ECMAScript (ES) 2015 a.k.a. ES6

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ECMAScript

- Specification for the JavaScript language
- Defined by ECMA technical committee TC39
- Many ES 2015 features provide syntactic sugar for more concise code

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 One goal of ES 2015 and beyond is to make JavaScript a better target for compiling to from other languages



- Spec sizes
 - ES5 258 pages
 - ES 2015 (6th edition) 566 pages (approved on June 17, 2015)

ES 2015 to ES5 Transpilers

percentages are as of 8/6/15

- The most popular are listed here
- All of these can be installed using npm, can be run from gulp and Grunt, and support sourcemaps
- Babel 72%
 - https://babeljs.io
- Traceur 59%

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from Google; https://github.com/google/traceur-compiler/

TypeScript - 52%

- from Microsoft; http://www.typescriptlang.org
- "a typed superset of JavaScript that compiles to plain JavaScript"
- supports optional type specifications for variables, function return values, and function parameters
- has goal to support all of ES 2015
- not currently a goal to transpile all ES 2015 features to ES5!



Use ES 2015 Today?

- For a summary of ES 2015 feature support in browsers and transpilers, see ES6 compatibility table from Juriy Zaytsev (a.k.a. kangax)
 - http://kangax.github.io/compat-table/es6/



ES 2015 Features

• The following slides describe most of the features in ES 2015

Block Scope

• let declares variables like var, but they have block scope

- not hoisted to beginning of enclosing block, so references before declaration are errors
- most uses of var can be replaced with let (not if they depend on hoisting)

const declares constants with block scope

must be initialized

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- reference can't be modified, but object values can
- Function and class definitions are block scoped
- Use a { } block in place of an IIFE

```
function demo() {
  console.log(name); // error
  console.log(age); // error
  const name = 'Mark';
  let age = 53;
  age++; // okay
  name = 'Richard'; // error
  if (age >= 18) {
    let favoriteDrink = 'daquiri';
    ...
  }
  console.log(favoriteDrink); // error
}
```

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Default Parameters

Example

```
let today = new Date();
function makeDate(day, month = today.getMonth(), year = today.getFullYear()) {
  return new Date(year, month, day).toDateString();
}
console.log(makeDate(16, 3, 1961)); // Sun Apr 16 1961
console.log(makeDate(16, 3)); // Wed Apr 16 2014
console.log(makeDate(16)); // Sun Feb 16 2014
```

- Default value expressions can refer to preceding parameters
- Explicitly passing undefined triggers use of default value
 - makes it okay for parameters with default values to precede those without
- Idiom for required parameters (from Allen Wirfs-Brock)

```
function req() { throw new Error('missing argument'); }
function foo(p1 = req(), p2 = req(), p3) {
    ...
}
```

Rest Operator

- Gathers variable number of arguments after named parameters into an array
- If no corresponding arguments are supplied, value is an empty array, not undefined
- Removes need to use arguments object

```
function report(firstName, lastName, ...colors) {
   let phrase = colors.length === 0 ? 'no colors' :
      colors.length === 1 ? 'the color ' + colors[0]:
      'the colors ' + colors.join(' and ');
   console.log(firstName, lastName, 'likes', phrase + '.');
}
report('John', 'Doe');
// John Doe likes no colors.
report('Mark', 'Volkmann', 'yellow');
// Mark Volkmann likes the color yellow.
report('Tami', 'Volkmann', 'pink', 'blue');
// Tami Volkmann likes the colors pink and blue.
```

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Spread Operator

 Spreads out elements of any "iterable" (discussed later) so they are treated as separate arguments to a function or elements in a literal array

examples of things that are iterable include arrays and strings

Mostly removes need to use Function apply method

```
let arr1 = [1, 2];
let arr2 = [3, 4];
arr1.push(...arr2);
console.log(arr1); // [1, 2, 3, 4]
alternative to
arr1.push.apply(arr1, arr2);
```

```
let dateParts = [1961, 3, 16];
let birthday = new Date(...dateParts);
console.log(birthday.toDateString());
// Sun Apr 16, 1961
```

```
let arr1 = ['bar', 'baz'];
let arr2 = ['foo', ...arr1, 'qux'];
console.log(arr1); // ['foo', 'bar', 'baz', 'qux']
```

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Destructuring ...

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 Assigns values to any number of variables from values in iterables and objects

```
// Positional destructuring of iterables
let [var1, var2] = some-iterable;
// Can skip elements (elision)
let [,,var1,,var2] = some-iterable;
ull Or undefined
// Property destructuring of objects
let {prop1: var1, prop2: var2} = some-obj;
// Can omit variable name if same as property name
let {prop1, prop2} = some-obj;
```

- Can be used in variable declarations/assignments, parameter lists, and for-of loops (covered later)
- Can't start statement with {, so when assigning to existing variables using object destructuring, surround with parens

({prop1: var1, prop2: var2} = some-obj);

... Destructuring ...

- LHS expression can be nested to any depth
 - arrays of objects, objects whose property values are arrays, ...
- LHS variables can specify default values

[var1 = 19, var2 = 'foo'] = some-iterable;

- default values can refer to preceding variables
- Positional destructuring can use rest operator for last variable

[var1, ...others] = some-iterable;

- When assigning rather than declaring variables, any valid LHS variable expression can be used
 - ex. obj.prop and arr[index]
- Can be used to swap variable values [a, b] = [b, a];
- Useful with functions that have multiple return values
 - really one array or object

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... Destructuring ...

```
let arr = [1, [2, 3], [[4, 5], [6, 7, 8]]];
let [a, [, b], [[c], [,, d]]] = arr;
                                        extracting array
console.log('a =', a); // 1
                                       elements
console.log('b =', b); // 3
console.log('c =', c); // 4
                                       by position
console.log('d =', d); // 8
let obj = {color: 'blue', weight: 1, size: 32};
let {color, size} = obj;
                                         extracting object
console.log('color =', color); // blue
                                          property values
console.log('size =', size); // 32
                                          by name
let team = \{
  catcher: {
    name: 'Yadier Molina',
    weight: 230
  },
  pitcher: {
    name: 'Adam Wainwright',
    height: 79
  }
};
let {pitcher: {name}} = team; Creates name variable, but not pitcher
console.log('pitcher name =', name); // Adam Wainwright
let {pitcher: {name: pName}, catcher: {name: cName} = team;
console.log(pName, cName); // Adam Wainwright Yadier Molina
```

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... Destructuring

Great for getting parenthesized groups of a RegExp match

```
let dateStr = 'I was born on 4/16/1961 in St. Louis.';
let re = /(\\d{1,2})\\/(\\d{1,2})\\/(\\d{4})/;
let [, month, day, year] = re.exec(dateStr);
console.log('date pieces =', month, day, year);
```

 Great for configuration kinds of parameters of any time named parameters are desired (common when many)

```
function config({color, size, speed = 'slow', volume}) {
  console.log('color =', color); // yellow
  console.log('size =', size); // 33
  console.log('speed =', speed); // slow
  console.log('volume =', volume); // 11
}
config({
  size: 33,
  volume: 11,
  color: 'yellow'
});
```

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Arrow Functions

(params) => { expressions }

- if only one parameter and not using destructuring, can omit parens
- if no parameters, need parens

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- cannot insert line feed between parameters and =>
- if only one expression, can omit braces and its value is returned without using return keyword
 - *expression* can be another arrow function that is returned
- if expression is an object literal, wrap it in parens to distinguish it from a block of code
- Inside arrow function, this has same value as containing scope, not a new value (called "lexical this")

```
All functions now have a name
property. When an anonymous
function, including arrow functions,
is assigned to a variable,
that becomes the value
of its name property
```

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 4];
let doubled = arr.map(x => x * 2);
console.log(doubled); // [2, 4, 6, 8]
let product = (a, b) => a * b;
console.log(product(2, 3)); // 6
let average = numbers => {
   let sum = numbers.reduce(
      (a, b) => a + b);
   return sum / numbers.length;
};
console.log(average(arr)); // 2.5
```

- so can't use to define constructor functions or prototype methods, only plain functions
- Also provides "lexical super" for use in class constructors and methods
 - can use **super** keyword to invoke a superclass method

Symbols ...

- Immutable identifiers that are guaranteed to be unique
 - unlike strings
- To create a "local" symbol
 - let sym = Symbol(description);
 - new keyword is not used
 - description is optional and mainly useful for debugging
- To retrieve description
 - sym.toString()
 - returns 'Symbol (description) '
- A new primitive type
 - typeof sym === 'symbol'

Global Symbols

let gs = Symbol.for(description);
creates a new global symbol
if none with the description exists;
otherwise returns existing global symbol

To get description, Symbol.keyFor (gs) - returns undefined for non-global symbols

... Symbols

- Can use as object keys
 - obj[sym] = value;
- They become non-enumerable properties
 - but can retrieve them with Object.getOwnPropertySymbols (obj), so not private
- Can use to add "meta-level" properties or internal methods to an object that avoid clashing with normal properties
 - Symbol.iterator is an example (described later)
- Well Known Symbols
 - used as <u>method names</u> in custom classes to override how instances are processed by certain operators and built-in class methods
 - See Symbol.hasInstance, Symbol.isConcatSpreadable, Symbol.iterator,
 Symbol.match, Symbol.replace, Symbol.search, Symbol.split, Symbol.species,
 Symbol.toPrimitive, Symbol.toStringTag, and Symbol.unscopables



Enhanced Object Literals ...

- Literal objects can omit value for a key if it's in a variable with the same name
 - similar to destructuring syntax

```
let fruit = 'apple', number = 19;
let obj = {fruit, foo: 'bar', number};
console.log(obj);
// {fruit: 'apple', foo: 'bar', number: 19}
```

Computed property names can be specified inline

```
// Old style
let obj = {};
obj[expression] = value;
// New style
let obj = {
   [expression]: value
};
```

one use is to define properties and methods whose keys are symbols instead of strings



... Enhanced Object Literals

Property method assignment

alternative way to attach a method to a literal object

```
let obj = {
  number: 2,
  multiply: function (n) { // old way
    return this.number * n;
  },
  times(n) { // new way
    return this.number * n;
  },
  // This doesn't work because the
  // arrow function "this" value is not obj.
  product: n => this.number * n
};
console.log(obj.multiply(2)); // 4
console.log(obj.times(3)); // 6
console.log(obj.product(4)); // NaN
```

Classes ...

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- Use class keyword
- Define constructor and methods inside
 - one constructor function per class
- Really just sugar over existing prototypal inheritance mechanism
 - creates a constructor function with same name as class
 - adds methods to prototype

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```
class Shoe {
  constructor(brand, model, size) {
    this.brand = brand;
    this.model = model;
    this.size = size;
    Shoe.count++;
                       class method
  }
  static createdAny() { return Shoe.count > 0; }
  equals(obj) {
                                    not a standard
    return obj instanceof Shoe &&
                                    JS method
      this.brand === obj.brand &&
      this.model === obj.model &&
      this.size === obj.size;
  }
  toString() {
    return this.brand + ' ' + this.model +
      ' in size ' + this.size;
  }
Shoe.count = 0; class property
let s1 = new Shoe('Mizuno', 'Precision 10', 13);
let s2 = new Shoe('Nike', 'Free 5', 12);
let s3 = new Shoe('Mizuno', 'Precision 10', 13);
console.log('created any?', Shoe.createdAny()); // true
console.log('count =', Shoe.count); // 3
console.log('s2 = ' + s2); // Nike Free 5 in size 12
console.log('s1.equals(s2) =', s1.equals(s2)); // false
console.log('s1.equals(s3) =', s1.equals(s3)); // true
```

... Classes ...



console.log('should replace?', rs.shouldReplace()); // true

 In subclasses, constructor must call super (args) and it must be before this is accessed because the highest superclass creates the object call to

this is not set until call to super returns

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... Classes



 In a class with no extends, omitting constructor is the same as specifying constructor() {}

 In a class with extends, omitting constructor is the same as specifying constructor(...args) { super(...args); }
 rest

- Can extend builtin classes like Array and Error
 - requires JS engine support; transpilers cannot provide
 - instances of Array subclasses can be used like normal arrays
 - instances of **Error** subclasses can be thrown like provided **Error** subclasses
- Class definitions are
 - block scoped, not hoisted, and evaluated in strict mode

Math/Number/String Additions

New functions on Math

- fround, sign, trunc, cbrt, expm1, hypot, imul, log1p, log10, log2, asinh, acosh, atanh
- New functions on Number

can be represented in 53 bits of a double

- isFinite, isNumber, isNaN, isSafeInteger, toInteger, parseInt, parseFloat
- New syntax for hexadecimal, octal, and binary literals
 - 0xa === 10, 0o71 === 57, 0b1101 === 13
- New functions and methods on String
 - methods: endsWith, startsWith, includes, repeat
 - handling UTF-16 characters (2 or 4 bytes) codePointAt method, fromCodePoint function

Template Literals

- Surrounded by backticks
- Can contain any number of embedded expressions
 - \${expression}

console.log(` $\{x\} + \{y\} = \{x + y\}`$);

Can contain newline characters for multi-line strings

let greeting = `Hello,
World!`;

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Tagged Template Literals ...

- Preceded by a function name that will produce a customized result
 - examples include special escaping (ex. HTML encoding), language translation, and DSLs
- Passed array of template strings outside expressions ("raw") and expression values as individual parameters ("cooked")

```
function upValues(strings, ...values) {
    let result = strings[0];
    values.forEach((value, index) =>
        result += value.toUpperCase() + strings[index + 1]);
    return result;
}
let firstName = 'Mark';
let lastName = 'Volkmann';
console.log(upValues `Hello ${firstName} ${lastName}!`);
// Hello MARK VOLKMANN!
```



... Tagged Template Literals



Array Additions

New functions

- of, from
- New methods



- copyWithin, find(predicate), findIndex(predicate), fill
- entries returns an iterator over [index, value] pairs of arr
- keys returns an iterator over indices of arr
- values returns an iterator over values in arr

	same	0.00
	API as	
	in <mark>Set</mark>	
SUN S	and Map	

Object Additions

New functions

assign (see next slide), is, setPrototypeOf, getOwnPropertySymbols

Object.assign

Object.assign(target, src1, ... srcN)

- copies properties from src objects to target (left to right), replacing those already present
- returns target
- can create shallow clone of an object let copy = Object.assign({}, obj);
- to create clone with same prototype



for-of Loops

- New way of iterating over elements in an "iterable"
 - for arrays, this is an alternative to for-in loop and Array forEach method
 - better because its use isn't restricted to arrays
- Iteration variable is scoped to loop
- Value after of can be any iterable (ex. an array)
 - cannot be an iterator



New Collection Classes

Set

- instances hold collections of unique values
 - when values are objects, they are compared by reference
- values can be any type including objects and arrays

Map

- instances hold key/value pairs where keys are unique
 - when keys are objects, they are compared by reference
- keys and values can be any type including objects and arrays
 - differs from JavaScript objects in that keys are not restricted to strings

- WeakSet similar API to set, but
 - values must be objects
 - values are "weakly held", i.e. can be garbage collected if not referenced elsewhere
 - don't have a size property
 - can't iterate over values
 - no **clear** method to remove all values
- WeakMap similar API to Map, but
 - keys must be objects
 - keys are "weakly held", i.e. a pair can be garbage collected if key is not referenced elsewhere
 - at that point the value can be garbage collected if not referenced elsewhere
 - don't have a size property
 - can't iterate over keys or values
 - no **clear** method to remove all pairs

Set Class

chain to add multiple values

- To create, let mySet = new Set()
 - can pass iterable object (such as an array) to constructor to add all its elements
- To add a value, mySet.add(value);
- To test for a value, mySet.has (value)
- To delete a value, mySet.delete(value)
- To delete all values, mySet.clear()
- size property holds number of keys
- keys method returns iterator over values
- **values** method returns iterator over values
 - used by default in for-of loop
- entries method returns iterator over [value, value] pairs
- forEach method is like in that in Array, but passes value, value, and the Set to callback

methods for **Set** iteration treat sets like maps where corresponding keys and values are equal for API consistency

these

iterate in

insertion order

Map Class



- To create, let myMap = new Map() •
 - can pass iterable object to constructor to add all its pairs (ex. array of [key, value]) •
- To add or modify a pair, map.set (key, value) chain to add/modify multiple values .

- To get a value, myMap.get (key); •
 - returns undefined if not present
- To test for a key, myMap.has (key) •
- To delete a pair, myMap.delete (key) .
- To delete all pairs, myMap.clear()
- size property holds number of keys
- keys method returns iterator over keys
- values method returns iterator over values
- entries method returns iterator over [key, value] arrays
 - used by default in for-of loop •
- forEach method is like in Array, but passes value, key, and the Map to callback

these iterate in insertion order

Promises ...

- Proxy for a value that may be known in the future after an asynchronous operation completes such as a REST call
- Register to be notified when promise is **resolved** or **rejected** with **then** and/or **catch** method
 - then method takes success and failure callbacks call omit one callback
 - catch method only takes failure callback
 - both return a **Promise** to support chaining
 - "success callback" is passed a value of any kind
 - "failure callback" is passed a "reason" which can be any kind of value, but is typically an **Error** object or a string
- Can call then on a promise after it has been resolved or rejected
 - the success or failure callback is called immediately
- Three possible states: pending, resolved, and rejected
 - once state is resolved or rejected, can't return to pending

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.then (cb1, cb2) is similar to
.then (cb1).catch (cb2),
but differs in that cb2
won't be invoked if cb1 throws

"resolved" state is

sometimes called "fullfilled"

ES 2016 will likely add finally method

ES 2015

... Promises ...

create with **Promise** constructor, passing it a function that takes **resolve** and **reject** functions, and calls one of them



Static methods

- **Promise.resolve** (*value*) returns promise that is resolved immediately with given value
- **Promise.reject** (*reason*) returns promise that is rejected immediately with given reason
- Promise.all (*iterable*) returns promise that is resolved when all promises in *iterable* are resolved
 - resolves to array of results in order of provided promises
 - if any are rejected, this promise is rejected
- Promise.race(iterable) returns promise that is resolved when any promise in iterable is resolved or rejected when any promise in iterable is rejected

... Promises

Supports chaining to reduce code nesting

```
asyncDouble(1).
  then(v => asyncDouble(v)).
  then(v => asyncDouble(v)).
  //then((v) => asyncDouble('bad')).
  then(v => console.log('success: v =', v)).
  catch(err => console.error('error:', err));
```

• Fine print

- success callbacks should do one of three things
 - return a value, return the next promise to wait for, or throw
- if a success callback returns a non-Promise value,
 it becomes the resolved value of the Promise returned by then
- if a success callback returns a **Promise** value, the current promise resolves or rejects the same as it
- if any **Promise** in the chain is rejected or throws, the next failure callback in the chain receives it
- if a failure callback returns a value, it becomes the resolved value for the next success callback in the chain

Without promises, using only callbacks, if an async function throws, the calling function cannot catch it and the error is swallowed.

Modules

- A JavaScript file that is imported by another is treated as a "module"
 - defined by a single, entire source file
 - contents are not wrapped in any special construct
- Modules typically export values to be shared with other files that import it
- Top-level variables and functions that are not exported are not visible in other source files (like in Node.js)
- Module code is evaluated in strict mode
- Cyclic module dependencies are supported

simply containing import or export statements does not determine whether a file will be treated as a module; can't determine just by looking at the file

Modules - Exporting

- Can export any number of values from a module 0
 - values can be any JavaScript type including functions and classes
 - can optionally specify a default export • which is actually a named export with the name "default"
- To define and export a value 0
 - export let name = value;
 - export function name(params) { ... }
 - export class name { ... } •
- To export multiple, previously defined values •
 - export {name1, name2 as other-name2, ...};
 - To specify a default export
 - export default expr;

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export { name as default }; same as previous line if value of expr is name

- export default function (params) { ... };
- export default class { ... };

under a different name

note ability to export a value

Modules - Importing

module paths are relative to containing file;

can start with . / (the default) or . . /

- Can import values from other modules
- Imports are hoisted to top of file
- To import all exports into a single object
 - import * as obj from 'module-path';
 - bindings from imports like *is* read-only
- To import specific exports
 - import {name1, name2 as other-name, ...} from 'module-path';
- To import the default export
 - import default-name from 'module-path';
 - import {default as default-name} from 'module-path'; same as previous line
- To import the default export and specific exports
 - import default-name, {name1, name2, ...} from 'module-path';
- To import a module only for its side effects
 - import 'module-path';

note ability to import a value

under a different name



Guy Bedford Rocks!

• ES6 Module Loader - https://github.com/ModuleLoader/es6-module-loader

- "dynamically loads ES6 modules in browsers and NodeJS"
- will track "JavaScript Loader Standard" at https://github.com/whatwg/loader
- **SystemJS** https://github.com/systemjs/systemjs
- "universal dynamic module loader loads ES6 modules (using ES6 Module Loader), AMD, CommonJS, and global scripts (like jQuery and lo-dash) in the browser and NodeJS."
- dependency management handles circular references and modules that depend on different versions of the same module (like Node.js does)
- supports "loading assets ... such as CSS, JSON or images"
- **jspm** http://jspm.io and https://github.com/jspm
 - JavaScript Package Manager for SystemJS
 - "load any module format (ES6, AMD, CommonJS, and globals) directly from any endpoint such as **npm** and **GitHub**"
 - "custom endpoints can be created"
 - "for development, load modules as separate files with ES6"
 - "for production, optimize into a bundle ... with a single command"

needed because browsers and Node.js don't support ES 2015 modules yet

> all of these support Babel and Traceur

Using jspm ...

To install and configure jspm

- npm install -g jspm
- jspm init
 - prompts and creates package.json and config.js
 - can accept all defaults
- create index.html
- setup a local file server
 - a good option is live-server
 - npm install -g live-server
 - live-server
- browse localhost:8080
- automatically transpiles using Traceur (default) or Babel
- automatically generates sourcemaps

• To install modules

• for packages in npm

lesser used modules require jspm configuration before they can be installed

- jspm install npm:module-name(ex.jsonp)
- by default, installs in jspm_packages/npm
- for packages in GitHub
 - jspm install github:module-name
 - by default, installs in jspm_packages/github
- for well-known packages
 - jspm install module-name
 - includes angularjs, bootstrap, d3, jquery, lodash, moment, and underscore
 - see list at https://github.com/jspm/registry/blob/master/ registry.json
- adds dependencies to package.json
- adds System.config Call in config.js

... Using jspm

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To reinstall all dependencies

- similar to npm, run jspm install
- recreates and populates
 jspm_packages directory
- recreates config.js if it is missing

To make your own packages compatible with jspm

- see https://github.com/jspm/registry/wiki/ Configuring-Packages-for-jspm
- can publish in npm or GitHub
- allows others to install them using jspm

To bundle for production

jspm bundle-sfx --minify main

sfx is short for "self executing"

- removes all dynamic loading and transpiling
- generates build.js and build.js.map
- replace all script tags in main HTML file with one for build.js
- if using Traceur, add
 <script src="jspm_packages/traceur-runtime.js">
 </script>
- there are other bundling options, but this seems like the best
- won't be necessary in the future when browsers support HTTP2
 - will be able to download many files efficiently
 - today browsers limit concurrent HTTP requests to the same domain to 6 or 8

jspm Example the basics plus a little jQuery

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ory.			
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Iterators and Iterables

- Iterators are objects that visit elements in a sequence
 - not created with a custom class; can be any kind of object
 - have a next method, described on next slide
- Iterables are objects that have a method whose name is the value of Symbol.iterator
 - this method returns an iterator
- An object can be both an iterable and an iterator
 - obj[Symbol.iterator]() === obj and obj has a next method

Iterator **next** Method

- Gets next value in sequence
- Returns an object with value and done properties
- If end of sequence has been reached, done will be true
 - can omit otherwise
- Whether value has meaning when done is true depends on the iterator
 - but the for-of loop, spread operator, and destructuring will ignore this value
 - can omit value property

Why return a new object from next method instead of returning the same object with modified value and done properties?

It is possible for an iterator to be used by more than one consumer and those consumers could access the object returned by **next** asynchronously. If each call doesn't return a new object, its properties could be modified after the object is received, but before it checks the properties. While this is a rare situation, implementers of iterators can't be sure how they will be used. using value when done is true is primarily useful in conjunction with yield* in a generator

From Allen Wirfs-Brock ... "The specification of the Iterator interface does not require that the 'next' method return a fresh object each time it it called. So a userland iterator would not be violating anything by reusing a result object.

However, the specifications for all ES2015 built-in iterators require that they return fresh objects.

None of the built-in consumers of the Iterator interface (for-of, Array.from, etc.) retain references to IteratorResult objects after testing for 'done' and accessing the 'value', so semantically they don't care whether the ResultObject is reused. However, such reuse might preclude some otherwise plausible engine level optimizations."

Iterable Objects ...

Objects from these builtin classes are iterable

- Array over elements
- Set over elements
- Map Over key/value pairs as [key, value]
- DOM NodeList over Node objects (when browsers add support)
- Primitive strings are iterable
 - over Unicode code points
- These methods on Array, Set, and Map return an iterator

objects returned are both iterators and iterable

- entries over key/value pairs as [key, value]
- **keys** over keys
- **values** over values
- Custom objects can be made iterable
 - by adding Symbol.iterator method

... Iterable Objects

Ordinary objects such as those created from object literals are not iterable

• when this is desired, use Map class instead or write a function like the following

```
this serves as an example of
function objectEntries(obj) {
                                                           to exclude symbol keys, use
                                 how to implement an iterator
                                                           Object.getOwnPropertyNames(obj)
  let index = 0;
  let keys = Reflect.ownKeys(obj); // gets both string and symbol keys
  return { // the iterable and iterator can be same object
    [Symbol.iterator]() { return this; },
    next() {
      if (index === keys.length) return {done: true};
      let k = keys[index++], v = obj[k];
      return {value: [k, v]};
    }
  };
let obj = {foo: 1, bar: 2, baz: 3};
for (let [k, v] of objectEntries(obj)) {
                                             can get an iterable for keys in an object with
  console.log(k, 'is', v);
                                             Reflect.enumerate(obj);
}
```

Iterable Consumers

for-of loop

for (let value of someIterable) { ... } // iterates over all values

spread operator

- can add all values from iterable into a new array
 - let arr = [firstElem, ...someIterable, lastElem];
- can use all values from iterable as arguments to a function, method, or constructor call
 someFunction(firstArg, ...someIterable, lastArg);
- positional destructuring
 - let [a, b, c] = someIterable; // gets first three values
- Set constructor takes an iterable over values
- Map constructor takes an iterable over key/value pairs
- Promise methods all and race take an iterable over promises
- In a generator, yield* yields all values in an iterable one at a time

will make sense after generators are explained

Iterable/Iterator Example #1



Iterable/Iterator Example #2

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11];
let isOdd = n \Rightarrow n \& 2 === 1;
// This is less efficient than using an iterator because
// the Array filter method builds a new array and
// iteration cannot begin until that completes.
arr.filter(isOdd).forEach(n => console.log(n)); // 1 3 5 11
// This is more efficient, but requires more code.
function getFilterIterable(arr, filter) {
  let index = 0;
  return {
    [Symbol.iterator]() {
      return {
        next() {
          while (true) {
            if (index === arr.length) return {done: true};
            let value = arr[index++];
            if (filter(value)) return {value};
          }
        }
      };
    }
  };
for (let v of getFilterIterable(arr, isOdd)) {
  console.log(v); // 1 3 5 11
```

Generators

Generator functions

- return a generator which is a special kind of iterator
 - and same object is an iterable (has Symbol.iterator method)
- can be paused and resumed via multiple return points, each specified using yield keyword
- each yield is hit in a separate call to next method
- exit by
 - running off end of function
 - returning a specific value using return keyword
 - throwing an error
- Can use as a producer
 - get values from a sequence one at a time by calling **next** method
 - supports lazy evaluation and infinite sequences
- Can use as a consumer
 - provide data to be processed by passing values one at a time to next method

yield keyword can only be used in generator functions



Defining Generators

function* name(params) { code }

 code uses yield keyword to return each value in sequence, often inside a loop

Can define generator methods in class definitions

- precede method name with *
- ex. to make instances iterable using a generator,
 - * [Symbol.iterator]() { code }
 - code would yield each value in the sequence

Generator Methods

called on a generator object returned by a generator function

typically these methods are not used directly

next(value) method

0

0

- gets next value, similar to iterator next method
- takes optional argument, but not on first call
 - specifies value that the yield hit in this call will return at start of processing for next call
- return (value) method used on slide 58
 - terminates generator from the outside just as if the generator returned the specified value
 - returns {value: value; done: true}
- throw (error) method used on slide 58
 - throws error inside generator at yield where execution paused
 - if generator catches error and yields a value, generator is not terminated yet
 - otherwise generator is terminated and this method returns
 {value: undefined; done: true}

Steps to Use Generators

- 1) Call generator function to obtain generator
- 2) Call generator next method to request next value
 - optionally pass a value that the generator can use, possibly to compute subsequent value
 - but not on first call
 - after generator "yields" next value, its code is "suspended" until next request
- 3) Process value unless done property is true (typically)
- 4) Repeat from step 2 unless done property is true



Basic Generator



Infinite Generator



also see yield* to yield each value returned by an iterable one at a time; can use to make recursive calls to the same or a different generator function

Generators For Async ...

```
workflow6.js
       function double(n) {
                                                              multiplies a given number
         return new Promise(resolve => resolve(n * 2));
                                                              by 2 "asynchronously"
       function triple(n) {
                                                              multiplies a given number
         return new Promise(resolve => resolve(n * 3));
                                                              by 3 "asynchronously"
       function badOp(n) {
         return new Promise((resolve, reject) => reject('I failed!'));
       function async(generatorFn) {
                                            The magic! This obtains and waits for each of the promises
called on
         let gen = generatorFn();
                                            that are yielded by the specified generator function.
next slide
         function success(result) {
                                            It is a utility method that would only be written once.
           let obj = gen.next(result);
                                            There are libraries that provide this function.
           // obj.value is a promise
           // obj.done will be true if gen.next is called after
           // the last yield in workflow (on next slide) has run.
           if (!obj.done) obj.value.then(success, failure);
         function failure(err) {
           let obj = gen.throw(err);
           // obj.value is a promise
           // obj.done will be false if the error was caught and handled.
           if (!obj.done) obj.value.then(success, failure);
         }
                                                                                         compare to
         success();
                                                                                         slide 59
```

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... Generators for Async

Call multiple asynchronous functions in series in a way that makes them appear to be synchronous. This avoids writing code in the pyramid of doom style.

```
async(function* () { // passing a generator
let n = 1;
try {
    n = yield double(n);
    n = yield triple(n);
    //n = yield badOp(n);
    console.log('n =', n); // 6
} catch (e) {
    // To see this happen, uncomment yield of badOp.
    console.error('error:', e);
}
});
```

This can be simplified with new ES 2016 keywords!

What's Next?

- The next version is always referred to as "JS-next"
- Currently that is ES 2016 (7th edition)
- Will include
 - async and await keywords
 - type annotations (like TypeScript)
 - new Object method observe
 - array comprehensions
 - generator comprehensions
 - value objects immutable datatypes for representing many kinds of numbers
 - more

async and await ...

New keywords

- already supported by Babel and Traceur
- Hides use of generators for managing async operations, simplifying code
- Replace use of yield keyword with await keyword to wait for a value to be returned asynchronously
 - await can be called on any function
 - not required to be marked as async or return a Promise
- Mark functions that use await with async keyword

... async and await

<pre>function sleep(ms) { return new Promise(resolve => { setTimeout(resolve, ms); }); }</pre>	compare to slides 55-56	Can call multiple asynchronous functions in series in a way that makes them appear to be synchronous. This avoids writing code in the pyramid of doom style.
<pre>async function double(n) { await sleep(50); return n * 2; } function triple(n) { function triple(n) { return new Promise(resolve => resolve; }</pre>	oromise (n * 3));	<pre>async function work() { let n = 1; try { n = await double(n); n = await triple(n); //n = await badOp(n); n = await quadruple(n); console.log('n =', n); // 24 } catch (e) { </pre>
<pre>function quadruple(n) { return n * 4; } function badOp() {</pre>		<pre>// To see this happen, // uncomment await of badOp. console.error('error:', e); } }</pre>
<pre>return new Promise((resolve, reject) => reject('I fail }</pre>	led!'));	work();

Summary

- Which features of ES 2015 should you start using today?
- I recommend choosing those in the intersection of the set of features supported by Babel/Traceur and JSHint/ESLint
- Includes at least these
- arrow functions
- block scope (const, let, and functions)
- classes
- default parameters
- destructuring
- enhanced object literals
- for-of loops
- iterators and iterables

- generators
- promises
- rest parameters
- spread operator
- template literals
- new methods in Array, Math,
 Number, Object, and String Classes