# **ES6** model of Javascript

ES6 Modules, also known as ECMAScript 2015 Modules, are a standardized way to organize and share JavaScript code in separate files. They provide a clear structure for managing dependencies and encapsulating code. Here's a brief overview of their advantages and disadvantages with an example:

### \*\*Advantages\*\*:

- 1. \*\*Encapsulation\*\*: ES6 Modules allow you to encapsulate variables and functions, making them private by default. You can export only what you want to expose, reducing the risk of naming conflicts and unintended modifications.
- 2. \*\*Code Organization\*\*: Modules make it easier to structure your codebase into manageable files. This promotes a cleaner and more maintainable code architecture.
- 3. \*\*Dependency Management\*\*: Modules provide a clean and explicit way to declare and manage dependencies between different parts of your application. This makes it clear what each module relies on.
- 4. \*\*Reusability\*\*: You can easily reuse modules across different parts of your application or even in other projects, promoting code reusability.
- 5. \*\*Static Analysis\*\*: ES6 Modules are statically analyzable, meaning that tools and IDEs can efficiently understand and analyze module dependencies, enabling better autocompletion and error checking.

### \*\*Disadvantages\*\*:

- 1. \*\*Browser Compatibility\*\*: Not all browsers fully support ES6 Modules, especially older ones. However, you can use tools like Babel to transpile your ES6 Modules into older JavaScript that is compatible with a wider range of browsers.
- 2. \*\*Complex Build Setup\*\*: Setting up a build system that correctly handles ES6 Modules and their dependencies can be complex, especially for larger projects. It may require using tools like Webpack or Rollup.

Here's an example to illustrate ES6 Modules:

Suppose you have two JavaScript files, 'math.js' and 'app.js'.

`math.js` (a module for performing mathematical operations):

```javascript
// math.js

```
export function add(a, b) {
  return a + b;
}

export function subtract(a, b) {
  return a - b;
}

`app.js` (your main application file that uses the `math` module):

``javascript
// app.js
import { add, subtract } from './math.js';

console.log(add(5, 3)); // Output: 8
console.log(subtract(10, 4)); // Output: 6
...
```

- `math.js` exports two functions, `add` and `subtract`.
- `app.js` imports these functions and uses them to perform mathematical operations.

By using ES6 Modules, you've organized your code into separate files, encapsulated functionality, and managed dependencies in a clean and structured manner. This promotes code maintainability and reusability, which are significant advantages when working on larger JavaScript applications.

### New keyword in ES6 model

ES6 Modules introduced two new keywords for working with modules: `export` and `import`. These keywords are used to define what parts of a module are accessible to other modules and to import functionality from other modules.

- 1. \*\*`export`\*\*:
- The `export` keyword is used to specify what parts of a module are accessible to other modules. You can use it to export variables, functions, or classes.
  - There are several ways to use `export`:
- \*\*Named Exports\*\*: You can export specific variables, functions, or classes using the `export` keyword followed by the name of what you want to export.

```
'``javascript
// Exporting a variable
```

# export const myVariable = 42; // Exporting a function export function myFunction() { // ... } // Exporting a class export class MyClass { // ... }

- \*\*Default Export\*\*: You can export a single "default" item from a module using the `export default` syntax. There can only be one default export per module.

```
"javascript
// Exporting a default function
export default function() {
    // ...
}
```

- 2. \*\*`import`\*\*:
  - The 'import' keyword is used to import functionality from other modules.
- You can use it to import named exports or the default export from a module.
- You specify the module to import from and the item(s) you want to import using curly braces `{}` for named exports and specifying the default export without braces.

```
"ijavascript
// Importing a named export
import { myVariable, myFunction } from './myModule';
// Importing the default export
import myDefaultExport from './myModule';
```

- You can also use aliases to rename imported items.

```
```javascript
// Importing with aliases
import { myVariable as aliasVar, myFunction as aliasFunc } from
'./myModule';
```

These keywords, 'export' and 'import', are essential for working with ES6 Modules, allowing you to create modular and maintainable code by encapsulating functionality and managing dependencies between different parts of your JavaScript application.

## New variable used in ES6

ES6 (ECMAScript 2015) introduced several new ways to declare variables in JavaScript, beyond the traditional `var` keyword. These new variable declaration keywords are `let` and `const`. Here's a brief overview of each:

- 1. \*\*`let`\*\*:
- The `let` keyword allows you to declare variables that are block-scoped. This means they are only accessible within the block of code in which they are defined (e.g., within a function, loop, or conditional statement).
- Variables declared with `let` can be reassigned, meaning you can change their values after their initial declaration.

```
"javascript
let x = 10;
if (true) {
  let x = 20; // This 'x' is a separate variable with block scope.
  console.log(x); // Output: 20
}
console.log(x); // Output: 10
```

- Using `let` is particularly useful for avoiding variable hoisting issues associated with `var`, where variables are moved to the top of their containing function or block.

### 2. \*\*`const`\*\*:

- The `const` keyword is used to declare variables that are also block-scoped, but they have an additional restriction: once a value is assigned to a `const` variable, it cannot be reassigned. It is a constant.

```
```javascript
const pi = 3.14159;
pi = 42; // This will result in an error: "Assignment to constant variable."
```

- `const` is commonly used for declaring variables that should not be changed during the execution of a program, such as constants, configuration values, or references to immutable data.
- 3. \*\*`var`\*\* (not new, but worth mentioning):
- `var` is the traditional way of declaring variables in JavaScript. Variables declared with `var` are function-scoped or globally scoped, but they are not block-scoped.
- Unlike `let` and `const`, `var` variables can be redeclared within the same scope.

```
"javascript
var x = 10;
var x = 20; // This is allowed with 'var'.
```

- Due to the lack of block scoping, 'var' can lead to unexpected behavior in some situations and is generally considered less safe and predictable compared to 'let' and 'const'.

In modern JavaScript development, it's recommended to use `let` for variables that may change their values and `const` for variables that should remain constant. This helps improve code clarity, reduces the risk of unintentional changes, and aligns with best practices for writing maintainable and bug-free code.