How to represent Guid in typescript?

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let's say I have this C# class

```
public class Product
{
   public Guid Id { get; set; }
   public string ProductName { get; set; }
   public Decimal Price { get; set; }
   public int Level { get; set; }
}
```

The equivalent typescript would be something like:

```
export class Product {
  id: ???;
  productName: string;
  price: number;
  level: number;
}
```

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2 Answers



Guids are usually represented as strings in Javascript, so the simplest way to represent the GUID is as a string. Usually when serialization to JSON occurs it is represented as a string, so using a string will ensure compatibility with data from the server.



To make the GUID different from a simple string, you could use branded types:



```
type GUID = string & { isGuid: true};
function guid(guid: string) : GUID {
    return guid as GUID; // maybe add validation that the parameter is an actual guid ?
}
export interface Product {
    id: GUID;
    productName: string;
    price: number;
    level: number;
}
declare let p: Product;
p.id = "" // error
p.id = guid("guid data"); // ok
p.id.split('-') // we have access to string methods
```

This <u>article</u> has a bit more of a discussion on branded types. Also the typescript compiler uses branded types for <u>paths</u> which is similar to this use case.

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Another alternative is using following NPM package:

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Then it will be just like this:

```
import { Guid } from "guid-typescript";

export class Product {
    id: Guid;
    productName: string;
    price: number;
    level: number;
}
```

answered May 11 at 13:09



This is a better solution, thank you! - Raniel Quirante May 30 at 20:01

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