

Why TypeScript?

- ▶ JavaScript is great because of its reach
JavaScript is everywhere
- ▶ JavaScript is great because of available libraries
For server and client
- ▶ JavaScript (sometimes) sucks because of missing types
Limited editor support (IntelliSense)
Runtime errors instead of compile-time errors
- ▶ Our wish: Productivity of robustness of C# with reach of JavaScript

What is TypeScript?

- ▶ Valid JavaScript **is** valid TypeScript

TypeScript defines add-ons to JavaScript (primarily type information)

Existing JavaScript code works perfectly with TypeScript

- ▶ TypeScript **compiles into** JavaScript

Compile-time error checking base on type information

Use it on servers (with node.js), in the browser, in Windows Store apps, etc.

Generated code follows usual JavaScript patterns (e.g. pseudo-classes)

- ▶ Microsoft provides great **tool support**

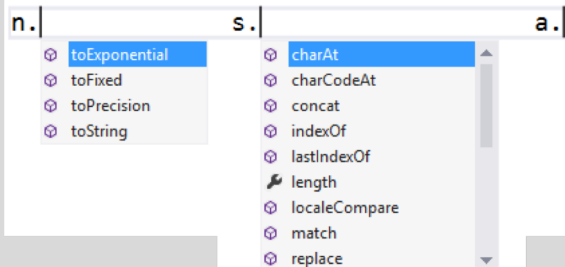
E.g. IntelliSense in VS2012

TypeScript Intro

```
var n: number;
var a;           // no type -> Any
var s = "Max";   // Contextual typing -> string

n = 5;           // valid because 5 is a number
a = 5;           // valid because a is of type Any
a = "Hello";     // valid because a is of type Any
n = "Hello";     // compile time error because
                 // "Hello" is not a number
```

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Typing Basics

Any

Primitive Types

Number

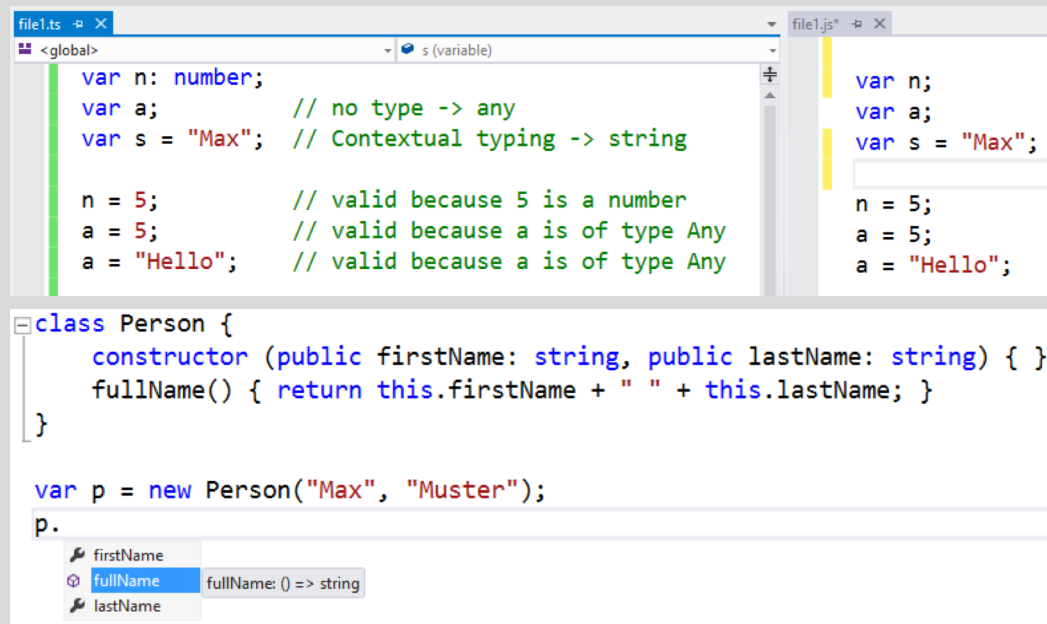
Boolean

String

Object Types

Classes, Modules, Interfaces, ...

Visual Studio IntelliSense based
on types



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class Person {
  constructor (public firstName: string, public lastName: string) { }
  fullName() { return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName; }
}

var p = new Person("Max", "Muster");
p.
```

```
file1.js
var n;
var a;
var s = "Max";

n = 5;
a = 5;
a = "Hello";
```

Typing Basics

Types are used during **editing**
and **compiling**

No type information in resulting
JavaScript code

Contextual Typing

Determine result type from
expressions automatically

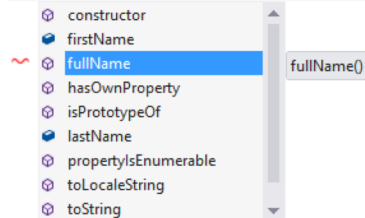
What happens with types in JavaScript?

No performance impact 😊

```
var Person = (function () {  
    function Person(firstName, lastName) {  
        this.firstName = firstName;  
        this.lastName = lastName;  
    }  
    Person.prototype.fullName = function () {  
        return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
    };  
    return Person;  
})();
```

```
var p = new Person("Max", "Muster");
```

p.



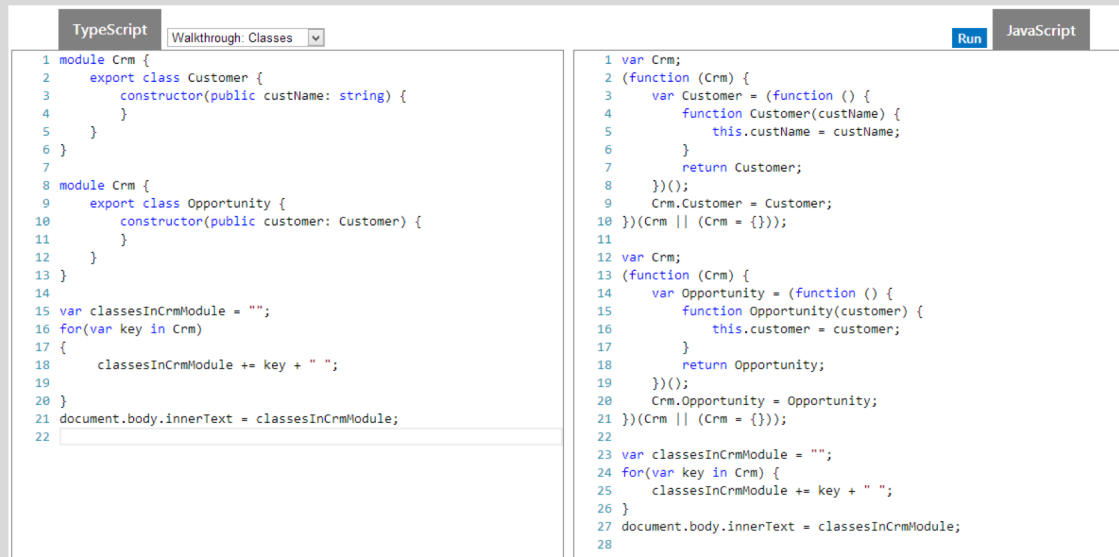
Typing Basics

TypeScript classes become
JavaScript **pseudo-classes**

<http://javascript.info/tutorial/pseudo-classical-pattern>

What happens with classes in JavaScript?

Results in the usual JavaScript pseudo-class pattern



The image shows a side-by-side comparison of TypeScript and JavaScript code for a module pattern. The left pane is titled 'TypeScript' and has a dropdown menu set to 'Walkthrough: Classes'. The right pane is titled 'JavaScript' and has a 'Run' button. Both panes show code for a 'Crm' module containing 'Customer' and 'Opportunity' classes, and a script to log the classes to the document body.

```
1 module Crm {  
2   export class Customer {  
3     constructor(public custName: string) {  
4     }  
5   }  
6 }  
7  
8 module Crm {  
9   export class Opportunity {  
10    constructor(public customer: Customer) {  
11    }  
12  }  
13 }  
14  
15 var classesInCrmModule = "";  
16 for(var key in Crm)  
17 {  
18   classesInCrmModule += key + " ";  
19 }  
20  
21 document.body.innerHTML = classesInCrmModule;  
22
```

```
1 var Crm;  
2 (function (Crm) {  
3   var Customer = (function () {  
4     function Customer(custName) {  
5       this.custName = custName;  
6     }  
7     return Customer;  
8   })();  
9   Crm.Customer = Customer;  
10 })(Crm || (Crm = {}));  
11  
12 var Crm;  
13 (function (Crm) {  
14   var Opportunity = (function () {  
15     function Opportunity(customer) {  
16       this.customer = customer;  
17     }  
18     return Opportunity;  
19   })();  
20   Crm.Opportunity = Opportunity;  
21 })(Crm || (Crm = {}));  
22  
23 var classesInCrmModule = "";  
24 for(var key in Crm) {  
25   classesInCrmModule += key + " ";  
26 }  
27 document.body.innerHTML = classesInCrmModule;  
28
```

Typing Basics

How do modules work?

Results in the usual JavaScript module pattern

```
module CrmModule {  
    // Define an interface that specifies  
    // what a person must consist of.  
    export interface IPerson {  
        firstName: string;  
        lastName: string;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Language Overview

Modules

Interfaces

TypeScript Intro

```
export class Person implements IPerson {  
    private isNew: bool;  
    public firstName: string;  
  
    constructor(firstName: string, public lastName: string) {  
        this.firstName = firstName;  
    }  
  
    public toString() { return this.lastName + ", " + this.firstName; }  
  
    public get isValid() {  
        return this.isNew ||  
            (this.firstName.length > 0 && this.lastName.length > 0);  
    }  
  
    public savePerson(repository, completedCallback: (bool) => void) {  
        var code = repository.saveViaRestService(this);  
        completedCallback(code === 200);  
    }  
}
```

Language Overview

Classes

Note that `Person` would not need to specify *implements IPerson* explicitly. Even if the *implements* clause would not be there, *Person* would be compatible with *IPerson* because of structural subtyping.

Constructor

Note the keyword *public* used for parameter *lastName*. It makes *lastName* a public property. *FirstName* is assigned manually.

Function Type Literal

Note the function type literal used for the *completeCallback* parameter. *repository* has no type. Therefore it is of type *Any*.


```
// Create derived classes using the "extends" keyword
export class VipPerson extends Person {
  public toString() {
    return super.toString() + " (VIP)";
  }
}
```

Language Overview

Derived Classes

Note that *VipPerson* does not define a constructor. It gets a constructor with appropriate parameters from its base class automatically.

TypeScript Intro

```
module CrmModule {  
    ...  
  
    // Define a nested module inside of CrmModule  
    export module Sales {  
        export class Opportunity {  
            public potentialRevenueEur: number;  
            public contacts: IPerson[];      // Array type  
  
            // Note that we use the "IPerson" interface here.  
            public addContact(p: IPerson) {  
                this.contacts.push(p);  
            }  
  
            // A static member...  
            static convertToUsd(amountInEur: number): number {  
                return amountInEur * 1.3;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Language Overview

Nested Modules

Note that `Person` would not need to specify *implements IPerson* explicitly. Even if the *implements* clause would not be there, *Person* would be compatible with *IPerson* because of structural subtyping.

TypeScript Intro

```
public savePerson(repository, completedCallback: (bool) => void) {  
    var code = repository.saveViaRestService(this);  
    completedCallback(code === 200);  
}
```

```
// Call a method and pass a callback function.  
var r = {  
    saveViaRestService: function (p: CrmModule.Person) {  
        alert("Saving " + p.toString());  
        return 200;  
    }  
};  
p.savePerson(r, function(success: string) { alert("Saved"); });
```

Language Overview

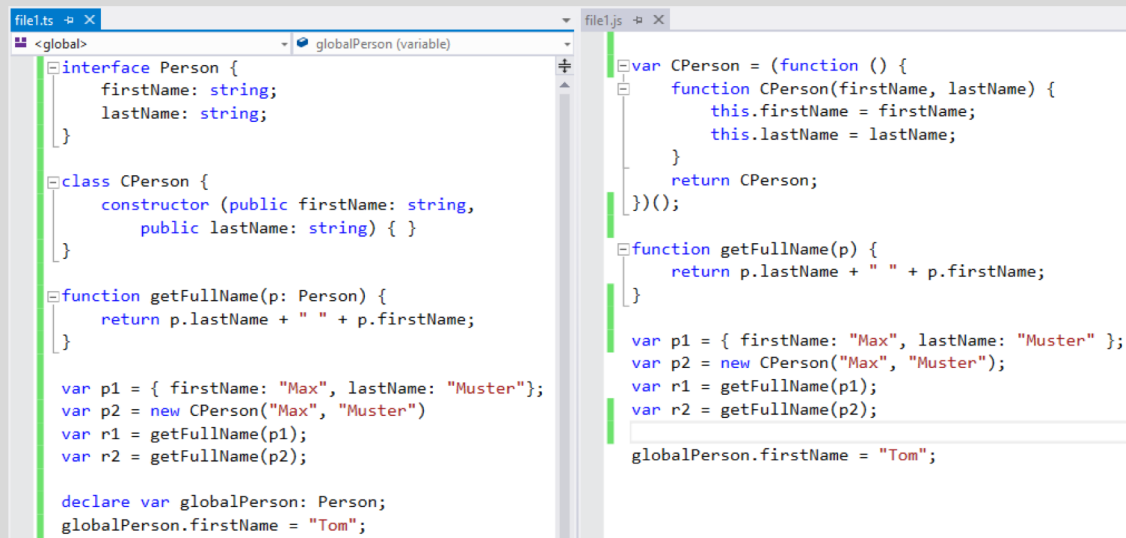
Callback functions...

```
export interface IPerson {  
    firstName: string;  
    lastName: string;  
}  
...  
public addContact(p: IPerson) { this.contacts.push(p); }  
...  
  
import S = CrmModule.Sales;  
var s: S.Opportunity;  
s = new S.Opportunity();  
s.potentialRevenueEur = 1000;  
  
s.addContact(v);  
s.addContact({ firstName: "Rainer", lastName: "Stropek" });  
s.addContact(<CrmModule.IPerson> {  
    firstName: "Rainer", lastName: "Stropek" });  
  
var val = S.Opportunity.convertToUsd(s.potentialRevenueEur);
```

Language Overview

Structural Subtyping

Note structural subtyping here. You can call *addContact* with any object type compatible with *IPerson*.



```
file1.ts
<global>
interface Person {
  firstName: string;
  lastName: string;
}

class CPerson {
  constructor (public firstName: string,
    public lastName: string) { }
}

function getFullName(p: Person) {
  return p.lastName + " " + p.firstName;
}

var p1 = { firstName: "Max", lastName: "Muster"};
var p2 = new CPerson("Max", "Muster")
var r1 = getFullName(p1);
var r2 = getFullName(p2);

declare var globalPerson: Person;
globalPerson.firstName = "Tom";

file1.js
var CPerson = (function () {
  function CPerson(firstName, lastName) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
    this.lastName = lastName;
  }
  return CPerson;
})();

function getFullName(p) {
  return p.lastName + " " + p.firstName;
}

var p1 = { firstName: "Max", lastName: "Muster" };
var p2 = new CPerson("Max", "Muster");
var r1 = getFullName(p1);
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globalPerson.firstName = "Tom";
```

Interfaces

Interfaces are only used for

editing and compiling

No type information in resulting
JavaScript code

Structural Subtyping

What happens with interfaces in JavaScript?

They are gone...

TypeScript Intro

```
interface JQueryEventObject extends Event {  
    preventDefault(): any;  
}
```

```
interface JQuery {  
    ready(handler: any): JQuery;  
    click(handler: (eventObject: JQueryEventObject) => any): JQuery;  
}
```

```
interface JQueryStatic {  
    (element: Element): JQuery;  
    (selector: string, context?: any): JQuery;  
}
```

```
declare var $: JQueryStatic;
```

Interfaces

Ambient Declarations (*.d.ts*)

External type information for existing JavaScript libraries like JQuery

TypeScript Type

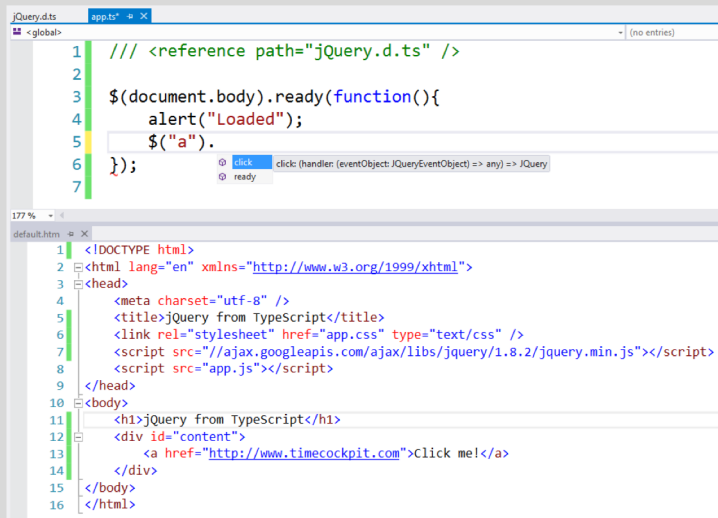
Definition Library

See link in the *resources* section

TypeScript Intro

```
/// <reference path="jquery.d.ts" />
```

```
$(document.body).ready(function(){  
    alert("Loaded");  
    $("a").click(function(event) {  
        alert("The link no longer took you to timecockpit.com");  
        event.preventDefault();  
    });  
});
```



Interfaces

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TypeScript Type

Definition Library

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TypeScript Intro

```
export module customer {  
  export interface ICustomer {  
    firstName: string;  
    lastName: string;  
  }  
  
  export class Customer implements ICustomer {  
    public firstName: string;  
    public lastName: string;  
  
    constructor (arg: ICustomer = { firstName: "", lastName: "" }) {  
      this.firstName = arg.firstName;  
      this.lastName = arg.lastName;  
    }  
  
    public fullName() {  
      return this.lastName + ", " + this.firstName;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Shared Code

Common Logic...

On server (node.js)

On client (browser)

TypeScript Intro

```
/// <reference path="../../tsd/node-0.8.d.ts" />
/// <reference path="../../tsd/express-3.0.d.ts" />
/// <reference path="../../customer.ts" />
import express = module("express");
import crm = module("customer");

var app = express();

app.get("/customer/:id", function (req, resp) {
    var customerId = <number>req.params.id;
    var c = new crm.customer.Customer({ firstName: "Max" +
customerId.toString(), lastName: "Muster" });
    console.log(c.fullName());
    resp.send(JSON.stringify(c));
});
```

Shared Code

Node.js

Use *express.js* to setup a small web api.

TypeScript Intro

```
app.get("/customer", function (req, resp) {  
  var customers: crm.customer.Customer [];  
  customers = new Array();  
  for (var i = 0; i<10; i++) {  
    customers.push(new crm.customer.Customer(  
      { firstName: "Max" + i.toString(),  
        lastName: "Muster" }));  
  }  
  resp.send(JSON.stringify(customers));  
});  
  
app.use("/static", express.static(__dirname + "/"));  
  
app.listen(8088);
```

Shared Code

Node.js

Use *express.js* to setup a small web api.

TypeScript Intro

```
/// <reference path="../../modules/jquery-1.8.d.ts" />
import cust = module("app/classes/customer");

export class AppMain {
  public run() {
    $.get("http://localhost:8088/Customer/99")
      .done(function (data) {
        var c = new cust.customer.Customer(JSON.parse(data));
        $("#fullname").text(c.fullName());
      });
  }
}
```

Shared Code

Browser

Uses *require.js* to load modules at runtime

So What?

- ▶ TypeScript offers you the **reach** of JavaScript
Stay as strongly typed as possible but as dynamic as necessary
- ▶ TypeScript makes you more **productive** (IntelliSense)
Ready for larger projects and larger teams
- ▶ TypeScript produces less runtime errors
Because of compile-time type checking
- ▶ TypeScript can change your view on JavaScript