

# How TypeScript Made Me a Better JS Developer



**Formidable**

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TypeScript

Developer



**What is TypeScript,  
exactly?**

**Statically  
Typed**

**Dynamically  
Typed**

# Compared to JavaScript

```
class Button extends Component {
  render() {
    return (
      <button {...this.props}>{children}</button>
    );
  }
}

Button.defaultProps = {
  href: '',
  disabled: false
};

export default Button;
```

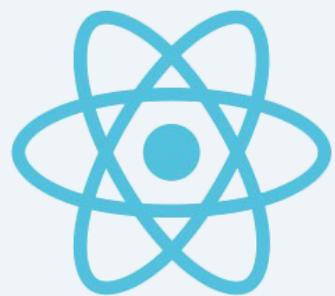
```
interface IButtonProps {
  href: string;
  disabled?: boolean;
  large?: boolean;
}

class Button = React.Component<IButtonProps> => {
  public static defaultProps: Partial<IButtonProps> = {
    href: '',
    disabled: false
  };

  public render() {
    return (
      <button {...this.props}>{children}</button>
    );
  }
};

export default Button;
```

**But How Does  
TypeScript Make You a  
Better Developer?**



 Create more portable code

 Write better documentation

 Increase dev speed



# Write Better Component APIs

# Using Interfaces

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  }  
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export default Button;
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# PropTypes vs. Interfaces

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    );
  }
}

Button.defaultProps = {
  href: '',
  disabled: false
};

Button.propTypes = {
  children: PropTypes.node,
  href: PropTypes.string,
  disabled: PropTypes.boolean,
  large: PropTypes.boolean
};

export default Button;
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# Composing Better Props and State

# HOC

*Higher Order Component*

# Extending Interfaces

```
interface IWithUserDataProps {  
  id: number;  
  age: number;  
  firstName: string;  
  lastName: string;  
  nickname?: string;  
}
```

```
interface IGreetingProps extends IWithUserDataProps {  
  message: string;  
}
```

# Interfaces x TDD

- ✓ Create more portable code
- ✓ Write better documentation
- ? Increase dev speed



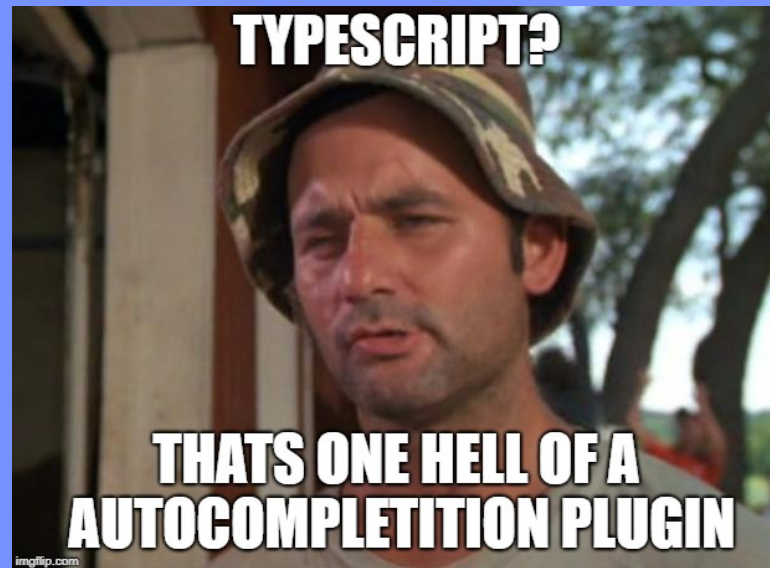
```
6 |
7 | var server = express();
8 | server.use(bodyParser.json());
9 |
10 | server
11 |
12 |
13 |
14 |
15 |
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18 |
19 |
20 |
```



Reads 3rd party  
declaration files

Gives you cleaner errors

Helps you refactor



*Try it for yourself!*

<https://typescriptcourses.com/typescript-fundamentals>

<https://www.typescriptlang.org/play>

<https://basarat.gitbooks.io/typescript>

## TypeScript support using Babel 7 #4837



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awesome`