TypeScript usage explained

How TypeScript is related to JavaScript/ECMAScript and what steps are needed

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Installing TypeScript to your computer

- Assuming you have Node.js already installed to your computer, continue by installing TypeScript, e.g. this might be the correct command:
- npm i --save -g typescript @types/node

Starting to turn JavaScript project to TypeScript

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Initialize the project as TS project

- tsc init
- => tsconfig.json

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- E.g.
- source folder (for TS)
- Output/dist folder (for compiled JS files)
- How strict TypeScript required/followed?
- What version of ES should the output be?

Package.json npm run/build etc scripts changed

- ...from using JS tools, to use TS tools like compiler
- E.g. ts-watch could look for changing .ts files and compile them to .js

Renaming source files from .js to .ts

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Install the TS versions of libraries, with their type definition modules

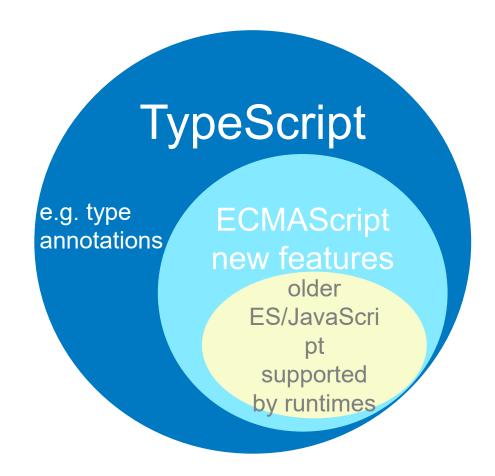
- E.g.
- npm i --save express @types/node @types/react @types/react-dom @types/jest

Understand compilation-time vs run-time

- 1. Compilation time: tsc (TypeScript build) .ts->.j
- 2. Runtime: run the .js

 See also how all TS tools are in DevDependencies in package.json, where as JS tools and modules are for running time

Principles as a picture



tsc compilation as the image

