

"Deep Path Properties" in Record literals

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// mutable objects

```
let simple = { foo: "foo", bar: "bar" };  
simple.bar = "baz";
```

```
let complex = {  
  foo: {  
    arr: [{ counter: 0 }, { counter: -1 }]  
  }  
};  
complex.foo.arr[0].counter = 1;
```

// with Immer

```
let complex2 = Immer.produce(complex, draft => {  
  draft.foo.arr[0].counter = 1;  
});
```

```
// with Immutable.js
```

```
let state2 = immutableState  
  .setIn(["foo", "arr", 0, "counter"], 1)
```

// copy records, but only shallow

```
let simple = #{ foo: "foo", bar: "bar" };
```

```
let simple2 = #{ ...simple, bar: "baz" };
```

```
let complex = #{  
  foo: {  
    arr: #{ #{ counter: 0 }, #{ counter: -1 } },  
  },  
};
```

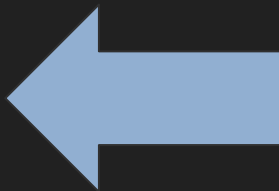
```
let complex2 = #{ ...complex, ??? };
```

// verbose, error-prone

```
let complex2 = #{  
  ...complex,  
  foo: #{  
    ...complex.foo,  
    arr: #[ #{  
      ...complex.foo.arr[0],  
      counter: 1,  
    }, ...complex.foo.arr.slice(1)],  
  },  
};
```

```
// new proposal
```

```
let complex = #{  
  foo: {  
    arr: [# { counter: 0 }, # { counter: -1 }],  
  },  
};  
  
let complex2 = #{  
  ...complex,  
  foo.arr[0].counter: 1,  
};
```



```
let state1 = #{  
  counters: #[  
    #{ name: "Counter 1", value: 1 },  
    #{ name: "Counter 2", value: 0 },  
    #{ name: "Counter 3", value: 123 },  
  ],  
  metadata: #{  
    lastUpdate: 1584382969000,  
  },  
};
```



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  ],  
  metadata: #{  
    lastUpdate: 1584382969000,  
  },  
};
```

```
let state2 = #{  
  ...state1,  
  counters: #[  
    #{  
      ...state1.counters[0],  
      value: 2,  
    },  
    #{  
      ...state1.counters[1],  
      value: 1,  
    },  
    ...state1.counters,  
  ],  
  metadata: #{  
    ...state1.metadata,  
    lastUpdate: 1584383011300,  
  },  
}
```

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    #{ name: "Counter 3", value: 123 },  
  ],  
  metadata: #{  
    lastUpdate: 1584382969000,  
  },  
};
```

```
let state2 = #{  
  ...state1,  
  counters[0].value: 2,  
  counters[1].value: 1,  
  metadata.lastUpdate: 1584383011300,  
};
```

What happens if the deep path doesn't already exist?

```
const one = #{ a: #{ } };  
#{ ...one, a.b.c: "foo" }; // throws TypeError
```

```
#{ ...one, a.b[0]: "foo" }; // throws TypeError
```

// both seem like reasonable results, hence ambiguity

```
#{ a: #{ b: #[123] } }  
#{ a: #{ b: #{ 0: 123 } } }
```

What happens a deep path property attempts to set a non-number-like key on a Tuple?

```
const one = #{ a: #[1,2,3] };  
#{ ...one, a.foo: 4 }; // throws TypeError
```

Tuples cannot have non-number-like keys, therefore invalid to create one via deep paths.

Open Question: What about objects?

Deep path properties would be useful for object creation, but semantics are harder to understand than for Record literals.

Interested in suggestions for design.

Open Question: Syntax?

Currently shares spread syntax.

Interested in alternative syntaxes that accomplish the same goals (possibly an alternative syntax that makes object semantics more obvious?)