

JS

ECMAScript 2015

The Future of JavaScript is Now!

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Talk Outline

- Part I: JavaScript's origins, and the long road to ECMAScript 6
- Part II: a brief tour of ECMAScript 6
- Part III: using ECMAScript 6 today
- Part IV: beyond ECMAScript 6
- Wrap-up

Part I

JavaScript's origins, and the road to ECMAScript 6

JavaScript's origins

- Invented by Brendan Eich in 1995, to support client-side scripting in Netscape Navigator
- First called *LiveScript*, then *JavaScript*, then standardized as *ECMAScript*
- Microsoft “copied” JavaScript in IE JScript, “warts and all”



*Brendan Eich,
Inventor of JavaScript*



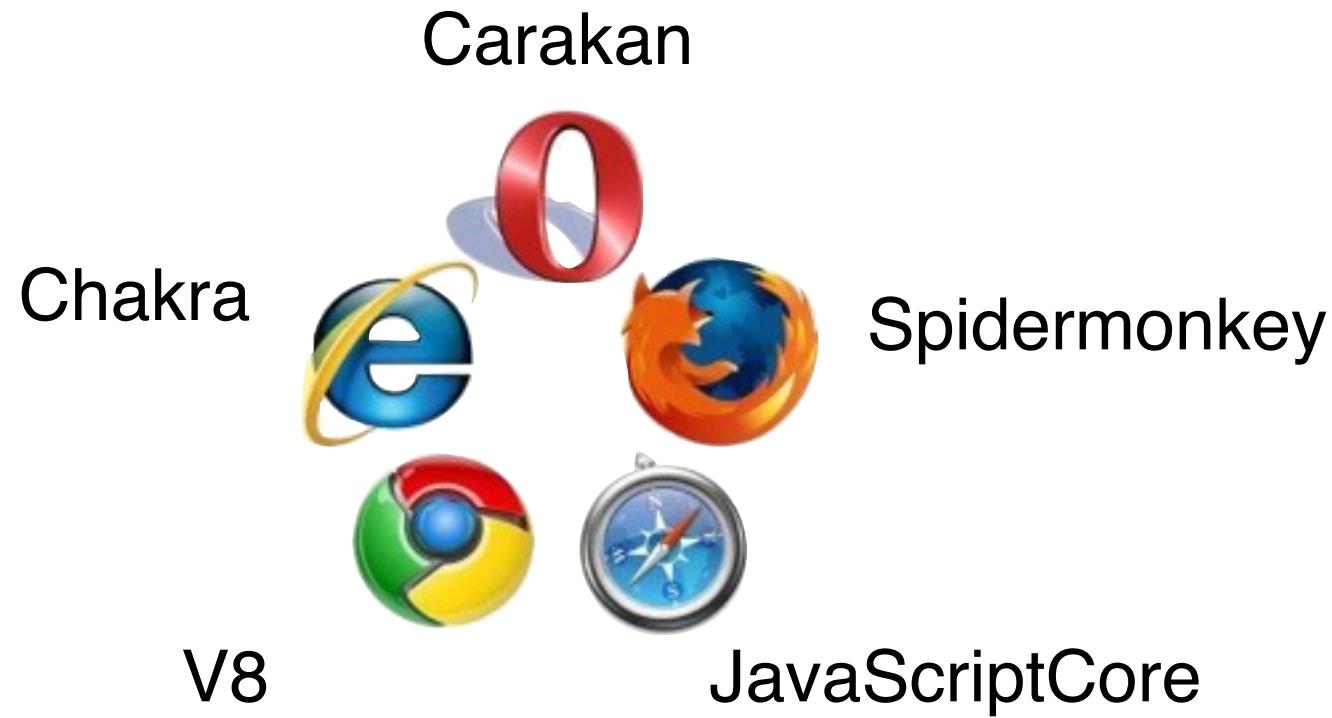
The world's most misunderstood language



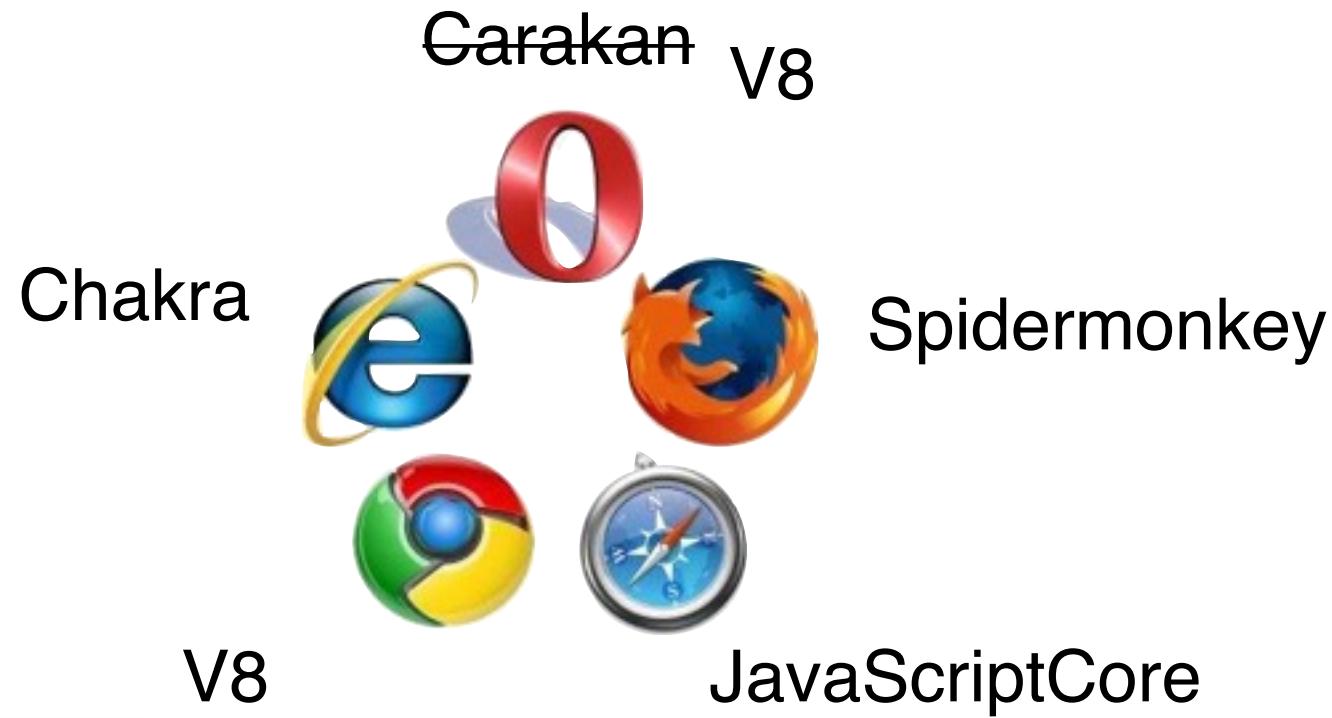
Douglas Crockford,
Inventor of JSON

See also: “JavaScript: The World's Most Misunderstood Programming Language”
by Doug Crockford at <http://www.crockford.com/javascript/javascript.html>

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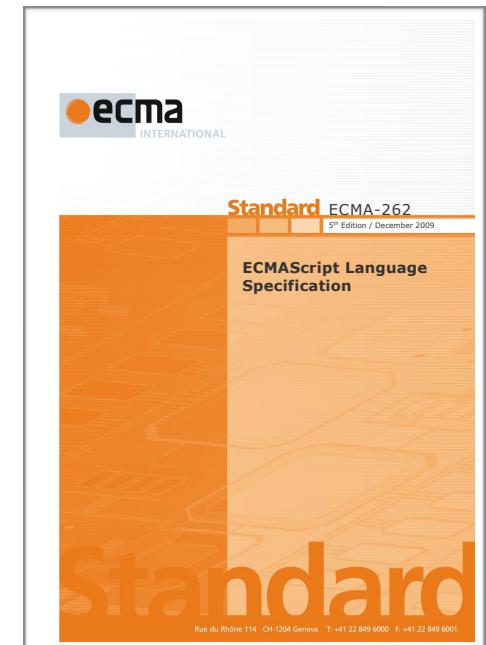
(170.000+ npm packages!)

TC39: the JavaScript “standardisation committee”

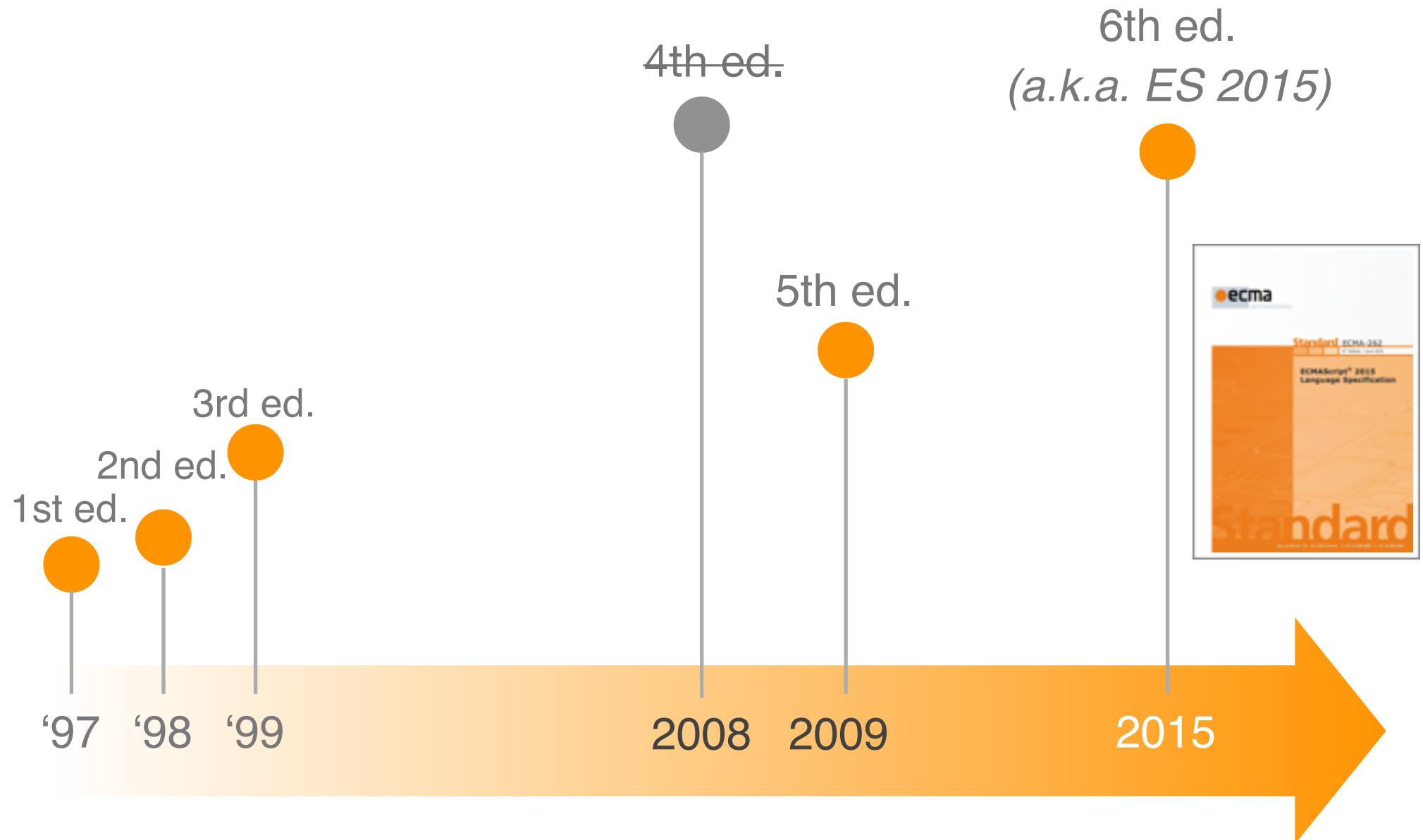
- Representatives from major Internet companies, browser vendors, web organisations, popular JS libraries and academia. Meets bi-monthly.
- Maintains the ECMA-262 specification.
- The spec is a handbook mainly intended for language implementors.



*Allen Wirfs-Brock,
ECMA-262 technical editor*



A brief history of the ECMAScript spec



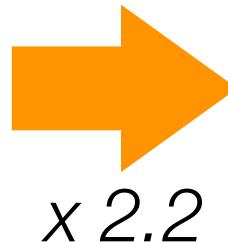
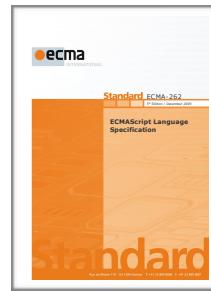
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A brief tour of ECMAScript 6

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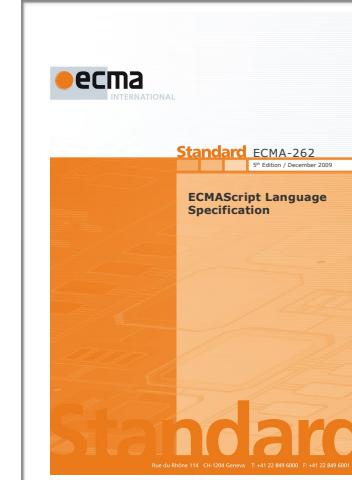
- Major update: many new features (too many to list here)
- Point-in-case:

ES5.1



x 2.2

ES6



258 pages

566 pages

ECMAScript 6: shortlist

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- Control flow Goodness:
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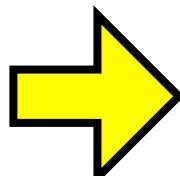
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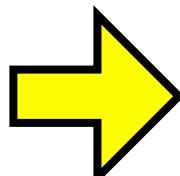
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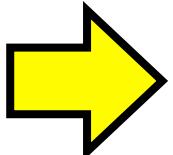
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```
<script>
var x = 0; // global
var myLib = {
  inc: function() {
    return ++x;
  }
};
</script>
```



```
<script type="module"
        name="myLib">
var x = 0; // local!
export function inc() {
  return ++x;
}
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```

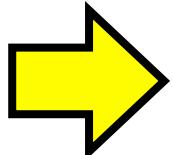
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<script>
var res = myLib.inc();
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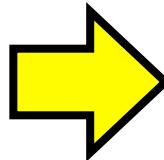
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ECMAScript 6 Iterators

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    return {  
        next: function() {  
            var temp = pre;  
            pre = cur;  
            cur = cur + temp;  
            return { done: false, value: cur }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

ES5

```
var iter = fibonacci();  
var nxt = iter.next();  
while (!nxt.done) {  
    var n = nxt.value;  
    if (n > 100)  
        break;  
    print(n);  
    nxt = iter.next();  
}
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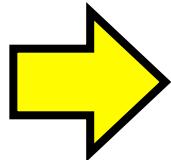
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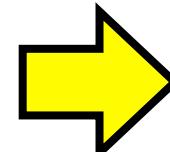
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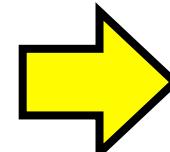
```
function* fibonacci() {  
  var pre = 0, cur = 1;  
  for (;;) {  
    var tmp = pre;  
    pre = cur;  
    cur = cur + tmp;  
    yield cur;  
  }  
}
```

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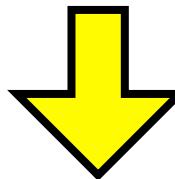
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readFile("hello.txt", function (err, content) {  
    if (err) {  
        // handle error  
    } else {  
        // use content  
    }  
})
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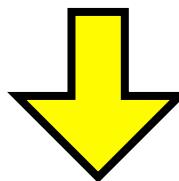
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pContent.then(function (content) {  
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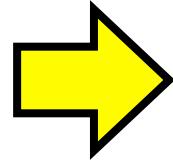
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var pContent = readFile("hello.txt");  
var p2 = pContent.then(function (content) {  
    // use content  
}, function (err) {  
    // handle error  
});
```

ECMAScript 6 Promises

- Promises can be *chained* to avoid callback hell

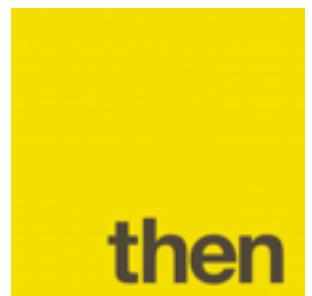
```
// step1(value, callback) -> undefined  
  
step1(function (e,value1) {  
    if (e) { return handleError(e); }  
    step2(value1, function(e,value2) {  
        if (e) { return handleError(e); }  
        step3(value2, function(e,value3) {  
            if (e) { return handleError(e); }  
            step4(value3, function(e,value4) {  
                if (e) { return handleError(e); }  
                // do something with value4  
            });  
        });  
    });  
});
```



```
// step1(value) -> Promise  
  
step1(value)  
.then(step2)  
.then(step3)  
.then(step4)  
.then(function (value4) {  
    // do something with value4  
})  
.catch(function (error) {  
    // handle any error here  
});
```

ECMAScript 6 Promises

- Promises already exist as a library in ES5 (e.g. Q, Bluebird)
- Then why standardize?
 - Wide disagreement on a single Promise API. ES6 settled on an API called “Promises/A+”. See promisesaplus.com
 - Standard API allows platform APIs to use Promises as well
 - W3C’s latest DOM APIs already use promises



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ECMAScript 6: longlist

- Luke Hoban has an excellent overview of all ES6 features at

git.io/es6features

- arrows
- classes
- enhanced object literals
- template strings
- destructuring
- default + rest + spread
- let + const
- iterators + for..of
- generators
- unicode
- modules
- module loaders
- map + set + weakmap + weakset
- proxies
- symbols
- subclassable built-ins
- promises
- math + number + string + array + object APIs
- binary and octal literals
- reflect api
- tail calls

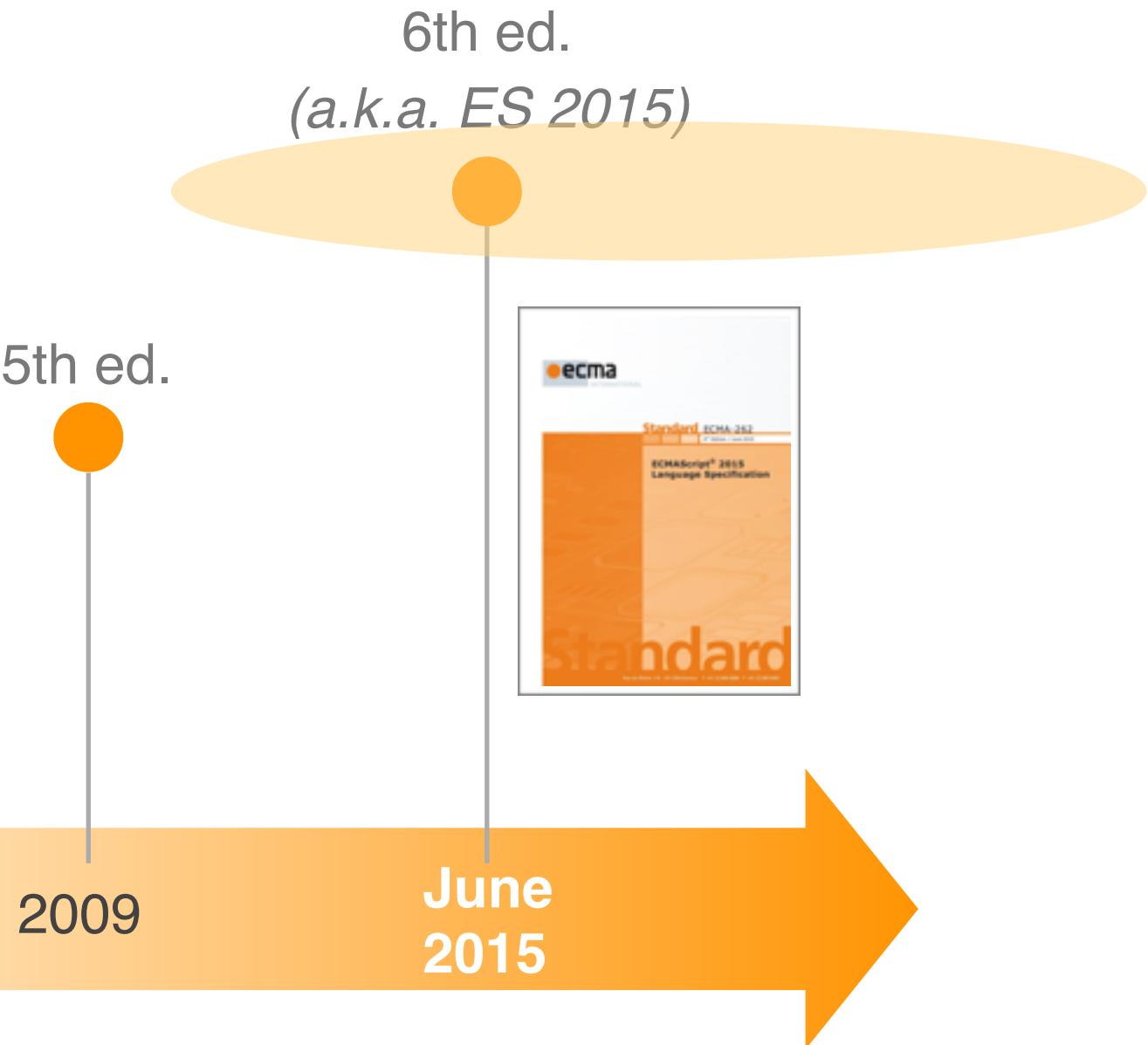


*Luke Hoban,
Microsoft representative on TC39*

Part III

Using ECMAScript 6 today

ECMAScript 6: timeline



ECMAScript 6 support (october 2015)

Feature name	Current browser	Compilers/polyfills										Desktop browsers															
		Traceur	Babel + core-js ^[1]	Closure	JSX ^[2]	TypeScript + core-js	es6-shim	IE 10	IE 11	Edge 12 ^[3]	Edge 13 ^[3]	FF 38 ESR	FF 41	FF 42	FF 43	CH 46	OP 33 ^[4]	CH 47, OP 34 ^[4]	SF 6.1, SF 7	SF 7.1, SF 8	SF 9	WK	KQ 4.14 ^[5]				
Optimisation																											
proper.tail.calls(tail.call.optimisation)	►	0/2	0/2	1/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	
Syntax																											
default.function.parameters	►	0/7	4/7	6/7	4/7	0/7	4/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	3/7	3/7	3/7	4/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7	
rest.parameters	►	5/5	4/5	4/5	3/5	3/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	5/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	
spread...operator	►	15/15	15/15	13/15	3/15	2/15	4/15	0/15	0/15	0/15	12/15	12/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	15/15	0/15	5/15	9/15	9/15	0/15	
object.literal.extensions	►	6/6	6/6	4/6	5/6	6/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	6/6	1/6	5/6	6/6	0/6	
for...of.loops	►	7/9	9/9	6/9	2/9	3/9	0/9	0/9	0/9	0/9	6/9	6/9	7/9	7/9	7/9	7/9	7/9	7/9	7/9	7/9	7/9	0/9	2/9	8/9	8/9	0/9	
octal.and.binary.literals	►	4/4	2/4	4/4	0/4	4/4	2/4	0/4	0/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	0/4	
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new.target	►	2/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	0/2	
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let	►	5/10	8/10	8/10	0/10	6/10	0/10	0/10	8/10	8/10	8/10	0/10	0/10	0/10	0/10	5/10	5/10	0/10	0/10	0/10	10/10	0/10					
block-level.function.declaration ^[13]	►	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Functions																											
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class	►	23/23	19/23	9/23	15/23	16/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	23/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	0/23	15/23	23/23	0/23		
super	►	8/8	7/8	6/8	4/8	7/8	7/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	8/8	8/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	0/8	6/8	8/8	0/8		
generators	►	21/25	22/25	22/25	16/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	20/25	20/25	20/25	21/25	19/25	19/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	0/25	
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(Source: Juriy Zaytsev (kangax)
<http://kangax.github.io/es5-compat-table/es6>)



ECMAScript 5 support (october 2015)

Feature name	Current Browser	es5-shim	IE 9	IE 10+	FF 21+	SF 6+	Webkit	CH 23n, OP 19+	OP 12,10	Kang 4.13	BESIE	Rhino 1.7	PhantomJS 2.0	Node.js	Android 4.4+	iOS/BB
Object.create	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.defineProperty	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.defineProperties	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.getPrototypeOf	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.keys	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.seal	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.freeze	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.preventExtensions	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.isSealed	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.isFrozen	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.isExtensible	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptor	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Object.getOwnPropertyNames	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Data.prototype.toJSON	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Date.now	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date.prototype.toJSON	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Date.parse on invalid dates	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Array.isArray	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
JSON	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Function.prototype.bind	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
String.prototype.trim	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Array.prototype.indexOf	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Array.prototype.lastIndexOf	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Array.prototype.every	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Array.prototype.forEach	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Array.prototype.filter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Array.prototype.reduce	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Array.prototype.reduceRight	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Getter in property initializer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Setter in property initializer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Property access on strings	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reserved words as property names	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zero-width chars in identifiers	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
parent() ignores leading zeros	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
immutable undefined	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
strict mode	Yes	No	No	Yes ^[2]	Yes ^[2]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

(Source: [Juriy Zaytsev \(kangax\)](#)
<http://kangax.github.io/es5-compat-table/es5>)

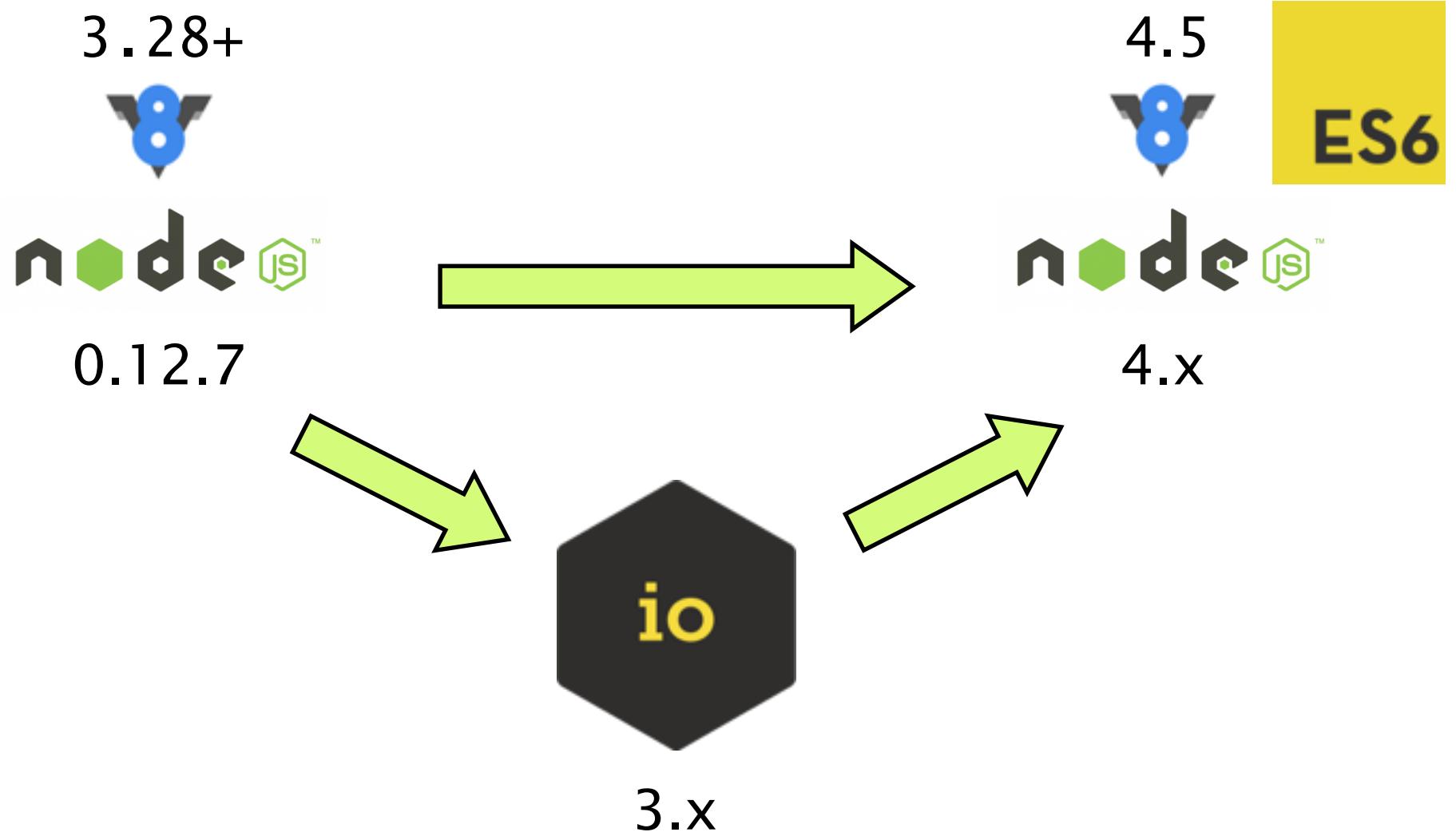


ECMAScript 6 compilers

- Compile ECMAScript 6 to ECMAScript 5
- **Babel**: focus on producing readable (as-if hand-written) ES5 code. Supports JSX as well.
- Microsoft **TypeScript**: technically not ES6 but roughly a superset of ES6. Bonus: type inference and optional static typing.



ECMAScript 6 server-side support



Part IV

Beyond ECMAScript 6

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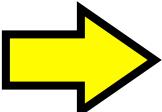
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ECMAScript 7: async functions

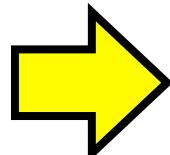
- A C# 5.0 feature that enables asynchronous programming using “direct style” control flow (i.e. no callbacks)

ES6

```
// step1(value) -> Promise  
  
step1(value)  
.then(step2)  
.then(step3)  
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.then(function (value4) {  
    // do something with value4  
})  
.catch(function (error) {  
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```

ES7

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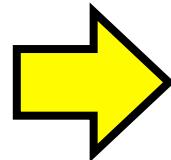


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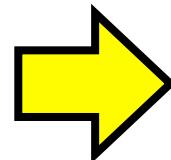
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co(function*() {  
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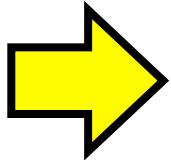
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async functions in ECMAScript 5 (!)

- BabelJS async functions plug-in based on Facebook Regenerator
facebook.github.io/regenerator
- Works in browsers too!
github.com/lukehoban/ecmascript-asyncawait

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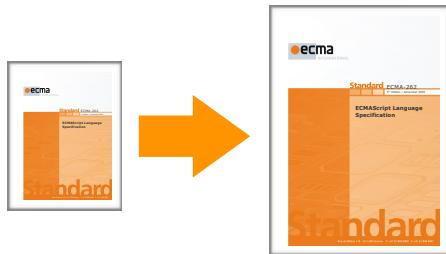


ES5

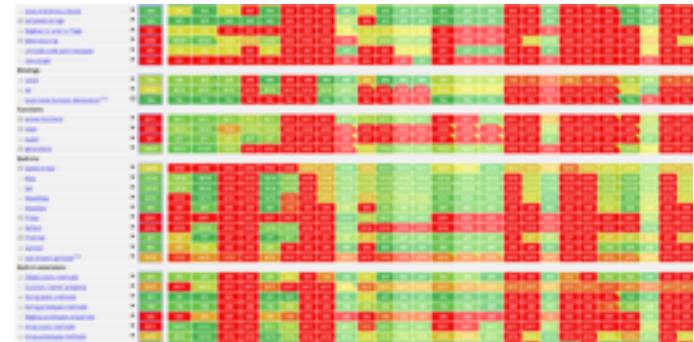
```
(function callee$0$0() {
  var value1, value2, value3, value4;
  return regeneratorRuntime.async(function callee$0$0$(context$1$0) {
    while (1) switch (context$1$0.prev = context$1$0.next) {
      case 0:
        context$1$0.prev = 0;
        context$1$0.next = 3;
        return regeneratorRuntime.awrap(step1());
      case 3:
        value1 = context$1$0.sent;
        context$1$0.next = 6;
        return regeneratorRuntime.awrap(step2(value1));
      case 6:
        value2 = context$1$0.sent;
        context$1$0.next = 9;
        return regeneratorRuntime.awrap(step3(value2));
      case 9:
        value3 = context$1$0.sent;
        context$1$0.next = 12;
        return regeneratorRuntime.awrap(step4(value3));
      case 12:
        value4 = context$1$0.sent;
        context$1$0.next = 17;
        break;
      case 15:
        context$1$0.prev = 15;
        context$1$0.t0 = context$1$0["catch"]();
      case 17:
        case "end":
          return context$1$0.stop();
        }
    }, null, this, [[0, 15]]);
})()
```

Wrap-up

Take-home messages



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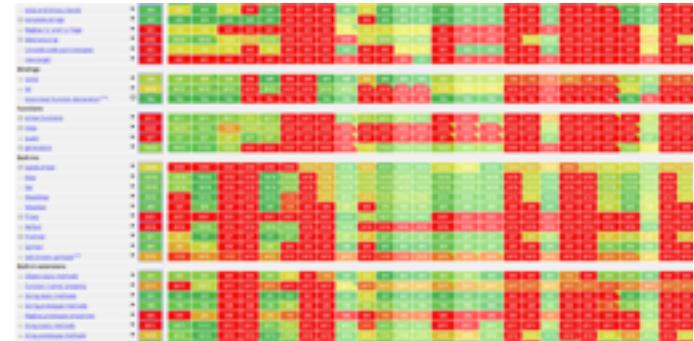


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Use ES6 to ES5 compilers
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You can start using
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