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JavaScript

Object Orientation, Inheritance & Prototype Chain

- Source: MDN
- JavaScript only knows one construct: Object
- Each object has a link to a prototype object

Properties

```
// parent object
   var parent = {b: 3, c: 4};
 2
 3
   // child object with inheritance
 5
   var child = Object.create(parent);
   child.a = 1;
    child.b = 2;
 7
 8
9
   // prototype chain:
   // child.[[Prototype]] = {b: 3, c: 4}
10
    // child.__proto__ is deprecated
11
    // since ES6 [[Prototype]] is accessed using Object.getPrototypeOf() and
12
    Object.setPrototypeOf()
13
    // {a: 1, b: 2} » {b: 3, c: 4} » null
14
15
    console.log(child.a); // 1
    // Is there an 'a' own property on child? Yes, and its value is 1.
16
17
18
   console.log(child.b); // 2
    // Is there a 'b' own property on child? Yes, and its value is 2.
19
    // The prototype also has a 'b' property, but it's not visited.
20
    // This is called "property shadowing"
21
22
    console.log(child.c); // 4
23
    // Is there a 'c' own property on child? No, check its prototype.
24
25
    // Is there a 'c' own property on child.[[Prototype]]? Yes, its value is 4.
26
27
    console.log(child.d); // undefined
    // Is there a 'd' own property on child? No, check its prototype.
28
29
    // Is there a 'd' own property on child.[[Prototype]]? No, check its
    prototype.
30
    // child.[[Prototype]].[[Prototype]] is null, stop searching.
   // no property found, return undefined
```

Using getter and setter

```
// define a getter and setter for the year property
1
2
   var d = Date.prototype;
   Object.defineProperty(d, 'year', {
3
      get: function() { return this.getFullYear(); },
4
     set: function(y) { this.setFullYear(y); }
5
6
   });
7
8
    // use the getter and setter in a "Date" object
   var now = new Date();
9
10
   console.log(now.year); // 2016
   new.year = 2015; // 2015
11
12 console.log(now); // Tue Aug 11 2015 11:23:16 GMT+0200 (CEST)
```

Methods

- Any function can be added to an object in the form of a property
- An inherited function acts just as any other property, including property shadowing (method overriding)
- When an inherited function is executed, the value of this points to the inheriting object, not to the prototype object where the function is an own property

```
// define object with property a and method m
1
2
   var o = {
 3
     a: 2,
      m: function(b) {
4
5
        return this.a + 1;
6
      }
7
    };
8
9
    console.log(o.m()); // 3
10
    // When calling o.m in this case, "this" refers to o
11
12
   var p = Object.create(o);
13
    // p is an object that inherits from o
14
   p.a = 4; // creates an own property "a" on p
15
   console.log(p.m()); // 5
16
    // When p.m is called, "this" refers to p
17
18
    // So when p inherits the function m of o, "this.a" means p.a, the own
    property "a" of p
```

Creating objects

Created with syntax constructs

```
var o = {a: 1};
 1
    // The newly created object o has Object.prototype as its [[Prototype]]
 2
    // o has no own property named "hasOwnProperty"
 3
    // hasOwnProperty is an own property of Object.prototype
    // So o inherits hasOwnProperty from Object.prototype
    // Object.prototype has null as its prototype
 6
    // o » Object.prototype » null
 8
    var a = ['yo', 'whadup', '?'];
9
10
    // Arrays inherit from Array.prototype (which has methods like indexOf,
    forEach, etc.)
    // The prototype chain looks like
11
    // a » Array.prototype » Object.prototype » null
12
13
14
   function f() {
     return 2;
15
16
17
    // Functions inherit from Function.prototype (which has methods like call,
18
    // f » Function.prototype » Object.prototype » null
```

Created with a constructor

```
// A "constructor" in JavaScript is "just" a function that happens to be
    called with the new operator
 2
 3
   function Graph() {
 4
     this.vertices = [];
 5
     this.edges = [];
 6
    }
 7
 8
    Graph.prototype = {
9
     addVertex: function(v) {
        this.vertices.push(v);
10
      }
11
12
    };
13
14
    var g = new Graph();
    // g is an object with own properties "vertices" and "edges"
15
    // g.[[Prototype]] is the value of Graph.prototype when new Graph() is
16
    executed
```

Created with Object.create

```
// ES5 introduced a new method: Object.create()
   // Calling this method creates a new object; prototype of this object is the
    first argument of the function
 3
4
   var a = \{a: 1\};
5
   // a » Object.prototype » null
 6
7
   var b = Object.create(a);
   // b » a » Object.prototype » null
8
9
    console.log(b.a); // 1 (inherited)
10
   var c = Object.create(b);
11
12
   // c » b » a » Object.prototype » null
13
var d = Object.create(null);
   // d » null
15
   console.log(d.hasOwnProperty); // undefined, because d doesn't inherit from
16
    Object.prototype
```

Created with class keyword

```
// ES6 introduced a new set of keywords implementing classes (remaining
    prototype-based): class, constructor, static, extends, super
 2
 3
    'use strict';
4
   class Polygon {
5
6
      constructor(height, width) {
7
        this.height = height;
        this.width = width;
8
9
      }
    }
10
11
    class Square extends Polygon {
12
      constructor(sideLength) {
13
14
        super(sideLength, sideLength);
      }
15
16
      get area() {
17
        return this.height * this.width;
18
19
      set sideLength(newLength) {
        this.height = newLength;
20
        this.width = newLength;
21
22
      }
23
    }
24
25
    var square = new Square(2);
26
27
    console.log(square.area); // 4
28
29
    square.sideLength = 3;
30
    console.log(square.area); // 9
```

Performance

- Lookup for properties that are high up on the chain can have negative impact on performance
- Trying to access nonexisting properties will always traverse the full prototype chain
- When iterating over the properties of an object, **every** enumerable property that is on the prototype chain will be enumerated
- To check existence of property on own object use hasOwnProperty; inherited from Object.prototype (only thing in JS which deals with properties and does **not** traverse the prototype chain)

Bad Practice

- Don't extend <code>Object.prototype</code> or one of the other built-in prototypes (*monkey patching*) as it breaks *encapsulation*
- Only good reason is backporting newer JavaScript engine features; for example Array.forEach, etc.

Prototype Chain

```
function A(a) {
 1
      this.varA = a;
 2
    }
 3
 4
 5
   A.prototype = {
     // Optimize speed by initializing instance variables
 6
 7
      varA: null,
 8
      doSomething: function() {
 9
        // ...
10
      }
    }
11
12
13
    function B(a, b) {
      A.call(this, a);
14
     this.varB = b;
15
16
17
18
    B.prototype = Object.create(A.prototype, {
19
     varB: {
20
        value: null,
21
        enumerable: true,
        configurable: true,
22
        writable: true
23
24
      },
     doSomething: {
25
       // override
26
       value: function() {
27
          // call super
28
29
          A.prototype.doSomething.apply(this, arguments);
30
        },
31
        enumerable: true,
        configurable: true,
32
33
        writable: true
      }
34
35
    });
36
37
    B.prototype.constructor = B;
38
   var b = new B();
39
40
    b.doSomething();
```

- Important parts: Types are defined in .prototype , you use Object.create() to inherit
- Reference to the prototype object is copied to the internal [[Prototype]] property of the new instance
- When you access properties of the instance, JavaScript first checks object, and if not, it looks in [[Prototype]]

- This means that all the stuff you define in prototype is effectively shared by all instances
- You can even later change parts of prototype and have the changes appear in all existing instances

```
var a1 = new A();
var a2 = new A();
// Object.getPrototypeOf(a1).doSomething =
// Object.getPrototypeOf(a2).doSomething =
// A.prototype.doSomething
```

- prototype is for types, while Object.getPrototypeOf() is the same for instances
- [[Prototype]] is looked at recursively

```
var o = new Foo();

// JavaScript actually just does
var o = new Object();
o.[[Prototype]] = Foo.prototype;
Foo.call(o);
```

Hoisting

- Source: MDN
- Scope of a variable declared with var is its current *execution context* (enclosing function or global)
- Assigning a value to an undeclared variable implicitly creates it as a global variable
- Variable declarations are processed before any code is executed
- Variable can appear to be used before it's declared
- **Hoisting**: Variable declaration is moved to the top of the function or global code

ES5 Strict Mode

- Source: MDN
- A way to opt in to a restricted variant of JavaScript
- Eliminates some silent errors by changing them to throw errors
 - Impossible to accidentally create global variables
 - Makes assigments which would otherwise silently fail throw an exception
 - Throws an error if you attempt to delete undeletable properties
 - Requires that all properties named in an object literal be unique
 - Requires that function parameter names be unique
 - Forbids octal syntax
 - Forbids setting properties on primitive values
- Improves possibilities to perform optimizations by Engines (faster)
 - Prohibits with
 - eval of strict mode code does not introduce new variables into the surrounding

- scope
- Forbids deleting plain names: var a; delete a;
- Names eval and arguments can't be bound or assigned
- Doesn't alias properties of arguments object created within it
- o arguments.callee, arguments.caller and caller are no longer supported
- value passed as this to a function is not forced into being an object (a.k.a boxing):
 primitive values are returned with their value, not as objects
- Prohibits some syntax likely to be defined in future versions of ES
 - List of identifiers become reserved keywords: implements, interface, let,
 package, private, protected, public, static, and yield
 - Prohibits function statements not at the top level of a script or function

Event Capturing & Bubbling

- Sources: MDN, Kirupa
- Every event starts at the root of the document, makes its way through the DOM and stops at the element that triggered the event (Event Capturing Phase)
- Once the event reaches its target, the event returns back to the root (Event Bubbling Phase)

```
// listen for click event during capturing phase
item.addEventListener('click', doSomething, true);

// listen for click event during bubbling phase
item.addEventListener('click', doSomething, false);

// listen for click, defaults to bubbling phase
item.addEventListener('click', doSomething);
```

- Call stopPropagation() on Event object to prevent it to be propagated further down or up
- Call preventDefault() to turn off default behavior of an element getting an event

Immediatly-invoded function expression (IIFE)

- Source: Ben Alman
- Every function, when invoked, creates a new execution context
- Invoking a function provides a very easy way to create privacy

```
1 (function() {
2  // ...
3 })();
```

- Any function defined inside another function can access the outer function's passed-in arguments and variables (this relationship is known as a closure)
- IIFE can be used to "lock in" values and save state

```
var elems = document.getElementsByTagName('a');
1
2
    // this doesn't work, because the value of "i" never gets locked in
 3
    // instead every link click alerts the total number of elements
4
   for (var i=0; i<elems.length; i++) {
5
      elems[i].addEventListener('click', function(e) {
 6
 7
        e.preventDefault();
8
        alert('I am link #' + i);
9
      });
10
    }
11
    // this works, because inside the IIFE, the value of "i" is locked in as
12
    "lockedinIndex"
    for (var i=0; i<elems.length; i++) {</pre>
13
14
      (function(lockedInIndex) {
        elems[i].addEventListener('click', function(e) {
15
16
          e.preventDefault();
          alert('I am link #' + lockedInIndex);
17
18
        });
19
      })(i);
20
21
   // alternative
22
23
    for (var i=0; i<elems.length; i++) {</pre>
24
      elems[i].addEventListener('click', (function(lockedInIndex) {
25
        return function(e) {
26
          e.preventDefault();
          alert('I am link #' + lockedInIndex);
27
28
        };
      })(i));
29
30
    }
```

Web Components

- Sources: MDN Web Components, MDN Custom Elements, MDN HTML Templates, MDN Shadow DOM, MDN HTML Imports
- Web Components are reusable user interface widgets that are created using open Web technology
- Consists of four technologies: Custom Elements, HTML Templates, Shadow DOM, and HTML Imports

Custom Elements

- Capability for creating custom HTML tags and elements with own scripted behavior and CSS styling
- Attach behaviors to different parts of element's lifecycle
- Lifecycle callbacks
 - o constructor: The behavior occurs when the element is created or upgraded

- connectedCallback: Called when the element is inserted into the DOM
- disconnectedCallback: Called when the element is removed from the DOM
- o attributeChangedCallback(attrName, oldVal, newVal): The behavior occurs when an attribute of the element is added, changed, or removed, including when these values are initially set

Old example:

```
// Create a new object based of the HTMLElement prototype
2
    var XProductProto = Object.create(HTMLElement.prototype);
 3
4
    // Set up the element
    XProductProto.createdCallback = function() {
 5
      // Create a Shadow Root
6
 7
      var shadow = this.createShadowRoot();
8
      // Create a standard img element and set it's attributes
9
10
      var img = document.createElement('img');
      img.alt = this.getAttribute('data-name');
11
      img.src = this.getAttribute('data-img');
12
      img.width = '150';
13
      img.height = '150';
14
15
      img.className = 'product-img';
16
      // Add the image to the Shadow Root
17
      shadow.appendChild(img);
18
19
20
      // Add an event listener to the image
      img.addEventListener('click', function(e) {
21
        window.location = this.getAttribute('data-url');
22
23
      });
24
25
      // Create a link to the product
26
      var link = document.createElement('a');
      link.innerText = this.getAttribute('data-name');
27
      link.href = this.getAttribute('data-url');
28
      link.className = 'product-name';
29
30
      // Add the link to the Shadow Root
31
      shadow.appendChild(link);
32
33
    };
34
35
    // Register the new element
    var XProduct = document.registerElement('x-product', {
36
      prototype: XProductProto
37
38
    });
```

New example

```
1 <flag-icon country="nl"></flag-icon>
```

```
1
    class FlagIcon extends HTMLElement {
 2
 3
      constructor() {
 4
        super();
 5
        this._countryCode = null;
 6
      }
 7
 8
      static get observedAttributes() {
 9
        return ['country'];
10
      }
11
12
      attributeChangedCallback(name, oldValue, newValue) {
13
        // name will always be "country" due to observedAttributes
        this._countryCode = newValue;
14
15
        this._updateRendering();
      }
16
17
      connectedCallback() {
18
19
        this._updateRendering();
20
      }
21
      get country() {
22
        return this._countryCode;
23
24
      }
25
26
      set country(v) {
27
        this.setAttribute('country', v);
28
29
      _updateRendering() {
30
31
        // ...
32
      }
33
34
35
36
    // Define element
    customElements.define('flag-icon', FlagIcon);
37
```

HTML Templates

- HTML template element <template> is a mechanism for holding un-rendered client-side content
- Content fragment that is being stored for subsequent use
- Parser checks validity of content only

```
1
2
   <thead>
3
    UPC Code
4
5
     Product Name
6
    7
   </thead>
8
   9
   10
  11
12
  <template id="product-row">
13
   14
    15
    16
   17
  </template>
```

Shadow DOM

- Provides encapsulation for the JavaScript, CSS, and templating in a Web Component
- Seperation from DOM
- Must always be attached to an existing element (literal element, or an element created by scripting): native or custom element

```
1
   <html>
2
     <head></head>
3
     <body>
       4
5
       <script>
         // create shadow DOM on the  element above
6
7
         var shadow = document.querySelector('#hostElement').createShadowRoot();
8
         // add some text to shadow DOM
9
         shadow.innerHTML = 'Here is some new text';
10
         // add some css to make the text red
         shadow.innerHTML += '<style>p { color: red; }</style>';
11
12
       </script>
13
     </body>
14
   </html>
```

HTML Imports

- Intended to be the packaging mechanism for Web Components
- Import an HTML file by using a tag in an HTML document

```
1 | <link rel="import" href="myfile.html">
```

Web Worker

• Source: MDN

Web Workers API

- Worker is an object (new Worker()) that runs a named JavaScript file
- Code runs in worker thread with another global context (no access to window)
- Dedicated worker is only accessible from the script that first spawned it, whereas shared workers can be accessed from multiple scripts
- Can't directly manipulate the DOM
- Data is sent between workers and the main thread via a system of messages (postMessage() method and onmessage event handler)
- Workers may spawn new workers (within same origin)

Dedicated workers

```
var first = document.querySelector('#number1');
    var second = document.querySelector('#number2');
 2
    var result = document.querySelector('#result');
 3
 4
    // Check if browser supports the Worker API
 5
 6
    if (window.Worker) {
 7
      var myWorker = new Worker('worker.js');
 8
 9
      var changeHandler = function() {
        myWorker.postMessage([first.value, second.value]);
10
11
      };
12
13
      first.onchange = changeHandler;
      second.onchange = changeHandler;
14
15
      myWorker.onmessage = function(e) {
16
        result.textContent = e.data;
17
18
      };
19
    }
```

```
onmessage = function(e) {
var workerResult = 'Result: ' + (e.data[0] * e.data[1]);
postMessage(workerResult);
}
```

- Immediately terminate a running worker from the main thread: myWorker.terminate();
- Workers may close themselves: close();
- When a runtime error occurs in the worker, its onerror event handler is called
- Have access to a global function, importScripts()

Shared workers

```
// multiply.js
2
    var first = document.querySelector('#number1');
   var second = document.querySelector('#number2');
3
   var result = document.querySelector('#result');
4
    if (!!window.SharedWorker) {
6
7
      var myWorker = new SharedWorker('worker.js');
8
      var changeHandler = function() {
9
10
        myWorker.postMessage([first.value, second.value]);
      };
11
12
13
      // ...
14
    }
```

```
1
   // square.js
2
    var squareNumber = document.querySelector('#number3');
3
   var result2 = document.querySelector('#result2');
4
5
    if (!!window.SharedWorker) {
     var myWorker = new SharedWorker('worker.js');
6
7
      var changeHandler = function() {
8
9
        myWorker.postMessage([squareNumber.value, squareNumber.value]);
10
      };
11
      // ...
12
13
    }
```

```
// worker.js
1
2
  onconnect = function(e) {
    var port = e.ports[0];
3
4
   port.onmessage = function(e) {
5
     var workerResult = 'Result: ' + (e.data[0] * e.data[1]);
6
       postMessage(workerResult);
8
     }
9
  }
```

Web Applications & Frameworks

- Sources: Noeticforce, colorlib
- Interesting (beside Angular and React): Polymer, Riot

Ember

- Source: <u>About</u>
- Auto-updating Handlebars Templates: Ember makes Handlebars templates even better, by

- ensuring HTML stays up-to-date when the underlaying model changes
- Components: Create application-specific HTML tags, using Handlebars to describe their markup and JS to implement custom behavior
- Loading data from a server: Eliminates the boilerplate of displaying JSON retrieved from server
- Routing: Downright simple to create sophisticated, multi-page JS applications with great URL support

Aurelia

- Source: Features
- Forward-Thinking: Written with ES 2016; integrates Web Components
- Two-way databinding: Enables powerful two-way binding to any object by using adaptive techniques (efficient way to observe each property in model and automatically sync UI)
- Routing & UI composition: Pluggable pipeline, dynamic route patterns, child routers and asynchronous screen activation
- Broad language support: ES5, ES 2015, ES 2016 and TypeScript
- Modern architecture: Composed of smaller, focused modules
- Extensible HTML: Custom HTML elements, add custom attributes to existing elements and control template generation
- MV* with Conventions: Levery conventions to make constructing effortless
- Testable: ES 2015 modules combined with DI container make it easy to create highly cohesive, yet minimally coupled code, making unit testing a snap

Meteor

- Source: Introducing
- Full-stack JavaScript platform for developing modern web and mobile applications
- Includes a key set of technologies for building connected-client reactive applications, a build tool, and a curated set of packages
- Allows you to develop in one language (application server, web browser, and mobile device)
- Uses data on the wire, meaning the server sends data, not HTML, and the client renders it
- Embraces the ecosystem, bringing the best parts of the community in a careful and considered way
- Provides full stack reactivity, allowing UI to seamlessly reflect the true state with minimal development effort

Backbone

- Source: <u>Getting Started</u>
- Represent data as models, which can be created, validated, destroyed, and saved to the server
- Whenever a UI action causes an attribute of the model to change, the model triggers a "change" event
- All views that display the model's state can be notified of the change (able to respond accordingly, re-rendering themselves with the new information)
- Minimal set of data-structuring (models and collections) and user interface (views and URLs)
- Helps to keep business logic separate from user interface

Polymer

- Source: Feature Overview
- Provides a set of features for creating custom elements
- Designed to make it easier and faster to make custom elements
- Elements can be instantiated (Constructor or document.createElement)
- Elements can be configured using attributes or properties
- Elements can be populated with internal DOM inside each instance
- Elements are responsive to property and attribute changes
- Elements are styled with internal defaults or externally
- Elements are responsive to methods that manipulate their internal state
- Features are divided into
 - Registration and lifecycle: Registering an element associated a class (prototype) with a custom element name. The element provides callbacks to manage its lifecycle. Use behaviors to share code
 - Declared properties: Declared properties can be configured from markup using attributes. Declared properties can optionally support change observers, two-way data binding, and reflection to attributes. You can also declare computed properties and read-only properties
 - Local DOM: Local DOM is the DOM created and managed by the element
 - Events: Attaching event listeners to the host object and local DOM children. Event retargeting.
 - Data binding: Property bindings. Binding to attributes.
 - Behaviors: Behaviors are reusable modules of code that can be mixed into Polymer elements.
 - Utility function: Helper methods for common tasks.
 - Experimental features and elements: Experimental template and styling features. Feature layering.

Knockout

- Source: Key concepts
- Declarative Bindings: Easily associate DOM elements with model data using a concise, readable syntax
- Automatic UI Refresh: When data model's state changes, UI updates automatically
- Dependency Tracking: Implicitly set up chains of relationships between model data, to transform and combine it
- Templating: Quickly generate sophisticated nested UIs as a function of model data

Vue

- Source: Overview
- Library for building interactive web interfaces
- Provide benefits of reactive data binding and composable view components
- Focused on view layer only
- Very easy to pick up and to integrate with other libraries or existing projects

- Embraces the concept of data-driven view (bind the DOM to the underlaying data)
- Small, self-contained, and often reusable components (very similar to Custom Elements)

Mercury

- Source: Mercury vs React
- Leverages Virtual DOM (immutable vdom structure)
- Comes with observ-struct (immutable data for state atom)
- Truly modular (swap out subsets)
- Encourages zero DOM manipulation
- Strongly encourages FRP (Functional reactive programming) techniquices and discourages local mutable state
- Highly performant (faster than React, Om, ember)

MobX

- Source: Concepts & Principles
- State: data that drives application (*domain specific state* like a list of todo items and *view state* such as the currently selected element)
- Derivations: *Computed values* (Derived from the current observable state using a pure function) and *Reactions* (Side effects that need to happen automatically if the state changes)
- Actions: Any piece of code that changes the state
- Supports an uni-directional data flow where *Actions* changes the *state*, which in turn updates all affected *views*
- Derivations are updated automatically, atomically and synchronously, computed values are updated lazily and should be pure (not supposed to change state)

Omniscient

- Source: Rationale
- Functional programming for UIs
- Memoization for stateless React components
- Top-down rendering of components (unidirectional data flow)
- Favors immutable data
- Encourages small, composable components, and shared functionality through mixins
- Natural separation of concern (components only deal with their own piece of data)
- Efficient (centrally defined shouldComponentUpdate)

Ractive.js

- Source: Ractive
- Live, reactive templating: Template-driven UI library
- Powerful and extensible: Two-way binding, animations, SVG support
- Optimised for your sanity: Ractive works for you and plays well with other libraries

WebRx

- Source: WebRx
- MVVM: Clean separation of concerns between View-Layer and Application-Layer by combining obversable View-Models with Two-Way declarative Data-Binding
- Components and Modules: Combine View-Models and View-Templates into self-contained,

- reusable chunks and package them into modules
- Client-Side Routing: Organize the parts into a state machine that maps Components onto pre-defined (optionally nested) regions of the page

Deku

- Source: Deku
- Library for rendering interfaces using pure functions and virtual DOM
- Pushed responsibility of all state management and side-effect onto tools like Redux
- Can be used in place of libraries like React and works well with Redux

Riot

- Source: Riot
- Brings Custom Tags to all browsers
- Human-readable
- Virtual DOM: Smallest possible amount of DOM updates and reflows, one way data flow, pre-compiled and cached expressions, lifecycle events for more control, server-side rendering for universal apps
- Close to standards
- Tooling friendly
- Think React + Polymer but without the bloat

Mithril

- Source: Mithril
- Client-side MVC framework
- Light-weight: small size, small API, small learning curve
- Robust: Safe-by-default templates, hierarchical MVC via components
- Fast: Virtual DOM diffing and compilable templates, intelligent auto-redrawing system

Stapes.js

- Source: <u>Stapes.js</u>
- Agnostic about your setup and style of coding
- Class creation, custom events, and data methods

Om

- Source: Om
- Global state management facilities built in
- Components may have arbitrary data dependencies, not limited to props & state
- Component construction can be intercepted via :instrument (simplifies debugging components and generic editors)
- Provides stream of all application state change deltas via :tx-listen (simplifies synchronization online and offline)
- Customizable semantics: Fine grained control over how components store state

Single Page Applications

Definition

- Goal: Provide a more fluid user experience
- Resources are dynamically loaded and added to the page as necessary, usually in response to user actions
- Page does not reload at any point in the process, nor does control transfer to another page

Pros

- More fluid user experience
- Mobile phone friendly

Cons

- Search engine optimization (lack of JavaScript execution on crawlers)
- Client/Server code partitioning (duplication of business logic)
- Browser history (breaks page history navigation using the Forward/Back buttons)
- Analytics (full page loads are required)
- Speed of initial load (slower first page load)
- JavaScript has to be enabled

ES5

- Sources: MDN, oio
- ECMAScript 5.0 released in 2009, ES 5.1 released in 2011 (maintenance)
- Introduced Strict mode
- Native JSON support: JSON.parse(), JSON.stringify()
- Property descriptor maps: Specify how the properties of your object can be altered after creation
 - value: The intrinsic value of the property
 - writable: Can value be changed after being set?
 - enumerable: Can property be iterated on for example in for-loops
 - configurable: Specifys if a property can be deleted and how the values of its property descriptor map can be modified

```
var obj = {};

var obj = {};

object.defineProperty(obj, 'attr', {
   value: 1,
   writable: true,
   enumerable: true,
   configurable: true
}
```

• Getters and Setters

```
1
   var obj = {};
2
   (function() {
3
    var value = 1;
     Object.defineProperty(obj, 'value', {
4
 5
        get: function() {
        return _value;
6
7
       },
8
        set: function(newValue) {
         _value = newValue;
9
10
      });
11
   })();
12
13
   console.log(obj.value); // 1
14
15
   obj.value = 5;
   console.log(obj.value); // 5
16
```

Object

- Object constructor creates an object wrapper for the given value (empty object if value is null or undefined)
- Object.assign(): Creates a new object by copying the values of all enumerable own properties from one or more source objects to a target object
- Object.create(): Creates a new object with the specified prototype object and properties
- Object.defineProperty() / Object.defineProperties(): Adds the named property described by a given descriptor to an object
- Object.entries(): Returns an array of a given object's own enumerable property [key, value] pairs
- Object.freeze(): Freezes an object (can't delete or change any properties)
- Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptor() / Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptors(): Returns a property descriptor for a named property on an object or an array of all own
- Object.getOwnPropertyNames(): Returns an array containing the names of all of the given object's own properties
- Object.getOwnPropertySymbols(): Returns an array of all symbol properties found directly upon a given object
- Object.getPrototypeOf(): Returns the prototype of the specified object
- Object.is(): Compares if two values are the same
- Object.isExtensible(): Determines if extending of an object is allowed
- Object.isFrozen(): Determines if an object was frozen
- Object.isSealed(): Determines if an object is sealed
- Object.keys(): Returns an array containing the names of the given object's own enumerable properties
- Object.preventExtensions(): Prevents any extensions of an object
- Object.seal(): Prevents other code from deleting properties of an object
- Object.setPrototypeOf(): Sets the prototype (the internal [[Prototype]] property)

• Object.values(): Returns an array of a given object's own enumerable values

Array

- Array.isArray(someVar): Check if someVar is an array
- forEach(): iterate on an array
- map(): iterate on an array and returns a new array with applied callback method
- filter(): iterate on an array and return a new array with elements which return true in callback method
- [every()]: returns [true] if callback method returns [true] for all elements
- some(): returns true if callback method returns true for at least one element
- reduce(): invokes callback method on every element and returns a single element

Function

- Function.prototype.apply(): Calls a function and sets its this to the provided value, arguments can be passed as an Array object
- Function.prototype.bind(): Creates a new function which, when called, has its this set to the provided value, with a given sequence of arguments preceding any provided when the new function was called
- Function.prototype.call(): Calls a function and sets its this to the provided value, arguments can be passed as they are

ES₆

• Source: Luke Hoban

Arrows

- Function shorthand using => syntax
- Support both statement block bodies as well as expression bodies which return value of expression
- Unlike functions, arrows share the same lexical this as their surrounding code

```
// Expression bodies
    var odds = evens.map(v \Rightarrow v + 1);
2
    var nums = evens.map((v, i) => v + i);
 3
    var pairs = evens.map(v => ({even: v, odd: v + 1}));
 4
 5
    // Statement bodies
 6
    nums.forEach(v => {
 7
     if (v % 5 === 0)
8
9
        fives.push(v);
10
    });
11
    // Lexical this
12
13
    var bob = {
     _name: 'Bob',
14
15
      _friends: [],
      printFriends() {
16
       this._friends.forEach(f =>
17
          console.log(this._name + ' knows ' + f)
18
19
       );
20
      }
   }
21
```

Classes

• Sugar over the prototype-based OO pattern

```
class SkinnedMesh extends THREE.Mesh {
 1
 2
      constructor(geometry, materials) {
 3
        super(geometry, materials);
 4
 5
        this.idMatrix = SkinnedMesh.defaultMatrix();
 6
 7
        this.bones = [];
 8
        this.boneMatrices = [];
 9
      }
10
      update(camera) {
11
12
        // ...
        super.update();
13
14
      }
15
      get boneCount() {
16
        return this.bones.length;
17
      }
18
19
20
      set matrixType(matrixType) {
        this.idMatrix = SkinnedMesh[matrixType]();
21
      }
22
23
24
      static defaultMatrix() {
25
        return new THREE.Matrix4();
26
      }
27
28
    }
```

Enhanced Object Literals

• Support for setting the prototype at construction, shorthand for foo: foo assignments, defining methods, making super calls, and computing property names with expressions

```
var obj = {
1
 2
      // __proto__
      __proto__: theProtoObj,
 3
      // shorthand for "handler: handler"
4
 5
     handler,
      // methods
6
7
      toString() {
8
       // super callse
9
        return 'd' + super.toString();
10
11
      // computed (dynamic) property names
      [ 'prop_' + (() => 42) ]: 42
12
13
    }
```

Template Strings

• Provide syntactic sugar for constructing strings

```
// Basic literal string creation
 2
    `In Javascript '\n' is a line-feed.`
 3
    // Multiline strings
 4
    `In Javascript this is
 5
    not legal.`
 6
 7
    // String interpolation
 8
    var name = 'Bob', time = 'today';
9
10
    `Hello ${name}, how are you ${time}?`
11
12
    // Construct an HTTP request
13
    // prefix is used to interpret the replacements and construction
    POST`http://foo.org/bar?a=${a}&b=${b}
14
    Content-Type: application/json
15
   X-Credentials: ${credentials}
16
    { "foo": ${foo},
17
18
      "bar": ${bar}}`(myOnReadyStateChangeHandler);
```

Destructuring

• Makes it possible to extract data from array or objects into distinct variables

```
// syntax
 1
 2
   var a, b, rest;
    [a, b] = [1, 2];
 3
   console.log(a); // 1
 4
    console.log(b); // 2
 5
 6
 7
    [a, b, ...rest] = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
8
    console.log(a); // 1
9
    console.log(b); // 2
10
    console.log(rest); // [3, 4, 5]
11
12
    ({a, b} = {a: 1, b: 2});
13
    console.log(a); // 1
14
    console.log(b); // 2
15
16
    // Array destructing ==
17
    // default values
18
    [a = 5, b = 7] = [1];
    console.log(a); // 1
19
    console.log(b); // 7
20
21
22
    // swapping variables
```

```
23
    var a = 1;
24
    var b = 3;
25
    [a, b] = [b, a];
26
    console.log(a); // 3
    console.log(b); // 1
27
28
29
    // parsing an array returned from a function
30
    function f() {
31
     return [1, 2];
32
33
34
    var [a, b] = f();
35
    console.log(a); // 1
    console.log(b); // 2
36
37
    // ignore some returned values
38
39
    function f() {
40
     return [1, 2, 3];
    }
41
42
43
    var[a, , b] = f();
    console.log(a); // 1
44
45
    console.log(b); // 3
46
47
    // Object destructing ==
48
    // basic assignment
49
    var o = {p: 42, q: true};
50
    var \{p, q\} = o;
51
52
    console.log(p); // 42
53
    console.log(q); // true
54
55
    // assigment without declaration
56
    var a, b;
57
    ({a, b} = {a: 1, b: 2});
58
59
    // assigning to new variable names
60
    var \{p: foo, q: bar\} = o;
61
62
    console.log(foo); // 42
63
    console.log(bar); // true
64
    // default values
65
66
    var \{a = 10, b = 5\} = \{a: 3\};
67
    console.log(a); // 3
68
    console.log(b); // 5
```

- Callee-evaluated default parameter values
- Turn an array into consecutive arguments in a function call
- Bind trailing paramters to an array

```
// default
   function f(x, y=12) {
 2
 3
     return x + y;
 4
 5
   console.log(f(3)); // 15
 6
 7
   // rest
   function f(x, ...y) {
8
9
     return x * y.length;
10
11
   console.log(f(3, 'hello', true)); // 6
12
13
   // spread: pass each element of array as argument
14
   function f(x, y, z) {
    return x + y + z;
15
16
17
   console.log(f(...[1, 2, 3])); // 6
```

Let + Const

- Block-scoped binding constructs
- let is the new var
- const is a single-assignment
- Static restrictions prevent use before assignment

```
1
    function f() {
2
     {
3
       let x;
4
       {
5
        // okay, block scoped name
        const x = 'sneaky';
6
7
        // error, const
         x = foo';
8
9
10
       // error, already declared in block
       let x = 'inner';
11
12
      }
13
   }
```

Iterators + For..Of

- Enable custom iteration
- Generalize for..in to custom iterator-based iteration with for..of

```
let fibonacci = {
 1
 2
      [Symbol.iterator]() {
 3
        let pre = 0, cur = 1;
 4
        return {
 5
          next() {
 6
             [pre, cur] = [cur, pre + cur];
 7
             return {done: false, value: cur};
 8
          }
9
        }
10
      }
11
12
13
    for (var n of fibonacci) {
14
      // truncate the sequence at 1000
     if (n > 1000)
15
       break;
16
      console.log(n);
17
18
    }
```

Generators

- Simplify iterator-authoring using function* and yield
- Function delcared as function* returns a Generator instance
- Generators are subtypes of iterators which include additional next and throw

```
1
    var fibonacci = {
 2
      [Symbol.iterator]: function*() {
 3
        var pre = 0, cur = 1;
        for (;;) {
 4
 5
          var temp = pre;
 6
          pre = cur;
 7
          cur += temp;
 8
          yield cur;
 9
        }
10
      }
11
12
    for (var n of fibonacci) {
13
14
      // truncate the sequence at 1000
      if (n > 1000)
15
16
        break;
17
      console.log(n);
18
    }
```

Unicode

• Non-breaking additions to support full Unicode

Modules

- Language-level support for modules for component definition
- Codifies patterns from popular module loaders (AMD, CommonJS)

```
1
   // lib/math.js
 2
   export function sum(x, y) {
 3
     return x + y;
 4
 5
   export var pi = 3.141593;
 6
7
    // app.js
8
    import * as math from 'lib/math';
    alert('2\pi = ' + math.sum(math.pi, math.pi));
9
10
11
    // otherApp.js
12
   import {sum, pi} from 'lib/math';
13
    alert('2\pi = ' + sum(pi, pi));
14
15
   // lib/mathplusplus.js
16
    export * from 'lib/math';
17
    export var e = 2.71828182846;
   export default function(x) {
18
19
     return Math.log(x);
20
    }
21
22 // app.js
   import ln, {pi, e} from 'lib/mathplusplus.js';
23
24 alert('2\pi = ' + ln(e) * pi * 2);
```

Module Loaders

- Support dynamic loading, state isolation, global namespace isolation, compilation hooks, nested virtualization
- Default loader can be configured
- New loaders can be constructed to evaluate and load code in isolated or constrained contexts

```
// dynamic loading - "System" is default loader
1
2
    System.import('lib/math').then(function(m) {
3
     alert('2\pi = ' + m.sum(m.pi, m.pi));
   });
4
 5
   // create execution sandboxes - new loaders
6
 7
    var loader = new Loader({
8
     global: fixup(window)
9
10
   loader.eval('console.log("Hello, World!");');
11
12
   // directly manipulate module cache
13 System.get('jquery');
    System.get('jquery', Module({$: $}));
```

Map + Set + WeakMap + WeakSet

- Efficient data structures for common algorithms
- WeakMaps provides leak-free object-key'd side tables

```
1 // sets
 2
   var s = new Set();
   s.add('hello').add('goodbye').add('hello');
3
   s.size === 2;
4
   s.has('hello') === true;
5
6
7
   // maps
   var m = new Map();
8
    m.set('hello', 42);
9
   m.set(s, 34);
10
11
   m.get(s) === 34;
12
13
   // weak maps
14
   var wm = new WeakMap();
15
   wm.set(s, {extra: 42});
    wm.size === undefined;
16
17
   // weak set
18
19
   var ws = new WeakSet();
20 ws.add({data: 42});
```

Proxies

- Is used to define custom behavior for fundamental operations (e.g. property lookup, assignment, enumeration, function invocation, etc.)
- handler: Placeholder object which contains traps
- *traps*: The methods that provide property access
- target: Object which the proxy virtualizes

Basic example

```
1
    var handler = {
      get: function(target, name) {
2
        return name in target ? target[name] : 37;
3
      }
4
5
    };
6
7
    var p = new Proxy({}, handler);
8
   p.a = 1;
    p.b = undefined;
9
10
   console.log(p.a., p.b); // 1, undefined
11
    console.log('c' in p, p.c); // false, 37
```

No-op forwarding proxy

```
var target = {};
var p = new Proxy(target, {});

p.a = 37; // operation forwarded to the target
console.log(target.a); // 37
```

Validation

```
1
    let validator = {
 2
      set: function(obj, prop, value) {
        if (prop === 'age') {
 3
 4
          if (!Number.isInteger(value)) {
 5
            throw new TypeError('The age is not an integer');
 6
          }
 7
          if (value > 200) {
 8
            throw new RangeError('The age seems invalid');
 9
          }
10
        }
11
12
        obj[prop] = value;
      }
13
14
    };
15
    let person = new Proxy({}, validator);
16
17
18
    person.age = 100;
    console.log(person.age); // 100
19
20
    person.age = 'young'; // Throws an exception
    person.age = 300; // Throws an exception
21
```

```
function extend(sup, base) {
 1
      var descriptor = Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptor(base.prototype,
 2
    'constructor');
      base.prototype = Object.create(sup.prototype);
 3
      var handler = {
 4
 5
        construct: function(target, args) {
 6
          var obj = Object.create(base.prototype);
 7
          this.apply(target, obj, args);
          return obj;
 8
9
        },
        apply: function(target, that, args) {
10
          sup.apply(that, args);
11
          base.apply(that, args);
12
        }
13
14
      };
15
      var proxy = new Proxy(base, handler);
      descriptor.value = proxy;
16
      Object.defineProperty(base.prototype, 'constructor', descriptor);
17
18
      return proxy;
19
    }
20
    var Person = function(name) {
21
22
     this.name = name;
23
    };
24
25
    var Boy = extend(Person, function(name, age) {
26
     this.age = age;
27
    });
    Boy.prototype.sex = 'M';
28
29
30
    var Peter = new Boy('Peter', 13);
31
   console.log(Peter.sex); // 'M'
   console.log(Peter.name); // 'Peter'
32
   console.log(Peter.age); // 13
33
```

```
// proxying a normal object
 1
 2
    var target = {};
 3
   var handler = {
     get: function(receiver, name) {
 4
 5
        return `Hello, ${name}!`;
 6
     }
 7
    };
8
9
    var p = new Proxy(target, handler);
10
    p.world === 'Hello, world!';
11
    // proxying a function object
12
13
    var target = function() {
     return 'I am the target';
14
15
    };
    var handler = {
16
17
     apply: function(receiver, ...args) {
        return 'I am the proxy';
18
19
     }
20
    };
21
22
    var p = new Proxy(target, handler);
    p() === 'I am the proxy';
23
```

Symbols

- Enable access control for object state
- Allow properties to be keyed by either string or symbol
- Symbols are a new primitive type

```
var MyClass = (function() {
 1
 2
      // module scoped symbol
      var key = Symbol('key');
 3
 4
 5
      function MyClass(privateData) {
        this[key] = privateData;
 6
 7
      }
 8
      MyClass.prototype = {
 9
10
        doStuff: function() {
           ... this[key] ...
11
12
        }
13
      };
14
15
      return MyClass;
    })();
16
17
18
    var c = new MyClass('hello');
    c['key'] === undefined
```

Subclassable Built-Ins

• Built-Ins can be subclassed

```
// Pseudo-code of Array
2
   class Array {
     constructor(...args) { /* ... */ }
3
     static [Symbol.create]() {
4
5
       // ...
6
      }
7
    }
8
   // User code of Array subclass
9
10
   class MyArray extends Array {
11
     constructor(...args) { super(args); }
    }
12
13
   // Two-phase "new":
14
15
    // 1) Call @@create to allocate object
   // 2) Invoke constructor on new instance
16
   var arr = new MyArray();
17
18
   arr[1] = 12;
19
   arr.length == 2
```

Math + Number + String + Array + Object APIs

 Many new library additions, including core Math libraries, Array conversion helpers, String helpers, and Object.assign for copying

```
Number.EPSILON
 1
 2
    Number.isInteger(Infinity) // false
 3
    Number.isNaN('NaN') // false
 4
    Math.acosh(3) // 1.762747174039086
 5
 6
    Math.hypot(3, 4) // 5
    Math.imul(Math.pow(2, 32) - 1, Math.pow(2, 32) - 2) // 2
 7
 8
9
    'abcde'.includes('cd') // true
10
    'abc'.repeat(3) // 'abcabcabc'
11
    Array.from(document.querySelectorAll('*')) // returns a real array
12
    Array.of(1, 2, 3) // similar to new Array(...), but without special one-arg
13
    behavior
   [0, 0, 0].fill(7, 1) // [0, 7, 7]
14
    [1, 2, 3].find(x \Rightarrow x == 3) // 3
15
    [1, 2, 3].findIndex(x => x == 2) // 1
16
17
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].copyWithin(3, 0) // [1, 2, 3, 1, 2]
    ['a', 'b', 'c'].entries() // iterator [0, 'a'], [1, 'b'], [2, 'c']
18
19
    ['a', 'b', 'c'].keys() // iterator 0, 1, 2
    ['a', 'b', 'c'].values() // iterator 'a', 'b', 'c'
20
21
22 Object.assign(Point, {origin: new Point(0, 0)});
```

Binary and Octal Literals

• Two new numeric literal forms are added for binary (b) and octal (o)

```
1 | 0b111110111 === 503 // true
2 | 0o767 === 503 // true
```

Promises

- Library for asynchronous programming
- First class representation of a value that may be made available in the future

```
function timeout(duration = 0) {
1
2
      return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
3
        setTimeout(resolve, duration);
     });
4
5
    }
6
   var p = timeout(1000).then(() => {
     return timeout(2000);
8
9
   }).then(() => {
10
     throw new Error('hmm');
    }).catch(err => {
11
     return Promise.all([timeout(100), timeout(200)]);
12
13
   });
```

TypeScript

• Source: <u>TypeScript</u>

Basic Types

```
let isDone: boolean = false;
 1
 2
 3
    let decimal: number = 6;
    let hex: number = 0xf00d;
 4
    let binary: number = 0b1010;
 5
    let octal: number = 00744;
 6
 7
    let color: string = 'blue';
 8
    let fullName: string = 'Bob Bobbington';
9
    let sentence: string = `Hello, my name is ${fullName}.`
10
11
    let list: number[] = [1, 2, 3];
12
    let list: Array<number> = [1, 2, 3];
13
14
15
    let x: [string, number];
    x = ['hello', 10]; // correct
16
    x = [10, 'hello']; // incorrect
17
18
19
    enum Color {Red, Green, Blue};
20
    let c: Color = Color.Green;
21
    // start values at 1 instead of 0
22
    enum Color {Red = 1, Green, Blue};
23
24
    let c: Color = Color.Green;
25
26
    // manually set the values
27
    enum Color {Red = 1, Green = 2, Blue = 4};
    let c: Color = Color.Green;
28
    let colorName: string = Color[2]; // Green
29
30
31
    let notSure: any = 4;
    notSure = 'maybe a string instead';
32
    notSure = false;
33
34
35
    let list: any[] = [1, true, 'free'];
36
37
    // no return type
38
    function warnUser(): void {
      alert('This is a warning message');
39
40
    }
41
42
    // type assertions
43
    let someValue: any = 'this is a string';
    let strLength: number = (<string>someValue).length;
44
    let strLength: number = (someValue as string).length;
45
```

Variable Declarations

• No use before declaration

- No re-declarations and Shadowing
- New scope per iteration if used in loops
- Support for Destructuring

```
1 // let
    let hello = 'Hello!';
 2
 3
 4 // block-scoping
   function f(input: boolean) {
 5
     let a = 100;
 6
 7
     if (input) {
 8
9
       // still okay to reference 'a'
       let b = a + 1;
10
11
       return b;
      }
12
13
     // error: "b" doesn't exist here
14
     return b;
15
16
    }
17
   // const
18
19
   const numLivesForCat = 9;
20
   const kitty = {
     name: 'Aurora',
21
     numLives: numLivesForCat
22
23
    };
24
25
   // can't re-assign to them
26
   numLivesForCat = 8; // error
27
   // but internal values are still modifiable
28
29
   kitty.name = 'Rory';
   kitty.numLives--;
```

Interfaces

• Duck Typing/Structural Subtyping: Interfaces fill the role of naming these types

```
// first interface
// parameter has to be an object and has to have a label property
function printLabel(labelledObj: {label: string}) {
    console.log(labelledObj.label);
}

let myObj = {size: 10, label: 'Size 10 Object'};
printLabel(myObj);
// with interface keyword
```

```
11
    interface LabelledValue {
12
      label: string;
13
14
15
    function printLabel(labelledObj: LabelledValue) {
      console.log(labelledObj.label);
16
17
    }
18
19
   // optional properties
   interface SquareConfig {
20
21
     color?: string;
22
     width?: number;
23
    }
24
25
    function createSquare(config: SquareConfig): {color: string; area: number} {
      let newSquare = {color: 'white', area: 100};
26
27
     if (config.color) {
28
        newSquare.color = config.color;
29
     }
30
     if (config.width) {
        newSquare.area = config.width * config.width;
31
32
      }
33
     return newSquare;
34
    }
35
36
    let mySquare = createSquare({color: 'black'});
37
38
    // additional properties
   interface SquareConfig {
39
     color?: string;
40
     width?: number;
41
42
      [propName: string]: any;
    }
43
44
45
    // function types
    interface SearchFunc {
46
47
      (source: string, subString: string): boolean;
48
    }
49
50
   let mySearch: SearchFunc;
51
    mySearch = function(source: string, subString: string) {
     return source.search(subString) !== -1;
52
53
54
55
   // indexable types
    interface StringArray {
56
57
     [index: number]: string;
58
    }
59
```

```
let myArray: StringArray;
    myArray = ['Bob', 'Fred'];
 61
 62
     let myStr: string = myArray[0];
 63
 64 // class types
    interface ClockInterface {
 65
66
     currentTime: Date;
 67
      setTime(d: Date);
 68
 69
 70
     interface ClockConstructor {
 71
      new (hour: number, minute: number);
 72
     }
 73
 74
     class Clock implements ClockConstructor, ClockInterface {
 75
      currentTime: Date;
      setTime(d: Date) {
 76
 77
         this.currentTime = d;
      }
 78
 79
      constructor(h: number, m: number) {}
 80
     }
 81
 82 // extending interfaces
83
    interface Shape {
      color: string;
 85
     }
 86
     interface PenStroke {
 87
       penWidth: number;
 88
 89
     }
 90
 91
     interface Square extends Shape, PenStroke {
 92
      sideLength: number;
 93
 94
 95 let square = <Square>{};
 96
    square.color = 'blue';
97
     square.sideLength = 10;
     square.penWidth: 5.0;
 98
 99
100
    // hybrid types
    interface Counter {
101
102
      (start: number): string;
103
      interval: number;
104
      reset(): void;
105
106
107
     function getCounter(): Counter {
108
       let counter = <Counter>function (start: number) { };
```

```
109
      counter.interval = 123;
110
      counter.reset = function () { };
111
      return counter;
112
113
    let c = getCounter();
114
115
    c(10);
116
    c.reset();
117
     c.interval = 5.0;
118
119
    // interfaces extending classes
120
    class Control {
121
     private state: any
122
    }
123
124 interface SelectableControl extends Control {
     select(): void;
125
126
127
128
    class Button extends Control {
129
     select() { }
130
```

Classes

```
// classes
 2
   class Greeter {
3
     greeting: string;
4
     constructor(message: string) {
 5
       this.greeting = message;
     }
6
7
      greet() {
       return 'Hello, ' + this.greeting;
9
      }
10
11
    let greeter = new Greeter('world');
12
13
    // inheritance
14
15
   class Animal {
16
     name: string;
17
     constructor(theName: string) { this.name = theName; }
      move(distanceInMeters: number = 0) {
18
19
        console.log(`${this.name} moved ${distanceInMeters}m.`);
20
     }
21
    }
22
23
   class Snake extends Animal {
      constructor(name: string) { super(name); }
24
```

```
25
      move(distanceInMeters = 5) {
        console.log('Slithering...');
26
27
        super.move(distanceInMeters);
28
      }
    }
29
30
31
   class Horse extends Animal {
32
      constructor(name: string) { super(name); }
33
      move(distanceInMeters = 45) {
       console.log('Galloping...');
34
35
        super.move(distanceInMeters);
      }
36
37
    }
38
39
    let sam = new Snake('Sammy the Python');
40
    let tom: Animal = new Horse('Tommy the Palomino');
41
42
    sam.move(); // Slithering... Sammy the Python moved 5m.
    tom.move(34); // Galloping... Tommy the Palomino moved 34m.
43
44
45
    // public, private, and protected modifiers
    // public by default
46
47
48
    // private
49
    class Animal {
50
      private name: string;
51
      constructor(theName: string) { this.name = theName; }
52
    }
53
    new Animal('Cat').name; // error
54
55
56
    // protected
57
    class Person {
      protected name: string;
58
59
      constructor(name: string) { this.name = name; }
    }
60
61
    class Employee extends Person {
62
63
      private department: string;
      constructor(name: string, department: string) {
64
65
        super(name);
        this.department = department;
66
67
68
      public getElevatorPitch() {
69
        return `Hello, my name is ${this.name} and I work in
    ${this.department}.`;
70
      }
71
    }
72
```

```
let howard = new Employee('Howard', 'Sales');
 73
     console.log(howard.getElevatorPitch()); // Hello, my name is Howard and I
 74
     work in Sales.
     console.log(howard.name); // error
 75
 76
     // parameter properties
 77
 78
     class Animal {
 79
       // shorthand to create and initialize the "name" member
 80
       constructor(private name: string) { }
 81
     }
 82
     // static properties
 83
     // visible on the class itself rather than on the instances
     class Grid {
 85
      static origin = {x: 0, y: 0};
 87
      calculateDistanceFromOrigin(point: {x: number, y: number}) {
         let xDist = (point.x - Grid.origin.x);
 88
         let yDist = (point.y - Grid.origin.y);
 89
         return Math.sqrt(xDist * xDist + yDist * yDist) / this.scale;
 90
 91
       }
       constructor (public scale: number) { }
 92
 93
 94
 95
     let grid1 = new Grid(1.0); // 1x scale
 96
     let grid2 = new Grid(5.0); // 5x scale
 97
 98
     console.log(grid1.calculateDistanceFromOrigin({x: 10, y: 10}));
 99
     console.log(grid2.calculateDistanceFromOrigin({x: 10, y: 10}));
100
     // abstract classes
101
     abstract class Animal {
102
103
      // must be implemented in the derived classes
      abstract makeSound(): void;
104
       move(): void {
105
106
         console.log('roaming the earth...');
       }
107
    }
108
```

Functions

```
// writing the function type
let myAdd: (x: number, y: number) => number =
function(x: number, y: number): number { return x + y; }

// optional parameters
function buildName(firstName: string, lastName?: string) {
 return lastName? firstName + ' ' + lastName : lastName;
}
```

```
// default parameters
10
    function buildName(firstName: string, lastName = 'Smith') {
11
12
      return firstName + ' ' + lastName;
13
14
    // rest parameters
15
    function buildName(firstName: string, ...restOfName: string[]) {
16
17
     return firstName + ' ' + restOfName.join(' ');
18
19
20
    // lambdas and using "this"
    let deck = {
21
     suits: ['hearts', 'spades', 'clubs', 'diamonds'],
22
23
      cards: Array(52),
24
      createCardPicker: function() {
25
       return function() {
          let pickedCard = Math.floor(Math.random() * 52);
26
          let pickedSuit = Math.floor(pickedCard / 13);
27
          // "this" does reference "window" instead of "deck"
28
29
          return {
           suit: this.suits[pickedSuit],
30
           card: pickedCard % 13
31
32
          };
33
        };
34
      }
35
    };
36
37
    let cardPicker = deck.createCardPicker();
    let pickedCard = cardPicker();
38
39
    alert('card: ' + pickedCard.card + ' of ' + pickedCard.suit);
40
41
42
    let deck = {
      suits: ['hearts', 'spades', 'clubs', 'diamonds'],
43
44
      cards: Array(52),
      createCardPicker: function() {
45
        // notice: the line below is now a lambda, allowing us to capture "this"
46
    earlier
47
        return () => {
          let pickedCard = Math.floor(Math.random() * 52);
48
49
          let pickedSuit = Math.floor(pickedCard / 13);
50
          return {
51
           suit: this.suits[pickedSuit],
52
           card: pickedCard % 13
53
          };
54
        };
55
      }
56
    };
57
```

```
// overloads
58
    let suits = ['hearts', 'spades', 'clubs', 'diamonds'];
59
60
    function pickCard(x: {suit: string; card: number; }[]): number;
61
    function pickCard(x: number): {suit: string; card: number; };
62
    function pickCard(x): any {
63
      if (typeof x == 'object') {
64
65
        let pickedCard = Math.floor(Math.random() * x.length);
66
        return pickedCard;
      } else if (typeof x == 'number') {
67
        let pickedSuit = Math.floor(x / 13);
68
        return {suit: suits[pickedSuit], card: x % 13};
69
70
      }
    }
71
72
73
    let myDeck = [
     {suit: 'diamonds', card: 2},
74
     {suit: 'spades', card: 10},
75
     {suit: 'hearts', card: 4}
76
77
    1;
    let pickedCard1 = myDeck[pickCard(myDeck)];
78
79
    let pickedCard2 = pickCard(15);
```

Generics

Identity function example (think of it as echo)

```
1
   // we loose type information hier
 2
    function identity(arg: any): any {
 3
     return arg;
 4
 5
    // use type variable
 6
 7
    function identity<T>(arg: T): T {
 8
     return arg;
9
    }
10
    // function declaration
11
12
    let myIdentity: <T>(arg: T) => T = identity;
13
    let output = identity<string>('myString'); // type of output will be "string"
14
    // with type argument inference compiler will set value of "T"
15
    let output = identity('myString'); // type of output will be "string"
16
17
    // generic interface
18
    interface GenericIdentityFn {
19
20
     <T>(arg: T): T;
21
22
```

```
function identity<T>(arg: T): T {
23
24
      return arg;
25
26
27
    let myIdentity: GenericIdentityFn = identity;
28
29
    // with type information
30
    interface GenericIdentityFn<T> {
31
     (arg: T): T;
32
    }
33
34
    function identity<T>(arg: T): T {
35
     return arg;
    }
36
37
38
    let myIdentity: GenericIdentityFn<number> = identity;
39
40
    // generic classes
    class GenericNumber<T> {
41
42
     zeroValue: T;
     add: (x: T, y: T) \Rightarrow T;
43
44
45
46
    let myGenericNumber = new GenericNumber<number>();
47
    myGenericNumber.zeroValue = 0;
48
    myGenericNumber.add = function(x, y) { return x + y; };
49
    // generic constraints
50
    interface Lengthwise {
51
     length: number;
52
53
54
    // constraint is, that T has "length" member
55
    function loggingIdentity<T extends Lengthwise>(arg: T): T {
56
      console.log(arg.length);
57
58
      return arg;
59
    }
60
    // using type parameters in generic constraints
61
62
    function copyFields<T extends U, U>(target: T, source: U): T {
63
     for (let id in source) {
        target[id] = source[id];
64
65
66
      return target;
67
    }
68
69
    let x = \{a: 1, b: 2, c: 3, d: 4\};
70
71
    copyFields(x, {b: 10, d: 20}); // ok
```

```
copyFields(x, {Q: 90}); // error: property "Q" isn't declared in "x"
```

Enum

```
enum Direction {Up = 1, Down, Left, Right}
1
2
3
   // reverse mapping
4
   enum Enum {A}
    let a = Enum.A; // 0
    let nameOfA = Enum[Enum.A]; // "A"
7
8
   // const enum
   const enum Directions {Up, Down, Left, Right}
9
10
   // generated code (without possibility to lookup names):
    var directions = [0 /* Up */, 1 /* Down */, 2 /* Left */, 3 /* Right */];
11
```

Type Inference

```
1  let x = 3; // type is inferred to be "number"
2  let x = [0, 1, null]; // type is inferred with best common type algorithm
```

Type Compatibility

```
interface Named {
 1
 2
      name: string;
 3
 4
 5
   class Person {
 6
     name: string;
 7
    }
8
9
    let p: Named;
    p = new Person(); // ok, because of structural typing
10
11
    let x: Named;
12
    // y's inferred type is {name: string, location: string}
13
    let y: {name: 'Alice', location: 'Seattle'};
14
    x = y;
15
16
    let x = (a: number) \Rightarrow 0;
17
    let y = (b: number, s: string) => 0;
18
19
    y = x; // ok
20
    x = y; // error
```

Symbols

```
let sym1 = Symbol();
1
2
    // optional string key
3
   let sym2 = Symbol('key');
4
   // symbols are immutable and unique
5
6
   let sym3 = Symbol('key');
    sym2 === sym3; // false
8
9
    // can be used as keys for object properties
10
    let obj = {
     [sym]: 'value'
11
12
    };
    console.log(obj[sym]); // value
13
```

Iterators and Generators

```
1  // iterables
2  let someArray = [1, 'string', false];
3  for (let i in someArray) {
4    console.log(i); // 0, 1, 2
5  }
6  for (let i of someArray) {
7    console.log(i); // 1, "string", false
8  }
```

Namespaces

```
1
    namespace Validation {
 2
      export interface StringValidator {
 3
        isAcceptable(s: string): boolean;
 4
      }
 5
      const lettersRegexp = /^[A-Za-z]+$/;
 6
 7
      const numberRegexp = /^[0-9]+$/;
 8
9
      export class LettersOnlyValidator implements StringValidator {
        isAcceptable(s: string) {
10
          return lettersRegexp.test(s);
11
12
        }
13
      }
14
15
      export class ZipCodeValidator implements StringValidator {
        isAcceptable(s: string) {
16
17
          return numberRegexp.test(s);
18
        }
19
      }
20
21
```

```
let strings = ['Hello', '98052', '101'];
22
23
24
    let validators: {[s: string]: Validation.StringValidator; } = {};
25
    validators['ZIP code'] = new Validation.ZipCodeValidator();
    validators['Letters only'] = new Validation.LettersOnlyValidator();
26
27
    for (let s of strings) {
28
29
      for (let name in validators) {
        console.log(`"${s}" - ${validators[name].isAccetable(s) ? 'matches' :
30
    'does not match'} ${name}`);
31
     }
32
33
    // splitting across files
34
35
    // validation.ts
    namespace Validation {
36
37
     // ...
38
39
40
    // letters-only-validator.ts
    /// <reference path="validation.ts" />
41
    namespace Validation {
42
43
     // ...
44
    }
45
46
    // aliases
47
    namespace Shapes {
      export namespace Polygons {
48
        export class Triangle { }
49
        export class Square { }
50
51
      }
52
53
    import polygons = Shapes.Polygons;
54
55
    let sq = new polygons.Square();
56
57
    // ambient namespaces
58
    declare namespace D3 {
      export interface Selectors {
59
60
        select: {
61
          (selector: string): Selection;
          (element: EventTarget): Selection;
62
63
        }
64
      }
65
66
      export interface Event {
67
        x: number;
68
        y: number;
69
      }
```

```
70
71    export interface Base extends Selectors {
72    event: Event;
73    }
74  }
75
76  declare var d3: D3.Base;
```

Namespaces and Modules

```
// myModules.d.ts
declare module "SomeModule" {
    export function fn(): string;
}

// myOtherModule.ts
/// <reference path="myModules.d.ts" />
import * as m from "SomeModule";
```

JSX

- Embeddable XML-like syntax
- Meant to be transformed into valid JavaScript
- In order to use JSX:
 - 1. Name files with a .tsx extension
 - 2. Enable the jsx option
- Angle bracket type assertions are disallowed in .tsx files: var foo = bar as foo; instead of var foo = <foo>bar;

Mixins

```
1 // disposable mixin
 2
   class Disposable {
 3
     isDisposed: boolean;
 4
     dispose() {
 5
        this.isDisposed = true;
 6
      }
 7
    }
8
9
    // activatable mixin
10
   class Activatable {
11
     isActive: boolean;
      activate() {
12
13
       this.isActive = true;
      }
14
15
      deactivate() {
        this.isActive = false;
16
```

```
17
      }
    }
18
19
    class SmartObject implements Disposable, Activatable {
20
21
      constructor() {
        setInterval(() => console.log(this.isActive + ' : ' + this.isDisposed),
22
    500);
23
      }
24
      interact() {
25
26
        this.activate();
27
28
      isDisposed: boolean = false;
29
      dispose: () => void;
30
31
      isActive: boolean = false;
32
33
      activate: () => void;
      deactivate: () => void;
34
35
    }
36
    function applyMixins(derivedCtor: any, baseCtors: any[]) {
37
      baseCtors.forEach(baseCtor => {
38
39
        Object.getOwnPropertyNames(baseCtor.prototype).forEach(name => {
          derivedCtor.prototype[name] = baseCtor.prototype[name];
40
41
        });
42
      });
43
    }
44
45
    applyMixins(SmartObject, [Disposable, Activatable]);
46
    let smartObj = new SmartObject();
47
48
    setTimeout(() => smartObj.interact(), 1000);
```

Bundler

Webpack

- Source: Webpack
- Most pressing reason for development was Code Splitting and modularized static assets
- Goals:
 - Split dependency tree into chunks loaded on demand
 - Keep initial loading time low
 - Every static asset should be able to be a module
 - Ability to integrate 3rd-party libraries as modules
 - o Ability to customize nearly every part of the module bundler
 - Suited for big projects

How is webpack different?

- Code Splitting
 - webpack has two types of dependencies in its tree: sync and async
 - o async dependencies act as split points and form a new chunk
 - o after chunk tree optimization a file for each chunk is emitted
- Loaders
 - used to transform other resources into JavaScript
 - o by doing so, every resource forms a module
- Clever parsing
 - can nearly process every 3rd party library
 - handles most common module styles: CommonJS and AMD
- Plugin system
 - features a rich plugin system
 - o most internal features are based on this
 - possibility to customize webpack

jspm

- Package manager for the SystemJS universal module loader, built on top of the dynamic ES6 module loader
- Loads any module format (ES6, AMD, CommonJS and globals) directly from any registry such as npm and Github with flat versioned dependency management
- For development: Load modules as separate files with ES6 and plugins compiled in the brwoser
- For production: Optimize into a bundle, layered bundles or a self-executing bundle with a single command

rollup

- JavaScript module bundler
- Allows writing application or library as a set of modules (using ES5 import / export syntax)
- Bundle them up into a single file
 - A bundle is more portable and easier to consume than a collection of files
 - Compression works better with fewer bigger files
 - In the browser, a 100kb bundle loads much faster than 5 20kb files (not valid for HTTP/2)
 - By bundling code, we can take advantage of tree-shaking (fewer wasted bytes)

Testing

Jasmine

Source: Jasmine

- Behavior-driven development framework for testing
- Does not depend on any other JavaScript framework
- Does not require a DOM
- Could be run from command line with <u>jasmine-node</u>

Mocha

- Source: Mocha
- Feature-rich JavaScript test framework running on Node.js and in the browser
- There are different assertion libraries: Node.js' built-in assert module, should.js (BDD), expect.js, chai, better-assert, unexpected

Jest

- Source: Jest
- Uses Jasmine assertions by default
- Virtualizes JavaScript environments, provides browser mocks and runs test in parallel across workers
- Automatically mocks JavaScript modules, making most existing code testable

Other Tools

- Test Coverage: <u>Istanbul</u>
- Static Code Analysis: <u>Sidekick</u>
- Static Code Analysis: <u>Plato</u>
- Linting: eslint
- Web Performance Metrics Collector and Monitoring Tool: phantomas

AngularJS

What is it?

- Source: What is Angular 1?
- Structural framework for dynamic web apps
- HTML as template language with extended syntax
- Data binding & dependency injection
- Attempts to minimize the impedance mismatch between document centric HTML and what an application needs by creating new HTML constructs (*Directives*)
- Well-defined structure for all of the DOM and AJAX glue code
- Opinionated about how a CRUD application should be built
- Everything you need: Data-binding, basic templating directives, form validation, routing, deep-linking, reusable components, dependency injection
- Testability story: Unit-testing, end-to-end testing, mocks and test harnesses
- Seed application with directory layout and test scripts as a starting point

- Simplifies application development by presenting a higher level of abstraction (comes at a cost of flexibility)
- CRUD applications are a good fit, Games and GUI editors are not
- Belief that declarative code is better than imperative:
 - Decouple DOM manipulation from app logic (improves testability)
 - Regard app testing as equal in importance to app writing
 - Decouple client side of an app from the server side
 - o Common tasks should be trivial and difficult tasks should be possible
- Angular frees you from the following pains:
 - Registering callbacks
 - Manipulating HTML DOM programmatically
 - Marshaling data to and from the UI
 - Writing tons of initialization code just to get started

Pros/Cons

Pros

- Quick prototyping
- Development is fast once you're familiar with it
- Very expressive (less code)
- Easy testability
- Good for apps with highly interactive client side code
- Two-way data binding
- Dependency injection system
- Extends HTML

Cons

- Learning curve becomes very steep
- Complexity of DI and services
- Scopes are easy to use, but hard to debug
- Documentation is definitely not up to par
- Directives are powerful, but difficult to use
- Lack of configuration after Bootstrap
- Router is limited
- Search engine indexability

Performance Issues

- Source: Performance
- Accessing the DOM is expensive
- Any time a new scope is created, that adds more values for the garbage collector
- Every scope stores an array of functions: \$\$watchers
- Every time \$\square\text{swatch}\$ is called on a scope value, or a value is bound from the DOM a function gets added to the \$\square\text{swatchers}\$ array of the innermost scope
- When any value in scope changes, all watchers in the \$\$watchers array will fire, and if any

of them modify a watched value, they will all fire again (will continue until a full pass of the \$\\$\watchers\ \array\ \makes\ \no\ \changes\)

- Use bind-once syntax where possible: {{::scopeValue}}
- \$on, \$broadcast, and \$emit are slow as events have to walk entire scope hierarchy
- Always call \$on('\$destroy')

The bad parts

- ng-click and other DOM events
- scope.\$watch
- scope.\$on
- Directive postLink
- ng-repeat
- ng-show and ng-hide

The good (performant) parts

- track by
- oneTime bindings with ::
- compile and preLink
- \$evalAsync (queue operations up for execution at the end of the current digest cycle)
- Services, scope inheritance, passing objects by reference
- \$destroy
- unbinding watches and event listeners
- ng-if and ng-switch

Dependency Injection

- Source: DI
- Components such as services, directives, filters, and animations are defined by an injectable factory method or constructor function
- Controllers are defined by a constructor function, which can be injected with components as dependencies, but can also be provided with special dependencies
- The run method cannot inject providers
- The config method cannot inject services or values

Route Handling

- Source: <u>Component Router</u>
- Recommended to develop apps as a hierarchy of isolated components with own UI and well defined programmatic interface to the component that contains it
- Root Router matches it's *Route Config* against the URL; if a *Route Definition* in the *Route Config* recognizes a part of the URL then the *Component* associated with the *Route Definition* is instantiated and rendered in the *Outlet*
- If the new *Component* contains routes of its own then a new *Router* (Child Router) is created for this *Routing Component*

Comparison to Backbone and React

- Backbone: 3rd party templating (underscore), No two-way binding, Unopinionated
- React: No routing, Uni-directional data flow, Virtual DOM (faster updates), Probably used with flux (architecture template with dispatcher)

Angular CLI

- Source: <u>CLI</u>
- CLI for Angular 2 applications based on ember-cli
- Build system now uses Webpack as well

Angular Universal

- Source: Universal
- Server-side Rendering for Angular 2 apps
- Better perceived performance
- Optimized for Search Engines
- Site Preview

RxJS

- Source: RxIS
- Event-driven, resilient and responsive Architecture
- Set of libraries for composing asynchronous and event-based programs
- Developers represent asynchronous data streams with Observables, query asynchronous data streams using Operators, and parameterize the concurrency in async data streams using Schedulers
- Observable sequences are data streams

ngrx/store

- Source: Introduction
- RxJS powered state management inspired by Redux for Angular 2 apps
- Store builds on the concepts made popular by Redux (state management container for React) supercharged with the backing of RxJS
- Three main pieces: Reducers, Actions, and a single application Store
- Store (Database)
 - "Single source of truth",
 - Snapshot of Store at any point will supply a complete representation of relevant application state
 - o Centralized, immutable state
- Reducers (Tables)
 - A pure function, accepting two arguments, the previous state and an action with a type and optional data (payload) associated with the event
- Actions
 - All interaction that causes a state update

- All relevant user events are dispatched as actions, flowing through the action pipeline defined by store
- Dispatch » Reducers » New State » Store

```
1
    export const counter: Reducer<number> = (state: number = 0, action: Action) =>
2
    switch (action.type) {
3
       case 'INCREMENT':
4
        return state + 1;
5
        case 'DECREMENT':
6
        return state - 1;
7
        default:
8
          return state;
9
      }
10
   };
```

ReactJS

What is it?

- Source: Why React?
- JavaScript library for creating user interfaces (the **V** in *MVC*)
- Simple: Express how your app should look at any given point in time, React will automatically manage all UI updates when your underlaying data changes
- Declarative: React conceptually hits the "refresh" button, and knows to only update the changed parts
- Build composable components: With React the *only* you do is build encapsulated components (easier code reuse, testing and separation of concerns)

Pros/Cons

Pros

- Extremely easy to write UI test cases (due to virtual DOM system)
- Reusability of components (even combine them)
- Plays well together with other libraries or frameworks
- Automatic UI updates when underlaying data changes
- Ease of debugging (Chrome Extension)
- Works nicely with CommonJS/AMD patterns

Cons

- Learning curve for beginners
- Integrating into a traditional MVC framework like rails would require some configuration
- Kind of verbose (isn't as straight forward as pure HTML & JS
- Not a full framework (no router nor model management)

Flux

- Source: Flux
- An application architecture for React utilizing a unidirectional data flow
- Three major parts: **Dispatcher**, **Stores** and **Views** (React components)
- When a user interacts with a React view, the view propagates an action through a central dispatcher, to the various stores that hold the application's data and business logic, which updates all of the views that are affected
- Control ist inverted with stores: the stores accept updates and reconcile them as appropriate, rather than depending on something external to update its data in a consistent way
- Unidirectional data flow: dispatcher, stores and views are independent nodes with distinct inputs and outputs; action creators are simple, discrete, semantic helper function that facilitate passing data to the dispatcher in the form of an action

React Native

- Source: <u>Tutorial</u>
- Uses native components instead of web components as building blocks
- Real mobile apps are built no mobile web apps
- Instead of recompiling you can reload your app instantly
- Use native code when you need to

Redux

- Source: Redux, Three Principles
- Predictable state container
- Single source of truth: The application state is stored in an object tree within a single store
- State is read-only: Only way to change the state is to emit an action, an object describing what happened
- Changes are made with pure function: Pure reducers specify how the state tree is transformed by actions