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

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ECMAScript

- Defined by European Computer Manufacturers Association (ECMA)
- Specification is called **ECMAScript** or ECMA-262
 - http://www.ecma-international.org/publications/standards/Ecma-262.htm
 - ES 2015 was approved on June 17, 2015
- ECMAScript Technical Committee is called TC39
- TC39 has bi-monthly face-to-face meetings
- Besides defining the standard,
 - "TC39 members create and test implementations of the candidate specification to verify its correctness and the feasibility of creating interoperable implementations."
- Current members include
 - Brendan Eich (Mozilla, JavaScript inventor), Allen Wirfs-Brock (Mozilla), Dave Herman (Mozilla), Brandon Benvie (Mozilla), Mark Miller (Google), Alex Russell (Google, Dojo Toolkit), Erik Arvidsson (Google, Traceur), Domenic Denicola (Google), Luke Hoban (Microsoft), Yehuda Katz (Tilde Inc., Ember.js), Rick Waldron (Boucoup, jQuery), and many more

ES5 vs. ES 2015

- ECMAScript 5 did not add any new syntax
- ECMAScript 2015 does!
- ES 2015 is backward compatible with ES5, which is backward compatible with ES3
- Many ES 2015 features provide
 syntactic sugar for more concise code



 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)

"One JavaScript"

- Approach named by David Herman
- Allows JavaScript to evolve without versioning
 - avoids migration issues like Python 2 to Python 3
- "Don't break the web!"
 - removing features would cause existing web apps to stop working
 - can add new, better features
 - ES5 strict mode was a bit of a mistake since it broke some existing code
 - this is why ES 2015 supports "sloppy mode" code outside modules and class definitions
- Use linting tools to detect use of "deprecated" features
 - ex. switching from var to let and const and using rest parameters in place of arguments object



Transpilers

- Compilers translate code one language to another
 - ex. Java to bytecode
- Transpilers translate code to the same language
- There are several transpilers that translate ES 2015 code to ES5

ES 2015 Transpilers

percentages are as of 8/6/15

Babel - 72%



- aims to generate ES5 code that is as close a possible to the input ES 2015 code
- generates source maps
- some features don't work with IE10 and below
 - see https://babeljs.io/docs/usage/ caveats/#internet-explorer
- https://babeljs.io
- Traceur 59%



- from Google
- generates source maps
- doesn't work with IE8 and below
 - due to use of ES5 get/set syntax
- https://github.com/google/traceur-compiler/

TypeScript - 52%



- from Microsoft
- "a typed superset of JavaScript that compiles to plain JavaScript.
 Any browser. Any host. Any OS. Open Source."
- 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!
- generates source maps
- to install, npm install -g typescript
- to compile, tsc some-file.ts
 - generates some-file.js
- http://www.typescriptlang.org

there are more, but these are the most popular and/or support the most features

Use ES 2015 Today?

- It may take years for all the features in ES 2015 to be supported in all major browsers
- That's too long to wait and you don't have to wait
- Use a transpiler to get comfortable with new features sooner and allow writing more compact, more expressive code now
- 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/



Traceur

- Implemented in ES 2015 and uses itself to transpile to ES5 code that runs on Node.js
- https://github.com/google/traceur-compiler
- Online tool at http://google.github.io/traceur-compiler/demo/repl.html
 - enter ES 2015 on left side and see resulting ES5 code on right
 - useful for testing support for specific ES 2015 features and gaining an understanding of what Traceur generates
 - does not execute code
 - "Options" menu includes ability to enable experimental features

To install

- install Node.js
- npm install -q traceur

AngularJS 2 uses Traceur for ES 2015 support

Running Traceur

- To get help on options
 - traceur --help
 - traceur --longhelp
- To run code in an ES 2015 file
 - traceur es2015-file-path
 - requires file extension to be .js, but it can be omitted in the command
- To compile an ES 2015 file to an ES5 file
 - traceur --out es5-file-path es2015-file-path
 - generated code depends on provided file traceur-runtime.js
 - can be copied from directory where Traceur is installed
 - to use generated code in a browser, include a script tag for traceur-runtime.js
- Experimental features
 - to use, add --experimental option
 - examples of features currently considered experimental include symbols, async/await keywords, and type annotations

doesn't check for native browser support; does some feature detection like not adding shim methods if already present

Babel

- Implemented in ES 2015 and uses itself to transpile to ES5 code that runs on Node.js
- http://babeljs.io
- Online tool at http://babeljs.io/repl/
 - enter ES 2015 on left side and see resulting ES5 code on right
 - useful for testing support for specific ES 2015 features and gaining an understanding of what Babel generates
 - optionally executes code (when "Evaluate" checkbox is checked)
 - output is at bottom of ES5 code
 - "Experimental" and "Playground" checkboxes enable ES7 features and other "ideas"

To install

- install Node.js
- npm install -g babel

"Babel works perfectly with React, featuring a built-in JSX transformer."

Running Babel

- To get help on options
 - babel --help
- To run code in an ES 2015 file
 - babel-node es2015-file-path
 - file extension can be omitted and defaults to .js
- To compile an ES 2015 file to an ES5 file
 - babel es2015-file-path -o es5-file-path

in *nix environments, can use redirection
babel es2015-file-path > es5-file-path

- To compile a many ES 2015 files to ES5 files
 - babel es2015-dir -o es5-dir
- Experimental features
 - to use some ES 2016 features, add --experimental option
- Optional babel-runtime
 - http://babeljs.io/docs/usage/transformers/#self-contained

Source Maps

- Allow browser debuggers to step through code that was transpiled from another language into JavaScript
 - for example, debug CoffeeScript code
 - can debug ES 2015 code that was transpiled to ES5

Traceur

- option --source-maps causes it to generate a source map
- places them in same directory as generated ES5 files
- browser looks for them there

Babel

plugins for Grunt and Gulp can generate source maps

Using Source Maps

In Chrome

- open a page that uses transpiled ES 2015 code
- open Developer Tools (cmd-option-i on Mac, ctrl-shift-i on Windows)
- click gear icon in upper-right to see settings
- check "Search in content scripts"
- check "Enable JavaScript source maps"
- select ES 2015 .js files from "Sources" tab
- set breakpoints and refresh page

In Firefox

- open Firefox debugger by selecting Tools ... Web Developer ... Debugger (cmd-option-s on Mac, ctrl-shift-s on Windows?)
- click gear icon in upper-right to see "Debugger Options" and verify that "Show Original Sources" is selected
- select ES 2015 .js files from "Sources" tab
- set breakpoints and refresh page

Linting

- It is important to use some linting tool when writing JavaScript
- Saves time and reduces errors by catching coding issues before code is run
- Can be run from command-line, integrated into editors/IDEs, and run automatically when files are saved from any editor using tools like Grunt/Gulp
- Most popular JavaScript linting tools
 - JSLint http://jslint.org; unclear if or when JSLint will support ES 2016
 - JSHint http://jshint.org; has good support now using "esnext" option
 - ESLint http://eslint.org; recently added support ES 2015; needs more testing
- I highly recommend using JSHint to check ES 2015 code

Automation

- **Grunt** http://gruntjs.com
 - great tool for automating web development tasks
 - 4,472 plugins available as of 3/8/15
 - for Traceur support, see these plugins: traceur, traceur-latest, traceur-build, traceur-simple, and node-traceur
 - for Babel support, see the plugin grunt-babel
 - see example Gruntfile.js in article
 - uses "watch" plugin to watch for changes to HTML, CSS and JavaScript files
 - when watch detects these, it automatically runs specified tasks including linting CSS and JavaScript,
 running Traceur to generate ES5 code, and refreshing browser to immediately show results of changes
 - last part is enabled by "livereload" option and including a special script tag in main HTML file
- Gulp http://gulpjs.com
 - similar in goal to Grunt, but configuration is different
 - 1,457 plugins available as of 3/8/15
 - also supports watch and livereload
 - emphasizes use of file streaming for better efficiency
 - see gulp-traceur and gulp-babel plugins

see Grunt and Gulp examples at https://github.com/mvolkmann/gulp-traceur-demo

ES 2015 Features

- The following slides describe most of the features in ES 2015
- Also see Luke Hoban's (TC39 member) summary
 - https://github.com/lukehoban/es6features

Block Scope ...

- const declares constants with block scope
 - must be initialized
 - reference can't be modified, but object values can
 - to prevent changes to object values, use Object.freeze (obj)
- 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)
 - when a file defines a module, top-level uses of let are file-scoped, unlike var
 - Traceur and Babel implement block scopes by renaming variables declared in block
 - when a let variable is accessed out of its scope, a ReferenceError is thrown with message "name is not defined"

... Block Scope

- Block functions
 - functions declared in a block are scoped to that block
 - for example, in if and for-loop blocks
- Use a { } block in place of an IIFE

```
function outer() {
  console.log('in outer');
}

{
  function inner() {
    console.log('in inner');
  }

  outer(); // works
  inner(); // works
}

outer(); // works
inner(); // throws ReferenceError
```



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
run on 2/28/14
```

- 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.
```



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]

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']
```



Destructuring ...

 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;

// 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

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

- 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



... 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
```



... 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'
});
order is
irrelevant
```

Arrow Functions ...

- (params) => { expressions }
 - if only one parameter and not using destructuring, can omit parens
 - if no parameters, need parens
 - 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

```
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
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```

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

... Arrow Functions

- Inside arrow function, this has same value as containing scope, not a new value (called "lexical this")
 - 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
- Immediately invoked functions (IIFEs)
 - not typically needed in ES 2015 since modules provide file scope
 - can write like this

ending like this is a syntax error

Some have requested an alternative without lexical this that would be useful for adding a method to an object, maybe ->. So far that has been rejected because existing anonymous functions can be used for that.

Symbols ...

- Immutable identifiers that are guaranteed to be unique
 - unlike strings
- To create a "local" symbol

```
let sym = Symbol(description);
```

- note new keyword is not used
 - throws TypeError; it's a function, not a constructor
- description is optional and mainly useful for debugging
- To get description
 - sym.toString()
 - returns 'Symbol (description)'
 - concatenating a symbol to a string throws TypeError
- 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 (not private)
 - Object.getOwnPropertyNames (obj) gets string keys, but not symbol keys
 - Object.getOwnPropertySymbols(obj) gets symbol keys, but not string keys
 - Reflect.ownKeys (obj) gets both string and symbol keys
- Can use for constants that only serve as unique identifiers
 - const NAME = Symbol();
- 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)
- To use in Traceur and Babel, enable experimental mode

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
 - Symbol.hasInstance method affects instanceof operator
 - Symbol.isConcatSpreadable method affects the Array concat method
 - Symbol.iterator method makes objects "iterable" and affects for-of loops
 - Symbol.match method affects the String match method
 - Symbol.replace method affects the String replace method
 - Symbol.search method affects the String search method
 - Symbol.split method affects the String split method
 - **Symbol**. **species** method allows methods of a class to create new objects using the same or another (ex. superclass) constructor
 - Symbol.toPrimitive method affects conversion to a primitive
 - Symbol.toStringTag method affects conversion to a string
 - Symbol.unscopables method affects with statements (which you shouldn't use); for legacy code

unlike constants whose names are all uppercase, these have camelcase names



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 ...

- 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

```
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(obi) {
                                    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

Inherit with extends keyword

this.type = type;

this.miles = 0;

class RunningShoe extends Shoe

super(brand, model, size);

value after extends can be an expression that evaluates to a class/constructor function

inherits both instance and static methods

```
constructor(brand, model, size, type) {
                                                     inside constructor, super(args)
                                                     calls the superclass constructor;
                                                     can only call super like this
                                                     in a constructor and only once
                                                     inside a method, super. name (args)
addMiles(miles) { this.miles += miles; }
shouldReplace() { return this.miles >= 500; }
                                                     calls the superclass method name
```

```
let rs = new RunningShoe(
  'Nike', 'Free Everyday', 13, 'lightweight trainer');
rs.addMiles(400);
console.log('should replace?', rs.shouldReplace()); // false
rs.addMiles(200);
console.log('should replace?', rs.shouldReplace()); // true
```

In subclasses, constructor **must** call **super** (args) and it must be **before** this is accessed this is not set until because the highest superclass creates the object call to super returns



... 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
 spread
- 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
- For generator methods (discussed later), precede name with "* "



Getters and Setters

- ES5 supports these using Object.defineProperty/defineProperties
- ES 2015 supports get and set keywords in class definitions

```
class Shoe {
                                                 class Person {
                                                   constructor(name) {
  get size() {
                                                     this. name = name;
    return this. size;
                                                   get name() {
                              can do more here
  set size(size) {
                                                     return this. name;
    this. size = size;
                                                let p = new Person('Mark');
                                                console.log('name is', p.name); // Mark
let s = new Shoe();
                                                p.name = 'Jason';
s.size = 13; // invokes setter
                                                // throws ModuleEvaluationError
console.log(s.size); // invokes getter
                                                // with message "Cannot set property name
                                                // of #<Person> which has only a getter
using size instead of size for
the "backing field" would cause a
                              can use a Symbol in place of size and name
ModuleEvaluationError With message
                              to make them a non-enumerable properties
"Maximum call stack size exceeded"
```

ES5 also allows use get and set in object literals, but that seems less useful

ES5 vs. ES 2015 Functions

	ES5	ES 2015
normal function	function	function or arrow function
method	function on prototype	method in class
constructor	function	constructor in class

New Math Functions

```
Math.fround(number) - returns nearest single precision floating point number to number

Math.sign(number) - returns sign of number; -1, 0 or 1

Math.trunc(number) - returns integer part of number

Math.cbrt(number) - returns cube root of number

Math.expm1(number) - returns exp(number) - 1;

Math.exp returns e (Euler's constant) raised to number power

Math.hypot(x, y, ...) - returns square root of sum of squares of arguments

Math.imul(n1, n2) - multiplies two 32-bit integers; for performance

logarithmic functions - Math.log1p(number), Math.log10(number), Math.log2(number)

Math.log1p returns Math.log(1 + number)

hyperbolic trig functions - Math.asinh(number), Math.acosh(number), Math.atanh(number)
```

New Number Functions

- Number.isFinite(n) returns boolean indicating whether n is a Number
 and is not NaN, Infinity Or -Infinity
- Number.isInteger(n) returns boolean indicating whether n is an integer
 and not a float, NaN, Infinity or -Infinity
- Number.isNaN(n) returns boolean indicating whether n is the special NaN value
- Number.isSafeInteger(n) returns boolean indicating whether n can be represented exactly in a double (within 53 bits)
 - also new constants Number.MIN SAFE INTEGER and Number.MAX SAFE INTEGER
- Number.toInteger(n) converts a number to an integer
- Number.parseInt(string) parses a string into an integer; same as the global function
- Number.parseFloat(string) parses a string into a double; same as the global function

note how some of these are functions on other objects in ES5

Numeric Literals

Hexadecimal

- preceded with zero and x
- 0xa === 10
- supported before ES 2015

Octal

- preceded with zero and o
- 0071 === 57

Binary

- preceded with zero and ъ
- 0b1101 === 13
- When used in strings,
 all of these can be parsed with Number (s)

New String Methods

- **s1.startsWith** (**s2**) determines if starts with given characters
- s1.endsWith (s2) determines if ends with given characters
- s1.includes (s2) determines if includes given characters

can specify starting position of test for each of these ES7 may add
trimLeft and
trimRight
methods

- s.repeat (count) creates new string by copying s count times
- JavaScript uses UTF-16 characters
 - each occupies two or four bytes
 - length property of JavaScript strings, as well as charAt and charCodeAt methods assume two bytes per character
 - to get length in code points, [...string].length
 - no easy way to get or create 4-byte characters in ES5
 - string.codePointAt (pos)gets UTF-16 integer value at a given position
 - to convert to hex, call toString(16) on this value
 - String.fromCodePoint(int1, ..., intN)
 returns string created from any number of UTF-16 integer values

use of 4-byte UTF-16 characters is somewhat rare (ex. Egyptian Hieroglyphs), so this is often not a problem

new Unicode escape syntax inside literal strings for specifying a code point \u{code} (really include the braces)



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!`;
```



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!
In this example
strings is ['Hello ', ' ', '!'] and
values is ['Mark', 'Volkmann']

values is
```

- Provided template function String.raw
 - treats characters like \n as separate \\ and n characters

... Tagged Template Literals

```
function dedent(strings, ...values) {
  let last = strings.length - 1, re = /\n\s+/g, result = '';
  for (let i = 0; i < last; i++) {
    result += strings[i].replace(re, '\n') + values[i];
  return result + strings[last].replace(re, '\n');
                                                         Output
                                                         Today the Cardinals
let homeTeam = 'Cardinals';
                                                         are hosting the Cubs.
let visitingTeam = 'Cubs';
                                                         Cardinals
console.log(dedent `Today the ${homeTeam}
                                                         versus
                    are hosting the ${visitingTeam}.`);
                                                         Cubs
// If template starts with an expression, strings will start with ''.
// If template ends with an expression, strings will end with ''.
console.log(dedent `${homeTeam}
                    versus
                    ${visitingTeam}`);
```

New Array Functions

- Array.of (values) creates an Array from it's arguments
 - can use literal array syntax instead
- Array.from(arrayLikeObj, [mapFn]) creates an Array from an Array-like object or an iterable
 - mapFn is an optional function that is called on each element to transform the value

New Array Methods

- arr.copyWithin(targetIndex, srcStartIndex, [srcEndIndex]) copies elements from srcStartIndex to srcEndIndex 1, or to the end of the array,
 to targetIndex, replacing existing elements
 - indexes can be negative to count from end
- arr.find (predicateFn) returns first element in arr that satisfies a given predicate function
 - predicateFn is passed element, index, and arr
 - if none satisfy, undefined is returned
- arr.findIndex(predicateFn) same as find, but returns index instead of element
 - if none satisfy, -1 is returned
- arr.fill(value, [startIndex], [endIndex]) fills arr with a given value
 - startIndex defaults to 0; endIndex defaults to the array length
- arr.entries() returns an iterator over [index, value] pairs of arr
- arr.keys() returns an iterator over indices of arr
- arr.values() returns an iterator over values in arr

same API as in set and Map

New Object Functions ...

- Object.assign(target, src1, ... srcN)
 - copies properties from src objects to target (left to right), replacing those already present
 - returns target
 - can create a shallow clone of an object let copy = Object.assign({}, obj);
 - to create clone with same prototype

```
function clone(obj) {
  let proto = Object.getPrototypeOf(obj);
  return Object.assign(
     Object.create(proto), obj);
}
let copy = clone(obj);
```

- can use in constructors to assign initial property values
- can use to add default properties to an object

```
const DEFAULTS = {
  color: 'yellow',
  size: 'large'
};
let obj = {size: 'small'};
obj = Object.assign({}, DEFAULTS, obj);
```

```
class Shoe {
  constructor(brand, model, size) {
    this.brand = brand;
    this.model = model;
    this.size = size;
    // or
    Object.assign(this,
        {brand, model, size});
  }
  uses enhanced object literal
}
```

order is significant!

... New Object Functions

- Object.is(value1, value2)
 - determines if value1 and value2 are the same
 - values can be primitives or objects; objects are the same only if they are the same object
 - unlike ===, this treats Number.NaN as the same as Number.NaN
 - google "MDN JavaScript Object" for more detail
- Object.setPrototypeOf(obj, prototype)
 - changes prototype of an existing object
 - use is discouraged because it is slow and makes subsequent operations on the object slow
- Object.getOwnPropertySymbols(obj)
 - returns array of symbol keys
 - alternative to existing Object.keys and Object.getOwnPropertyNames functions
 - also see functions on Reflect object (described next)

Reflect Functions

supported by Babel, but not Traceur

- get(obj, propName) alternative to obj[propName]
- set(obj, propName, value) alternative to obj[propName] = value
- has (obj, propName) alternative to propName in obj
- deleteProperty(obj, propName) alternative to delete obj[propName]
- construct(ctorFn, args) alternative to using new ctorFn(...args)
- apply(fn, thisValue, args) alternative to using fn.apply(thisValue, args)
- getOwnPropertyDescriptor(obj, propName) Similar to same function in Object
- defineProperty(obj, propName, propAttrs) similar to same function in Object
- getPrototypeOf(obj) same as function in Object
- setPrototypeOf(obj, prototype) changes prototype of obj
- ownKeys (obj) returns an array of string and symbol keys
- enumerate (obj) returns an iterator over all string keys (not symbols) including those in prototype chain
- isExtensible (obj) same as function in Object
- preventExtensions(obj) similar to same function in Object

Getting Object Keys

	string keys	symbol keys	only own	only enumerable
Object.keys	√		√	V
Object.getOwnPropertyNames	√		√	
Object.getOwnPropertySymbols		√	√	
Reflect.ownKeys	√	√	√	
Reflect.enumerate	√			√

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

```
let stooges = ['Moe', 'Larry', 'Curly'];
for (let stooge of stooges) {
   console.log(stooge);
}

for (let [index, stooge] of stooges.entries()) {
   console.log(index, stooge);
}
```

doesn't include value property when next is true

Collections

- New collection classes include
 - Set
 - Map
 - WeakSet
 - WeakMap

Set Class ...

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

could store references to DOM nodes

- 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);

chain to add multiple values

- To test for a value, mySet.has (value)
- To delete a value, mySet.delete(value)
- To delete all values, mySet.clear()

... Set Class

- 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

these iterate in insertion order methods for set iteration treat sets like maps where corresponding keys and values are equal for API consistency **iterators** are described later

Common Set Operations

Thanks Dr. Axel Rauschmayer

 All of these work by creating Arrays from Sets, operating on them, and creating a new Set

```
Map let newSet = new Set([...set].map(elem => some-code));
```

```
Filter let newSet = new Set([...set].filter(elem => some-code));
```

also see map and filter generator functions later

Union

```
let union = new Set([...set1, ...set2]);
```

Intersection

```
let intersection = new Set([...set1].filter(elem => set2.has(elem)));
```

Difference

```
let union = new Set([...set1].filter(elem => !set2.has(elem)));
```

Remove duplicates from an array

```
let newArr = [...new Set(arr)];
```

Set Example

```
let colors = new Set();
colors.add('red');
colors.add('green');
colors.add('blue');
colors.add('red');

// Another way to populate a Set
let arr = ['red', 'green', 'blue', 'red'];
colors = new Set(arr);

console.log(colors.size); // 3
console.log(colors.has('red')); // true
console.log(colors.has('pink')); // false

console.log('\nkeys are:');
colors.forEach(key => console.log(key));
// red green blue
```

```
console.log('\nvalues are:');
for (let value of colors.values()) {
   console.log(value); // red green blue
}
for (let value of colors) { // same
   console.log(value); // red green blue
}

console.log('\nentries are:');
for (let entry of colors.entries()) {
   console.log(entry);
   // ['red', 'red']
   // ['green', 'green']
   // ['blue', 'blue']
}

colors.delete('red');
console.log(colors.size); // 2
console.log(colors.has('red')); // false
```

Map Class ...

- 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

could use DOM nodes as keys or values

- 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()

... Map Class

- 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

```
let teams = new Map();
teams.set('Chicago', 'Cubs');
teams.set('Kansas City', 'Royals');
teams.set('St. Louis', 'Cardinals');

for (let [city, name] of teams) {
   console.log(name, 'is from', city);
}
```

can omit city or name to iterate over just values or just keys

Common Map Operations

 Thanks Dr. Axel Rauschmayer

Filter

```
let newMap = new Map([...map].filter(
    ([key, value]) => boolean-expr]));
```

also see map and filter generator functions later

Map Example

```
let teams = new Map();
teams.set('Chicago', 'Cubs');
teams.set('Kansas City', 'Royals');
teams.set('St. Louis', 'Cardinals');
// Another way to populate a Map
let arr = [
  ['Chicago', 'Cubs'],
  ['Kansas City', 'Royals'],
  ['St. Louis', 'Cardinals']
teams = new Map(arr);
console.log(teams.size); // 3
console.log(teams.has('St. Louis')); // true
console.log(teams.has('Los Angeles')); // false
console.log(teams.get('St. Louis')); // Cardinals
console.log('\\nkeys are:');
teams.forEach((value, key) => console.log(key));
// Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis
// Another way to iterate over keys
for (let key of teams.keys()) {
  console.log(key);
  // Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis
 alternative is
 for (let [key] of teams)
```

```
console.log('\\nvalues are:');
for (let value of teams.values()) {
  console.log(value);
 // Cubs, Royals, Cardinals
 alternative is
 for (let [, value] of teams)
console.log('\\nentries are:');
for (let entry of teams.entries()) {
  console.log(entry);
 // ['Chicago', 'Cubs']
 // ['Kansas City', 'Royals']
 // ['St. Louis', 'Cardinals']
for (let [city, team] of teams) { // same
  console.log(
    'The', team, 'plays in', city);
teams.delete('Chicago');
console.log(teams.size); // 2
console.log(teams.has('Chicago')); // false
```

WeakSet Class

supported by Babel, but not Traceur

- Similar API to set, but differs in that
 - 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 Class

supported by Babel, but not Traceur

- Similar API to Map, but differs in that
 - keys must be objects
 - keys are "weakly held",i.e. a pair can be garbage collected if the 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

Promises ...

- Proxy for a value that may be known in the future after an asynchronous operation completes such as a REST call
- Create with **Promise** constructor, passing it a function that takes **resolve** and **reject** functions, and calls one of them
- 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

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

> ES 2016 will likely add finally method

... Promises ...

- Can call then on a promise <u>after</u> 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
 - "resolved" state is sometime called "fullfilled"

... Promises ...

```
function asyncDouble(n) {
  return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
    if (typeof n === 'number') {
      resolve(n * 2);
    } else {
      reject(n + ' is not a number');
    }
  } in real usage, some
    asynchronous operation
    would happen above

asyncDouble(3).then(
  data => console.log('data =', data), // 6
  err => console.error('error:', err));
```

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));
Output
success: v = 8
```

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.

... Promises

• If an error is thrown inside a success or failure callback the promise returned by then is rejected

```
let p = asyncDouble(3).then(
   v => {
      // This causes the promise returned by
      // the call to then above to be rejected.
      throw 'Did you see this?';
   },
   err => console.error('error:', err)); // not reached

p.then(
   value => console.log('resolved with', value),
   reason => console.log('rejected with', reason));
// Output is "rejected with Did you see this?"
```

```
also see examples in javascript-labs/es6/promises/chaining.js
```

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
 - also code in an HTML <module> tag is treated as a "module" (will anyone use this?)

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 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
- Enables APIs to be defined in modules instead of global variables
 - eliminates need to use objects for namespaces ex. Json and Math
 - future versions of jQuery \$ and Underscore _ will be defined using modules

Modules - Exporting

- Can export any number of values from a module
 - 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

```
export let name = value;
export function name(params) { ... }
export class name { ... }
```

To export multiple, previously defined values

```
export {name1, name2 as other-name2, ...};
```

note ability to export a value under a different name

To specify a default export

```
export default expr;
export {name as default}; same as previous line if value of expr is name
export default function (params) { ... };
export default class { ... };
```

Modules - Importing

module paths are relative to containing file;

- 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 obj is read-only

To import specific exports

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

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

More on Modules

- A module can export values from another module without first importing them
 - adds to its own exports

```
export * from 'module-path'; exports everything exported by the given module
```

- export {name1, name2 as other-name} from 'module-path';
- Module Loader API
 - supports conditionally loading modules
 - allows customized resolving of 'module-path' strings (see Reflect.Loader)

```
System.import('module-path').
  then(theModule => { ... }).
  catch(err => { ... });
```

- System.import returns a promise
 - can use Promise.all to wait for multiple modules to be loaded
- there is much more to this!

Modules in Traceur ...

- To transpile ES 2015 files that use modules
 - transpile just main file to generate a single ES5 file that contains all required code
 - traceur --out main.js --source-maps main6.js
- Traceur generated source maps support modules
 - can step through each of the original ES 2015 files that make up a single generated ES5 file
- Use in browsers requires traceur-runtime.js
 - if Traceur was installed using npm install -g traceur,
 determine where global modules are installed with npm -g root
 and copy traceur-runtime.js from traceur/bin below that directory
 - add script tag for this in main HTML file

... Modules in Traceur

```
index.html
                                 bar6.js
                                         <html>
                                           <head>
export let bar1 = 'the value of bar1';
                                             <title></title>
                                             <script src="lib/traceur-runtime.js"></script>
export function bar2() {
                                             <script src="gen/main.js"></script>
  console.log('in bar2');
                                           </head>
                                           <body>
                                             See console output.
                                 foo6.js
                                           </body>
import {bar1, bar2} from './bar6';
                                         </html>
export let foo1 = 'the value of foo1';
                                         To run from command-line:
console.log('foo6: bar1 =', bar1);
                                          traceur main6
                                         To generate ES5 and source map:
export function foo2() {
                                          traceur --out gen/main.js \
  console.log('in foo2');
                                          --source-maps main6.js
  bar2();
                                         Output:
                               main6.is
                                         foo6: bar1 = the value of bar1
                                         in main
import {foo1, foo2} from './foo6';
                                         foo1 = the value of foo1
console.log('in main');
                                         in foo2
console.log('foo1 =', foo1);
                                         in bar2
foo2();
```

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

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

- 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"

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

lesser used modules require jspm configuration before they can be installed

- for packages in npm
 - 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

To reinstall all dependencies

- similar to npm, run jspm install
- recreates and populatesjspm_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 #1

the basics plus a little jQuery

```
jspm install jquery
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                               index.html
<html>
                                                                   C ↑ localhost:8080 € ☆
  <head>...</head>
  <body>
                                                               initials are RMV
    <div id="content"></div>
    <!-- Enable ES 2015 module loading and more. -->
    <script src="jspm packages/system.js"></script>
                                                                           may need .js file extension
                                                                          in next version of jspm
                                                import $ from 'jquery';
   <!-- Enable loading dependencies
                                                import * as strUtil from './str-util';
         that were installed with jspm. -->
    <script src="config.js"></script>
                                                $('#content').text('initials are ' +
                                                  strUtil.initials(
    <!-- Load the main JavaScript file
                                                                                main.is
                                                    'Richard Mark Volkmann'));
         that can import others. In this
         example, main.js is in same directory.
         Can also specify a relative directory path. -->
    <script>System.import('main');</script>
  </body>
                                                export function initials(text) {
</html>
                                                  return text.split(' ').
                                                    map (word => word[0]).
                                                    join('');
                                                                        str-util.is
```

jspm Example #2

ispm install bootstrap adds Bootstrap and more jQuery

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
                                           index.html body {
                                                                         main.css
                                                          display: none;
<html>
                                                         padding: 10px;
  <head>
    <title>jspm demo</title>
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="main.css">
                                                       input.form-control {
    <script src="jspm packages/system.js"></script>
                                                          display: inline-block;
    <script src="config.js"></script>
                                                          vertical-align: middle;
    <script>System.import('main');</script>
                                                         width: 180px;
  </head>
  <body>
                                       import 'bootstrap';
                                                                           main.is
    <label>Name</label>
                                       import $ from 'jquery';
    <input id="name-input"</pre>
                                       import * as strUtil from './str-util';
      class="form-control"
      value="Richard Mark Volkmann">
                                       $('#get-initials-btn').click(() => {
    <button id="get-initials-btn"</pre>
                                         let name = $('#name-input').val();
      class="btn btn-default">
                                         let initials = strUtil.initials(name);
      Get Initials
                                         $('#content').text(
    </button>
                                            'initials are ' + initials);
    <div id="content"></div>
                                       });
  </body>
</html>
                                       $('body').show();
               ispm demo
                                                export function initials(text) {
                                                  return text.split(' ').
                  localhost:8080
                                                    map(word => word[0]).
                                                    join('');
       Name
            Richard Mark Volkmann
                               Get Initials
                                                                         str-util.js
      initials are RMV
```

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

using value when done is true is primarily useful in conjunction with yield* in a generator

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.

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 (including typed arrays), Set, and Map return an iterator
 - entries over key/value pairs as [key, value]
 - keys over keys

for arrays, keys are indices; for sets, keys are same as values

- values over values
- Custom objects can be made iterable
 - by adding Symbol.iterator method

objects returned are both iterators and iterable

... Iterable Objects

- To get an iterable represention (an Array) of an array-like object
 - let iterable = Array.from(arrayLike)
- 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]};
                                         // Using a generator
                                        function* objectEntries(obj) {
  };
                                          let keys = Reflect.ownKeys(obj);
                                          for (let key of keys) yield([key, obj[key]]);
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

```
iterators can also be implemented
let fibonacci = {
                               with generators - see slide 92
  [Symbol.iterator]() {
    let prev = 0, curr = 1;
                                                             skipping initial
    return {
                                                             values of 0 and 1
       next() {
                                                             and starting at
                                                         3
         [prev, curr] = [curr, prev + curr];
                                                             the second 1
                                                         5
         return {value: curr};
                                                         8
                                                         13
    };
                                                         21
                                                         34
};
                                                         55
                                                         89
for (let n of fibonacci)
                              stops iterating when
  if (n > 100) break;
                               done is true which
  console.log(n);
                              never happens here
```

Iterable/Iterator Example #2

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11];
let isOdd = n => 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

yield keyword can only be used in generator functions

- 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

done will be true after any of these and will remain true

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

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
 - 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 95

- 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 95

- throws error inside generator at yield where execution paused
- calls with results, without disrupting normal yielding. That is, for normal iteration it is an out-of-band value."

from Dr. Axel Rauschmayer, "The only iterating mechanism

that lets you access the "done value" is yield*. All other constructs ('for-of', spread, destructuring, ...) ignore it.

Its main purpose is to let yield* make recursive generator

- 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

```
When an iterator is used in a for-of loop it performs steps 2 and 4.

Step 3 goes in loop body.

for (let v of someGenerator()) {
    // process v
}

call
```

Basic Generator

```
function* myGenFn() {
   yield 1;
   yield 2;
   return 3;
}

let myGen = myGenFn();
console.log(myGen.next()); // {"value":1,"done":false}
console.log(myGen.next()); // {"value":2,"done":false}
console.log(myGen.next()); // {"value":3,"done":true}

for (let n of myGenFn()) {
   console.log(n); // 1, then 2, not 3
}
without return statement
in myGenFn, this disappears
```

Infinite Generator

- To return a "normal" value
 - yield value;

```
if a generator returns a value v
using the return keyword,
the next call that trigger that will
return {value: v, done: true}
```

Don't think of the returned value as another value in the sequence produced by yields. It can be a different "category" of data. For example, the returned value could be a final result and the yielded values could be intermediate results.

```
function* fibonacci() {
  let [prev, curr] = [0, 1];
  while (true) {
    [prev, curr] = [curr, prev + curr];
    yield curr;
  }
}

for (let value of fibonacci()) {
  if (value > 100) break;
  console.log(value);
}
```

```
1
2
3
5
8
13
21
34
55
89
```

```
// Iterables can be
// implemented with generators.
let fib = {
 * [Symbol.iterator]() {
    let [prev, curr] = [0, 1];
    while (true) {
        [prev, curr] = [curr, prev + curr];
        yield curr;
      }
    };

for (let n of fib) {
    if (n > 100) break;
    console.log(n);
}
```

- To yield each value returned by an iterable one at a time
 - yield* some-iterable;

can use to iterate over a tree structure; can make recursive calls to the same or a different generator function

can obtain an iterable by calling another generator function - otherGenerator (params);

More Generator Examples

```
function* gen1() {
                                     yield 'foo';
function* gen2(v) {
                                     yield 'bar';
  trv {
                                     yield 'baz';
   v = yield 'foo' + v;
   v = yield 'bar' + v;
   yield 'baz' + v;
                                   for (let value of gen1()) {
  } catch (e) {
                                     console.log(value);
    console.error('caught', e);
let iter = gen2(1); // can pass value to generator function,
let result = iter.next(); // but can't pass in first call to next
console.log(result.value); // foo1; result.done is false
result = iter.next(2);
console.log(result.value); // bar2; result.done is false
//iter.throw('stop now'); // triggers catch in gen2
result = iter.next(3);
console.log(result.value); // baz3; result.done is false
result = iter.next(4);
console.log(result.done ? 'done' : result.value); // done
```

map/filter Any Iterable

```
function* map(iterable, fn) {
  for (let elem of iterable) {
    yield fn(elem);
function* filter(iterable, fn) {
  for (let elem of iterable) {
    if (fn(elem)) yield elem;
let arr = [1, 2, 3];
let double = x \Rightarrow x * 2;
let isOdd = x \Rightarrow x % 2;
console.log('doubled');
for (let elem of map(arr, double)) {
  console.\log(elem); // 2, 4, 6
console.log('\nodds');
for (let elem of filter(arr, isOdd)) {
  console.\log(elem); // 1, 3
```

Thanks Dr. Axel Rauschmayer

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 100
```

... 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!

Proxies ...

- Can intercept all operations whose names match functions on the Reflect object
 - see slide 50
 - can provide additional or alternate functionality
- Uses new Proxy class
 - constructor takes "target" (the object for which operations are to be intercepted) and "handler" (an object that defines alternate handling)
- Must use proxy object instead of target object or interceptions won't occur!
- Methods called on proxy that aren't defined there are forwarded to the target object
- Can create proxies that can be later turned off (revoked)
 - after being revoked, calls on proxies object are just forwarded to target
- Proxies can be the prototype of other objects
- Support currently only Firefox; no transpilers

... Proxies

```
var obj = {
                                      At the time this was written, only Firefox
 p1: 'some value',
                                      supported proxies. However, there were
 m1: () => 'm1 result',
                                      other ES 2015 features it did not yet support
 m2: () => 'm2 result'
                                      such as "let" and enhanced object literals.
};
var proxy = new Proxy(obj, {
  get: (target, key) => {
    console.log('intercepted get for key =', key);
    var value = target[key];
    return value === undefined ? () => 'missing method ' + key :
      typeof value === 'string' ? value.toUpperCase() :
      value;
 },
  set: (target, key, value) => {
    console.log('intercepted set for key =', key);
    target[key] = value;
 }
});
// Replace a method on obj with a proxy for it.
                                                   This works because
obj.m1 = new Proxy(obj.m1, {
                                                   functions are objects.
 apply: (fn, target, args) => {
    console.log('intercepted call to function', fn);
   var result = fn.apply(target, args);
    return typeof result === 'string' ? result.toUpperCase() : value;
});
proxy.p1 = 'other value';
console.log('proxy.p1 =', proxy.p1);
console.log('obj.p1 =', obj.p1);
console.log('proxy.m1() =', proxy.m1()); // has a proxy
console.log('proxy.m2() =', proxy.m2()); // doesn't have a proxy
console.log(proxy.makeMeUpOnTheFly());
```

Proxies **can't distinguish** between gets for **property lookup** and gets for **method calls**, so "method missing" can only be implemented if it can be assumed that all missing property lookups should provide a method. It could only supply methods for key names that match a certain pattern.

```
Output
```

```
intercepted set for key = p1
intercepted get for key = p1
proxy.p1 = OTHER VALUE
obj.p1 = other value

intercepted get for key = m1
intercepted call to function function obj.m1()
proxy.m1() = M1 RESULT

intercepted get for key = m2
proxy.m2() = m2 result

intercepted get for key = makeMeUpOnThFly
missing method makeMeUpOnTheFly
```

Tail Call Optimization

- Makes it possible to avoid growing the call stack when making recursive calls or invoking callback functions continuation passing style (CPS)
 - otherwise could exceed maximum call stack allowed
 - alternative to recursion is using loops
- Possible when the <u>last operation</u> in a function is a function call

```
function fac(n, acc) {
  return n == 0 ? acc : fac(n - 1, acc * n);
}
function factorial(n) {
  return fac(n, 1);
}
```

translates to

```
// This version can't use TCO because
// multiplication occurs AFTER the recursive call.
function factorial(n) {
  return n <= 1 ? n : n * factorial(n - 1);
}</pre>
```

Support - currently only Babel; no browsers

```
"use strict";
function fac(x, x2) {
  var again = true;
                        a label
   function: while (again) {
    again = false;
    var n = x,
                      why not drop the
         acc = x2;
                      again flag, label,
    if (n == 0) {
                      and continue and
      return acc;
                      change the loop
    } else {
                      condition to true?
      x = n - 1;
       x2 = acc * n;
      again = true;
      continue function;
function factorial(n) {
  return fac(n, 1);
```

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
 - JSHint doesn't recognize these yet
- 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

```
function sleep(ms) {
                                                      Can call multiple asynchronous functions
                                           compare to
  return new Promise(resolve => {
                                           slides 93-94 in series in a way that makes them
    setTimeout(resolve, ms);
                                                      appear to be synchronous.
  });
                                                       This avoids writing code in
                                                       the pyramid of doom style.
async function double(n) {
                                                       async function work() {
                              async function
  await sleep(50);
                                                         let n = 1;
  return n * 2;
                                                         trv {
                                                           n = await double(n);
                                                                                   runs in next turn
                                                           n = await triple(n);
function triple(n) { | function that returns a promise
                                                                                   of event loop
                                                           //n = await badOp(n);
  return new Promise(resolve => resolve(n * 3));
                                                           n = await quadruple(n);
                                                           console.log('n = ', n); // 24
                                                         } catch (e) {
function quadruple(n) {
                                                           // To see this happen,
                           "normal" function
                                                           // uncomment await of badOp.
  return n * 4;
                                                           console.error('error:', e);
                                                         }
function badOp() {
  return new Promise (
    (resolve, reject) => reject('I failed!'));
                                                      work();
```

Type Annotations ...

- Optional type annotations for variables, properties, function parameters, and function return types
 - Current syntax: thing-to-annotate: type-expression
 - details of syntax are still being determined
 - if not specified, can hold any kind of value
- Will provide run-time type checking
- Can specify builtin types and names of custom classes
- Types are first-class values
 - can be stored in variables and passed to functions
- Builtin types: boolean, number, string, void, any
- To use in Traceur, enable experimental mode
 - supports specifying types, but doesn't enforce them yet
- See http://wiki.ecmascript.org/doku.php?id=strawman:types&s=types

... Type Annotations

```
function initials(name:string):string {
  return name.split(' ').map(part => part.charAt(0)).join('');
}

function isFullName(name:string):boolean {
  return name.split(' ').length >= 3;
}

let name = 'Richard Mark Volkmann';
//let name = 'Mark Volkmann';
console.log('initials are', initials(name)); // RMV
console.log('full name?', isFullName(name)); // true
```

```
class Point {
  constructor(x:number, y:number) {
    this.x = x;
    this.y = y;
  }

  distanceFrom(point:Point) {
    return Math.hypot(this.x - point.x, this.y - point.y);
  }
}

let p1 = new Point(1, 2);
let p2 = new Point(4, 6);
console.log('distance = ', p1.distanceFrom(p2));
```

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 Traceur and JSHint
- 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