## Why I Was Wrong About TypeScript

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#### **About Me**

- Developer Advocate at Progress
- I was on the jQuery team
- Level 40 Pokémon GO player
- Once ate a whole large pizza by myself

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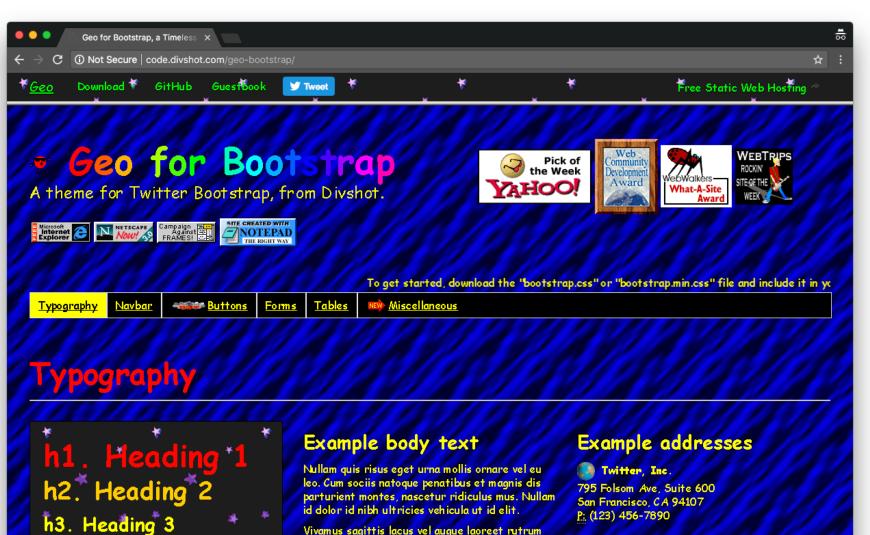
# Whether TypeScript is a good fit for your next project

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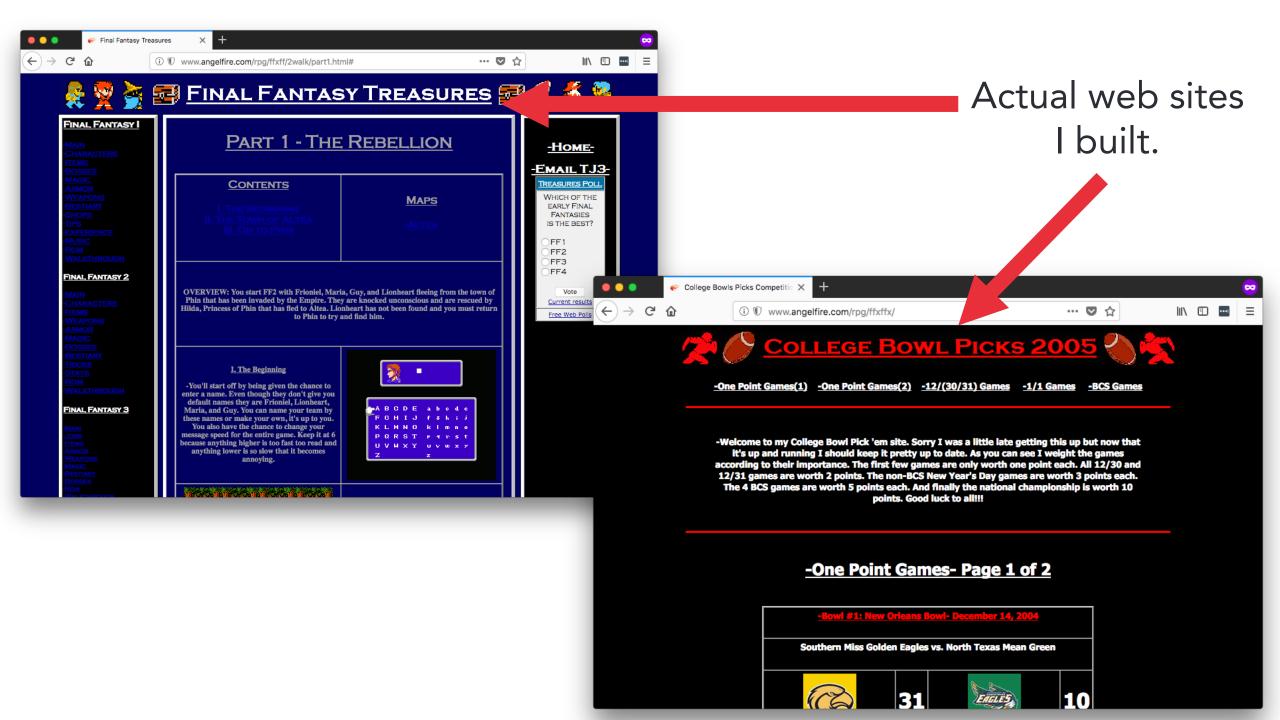
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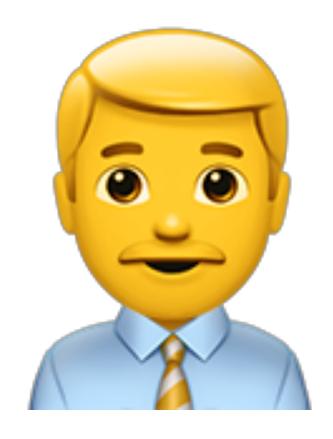
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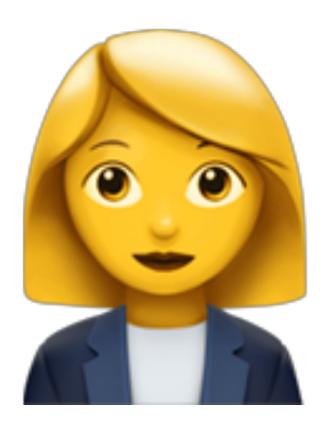
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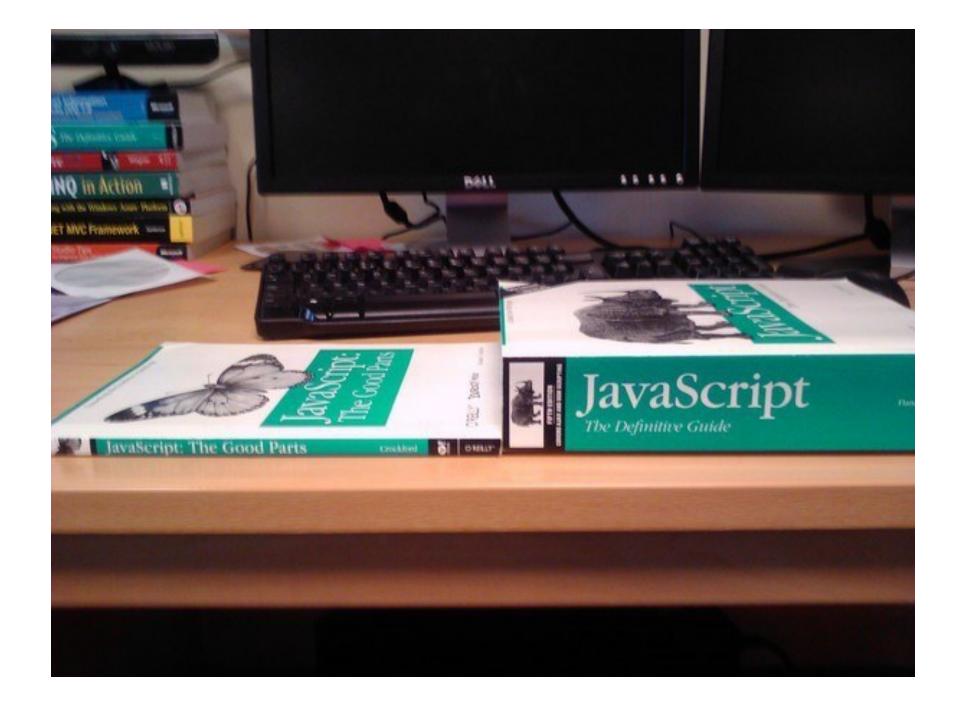








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1 true == 1
                       → true
 true == "1"
                       → true
  false == 0
                       → true
 false == "0"
                       → true
5
  false == undefined → false
                    → false
  false == null
8
  null == undefined → true
```



#### Compile to JavaScript tools

- There are a lot.
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- Ruby, Python, Erlang, Java, Scala, C#, F#, Lisp, Scheme, Haskell, Smalltalk, C, C++, Basic, Go, PHP, and way more.

#### Fun names of compile-to-JS tools

- treehugger
- jangaroo
- Waterbear



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CoffeeScript is a little language that compiles into JavaScript. Underneath that awkward Javaesque patina, JavaScript has always had a gorgeous heart. CoffeeScript is an attempt to expose
the good parts of JavaScript in a simple way.

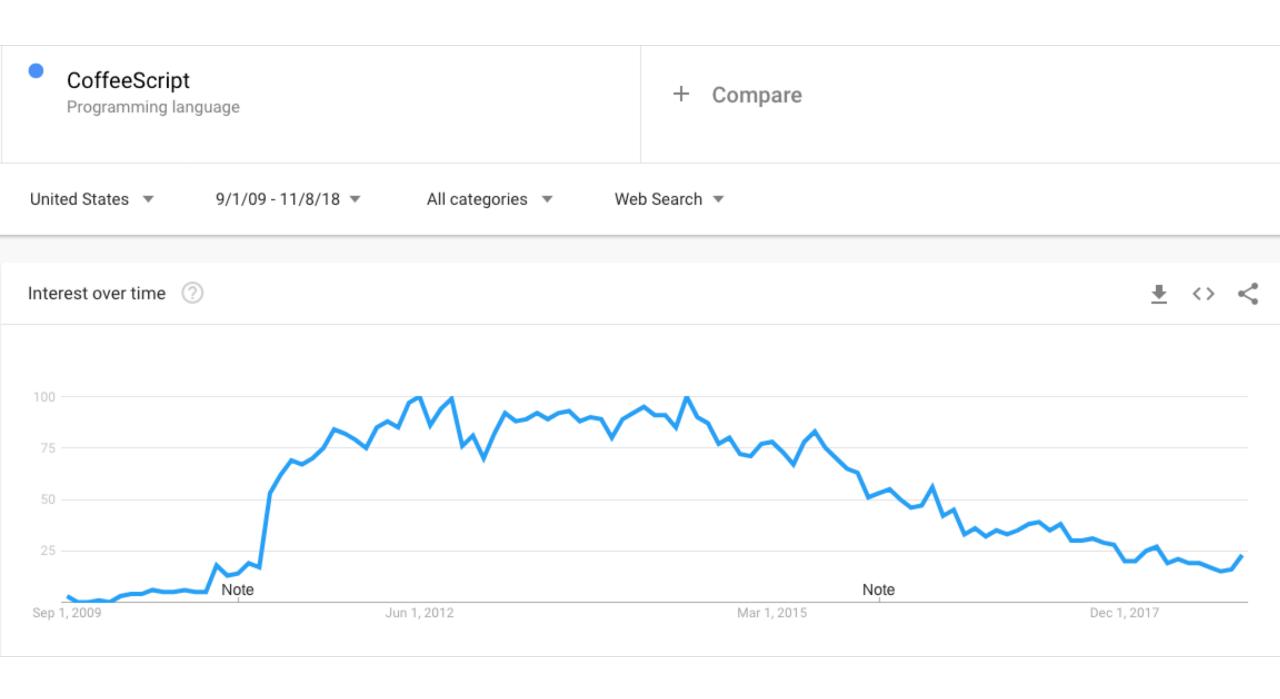
The golden rule of CoffeeScript is: "It's just JavaScript". The code compiles one-to-one into the equivalent JS, and there is no interpretation at runtime. You can use any existing JavaScript library seamlessly from CoffeeScript (and vice-versa). The compiled output is readable, pretty-printed, and tends to run as fast or faster than the equivalent handwritten JavaScript.

The CoffeeScript compiler goes to great lengths to generate output JavaScript that runs in every JavaScript runtime, but there are exceptions. Use generator functions, <a href="for...from">for...from</a>, or <a href="fagged">tagged</a> template literals</a> only if you know that your <a href="fagged">target runtimes</a> can support them. If you use <a href="modules">modules</a>, you will need to use an additional tool to resolve them.

Latest Version: 1.12.5

npm install -g coffee-script

CoffeeScript 2 is coming! It adds support for ES2015 classes, async/await, and generates JavaScript using ES2015+ syntax. Learn more.



#### Caffeinated Rhythms: Playing Drums With CoffeeScri

Ancillary Technologies Node.js, Continental 4
Giles Bowkett (at large)

Any developer working on OS X can write CoffeeScript other platforms but won't be within the scope of this 1 Find out how, with a simple overview of the ubiquitous makes it easy. Read more.

#### A Sip of CoffeeScript

Pure Languages, Continental 2-3

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Carlos Souza (Code School), Gregg Pollack (Open SourceCraft)

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If you enjoy writing JavaScript then you'll really enjoy CoffeeScript, a new language which transcompiles into JavaScript. Inspired by languages like Ruby, Python, and Haskell, it allows you to write less code to get more done. In this course students will learn the basics of CoffeeScript using the Code School in-browser challenge engine. Read more.

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Brett Kiefer (Fog Creek Software)

Trello.com is a new organization tool built completely in CoffeeScript using Node.js, Backbone.js, and WebSockets. Learn how and why we built it as we did, hear our war stories, marvel at the folly. Read more.

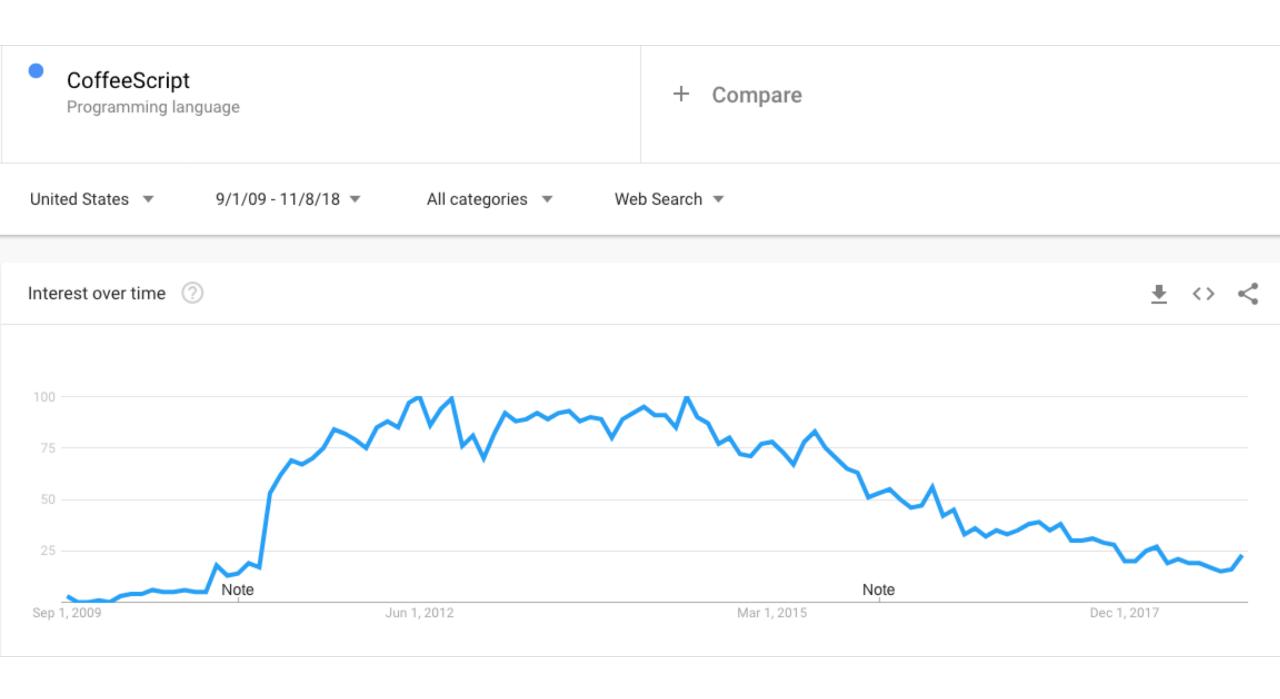
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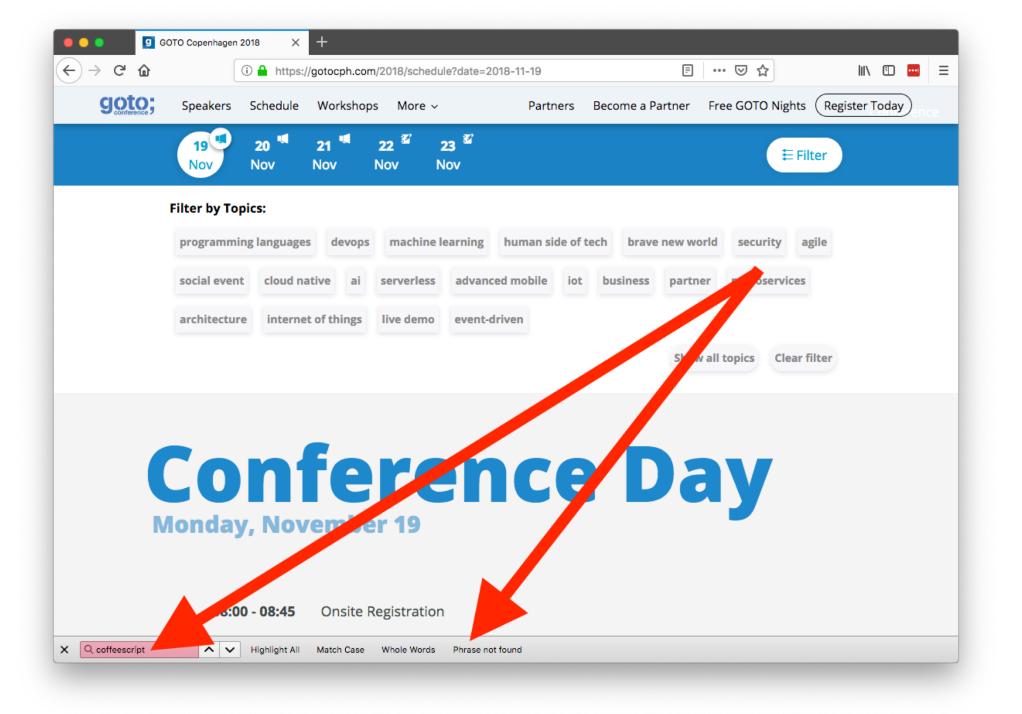
JavaScript in the Browser, Continental 4

Alex MacCaw (Twitter)

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SpineJS is a client-side framework, written in CoffeeScript, developed to help you build awesome web applications. During this talk, Alex MacCaw, the author of SpineJS, will take you through some of the key concepts to Spine such as MVC, the main differentiating factors with other frameworks, and the future of client-side applications as a whole. Read more.





```
# Objects:
math =
  root: Math.sqrt
  square: square
  cube: (x) \rightarrow x * square x
# Splats:
race = (winner, runners...) ->
  print winner, runners
# Existence:
alert "I knew it!" if elvis?
# Array comprehensions:
cubes = (math.cube num for num in list)
```

#### Watch the videos for Dart Developer Summit 2016. <sup>™</sup>

```
Open in DartPad
import 'dart:async';
import 'dart:math' show Random;
main() async {
  print('Compute π using the Monte Carlo method.');
  await for (var estimate in computePi()) {
    print('\pi \cong $estimate');
/// Generates a stream of increasingly accurate estimates of \pi.
Stream<double> computePi({int batch: 1000000}) async* {
 var total = 0;
 var count = 0;
  while (true) {
    var points = generateRandom().take(batch);
    var inside = points.where((p) => p.isInsideUnitCircle);
    total += batch;
    count += inside.length;
    var ratio = count / total;
    // Area of a circle is A = \pi \cdot r^2, therefore \pi = A/r^2.
    // So, when given random points with x \in <0,1>,
```

Dart is an application programming language that's easy to learn, easy to scale, and deployable everywhere.

Google depends on Dart to make very large apps.

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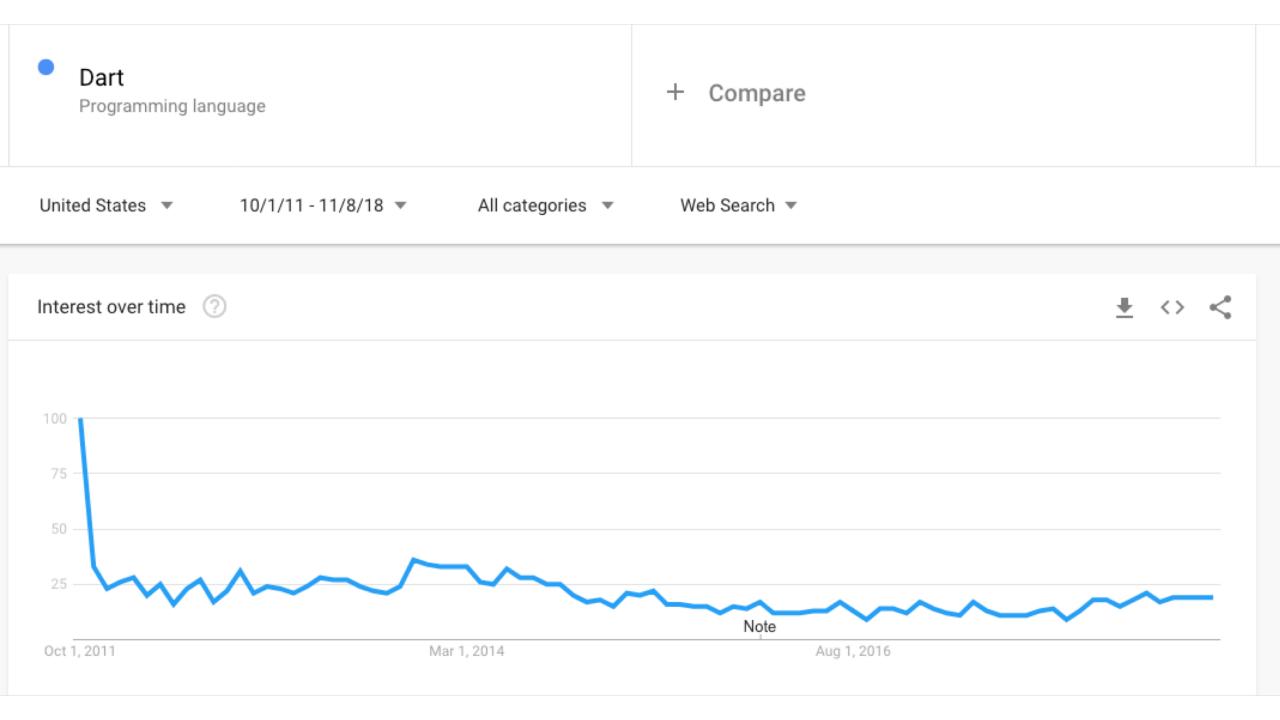
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#### Google launches Dart as a JavaScript killer

The new Dart programming language can be used for both small Web projects as well as large ones, company engineers said















By Joab Jackson U.S. Correspondent, IDG News Service | OCT 10, 2011

Google has launched a preview version of a new Web programming language, called Dart, which the company's engineers hope will address some of the shortcomings of the widely used JavaScript language.

Google's goals for Dart are to create "a structured yet flexible language for Web programming," wrote Lars Bak, who is a software engineer for Google's Dart team, in a blog post officially announcing the language Monday.

[ Also on InfoWorld: Google Dart aims to supplant 'fundamentally flawed' JavaScript. | Keep up with software development issues and trends with InfoWorld's Fatal Exception blog. | Master the latest in Java development with our JavaWorld Enterprise Java newsletter.]

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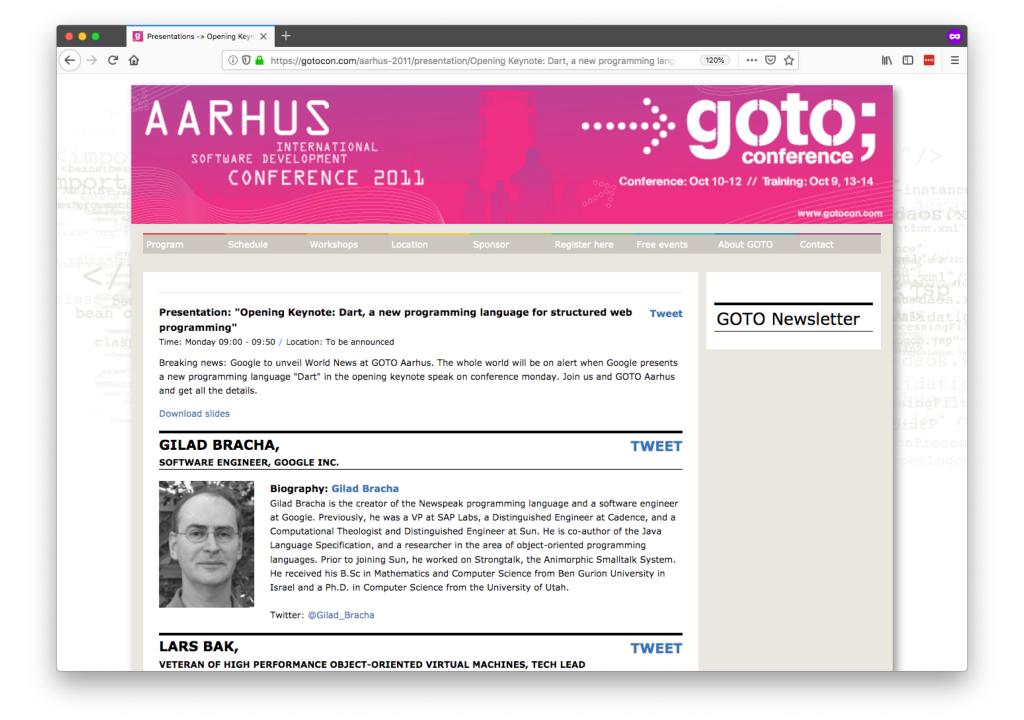


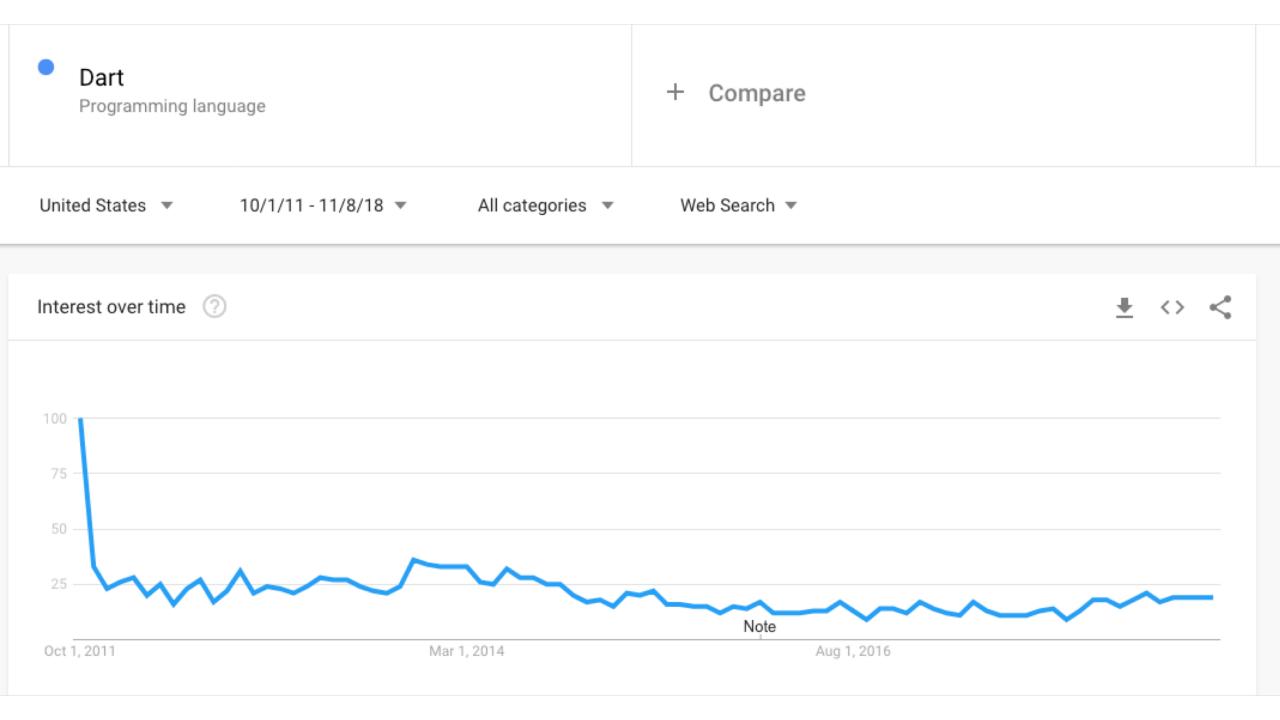
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But then these improvements don't seem to be enough. As developers continue to ask more and more of JavaScript, its limitations are thrown into sharp alief. Now comes news that Google, long one of the most vocal support as of browser-based applications over desktop software, has been quiets, working on a new language called Dart, to be unveiled at the upcoming Goto Conference in Denmark, that's designed to overcome JavaScript's "fundamental flaws" by replacing it altogether.



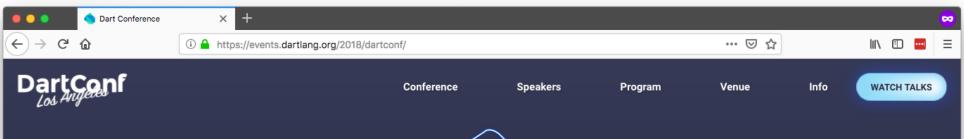


```
// Copyright (c) 2011, the Dart project authors. Please see the AUT
// for details. All rights reserved. Use of this source code is gove
// BSD-style license that can be found in the LICENSE file.
// Simple test program invoked with an option to eagerly
// compile all code that is loaded in the isolate.
// VMOptions=--compile all
class HelloDartTest {
  static testMain() {
    print("Hello, Darter!");
main() {
 HelloDartTest.testMain();
```

Compiles to 17259 lines of JavaScript code. Now, most of it is just the library core, but it shows what you have to do to bolt static typing on top of a prototype-based, dynamic, truly object-oriented language.

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#### **Dart Conference**

**Including Flutter and AngularDart**January 23-24, 2018

Dart's mission is to make it possible to build next-generation user experiences — on the web, on iOS, on Android, everywhere. DartConf is the premier event that connects Flutter and AngularDart developers together, and to the Google engineers who work on these projects.

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#### Microsoft augments JavaScript for large-scale development

In an extension to JavaScript, Microsoft provides static typing, classes and modularization











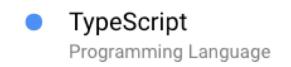




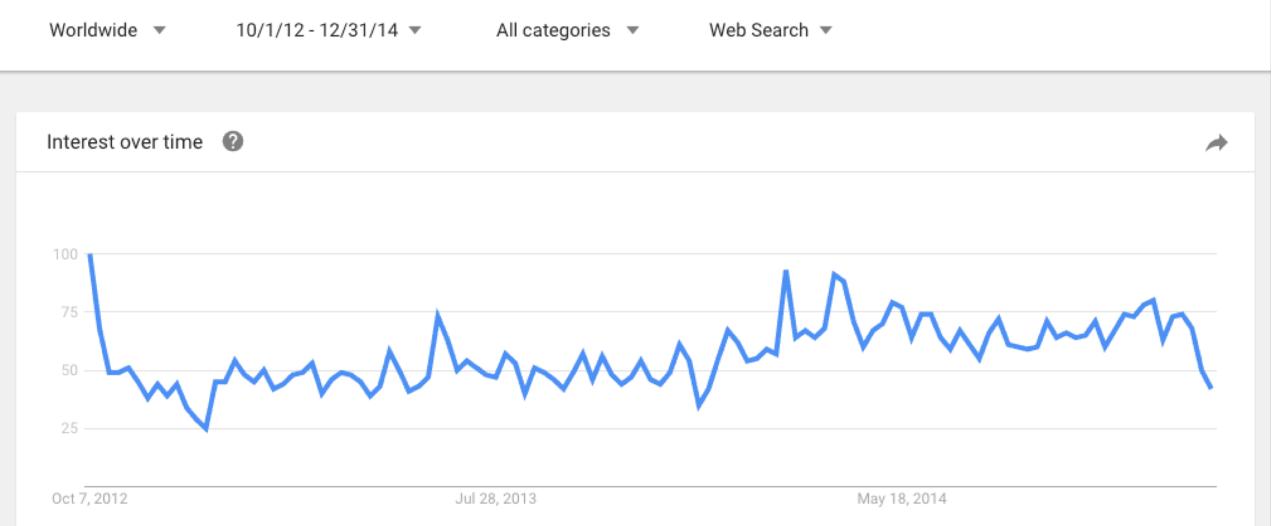


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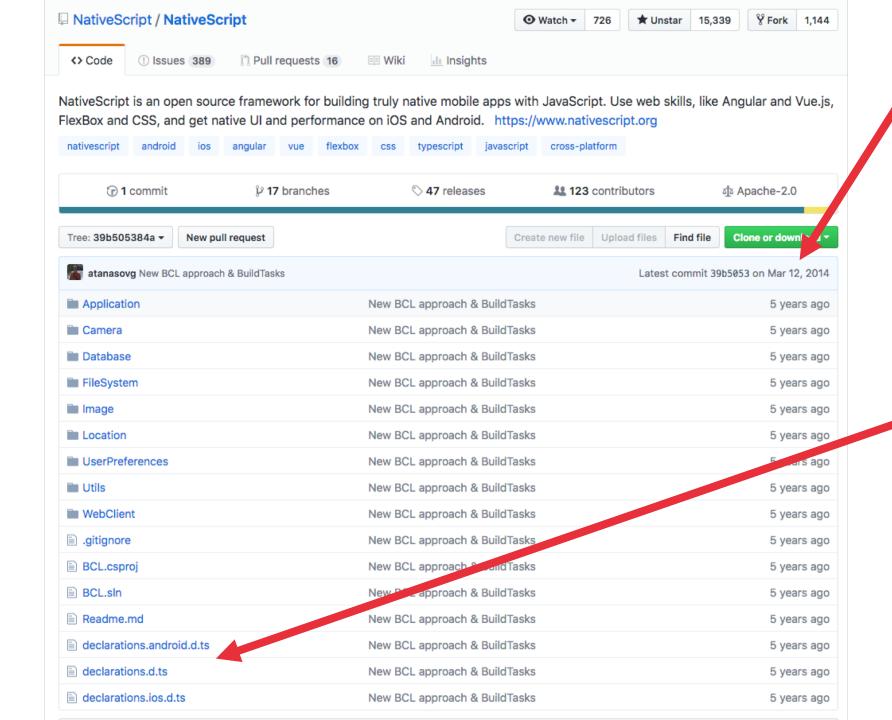
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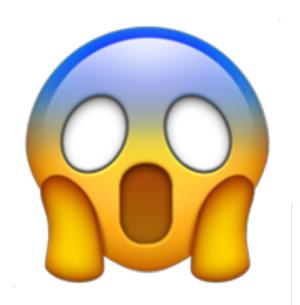


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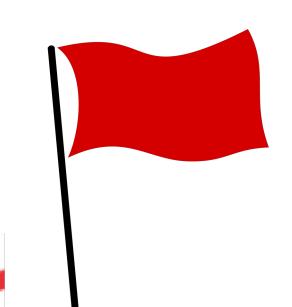


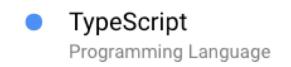




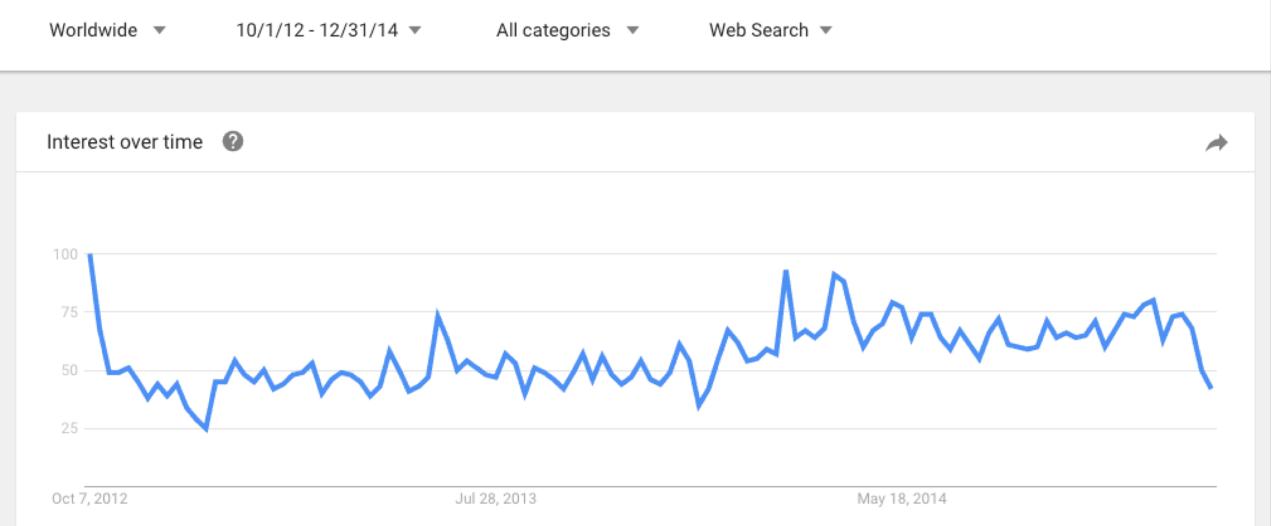


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## "We risk a lot by building our core on top of TypeScript."

# "I don't hear anyone talking about TypeScript."

I'll be honest. I'm one of those web developers that has traditionally seen all of these compile-to-JavaScript frameworks as unnecessary. I like to keep my JavaScript pure, as God intended. I'm far more interested in a preprocessor that stays as true to JavaScript as possible (e.g. Babel), than one that introduces types and tooling.

#### Build better NativeScript apps with TypeScript

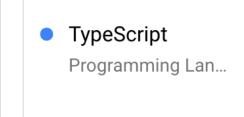
TypeScript is a first-class citizen in NativeScript.

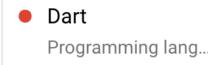
TypeScript is a typed superset of JavaScript that compiles to plain JavaScript. In addition to the great features you like about JavaScript, TypeScript offers benefits of special interest to developers coming from Strongly Typed, or Object Oriented backgrounds.

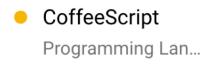
#### Why TypeScript?



"TypeScript helped us to reuse the team's knowledge and to keep the same team velocity by providing the same excellent developer experience as C# ... A huge improvement over plain JavaScript."

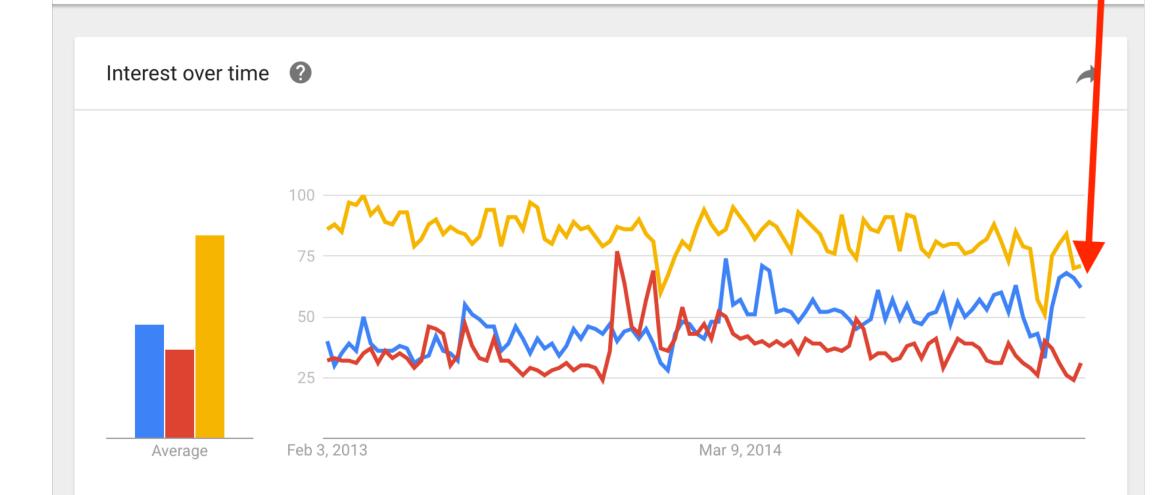


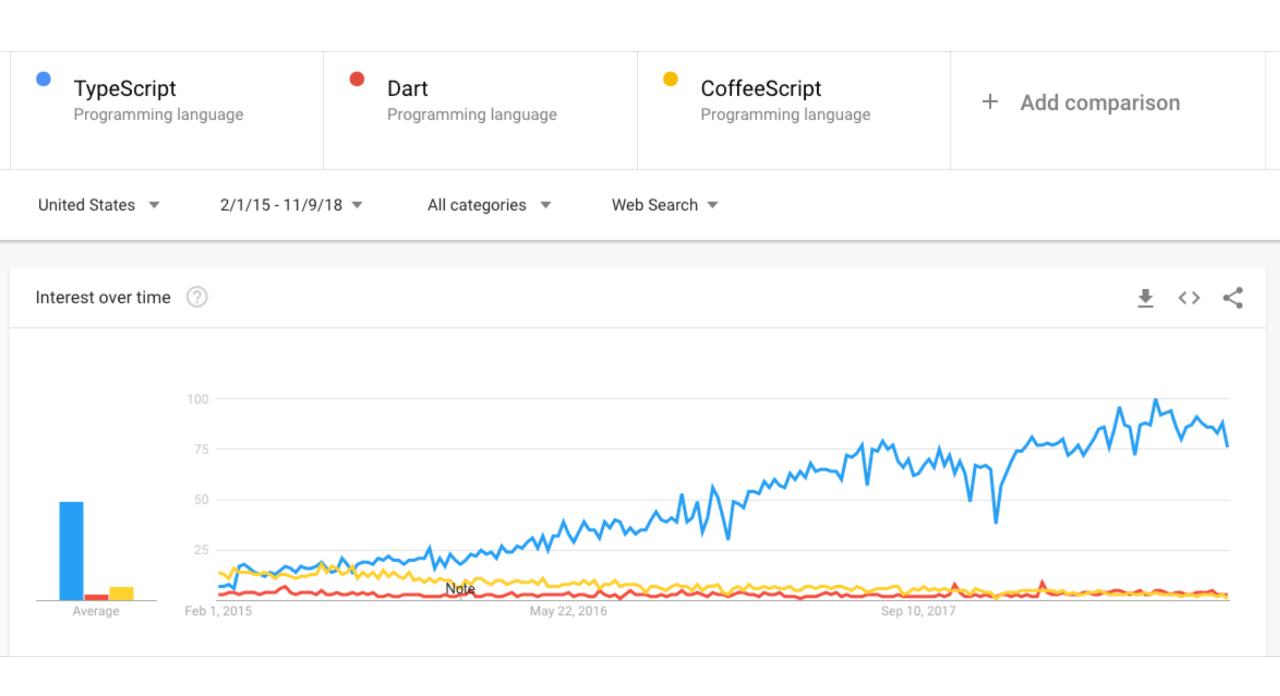












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#### Microsoft And Google Collaborate On Angular 2 Framework, TypeScript Language

Posted Mar 5, 2015 by Frederic Lardinois (@fredericl)





















```
todo.ts
import {Component, Template} from 'annotations';
       {bootstrap, Foreach} from 'angular2/angular2';
import {bind} from 'angular2/di';
import {AngularFire, FirebaseArray} from 'firebase/AngularFire';
@Component({
    selector: 'todo-app',
    componentServices: [
        AngularFire,
        bind(Firebase).toValue(new Firebase('https://webapi.firebaseio-demo.com/test'))
})
@Template({
        url: '/todo.html',
        directives: [For]
                                                           alias
                     Foreach
class TodoApp {
                     FormData
                                                       interface
    todoService: FirebaseArray;
```

Crunchbase

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## Microsoft Launches Visual Studio Code, A Free Cross-Platform Code Editor For OS X, Linux And Windows

Posted Apr 29, 2015 by Frederic Lardinois (@fredericl)



















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At its Build developer conference, Microsoft today announced the launch of Visual Studio Code, a lightweight cross-platform code editor for writing modern web and cloud applications that will run on OS X, Linux and Windows. The application is still officially in preview, but you can now download it here.

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#### Microsoft

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Microsoft's devices and consumer (D&C) licensing segment licenses Windows operating system and related software; Microsoft Office for consumers; and Windows Phone operating system. The company's computing and gaming hardware segment provides ...

#### LOCATION

Redmond, WA

#### CATEGORIES

Collaboration, Developer Tools, Cloud Computing,



#### Tom Dale @tomdale



I'm sold on TypeScript. Would like to move as many of my projects to it as I can, not sure about the Node workflow though.

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Dave Herman @littlecalculist

I ported my first nontrivial JS lib to @typescriptlang and it was a pure joy. What a lovely piece of technology.





Felix Rieseberg Follow

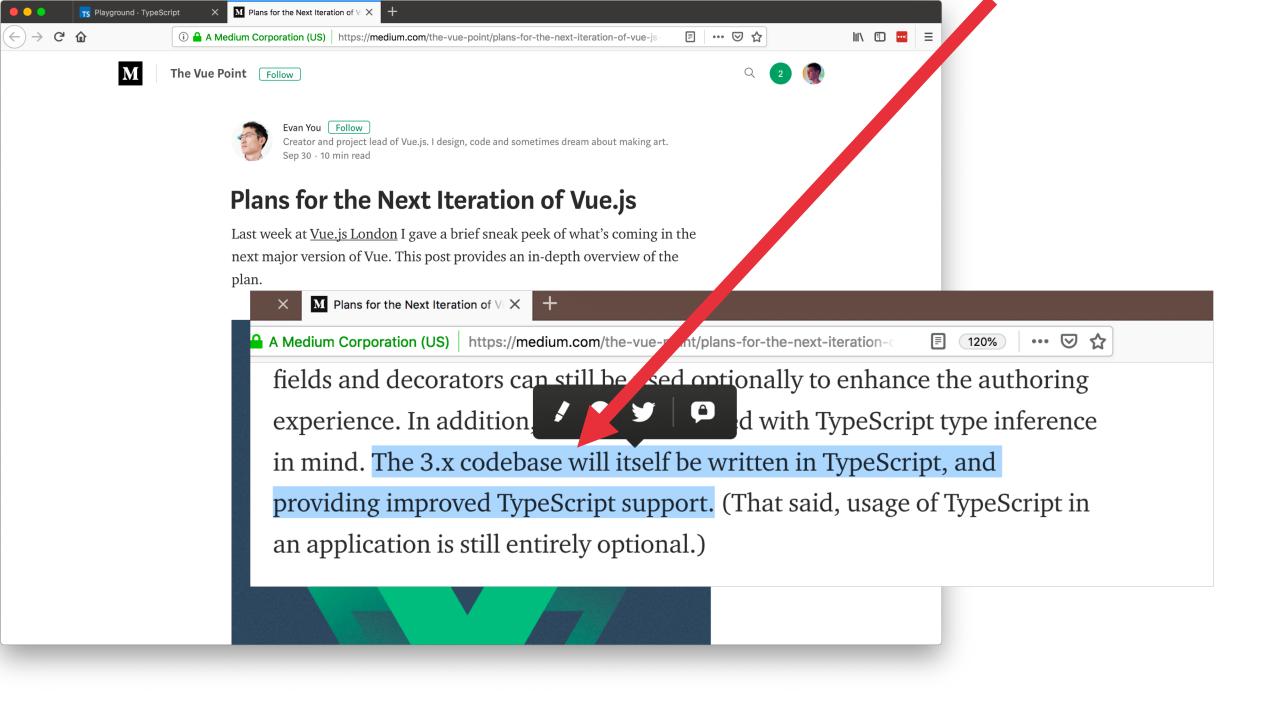
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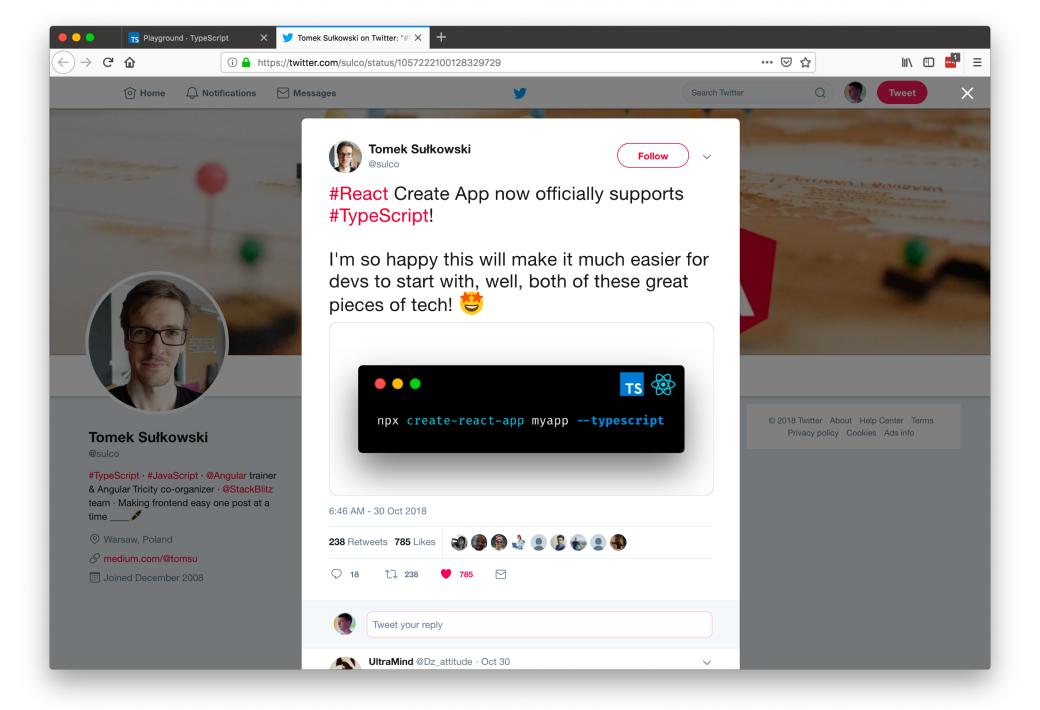
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#### TypeScript at Slack

Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying & Trust the Compiler







## Why?

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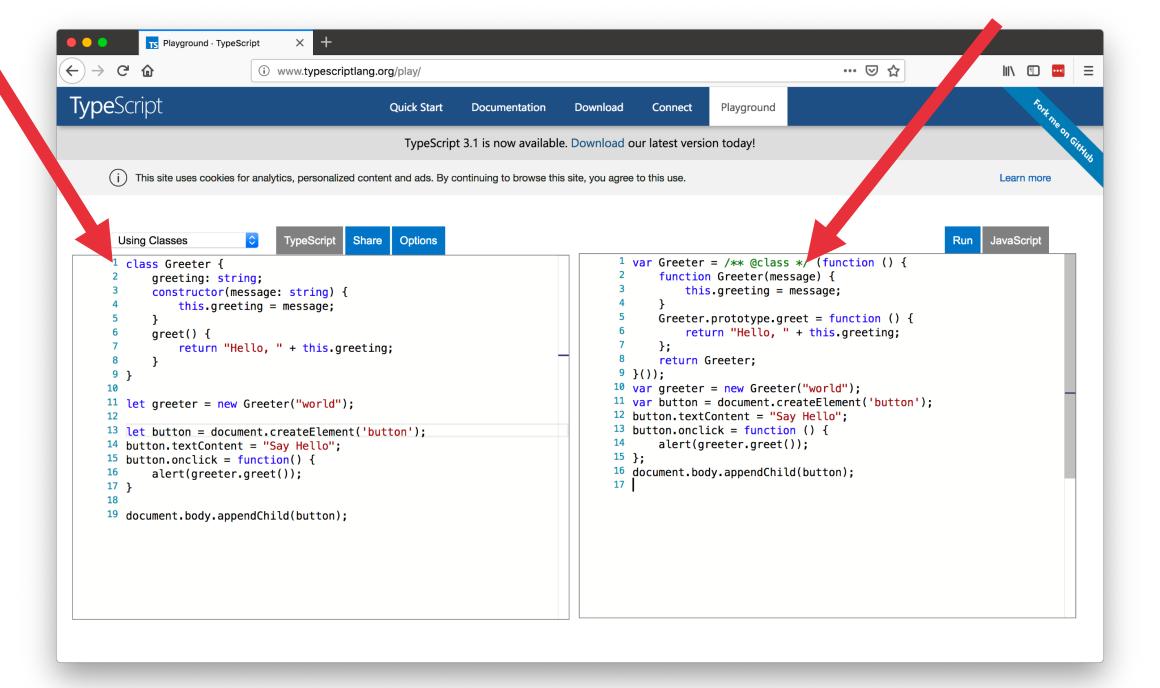


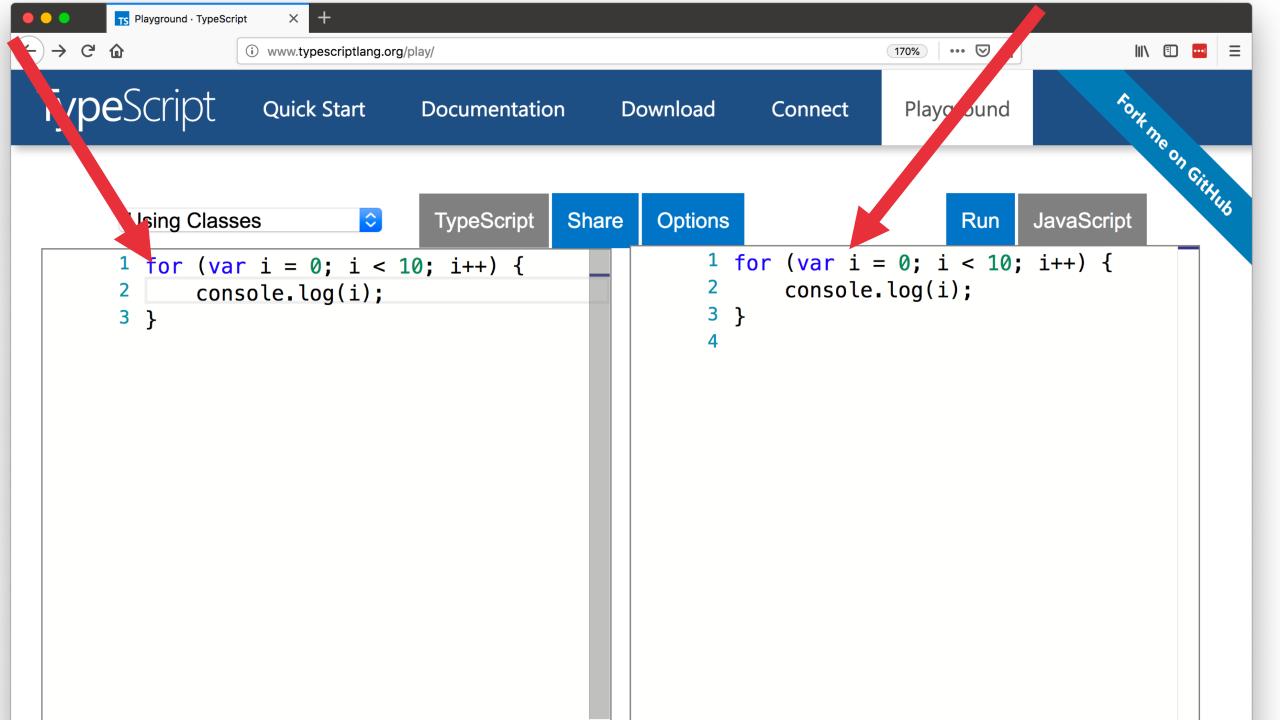
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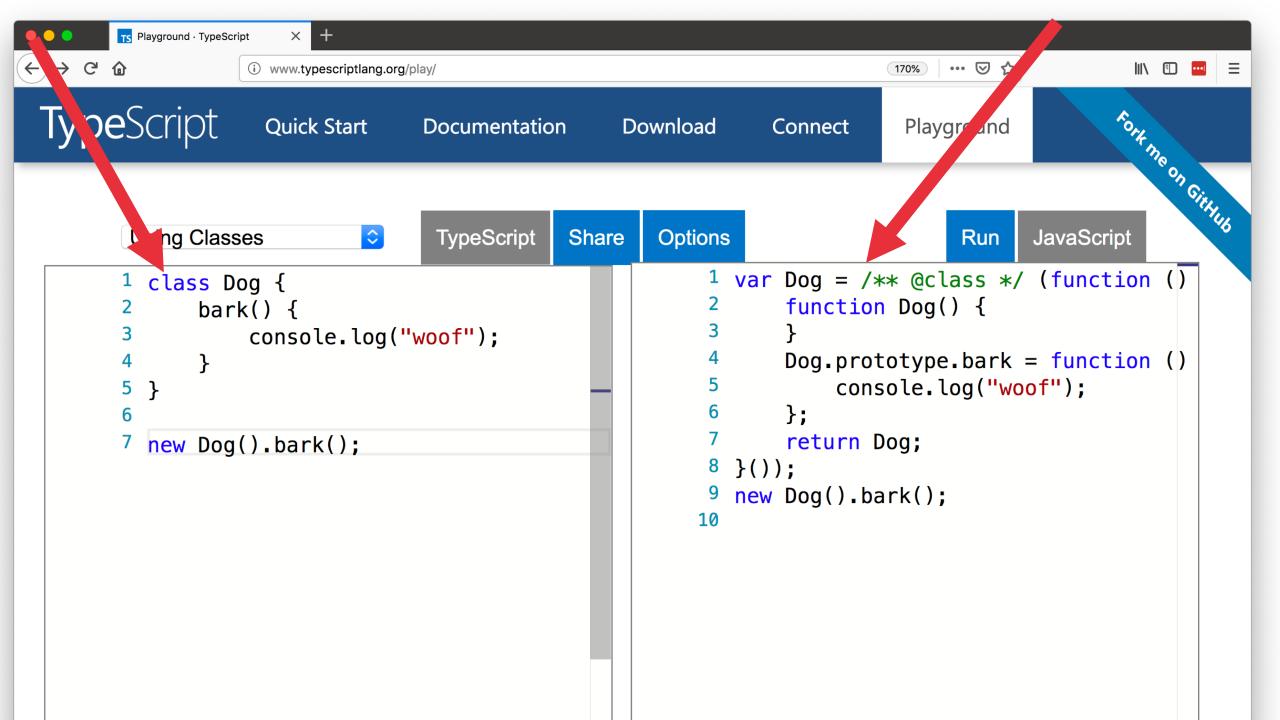
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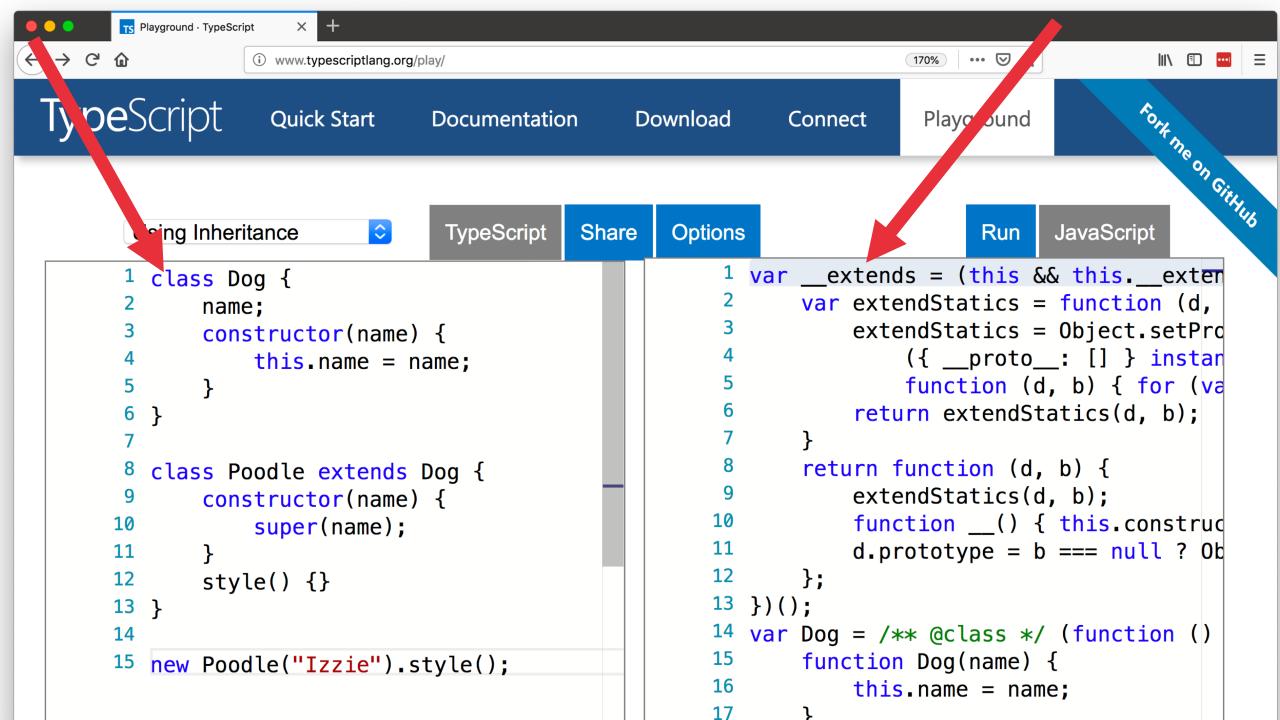
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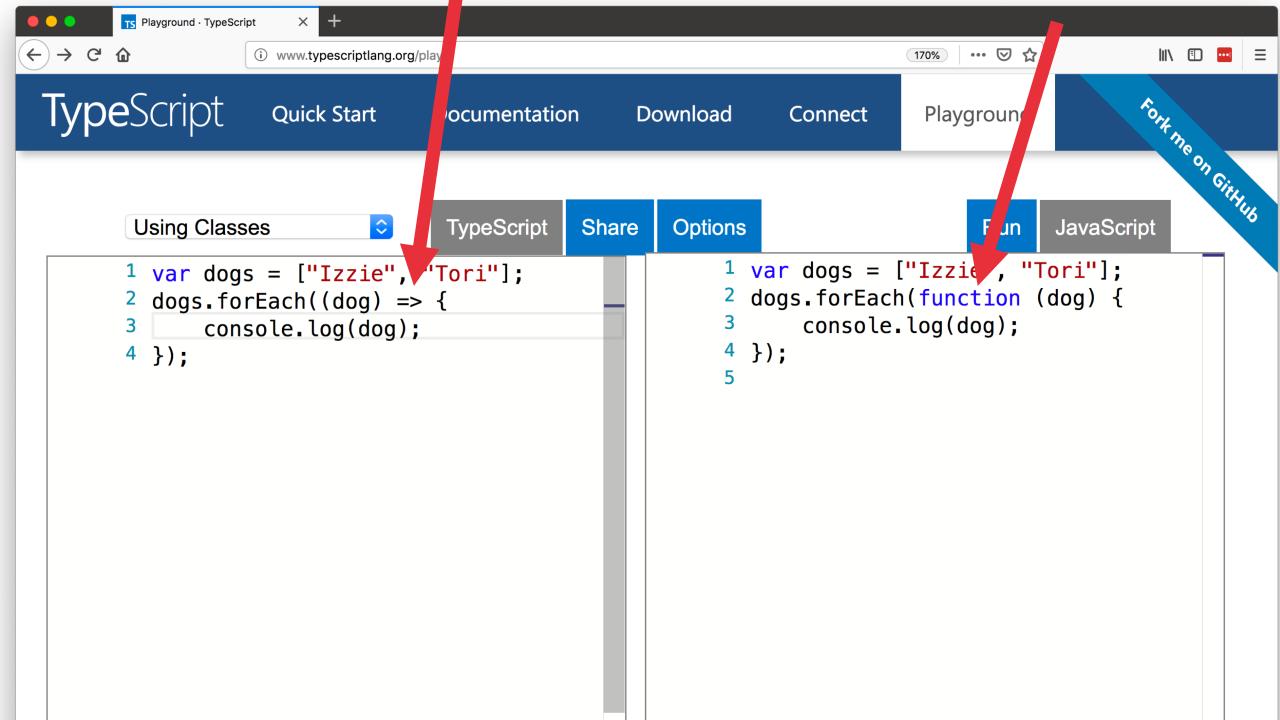
"Some examples [of compile-to-JavaScript frameworks], like Dart, portend that JavaScript has fundamental flaws and to support these scenarios requires a "clean break" from JavaScript in both syntax and runtime. We disagree with this point of view. We believe that with committee participant focus, the standards runtime can be expanded and the syntactic features necessary to support JavaScript at scale can be built upon the existing JavaScript standard."

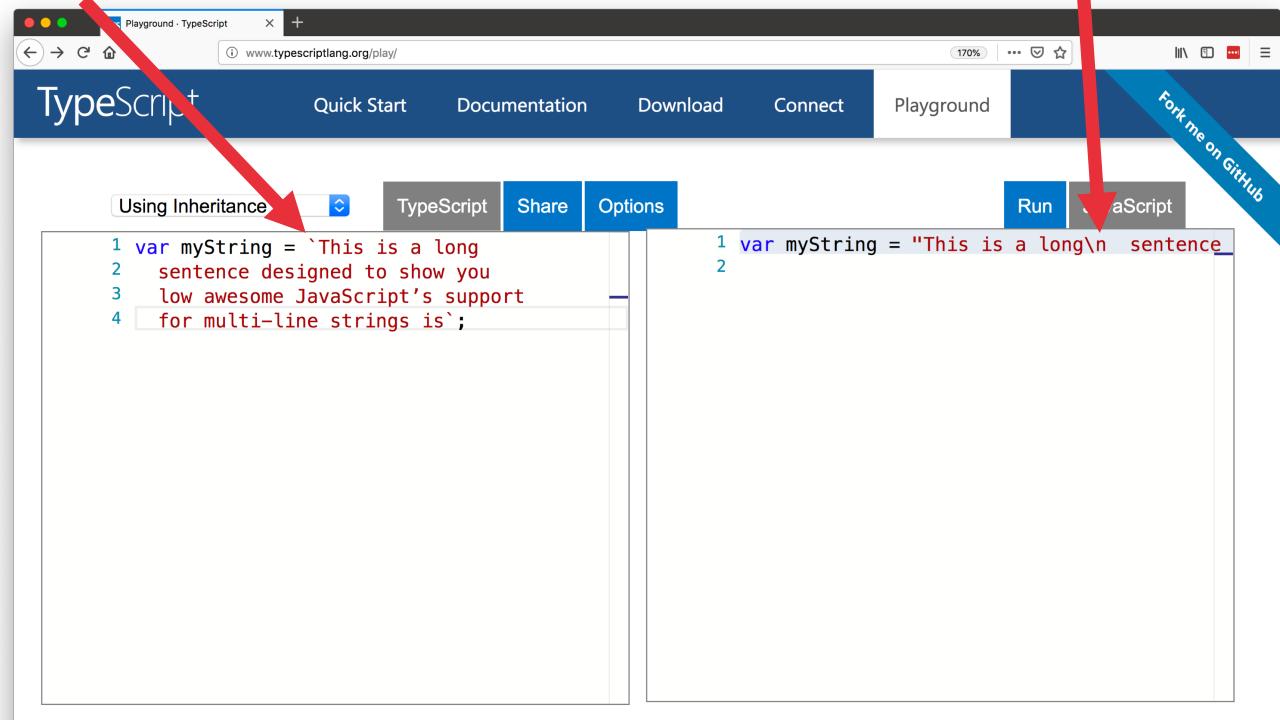


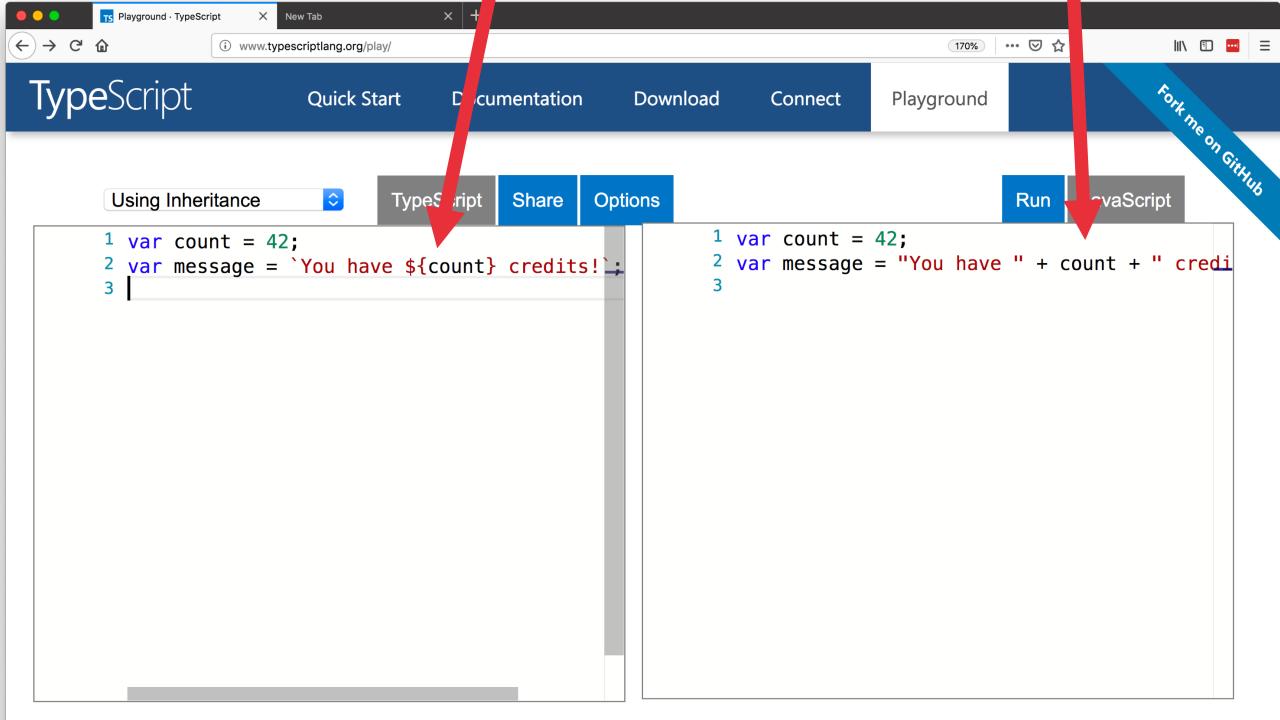






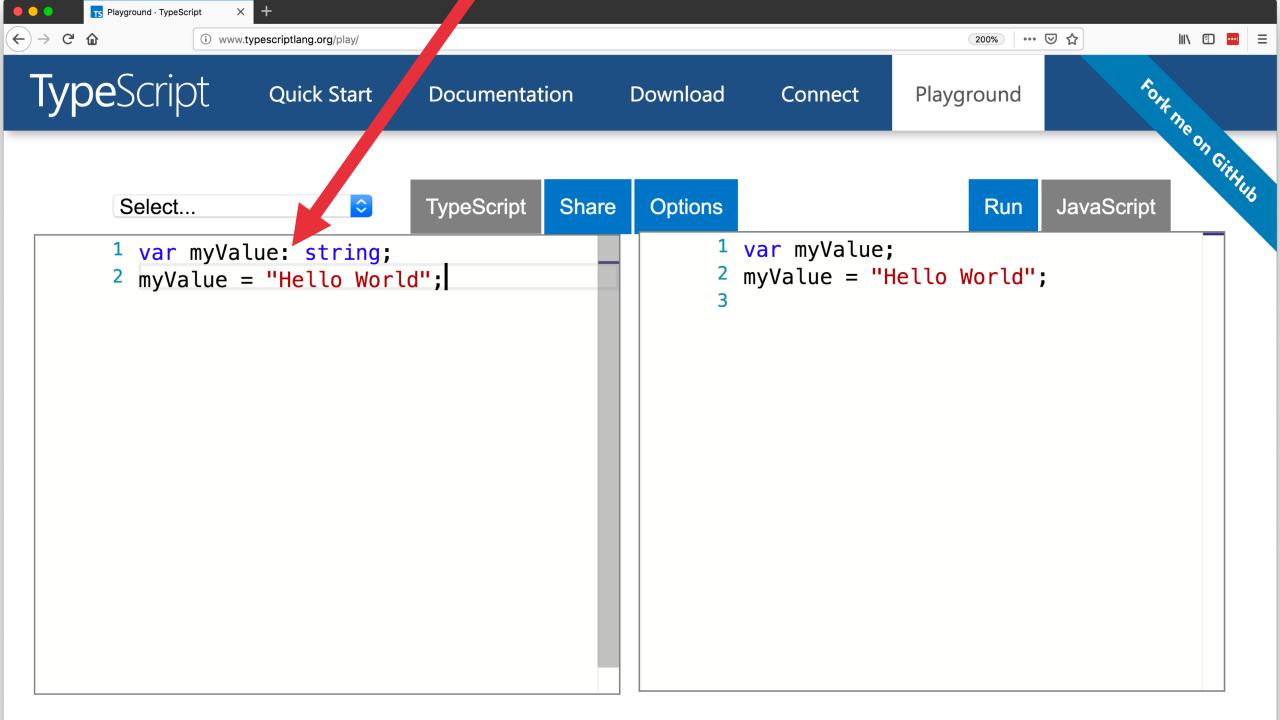


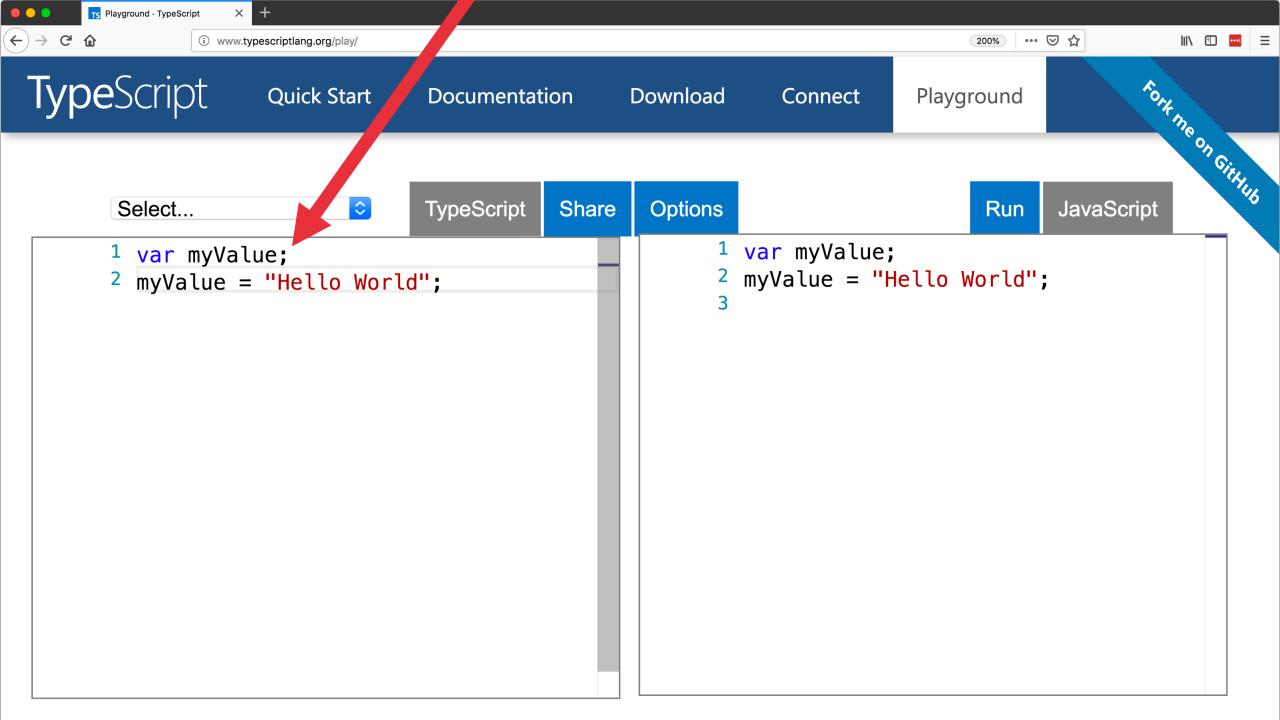


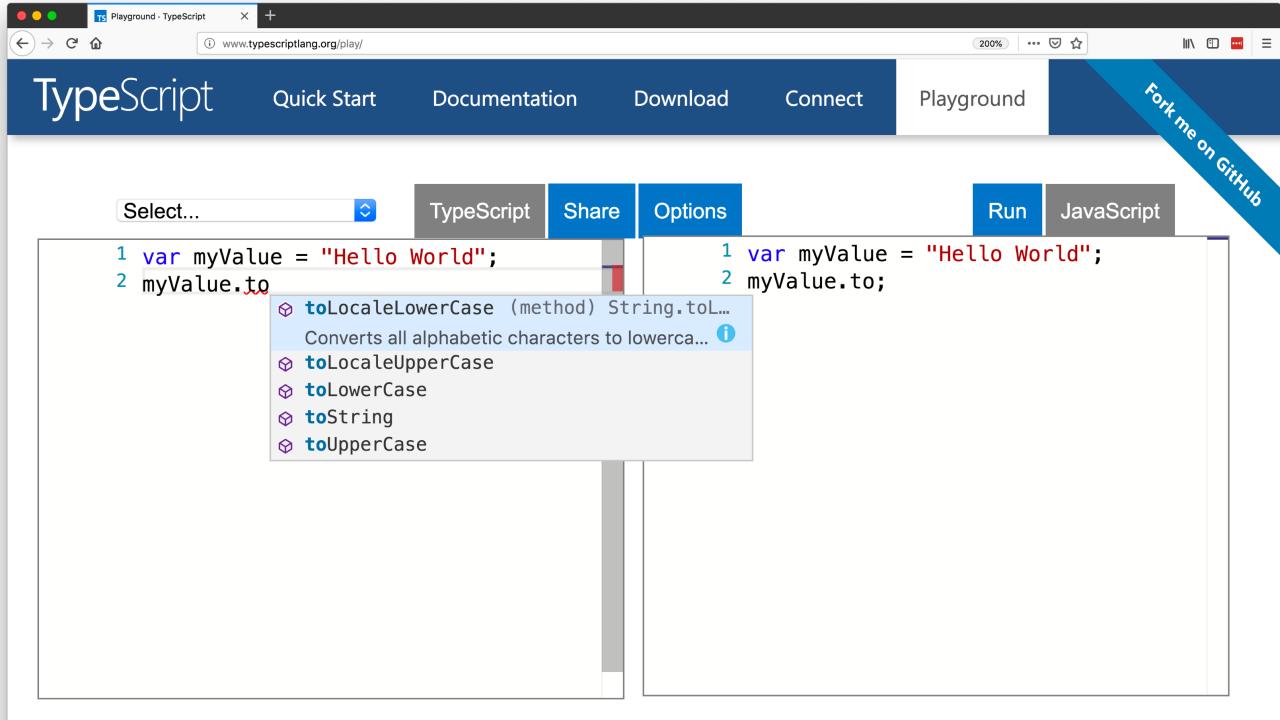




# 2) Types are opt-in







# **Several People Are Coding**

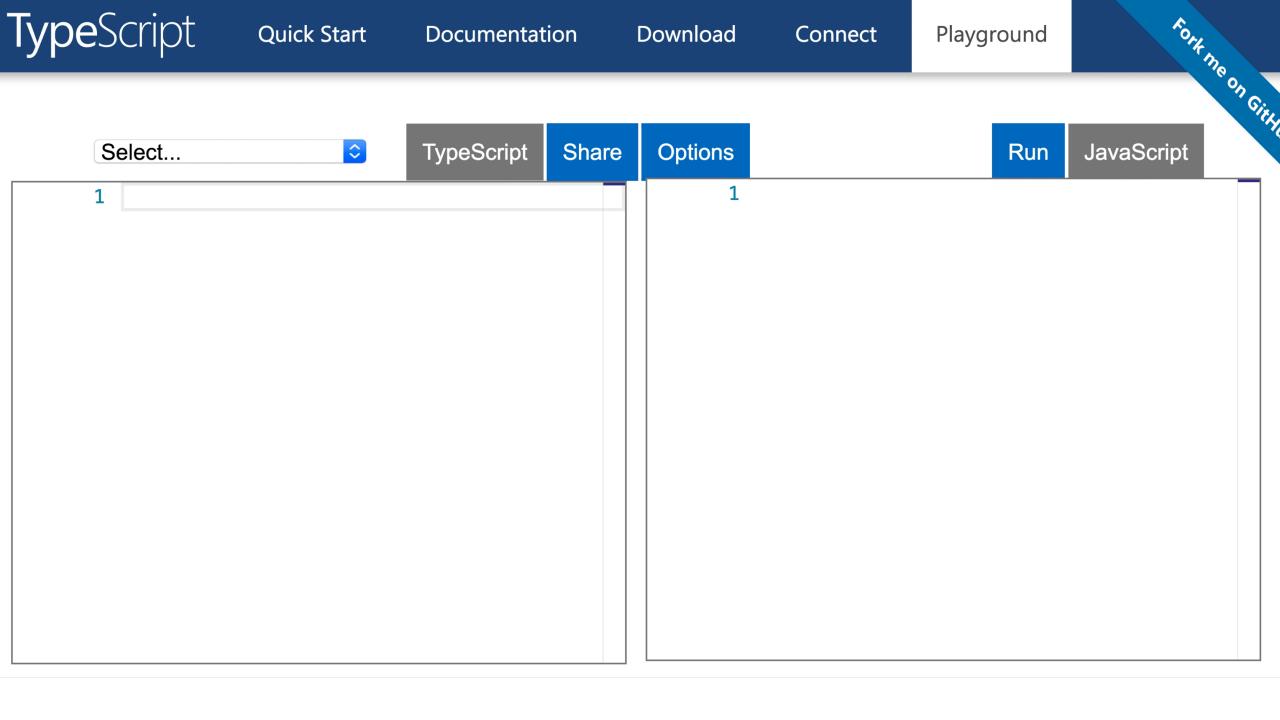
interfaces, defining class methods as either private or public, and declaring enums. Along the way, we made two surprising discoveries:

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**First**, we were surprised by the number of small bugs we found when converting our code. Talking to other developers who began using a type checker, we were delighted to hear that this was a common experience: the more lines of code a human writes, the more inevitable it becomes to misspell a property, assume the parent of a nested object to always exist, or to use a non-standard error object.

Top highlight

# 3) Tooling



```
$
                            TypeScript
                                               Options
                                                                             Run
                                                                                   JavaScript
Select...
                                       Share
                                                     1 var x;
1 var x: string;
                                                     2 x = "Hello World";
2 x = "Hello World";
                                                     3 x.someFunction();
3 x.someFunction();
                                                     4 var y;
                                                     5 x = y;
5 var y: number;
6 \quad \chi = y;
```















```
items.component.ts •
 1
      import { · Component, · OnInit · } · from · "@angular/core";
 2
 3
      import { · Item · } · from · "./item";
      import { · ItemService · } · from · "./item.service";
      @Component({
 6
      ····selector: ·"ns-items",
      ····moduleId: module.id,
 8
 9
      templateUrl: "./items.component.html",
      })
10
11
      export class ItemsComponent implements OnInit {
      ····items: Item[];
12
13
14
      ····constructor(private itemService: ItemService) { }
15
16
      |····ngOnInit(): void {
      ·····this.items·=·this.itemService.getItems();
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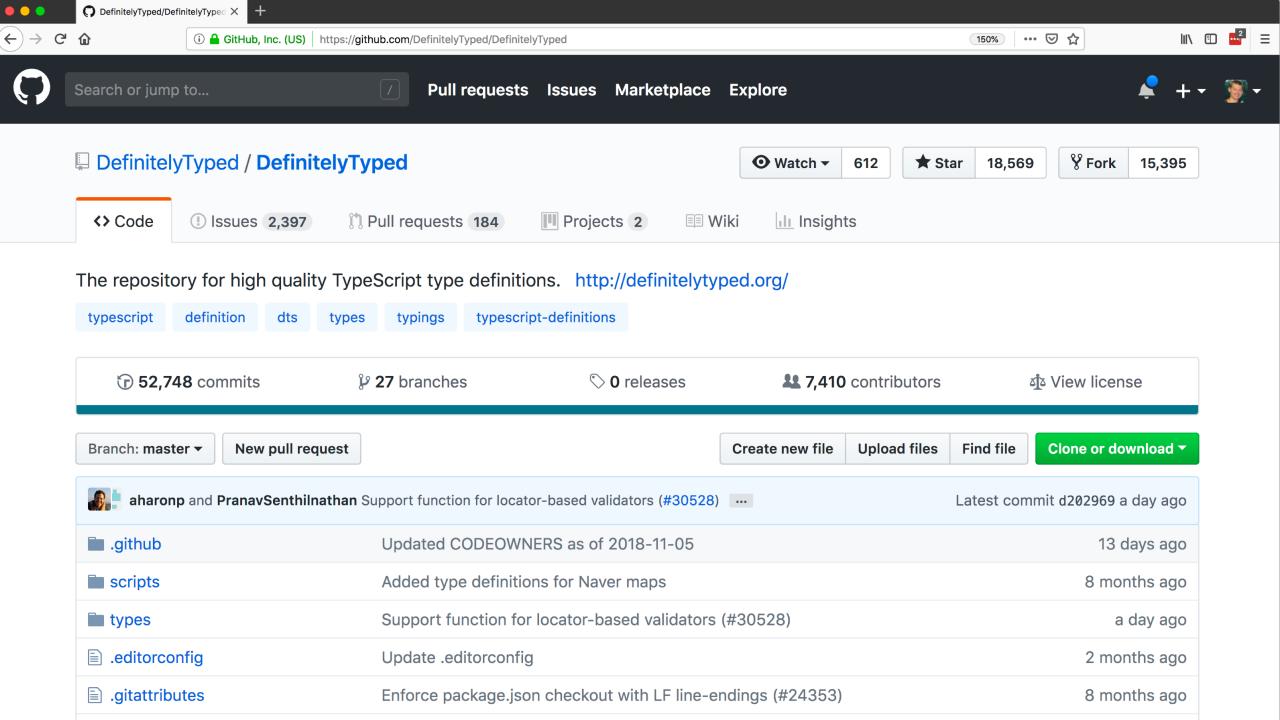








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        import { · Component, · OnInit · } · from · "@angular/core";
   3
        import { · Item · } · from · "./item";
  4
        import { ItemService } from './item.service";
  6
       @Component({
        ····selector: "ns-items",
        ····moduleId: module.id,
  9
        ····templateUrl: "./items.component.html",
  10
        })
  11
        export class ItemsComponent implements OnInit {
        ····items: ·Item[];
  12
  13
  14
        ····constructor(private·itemService: ·ItemService) ·{·}
  15
        |····ngOnInit(): void {
  16
  17
        |····|···this.items·=·this.itemService.getItems();
  18
        |····|···this.items.forEach((item)·=>·{
  19
        |····|····|console.log(item.name);
  20
        |----})
  21
        . . . . }
  22
```



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475 Versions

# **Installation**

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# Summary

This package contains type definitions for Node.js (http://nodejs.org/).

## **Details**

Files were exported from https://github.com/DefinitelyTyped/DefinitelyTyped/tree/master/types/node

**Additional Details** 

• Last updated: Thu, 15 Nov 2018 20:45:18 GMT

#### install

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### @types/react

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2 Dependencies

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190 Versions

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npm install --save @types/react

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This package contains type definitions for React (http://facebook.github.io/react/).

## **Details**

Files were exported from https://github.com/DefinitelyTyped/DefinitelyTyped/tree/master/types/react

#### **Additional Details**

- Last updated: Wed, 14 Nov 2018 06:52:17 GMT
- Dependencies: csstype, prop-types
- Global values: React

## **Credits**

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npm install --save @types/jquery

# **Summary**

This package contains type definitions for jquery (https://jquery.com).

## **Details**

Files were exported from https://github.com/DefinitelyTyped/DefinitelyTyped/tree/master/types/jquery

#### Additional Details

- Last updated: Mon, 22 Oct 2018 19:29:31 GMT
- Dependencies: sizzle
- Global values: \$, Symbol, jQuery

## **Credits**

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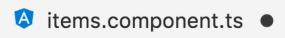
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# Accessing native iOS and Android APIs through JavaScript

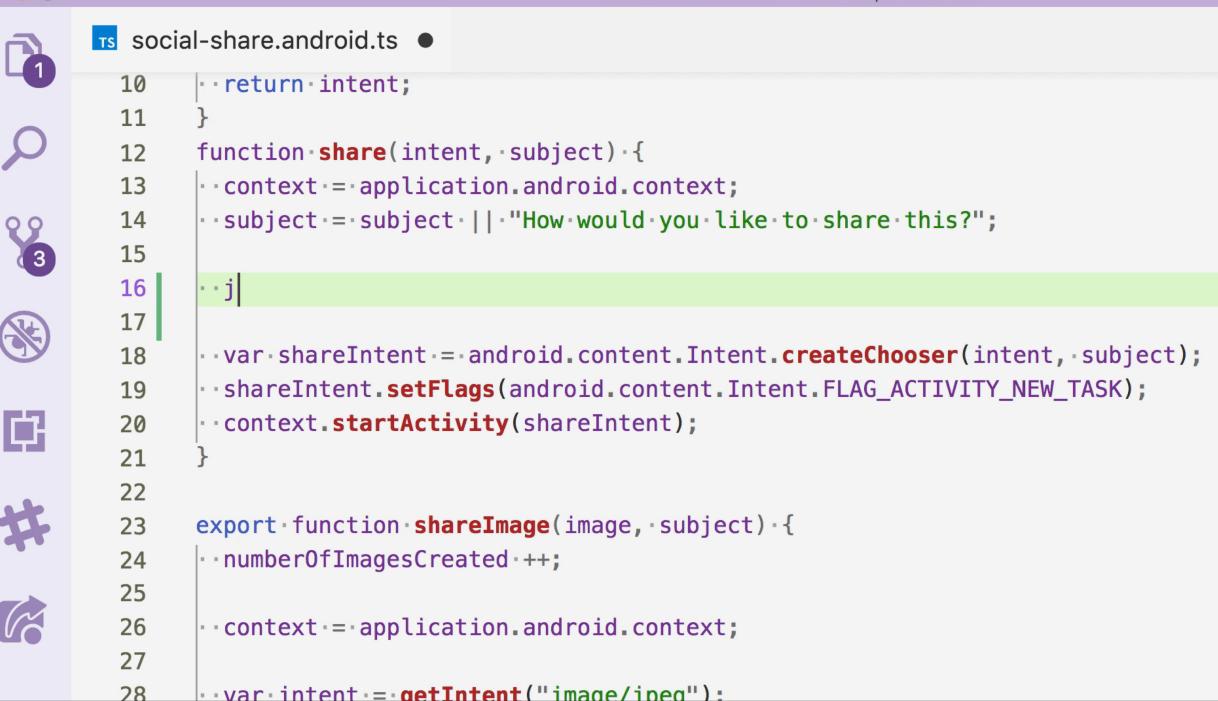
In this article we are going through the basic concepts of how native APIs are accessed through JavaScript. Our focus is on how primitive types are mapped between JavaScript and the corresponding native platform. We then continue with explaining how complex objects are represented and accessed. At the end, we talk about TypeScript and the tns-platform-declarations add-on which gives you TypeScript definitions for the Android and iOS development platforms.

NativeScript lets you access all native APIs from the underlying platform. To achieve this behaviour, many things happen under the hood. One of them is marshalling - the conversion between JavaScript and Objective-C data types for iOS and Java data types for Android.

In this article, you will learn how to call native APIs from JavaScript with various data types parameters. For more information, see the platform-specific resources about data conversion in the iOS Runtime and Android Runtime sections.

# Numeric Types

```
social-share.ios.ts
     import { topmost } from "tns-core-modules/ui/frame";
 1
 3
     function share(thingsToShare) {
     | var activityController = UIActivityViewController.alloc()
 4
     |··|··.initWithActivityItemsApplicationActivities(thingsToShare, null);
 5
 6
 8
9
      · var presentViewController = activityController.popoverPresentationController;
      ··if·(presentViewController)-{
10
      ---var-page-=-topmost().currentPage;
11
     |··|··if·(page·&&·page.ios.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItems·&&
12
      |··|··|rage.ios.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItems.count·>·0)·{
13
14
      |··|··|resentViewController.barButtonItem·=·page.ios.navigationItem.rightBarButtonItems[0];
     ····}·else·{
15
      |··|··|presentViewController.sourceView·=·page.ios.view;
16
     . . . . }
17
18
19
      topmost().ios.controller
20
21
     |··|··.presentViewControllerAnimatedCompletion(activityController, true, null);
22
```



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# Get TypeScript

## Node.js

The command-line TypeScript compiler can be installed as a Node.js package.

#### **INSTALL**

npm install -g typescript

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tsc helloworld.ts

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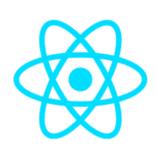


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#### React

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React Redux Webpack
Enzyme Jest



### Angular

The Angular team recommends using TypeScript with all your Angular apps. Check out their great tutorial on getting started with both.

Angular Protractor Jasmine

Karma Rollup Uglify TSLint



### **Express**

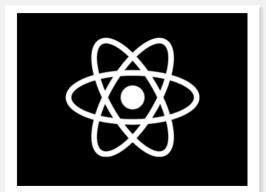
Check out this starter project using Express + MongoDB + TypeScript and see why TypeScript and Node.js are a perfect combination.

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TSLint MongoDB Travis CI



#### **Babel**

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### **React Native**

Take your JavaScript to mobile devices with React Native while keeping your productivity intact with TypeScript.



### Vue.js

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## Intersection Types

An intersection type combines multiple types into one. This allows you to add together existing types to get a single type that has all the features you need. For example, Person & Serializable & Loggable is a Person and Serializable and Loggable. That means an object of this type will have all members of all three types.

You will mostly see intersection types used for mixins and other concepts that don't fit in the classic object-oriented mold. (There are a lot of these in JavaScript!) Here's a simple example that shows how to create a mixin:

```
function extend<T, U>(first: T, second: U): T & U {
   let result = <T & U>{};
    for (let id in first) {
        (<any>result)[id] = (<any>first)[id];
    for (let id in second) {
        if (!result.hasOwnProperty(id)) {
            (<any>result)[id] = (<any>second)[id];
    return result;
```

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# So should you use TypeScript?

- Are your apps big?
- Do you work on a team?
- Unfamiliar codebases?
- Non JS developers that need to write JS code?

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