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# SuperSonics 134, Pistons 94

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich., March 12 -- Shawn Kemp had 25 points and 16 rebounds and Gary Payton added 21 points Sunday night to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to a 134-94 drubbing of the Detroit Pistons **The Pistons loss was their worst ever at the Palace of Auburn Hills.** It was the third-worst loss in franchise history.


It was the second 40-point win of the season for the SuperSonics, who rolled to a 124-84 rout of Orlando Dec. 17. Kemp and Payton combined to

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# TypeScript

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Whether TypeScript is  
a good fit for your  
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# Geo for Bootstrap

A theme for Twitter Bootstrap, from Divshot.





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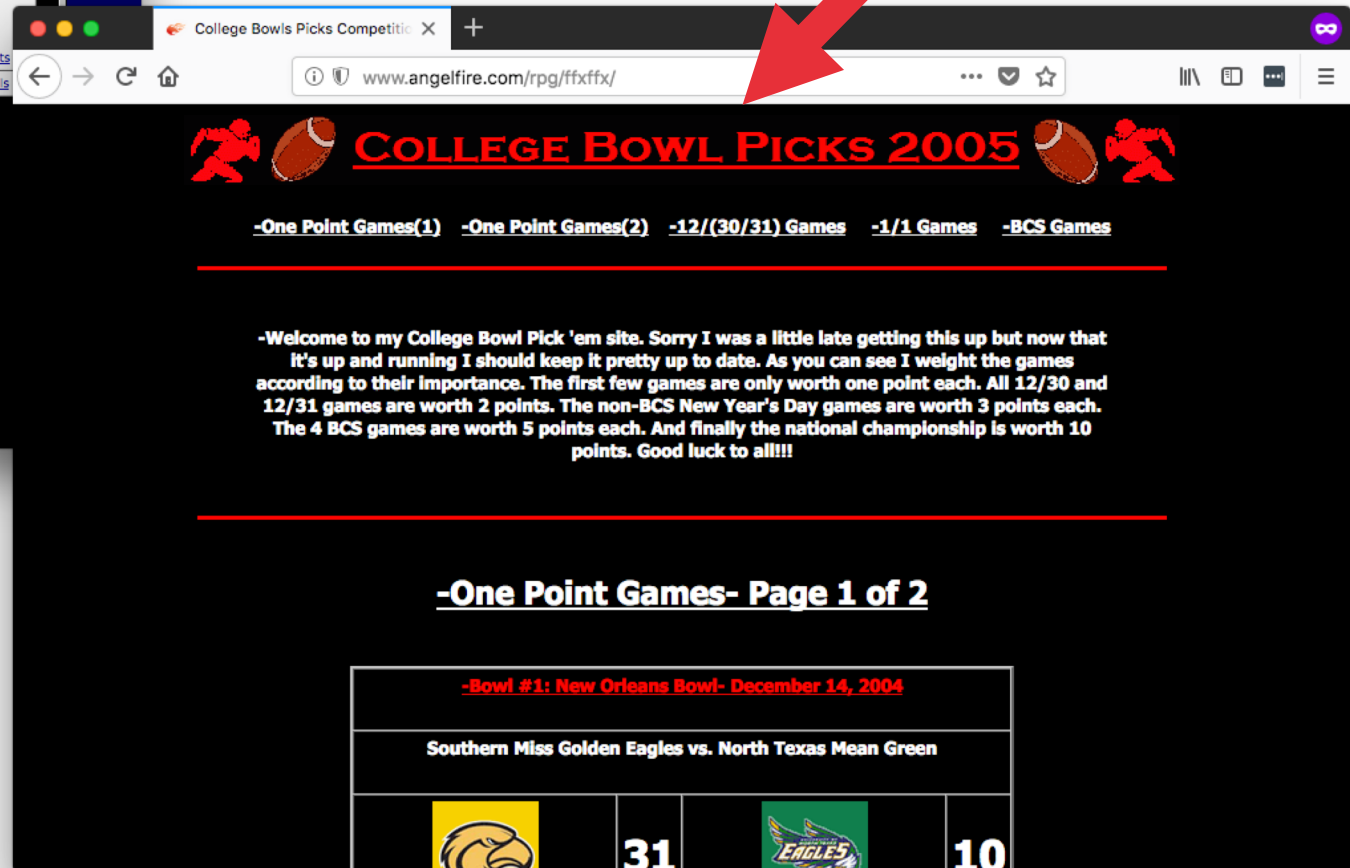
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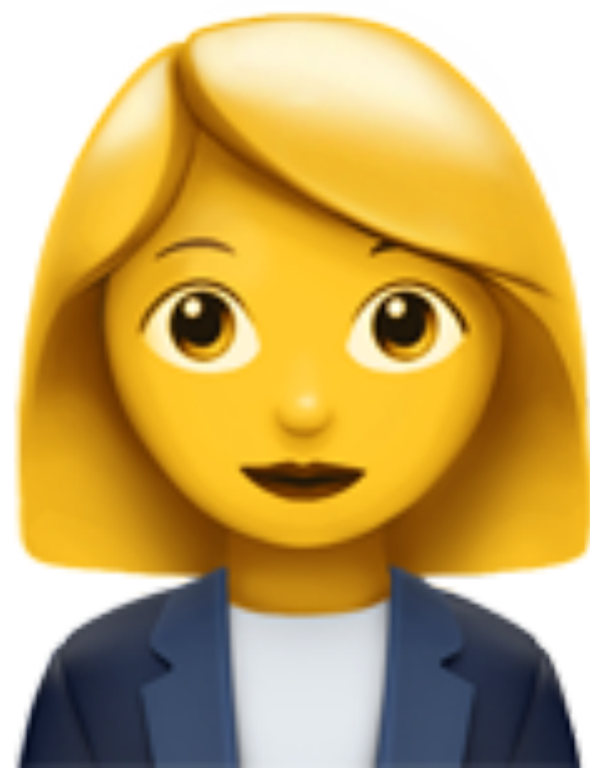
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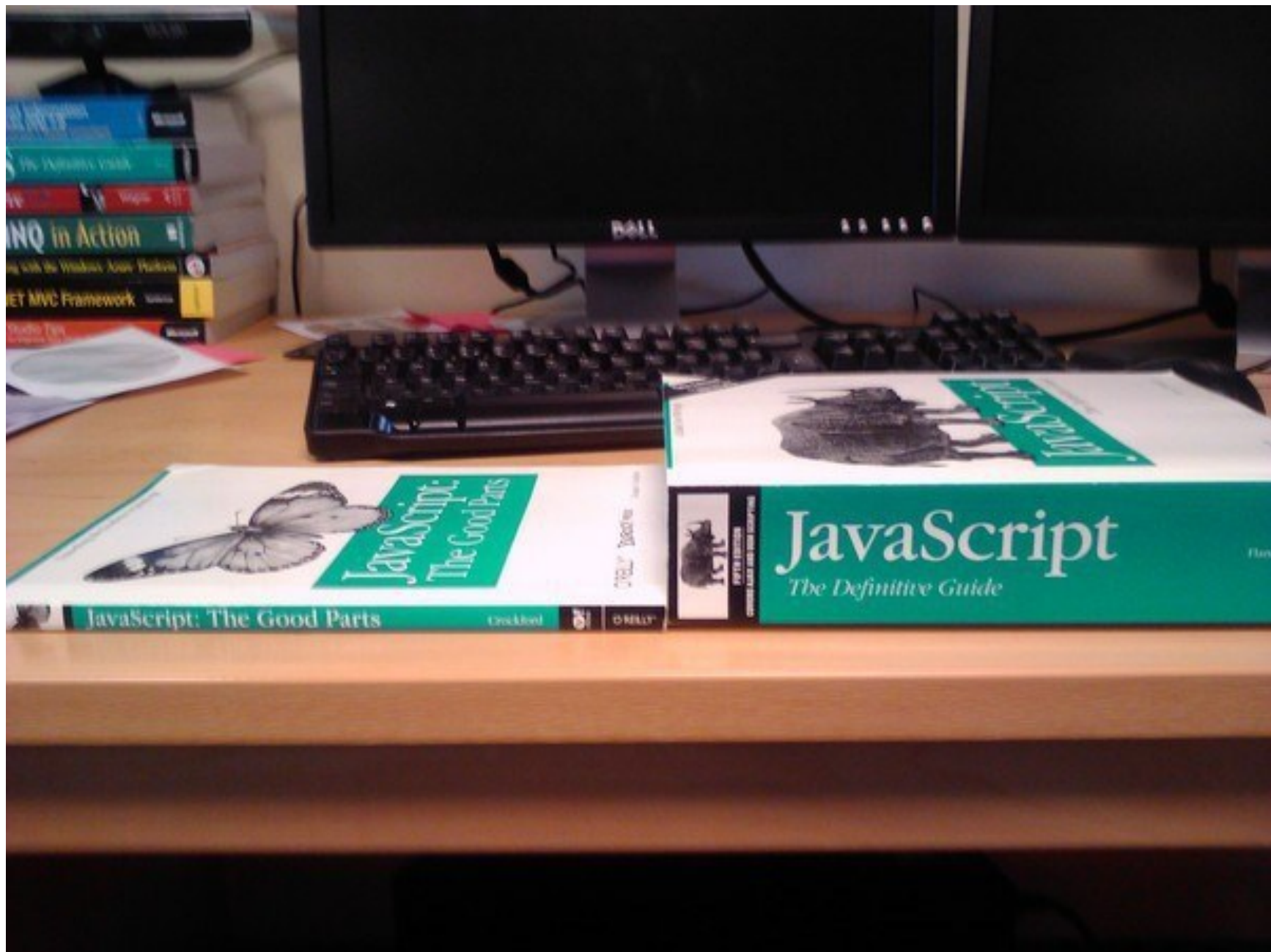








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5		
6	<code>false == undefined</code>	<code>→ false</code>
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8		
9	<code>null == undefined</code>	<code>→ true</code>



# Compile to JavaScript tools

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# 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 Java-esque 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](#), [for...from](#), or [tagged template literals](#) only if you know that your [target runtimes can support them](#). If you use [modules](#), 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](#).



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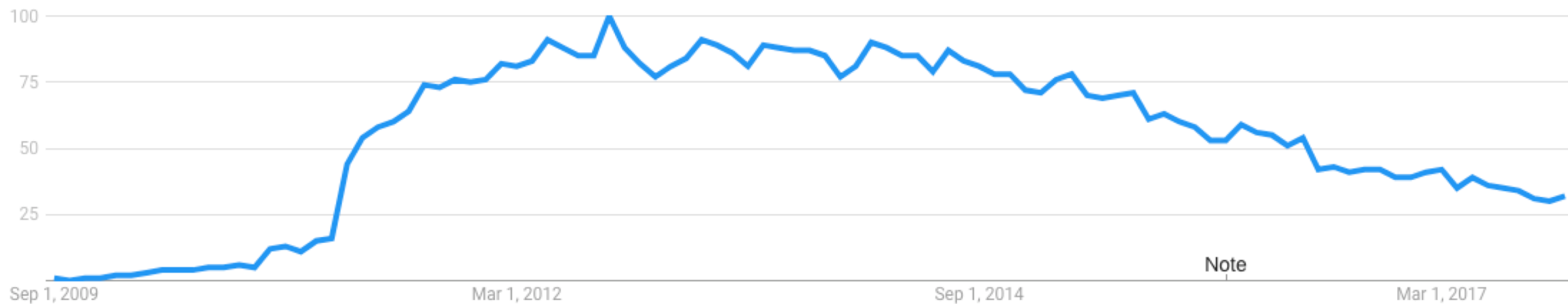
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# Objects:

math =

    root: Math.sqrt

    square: square

    cube: (x) -> 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)



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```
import 'dart:async';
import 'dart:math' show Random;

main() async {
  print('Compute  $\pi$  using the Monte Carlo method.');
```

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```
  await for (var estimate in computePi()) {
    print('n  $\approx$  $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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// Simple test program invoked with an option to eagerly
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    print("Hello, Darter!");
  }
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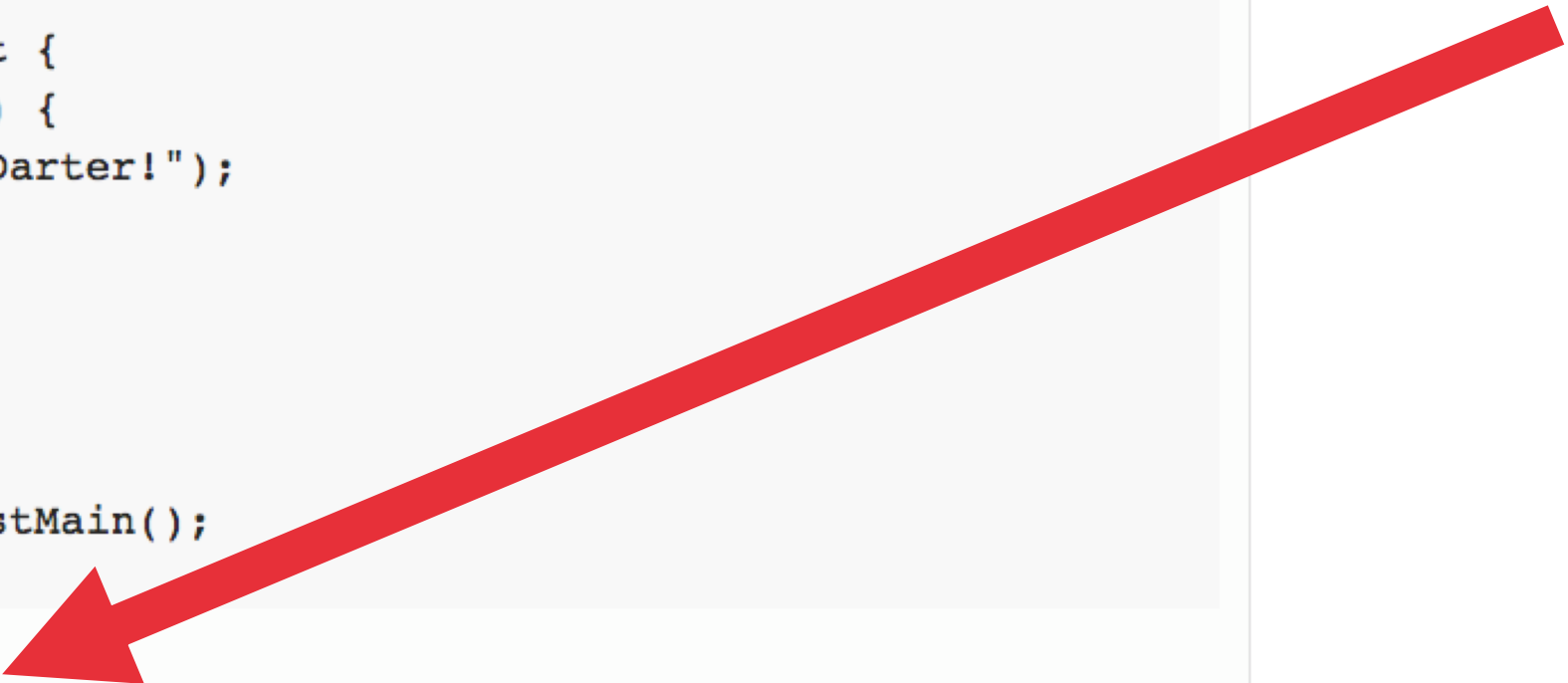
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# Microsoft augments JavaScript for large-scale development

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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 like to keep my  
JavaScript pure, as  
God intended."

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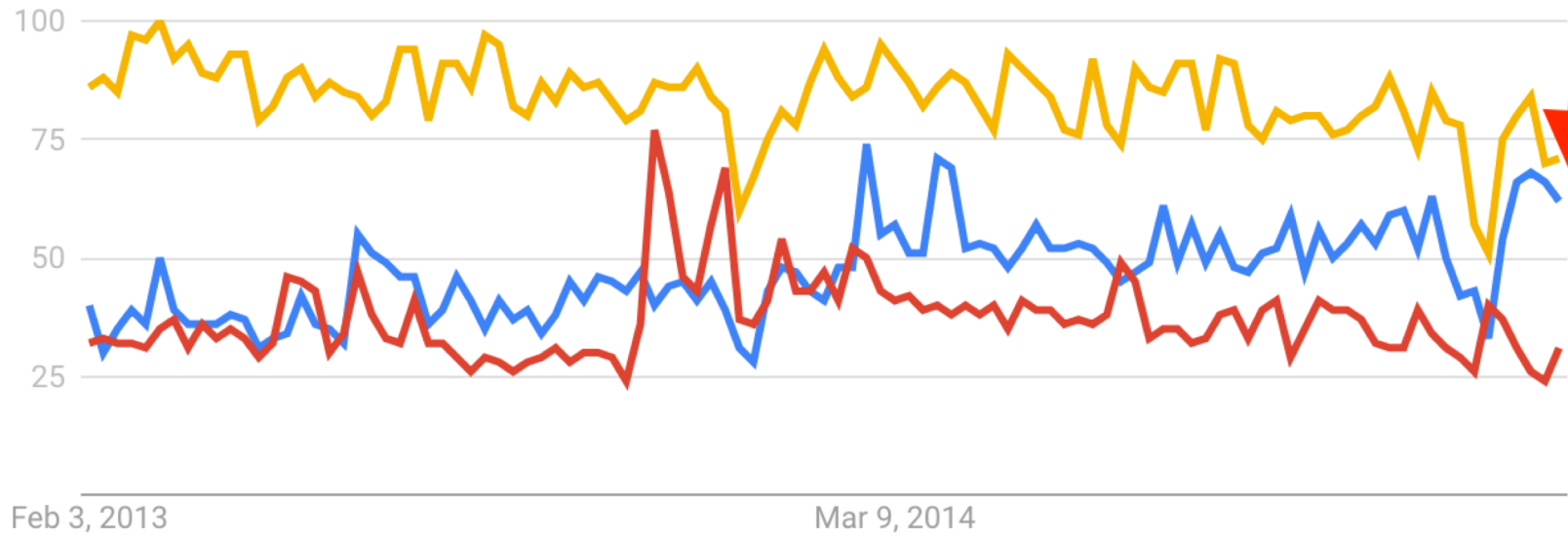
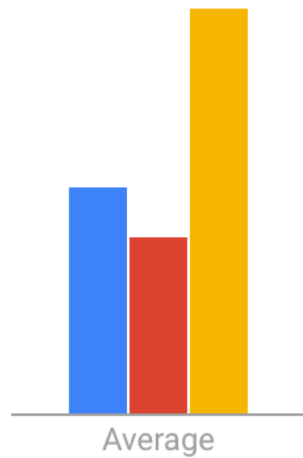
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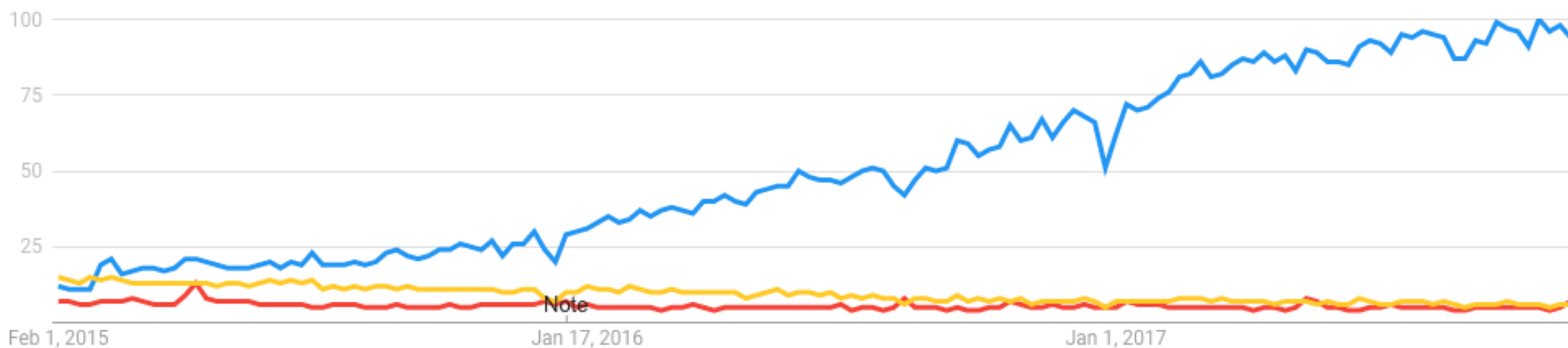
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# Microsoft And Google Collaborate On Angular 2 Framework, TypeScript Language

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todo.ts

import {Component, Template} from 'annotations';
import {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: [Foreach]
})
class TodoApp {
  todoService: FirebaseArray;
```

Foreach	alias
FormData	interface

Crunchbase

# 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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#### OVERVIEW

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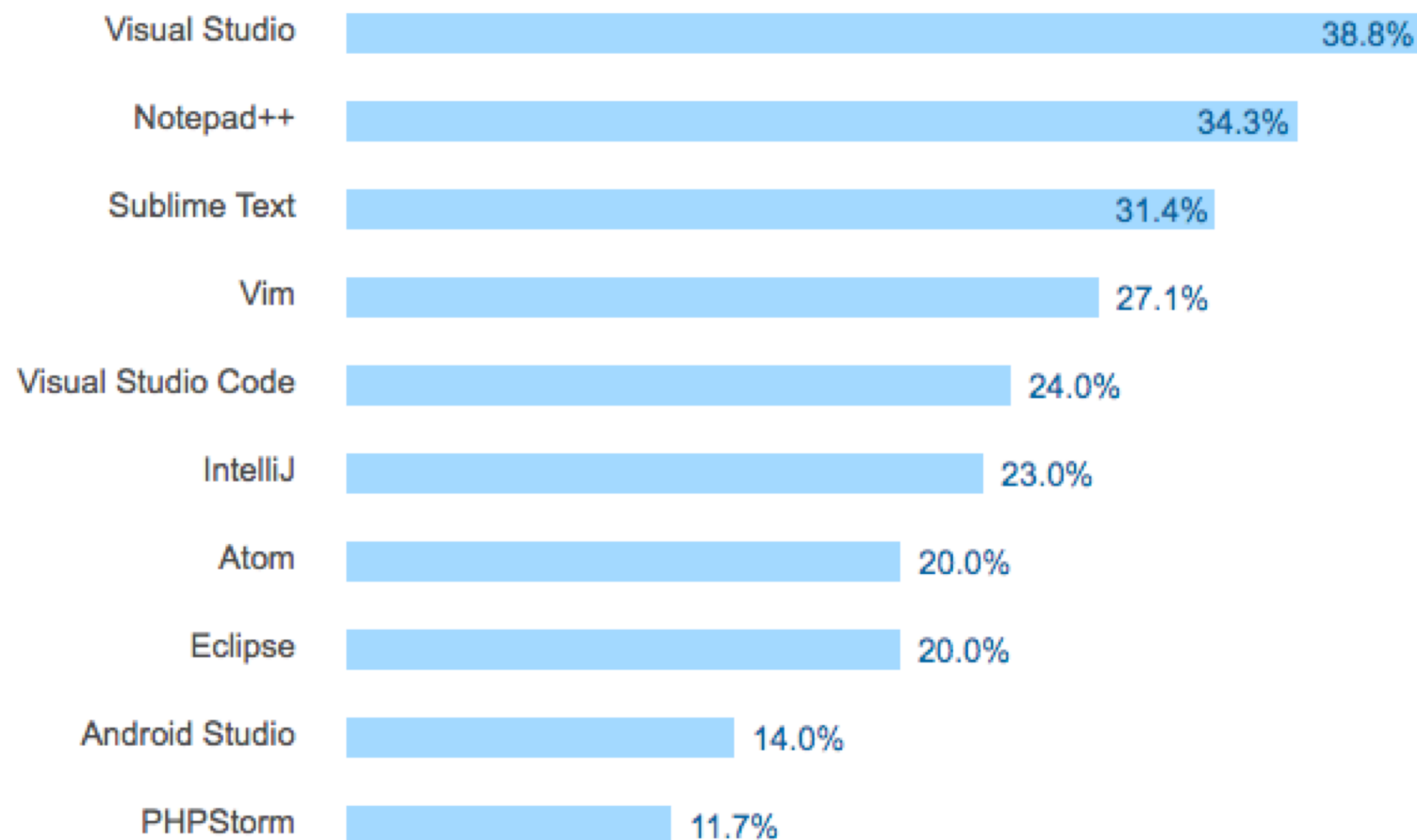
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Web Developer

Desktop Developer

Sysadmin / DevOps

Data Scientist/Engineer





**Tom Dale**

@tomdale

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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.



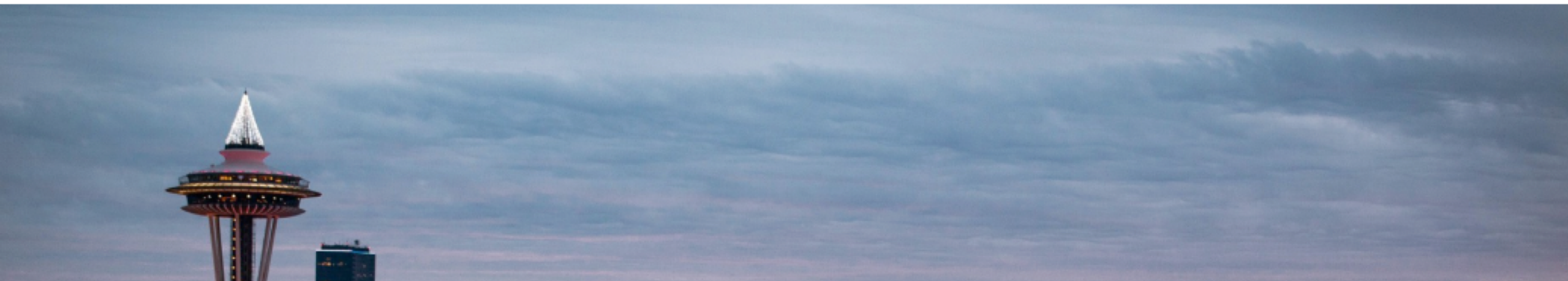
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# TypeScript at Slack

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













Why?

3 reasons

1) Commitment to the  
ECMAScript standard

“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.**”

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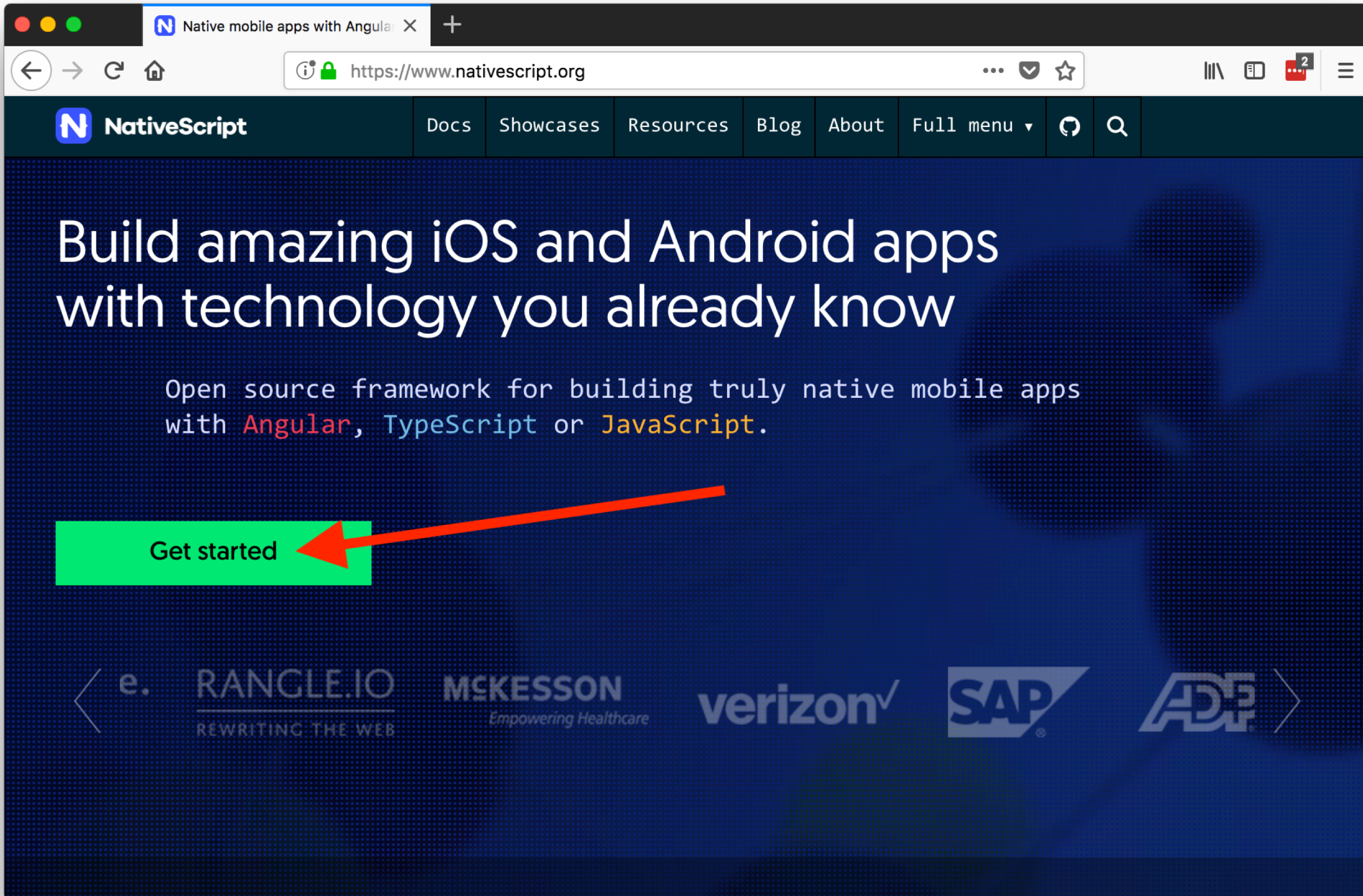
2) Types are opt-in



## 3) Tooling

# 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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