

Topics: ES6 Day 34 (Iterators and Generators)

Iterators:

Symbol => A unique method to define values. Even if the inside value is the same, the output will be false. A symbol can be created with the help of Symbol().

```
const data = { id: 12, numbers: [1, 2, 3] };
const idSymbol = Symbol("id");

data[idSymbol] = 323;
console.log(data);
```

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```
▼ {id: 12, numbers: Array(3), Symbol(id): 323} ⓘ
  id: 12
  ► numbers: (3) [1, 2, 3]
  Symbol(id): 323
  ► __proto__: Object
```

Or

Assigning dynamic values of a variable inside object as a field name

```
const idSymbol = Symbol("id");
const data = { id: 12, numbers: [1, 2, 3], [idSymbol]: 42 };

console.log(data);
```

Iterator is something which consists of a method and that method gives an object of whether it is going to end or it is not going to end.

```

const someNumbers = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10];
const numberIterator = someNumbers[Symbol.iterator]();
console.log(numberIterator);
for (let number of someNumbers) {
  console.log(number);
}

```

[Symbol.iterator] : is not a property name

```

// 1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 256, .....
const generateCubeNumbers = (limit = 10) => {
  return {
    [Symbol.iterator]: function () {
      let counter = 1;
      return {
        next: function () {
          let obj = null;
          while (counter <= limit) {
            obj = { value: counter * counter * counter, done: false };
            counter++;
            return obj;
          }
          return { value: undefined, done: true };
        }
      };
    }
  };
};

const cubeNumberIteratorObject = generateCubeNumbers(2);
const cubeNumberIterator = cubeNumberIteratorObject[Symbol.iterator]();

console.log(cubeNumberIterator.next());
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console.log(cubeNumberIterator.next());

for (let cubeNumber of cubeNumberIteratorObject) {
  console.log(cubeNumber);
}

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used the name **Symbol.iterator**. Symbols offer names that are unique and cannot clash with other property names. Also, **Symbol.iterator** will **return an object called an iterator**. This iterator will have a method called **next** which will return an object with keys **value** and **done**.

Generators: you can pause and resume while executing that particular code.

function* is a new “keyword” for *generator functions* (there are also *generator methods*). **yield** is an operator with which a generator can pause itself. Additionally, generators can also receive input and send output via **yield**.

```

function* generatorFunction() {
  yield 6;
  yield 7;
  yield 8;
  return 10;
}

function someFunc() {
  return "Good afternoon";
}

const generator = generatorFunction();
console.log(generator.next());
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console.log(generator.next());

for (let number of generator) {
  console.log(number);
}

const message = someFunc();
console.log(message);

```

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| ▶ {value: 8, done: false} | app.js:46 |
| ▶ {value: 10, done: true} | app.js:47 |


```
// Cube number fetch using generators
function* cubeNumberGenerator(limit = 10) {
  let counter = 1;
  while (counter <= limit) {
    yield counter * counter * counter;
    counter++;
  }
  return undefined;
}
```

```
const cubeIterator = cubeNumberGenerator(5);
console.log(cubeIterator.next());
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console.log(cubeIterator.next());
console.log(cubeIterator.next());
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▶ {value: 64, done: false}	app.js:99
▶ {value: 125, done: false}	app.js:100
▶ {value: undefined, done: true}	app.js:101