What is TypeScript, and Should You Care?

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How big was MSU's first graduating class (1861)?

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Oh, is tonight interactive? Like should people code along?

Nope no interaction. I speak the truth and you listen.

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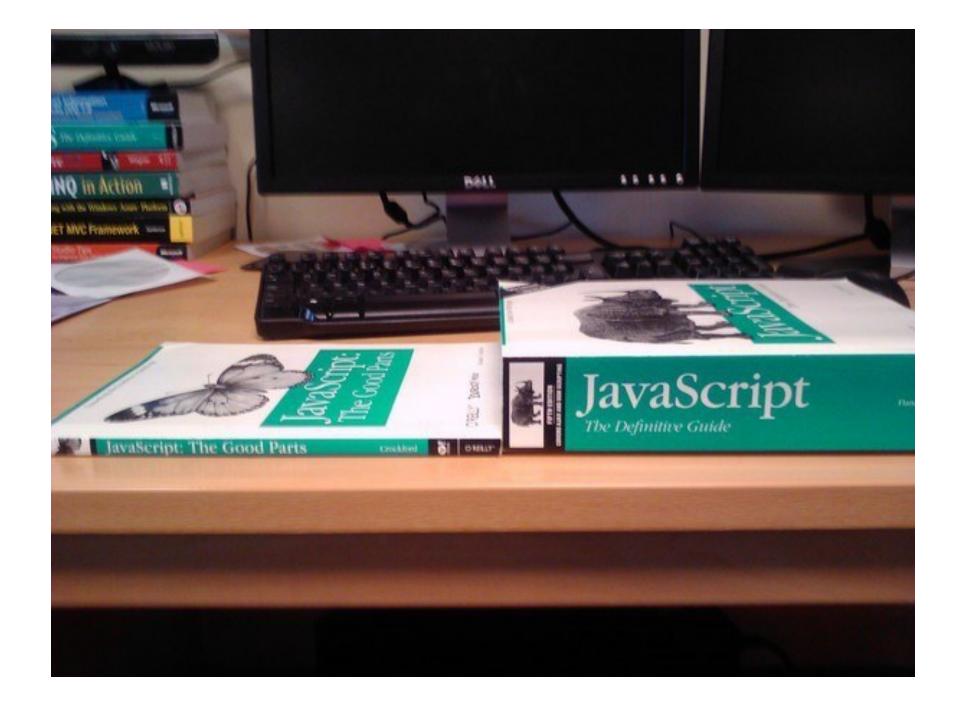
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```
1 true == 1
                        → true
 | true == "1"
                        → true
  false == 0
                        → true
 false == "0"
                        → true
5
 false == undefined → false
  false == null
                    → false
8
  null == undefined → true
```



Compile to JavaScript tools

- There are a lot.
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 - Source: https://github.com/jashkenas/coffeescript/wiki/List-of-languages-that-compile-to-JS
- Ruby, Python, Erlang, Java, Scala, C#, F#, Lisp, Scheme, Haskell, Smalltalk, C, C++, Basic, Go, PHP, and way more.

Fun names of compile-to-JS tools

- treehugger
- jangaroo
- Waterbear



The WATERBEAR welcomes you!

Waterbear is a toolkit for making programming more accessible and fun. Having a visual language means you don't have to focus on learning a syntax to start programming.

Try it out



CoffeeScript is a little language that compiles into JavaScript. Underneath that awkward Javaesque patina, JavaScript has always had a gorgeous heart. CoffeeScript is an attempt to expose
the good parts of JavaScript in a simple way.

The golden rule of CoffeeScript is: "It's just JavaScript". The code compiles one-to-one into the equivalent JS, and there is no interpretation at runtime. You can use any existing JavaScript library seamlessly from CoffeeScript (and vice-versa). The compiled output is readable, pretty-printed, and tends to run as fast or faster than the equivalent handwritten JavaScript.

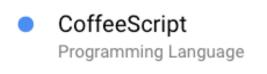
The CoffeeScript compiler goes to great lengths to generate output JavaScript that runs in every JavaScript runtime, but there are exceptions. Use generator functions, for...from, or tagged template literals only if you know that your target runtimes can support them. If you use modules, you will need to use an additional tool to resolve them.

Latest Version: 1.12.5

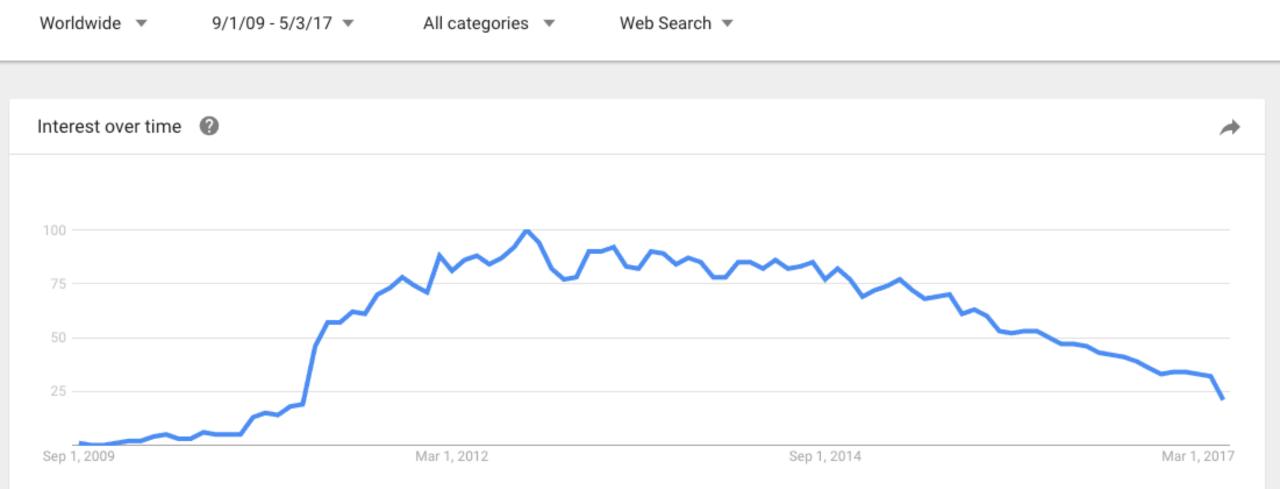
npm install -g coffee-script

CoffeeScript 2 is coming! It adds support for ES2015 classes, async/await, and generates JavaScript using ES2015+ syntax. Learn more.

```
# Objects:
math =
  root: Math.sqrt
  square: square
  cube: (x) \rightarrow x * square x
# Splats:
race = (winner, runners...) ->
  print winner, runners
# Existence:
alert "I knew it!" if elvis?
# Array comprehensions:
cubes = (math.cube num for num in list)
```



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```
Open in DartPad
import 'dart:async';
import 'dart:math' show Random;
main() async {
  print('Compute π using the Monte Carlo method.');
  await for (var estimate in computePi()) {
    print('\pi \cong $estimate');
/// Generates a stream of increasingly accurate estimates of \pi.
Stream<double> computePi({int batch: 1000000}) async* {
 var total = 0;
 var count = 0;
  while (true) {
    var points = generateRandom().take(batch);
    var inside = points.where((p) => p.isInsideUnitCircle);
    total += batch;
    count += inside.length;
    var ratio = count / total;
    // Area of a circle is A = \pi \cdot r^2, therefore \pi = A/r^2.
    // So, when given random points with x \in <0,1>,
```

Dart is an application programming language that's easy to learn, easy to scale, and deployable everywhere.

Google depends on Dart to make very large apps.

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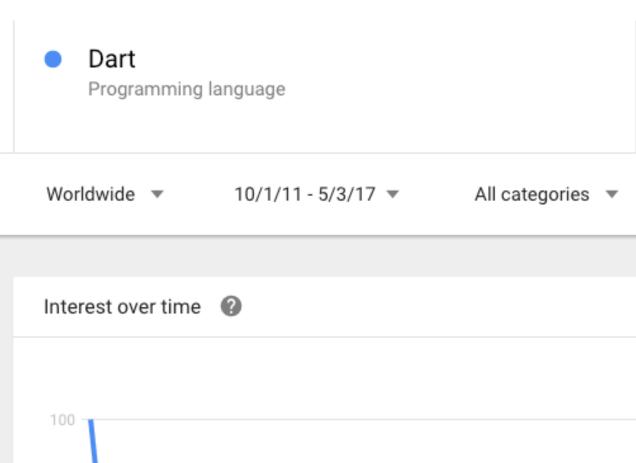
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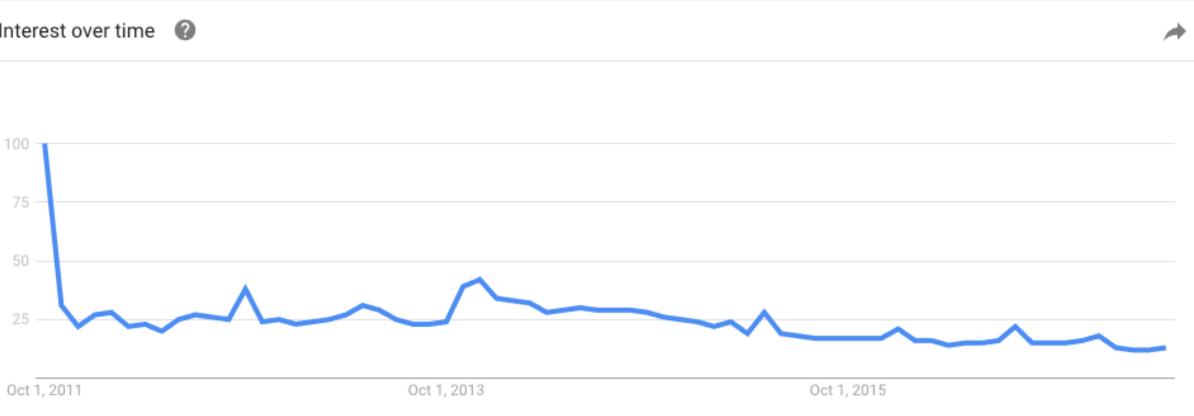
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// Copyright (c) 2011, the Dart project authors. Please see the AUT
// for details. All rights reserved. Use of this source code is gove
// BSD-style license that can be found in the LICENSE file.
// Simple test program invoked with an option to eagerly
// compile all code that is loaded in the isolate.
// VMOptions=--compile all
class HelloDartTest {
  static testMain() {
    print("Hello, Darter!");
main() {
 HelloDartTest.testMain();
```

Compiles to 17259 lines of JavaScript code. Now, most of it is just the library core, but it shows what you have to do to bolt static typing on top of a prototype-based, dynamic, truly object-oriented language.





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In an extension to JavaScript, Microsoft provides static typing, classes and modularization











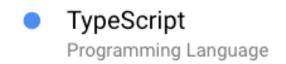




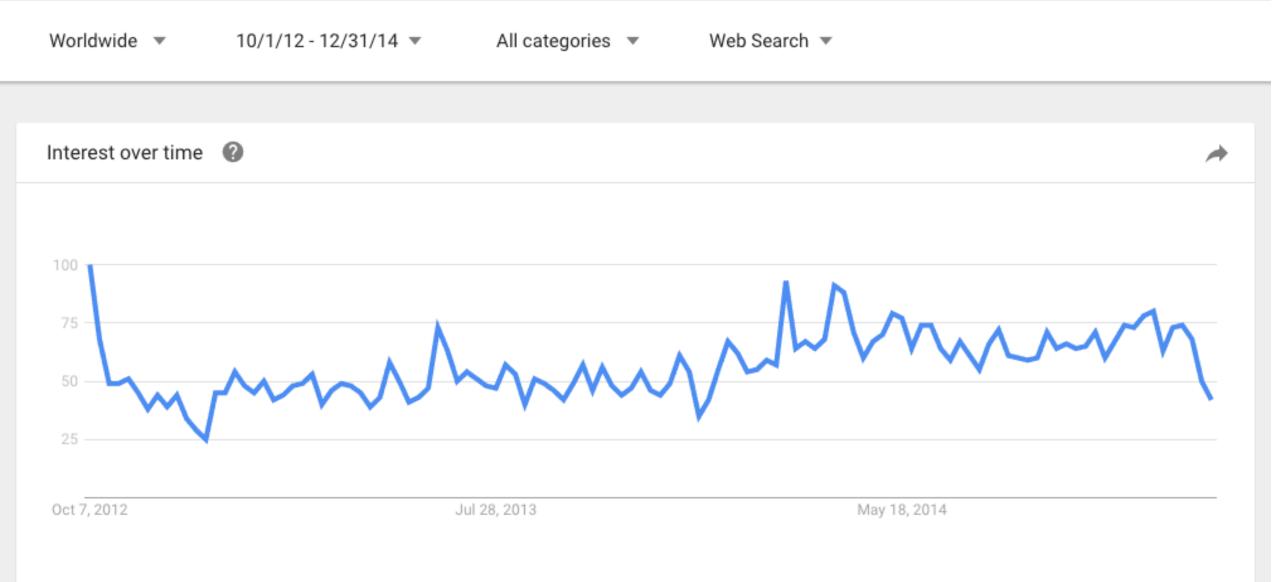


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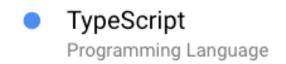


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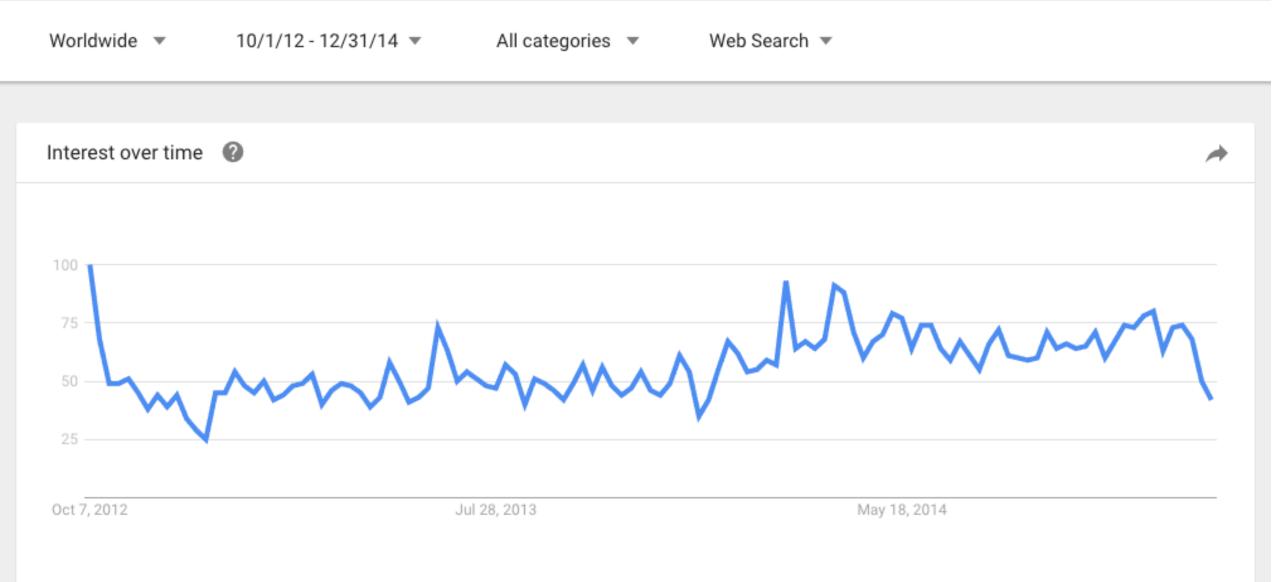








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"We risk a lot by building our core on top of TypeScript."

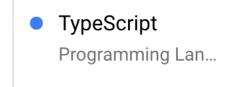
"I don't hear anyone talking about TypeScript."

"I like to keep my JavaScript pure, as God intended."

Build better NativeScript apps with TypeScript

TypeScript is a first-class citizen in NativeScript.

TypeScript is a typed superset of JavaScript that compiles to plain JavaScript. In addition to the great features you like about JavaScript, TypeScript offers benefits of special interest to developers coming from Strongly Typed, or Object Oriented backgrounds.

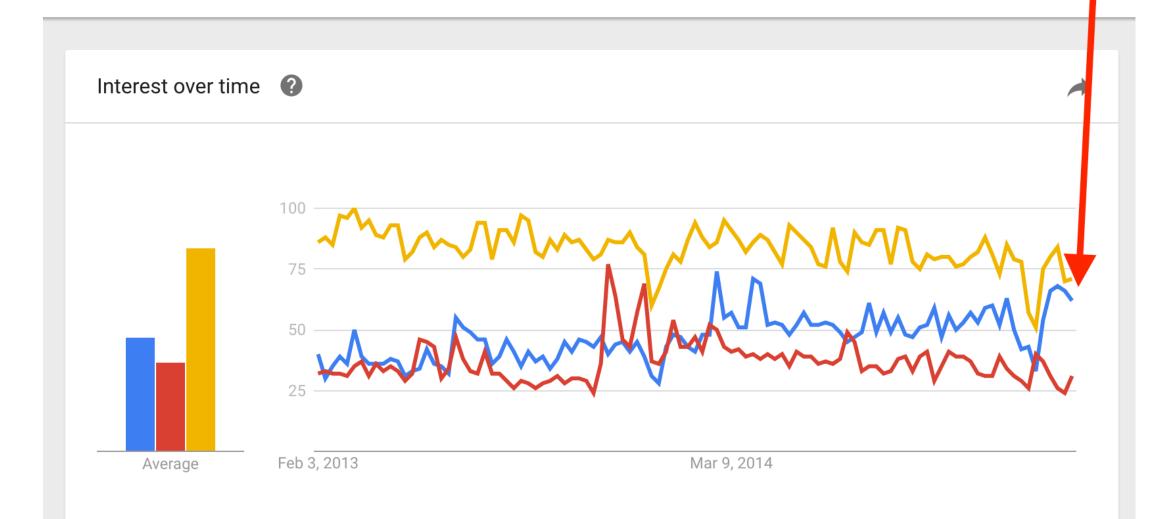


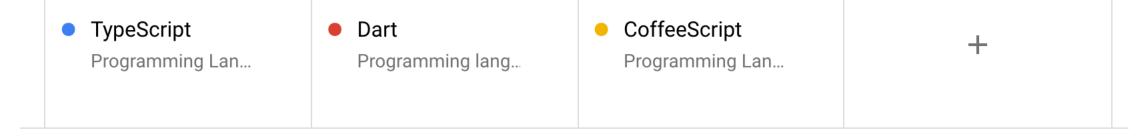
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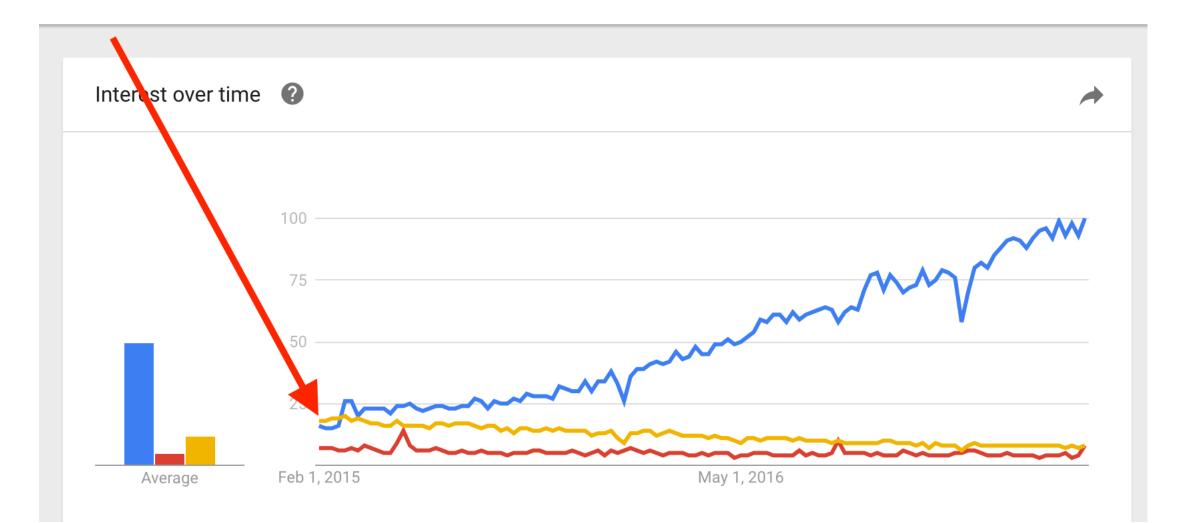


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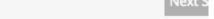












```
todo.ts
import {Component, Template} from 'annotations';
import {bootstrap, Foreach} from 'angular2/angular2';
import {bind} from 'angular2/di';
import {AngularFire, FirebaseArray} from 'firebase/AngularFire';
@Component({
    selector: 'todo-app',
    componentServices: [
        AngularFire,
        bind(Firebase).toValue(new Firebase('https://webapi.firebaseio-demo.com/test'))
@Template({
        url: '/todo.html',
        directives: [For]
                                                           alias
                     Foreach
class TodoApp {
                     FormData
                                                       interface
    todoService: FirebaseArray;
```

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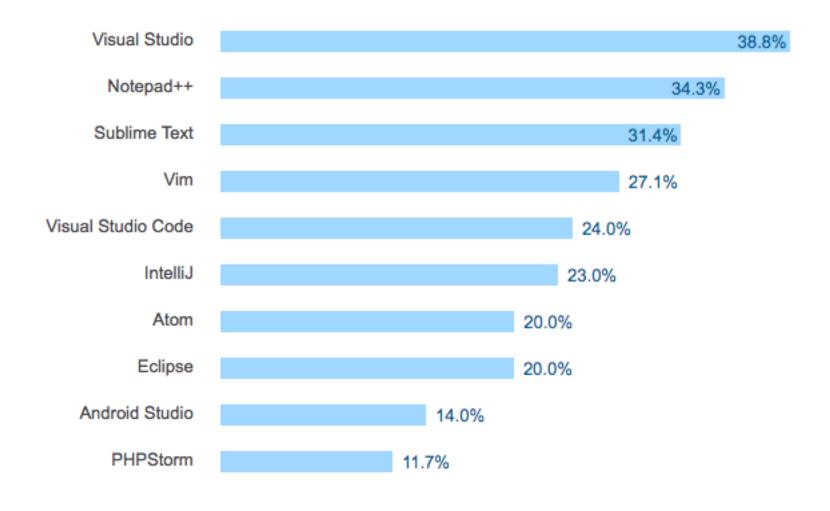
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I'm sold on TypeScript. Would like to move as many of my projects to it as I can, not sure about the Node workflow though.

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Dave Herman @littlecalculist

I ported my first nontrivial JS lib to @typescriptlang and it was a pure joy. What a lovely piece of technology.



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TypeScript at Slack

Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying & Trust the Compiler



Why?

3 reasons

1) Commitment to the ECMAScript standard

"Some examples [of compile-to-JavaScript frameworks], like Dart, portend that JavaScript has fundamental flaws and to support these scenarios requires a "clean break" from JavaScript in both syntax and runtime. We disagree with this point of view. We believe that with committee participant focus, the standards runtime can be expanded and the syntactic features necessary to support JavaScript at scale can be built upon the existing JavaScript standard."

	97 %	56%	Compilers/polyfills 56% 71% 48% 59% 189			18%
Feature name	Current	Traceur	Babel + core-js ^[2]	Closure	Type- Script ± core-js	es6- shim
Optimisation						
 proper tail calls (tail call optimisation) 	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2
Syntax						
 default function parameters 	7/7	4/7	4/7	4/7	5/7	0/7
□ rest parameters □ □	5/5	4/5	3/5	2/5	4/5	0/5
spread () operator	15/15	15/15	13/15	12/15	4/15	0/15
 object literal extensions 	6/6	6/6	6/6	4/6	6/6	0/6
■ forof loops	9/9	9/9	9/9	6/9	3/9	0/9
 octal and binary literals 	4/4	2/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	2/4
template literals	5/5	4/5	4/5	3/5	3/5	0/5
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2) Types are opt-in

3) Tooling

So should you use TypeScript?

- Are your apps big?
- Do you work on a team?
- Unfamiliar codebases?
- Non JS developers that need to write JS code?

Thanks!

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