- 1.ES6 arrow functions
- 2.Composing Functions
- 3. Currying functions