



ES 2015

- ES5 has been around since 2009.
 - It is supported by most of the popular browsers.
- In June 2015 a new specification of the JavaScript standard was approved that contains a lot of new features.
- It is called ECMAScript 2015 or also called ES6 as it is the 6th edition of the standard.
 - ECMAScript is the official name of the JavaScript language.
- Existing browsers don't support most of the features of ES6 yet.



ES 2015...

- Feature support across browsers varies widely.
- Are we expected to wait a few years and commence using ES6 after browsers start offering support?
 - <http://kangax.github.io/compat-table/es6/>
- Fortunately not!
- There are tools that can convert ES6 code into ES5 code.
- We write code using the new useful features of ES6 and generate ES5 code that will work in most of the current browsers.



ES6 / ES 2015

ES6 brings a lot of new features, some of which include:

- Classes
- Arrow Functions
- Template Strings
- Inheritance
- Constants and Block Scoped Variables
- Modules



Classes

- Classes are a new feature in ES6, used to describe the blueprint of an object
 - They perceive the transformation of ECMAScript's prototypal inheritance model to a more traditional class-based language.
- ES6 classes offer a much nicer, cleaner and clearer syntax to create objects and deal with inheritance.
- The class syntax is not introducing a new object-oriented inheritance model to JavaScript.



Classes...

```
class Shape {  
  constructor(type){  
    this.type = type;  
  }  
  getType(){  
    return this.type;  
  }  
}
```

- Use the **class** keyword to declare a class.
- **constructor** is a special method for creating and initializing an object.
 - There can only be one special method with the name **constructor**

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Classes...

- The **static** keyword defines a static method for a class.
- Static methods are called without instantiating their class and are not callable when the class is instantiated.
- Static methods are often used to create utility functions for an application.

```
class Shape {  
  constructor(type){  
    this.type = type;  
  }  
  static getClassName(){  
    const name = 'Shape';  
    return name;  
  }  
}  
console.log(Shape.getClassName());
```

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Subclassing

- The **extends** keyword is used in class declarations to create a class as a child of another class.
- The **super** keyword is used to call functions on an object's parent.

```
class Animal {
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name;
  }
  speak() {
    console.log(this.name + ' makes a noise.');
```

```
  }
}
class Dog extends Animal {
  speak() {
    super.speak();
    console.log(this.name + ' barks.');
```

```
  }
}
var d = new Dog('Mitzie');
d.speak();
```

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this revisited

- In JavaScript **this** keyword is used to refer to the instance of the class.

```
var shape = {
  name: 'square',
  say: function(){
    console.log('This is say(): ' + this.name);
    setTimeout(function(){
      console.log('Inside setTimeout(): '
        + this.name);
    }, 2000);
  }
};
shape.say();
```

- The **this.name** is empty when accessed within **setTimeout**.

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Arrow functions

- ES6 offers new feature for dealing with **this**, “**arrow functions**” =>
 - Also known as *fat arrow*
- Some of the motivators for a *fat arrow* are:
 - One does not need to specify **function**
 - It lexically captures the meaning of **this**
- The fat arrow notation can be used to define anonymous functions in a simpler way.
- Helps provide the context to **this**



Arrow functions

```
var shape = {
  name: 'square',
  say: function(){
    console.log('This is say(): ' + this.name);
    setTimeout(() => {
      console.log('Inside setTimeout():
' + this.name);
    }, 2000);
  }
};
shape.say();
```

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Arrow functions...

- Arrow functions do not set a local copy of **this**, **arguments** etc.
- When **this** is used in an arrow function, JavaScript uses the **this** from the outer scope.
- If **this** *should* be the calling context, do not use the arrow function.



let

- **var** variables in JavaScript are *function scoped*.
- This is different from many other languages(Java, C#) where variables are *block scoped*.
- In ES5 JavaScript and earlier, **var** variables are scoped to the function and they can “see” outside their functions into the outer context.

```
var foo = 123;
if(true){
    var foo = 456;
}
console.log(foo);    //456
```

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let...

- ES6 introduces the **let** keyword to allow defining variables with true *block scope*.
- Use of the **let** instead of **var** gives a true unique element disconnected from what is defined outside the scope.

```
let foo = 123;
if(true){
  let foo = 456;
}
console.log(foo); //123
```

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let...

- Functions create a new variable scope in JavaScript as expected.

```
var num = 123;
function numbers(){
  var num = 456;
}

numbers();
console.log(num); //123
```

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let...

- Usage of **let** helps reduce errors in loops.
- **let** is extremely useful to have for the vast majority of the code.
- It helps decrease the chance of a programming oversight.

```
var index = 0;
var myArray = [1,2,3];
for(let index = 0; index < myArray.length;
    index++){
    console.log(myArray[index]);
}
console.log(index);    //0
```

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const

- **const** is a welcome addition in ES6.
- It allows immutable variables.
- To use **const**, replace **var** with **const**
- **const** is a good practice for both readability and maintainability.
- **const** declarations must be initialized

```
const num = 123;
```

```
const foo;    //ERROR
```




const

- A **const** is block scoped like the **let**
- A **const** works with object literals as well.

```
const foo = { bar : 123 };  
foo = { bar : 456 }; //ERROR
```
- **const** allows sub properties of objects to be mutated

```
const foo = { bar : 123 };  
foo.bar = 456; //allowed  
console.log(foo); // { bar : 456 }
```

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Template Strings

- In traditional JavaScript, text that is enclosed within matching “ or ‘ marks is considered a string.
- Text within double or single quotes can only be on one line.
- There was no way to insert data into these strings.
- If there was a need it would have required concatenation that looked complex and not so elegant.
- ES6 introduces a new type of string literal that is marked with back ticks (`)



Template Strings

- The motivators for Template strings include
 - Multiline Strings
 - String Interpolation
- Multiline Strings

```
var desc = 'Do not give up \  
  \n Do not bow down';
```

- with Template Strings

```
var desc = `Do not give up  
Do not bow down`;
```



Template Strings...

- String Interpolation

```
var lines = 'Do not give up';  
var html = '<div>' + lines + '</div>';
```
- with Template Strings

```
var lines = 'Do not give up';  
var html = `<div>${lines}</div>`;
```
- Any placeholder inside the interpolation `${ }` is treated as a JavaScript expression and evaluated.



TypeScript

- An open source language.
- Superset of JavaScript.
- Compiles to plain JavaScript through transpilation.
- Implements ES 2015 class based object orientation.
- Strongly typed, therefore every function, variable, and parameter can have a data-type.
 - Uses type definition files to determine appropriate types when using JavaScript libraries that are not strongly typed.



A typescript file

```
function add(a:number, b:number){  
    return(a + b);  
}
```

- The typescript source file sports a **.ts** extension.
- The typescript compiler **tsc** can be used to compile a typescript source file into ES5.
- The resulting **.js** file resembles the following

```
function add(a, b) {  
    return (a + b);  
}
```

Demo01.ts



Working with **tsc**

- **tsc** can handle multiple files as arguments.
tsc Demo01.ts Demo02.ts
- This results in two corresponding **.js** files.
- Typescript has a means to tell **tsc** what to compile and other settings using **tsconfig.json** file.
- When **tsc** is run, it looks for **tsconfig.json** file and uses the rules to compile.

Demo02.ts



TypeScript features

- **Types**
- Though JavaScript does provide types, they're "duck typed".
 - The programmer does not need to think about them.
- JavaScript's types also exist in TypeScript
 - **boolean**
 - **number, NaN**
 - **string**
 - **[]** Arrays
 - **{}** Object literal
 - **undefined**
- TypeScript also adds
 - **enum** enumerations like **{One, Two, Three}**
 - **any** use any type
 - **void** nothing



Primitive Types

```
let isComplete: boolean = false;
let width: number = 6;
let name: string = 'Doe';
let list: number[] = [1,2,3];
enum Color {Red, Green, Blue};
let c: Color = Color.Green;
let unCertain: any = 4;
```



Functions

```
function getDayName(dayNumber: number):
    string {

    const daysArray: string[] = ['Sunday',
        'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',
        'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday'];

    const dayName: string = daysArray[new
        Date().getDay()];

    return dayName;
}
```

Demo03.ts



Function parameters

- JavaScript functions can routinely accept optional parameters.
- TypeScript provides support for the same albeit slightly differently.
- Using `?` tells **tsc** that the corresponding parameter is an optional one.

```
function logData(data: string, isVerbose?: boolean){
    if(isVerbose){
        console.log("Verbose data " + data);
    }
    else{
        console.log(data);
    }
}

logData("Data logging");
logData("Data logging", true);
```

Demo04.ts