Making ES6 available to all with ChakraCore Chris Heilmann @codepo8, JFokus, Stockholm, February 2015



LET'S TALK JAVASCRIPT...

- Old issues
- The learning process
- The library/framework issue
- The ES6 buffet
- Standards and interop
- Breaking monopolies

OLD ISSUES OF JAVASCRIPT

JAVASCRIPT CLIENT-SIDE HAS ISSUES...

- It is not fault-tolerant
- Many different parties mess with it
- You don't know the environment it runs in
- It has always been part of the browser and dependent on its release and upgrade cycle

JAVASCRIPT THE LANGUAGE HAS ISSUES (OPPORTUNITIES)...

- typeof NaN === number
- No type safety
- No classes
- "it feels rushed"

ENGINE TROUBLE: JAVASCRIPT IS HUNGRY





THE JAVASCRIPT LEARNING PROCESS

THE JAVASCRIPT LEARNING PROCESS HAS ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTING...

- Use view source to see what others are doing...
- Copy and paste the bits that look like they are responsible for some things
- Change some numbers around
- Run into errors
- Blame Internet Explorer

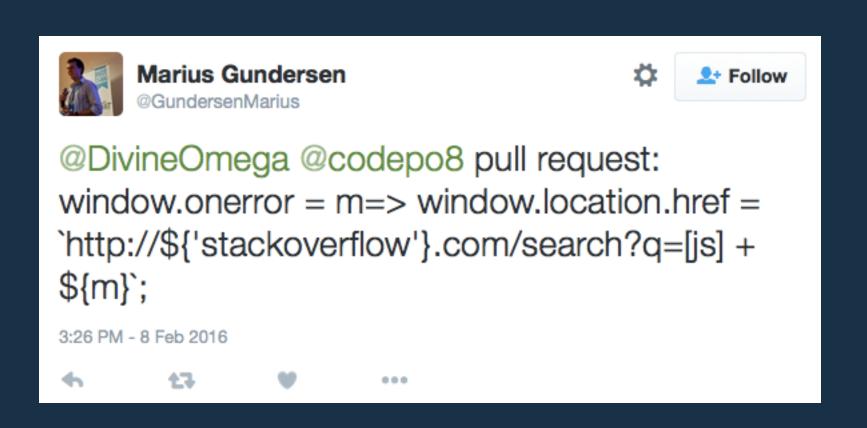
THIS, OF COURSE, WAS WRONG AND WE GOT MORE PROFESSIONAL...

- Search for a solution on Stackoverflow
- Copy and paste the bits that look like they are responsible for some things
- Change some numbers around
- Run into errors
- Blame JavaScript for being terrible and not a real language
- For good measure, blame Internet Explorer.

IT'S TRUE...

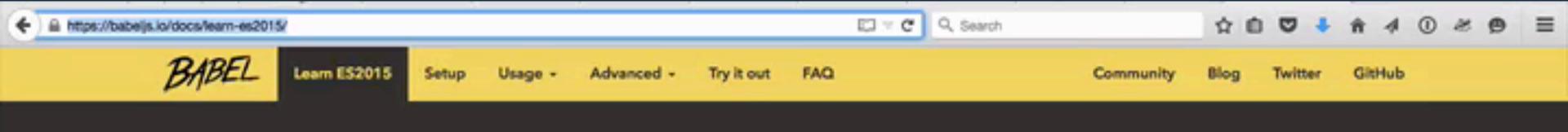


BUT OF COURSE IT CAN BE IMPROVED...



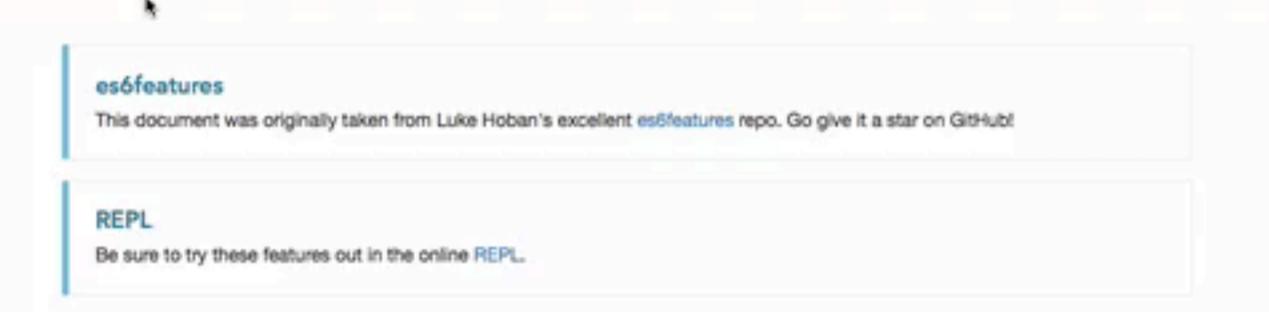


SEE THE BABEL. JS DOCS AND TRY IT IN THE BROWSER...



Learn ES2015

A detailed overview of ECMAScript 6 features.



Introduction

ECMAScript 6 is the newest version of the ECMAScript standard. This standard was ratified in June 2015. ES2015 is a significant update to the language, and the first major update to the language since ES5 was standardized in 2009. Implementation of these features in major JavaScript engines is underway now.

https://babeljs.io/docs/learn-es2015/

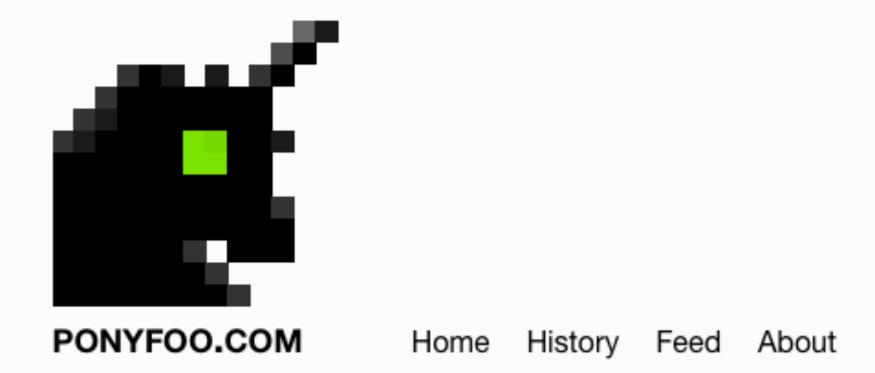
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ECMAScript 6 Features

See the ES2015 standard for full specification of the ECMAScript 6 language.

350 BULLET POINTS

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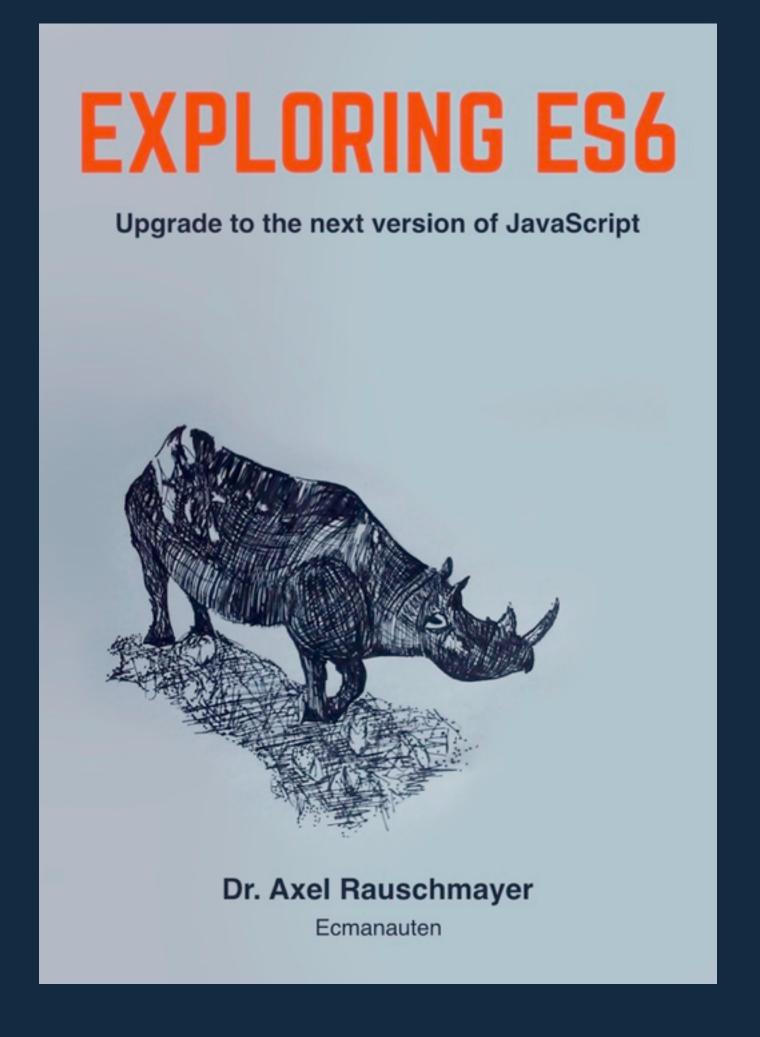


ES6 Overview in 350 Bullet Points

My ES6 in Depth series consists of 24 articles covering most syntax changes and features coming in ES6. This article aims to summarize all of those, providing you with practical insight into most of ES6, so that you can quickly get started. I've also linked to the articles in ES6 in Depth so that you can easily go deeper on any topic you're interested in.

I heard you like bullet points, so I made an article containing hundreds of those bad boys. To kick things off, here's a table of contents with all the topics covered. It has bullet points in it – **obviously**. Note that if you want these concepts to permeate your brain, you'll have a much

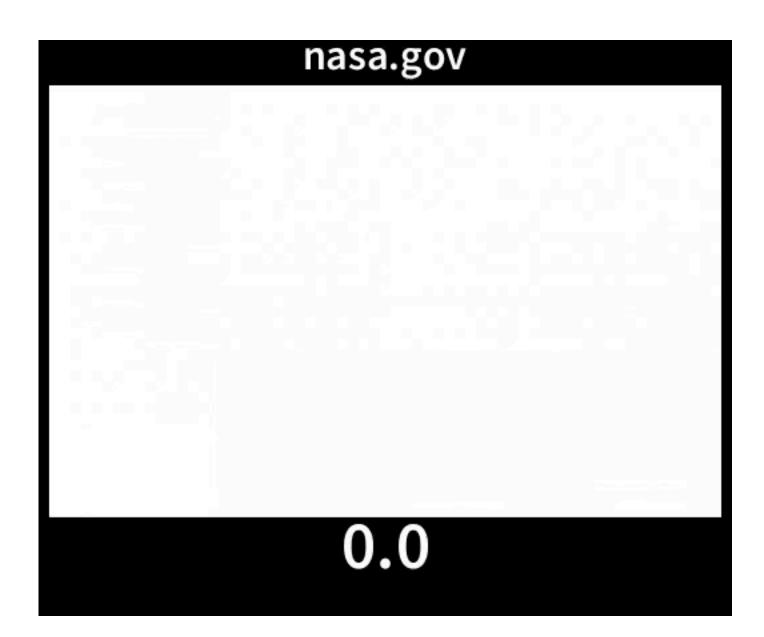
READ THE
EXCELLENT BOOK
EXPLORING ES6
FOR FREE
(OR BUY IT, AXEL DESERVES SUPPORT)



http://exploringjs.com/es6/

THE LIBRARY/FRAMEWORK ISSUE...

JAVASCRIPT ABUSE IS RAMPANT...



SHOULD WE BUILD EVERYTHING FROM SCRATCH?



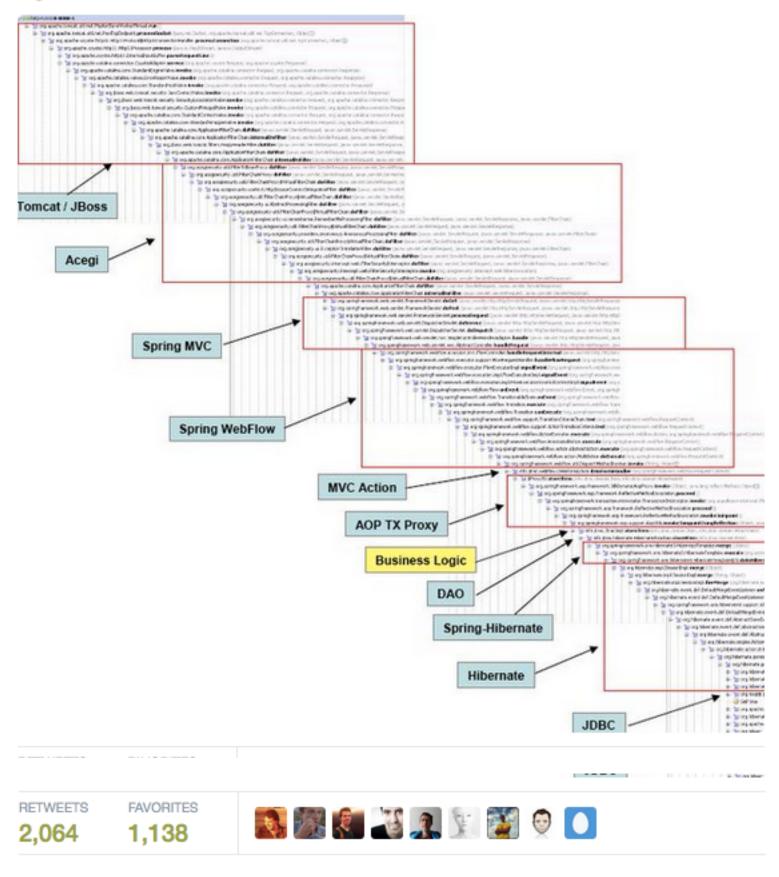
OLD ISSUES, NOW IN THE NEXT LANGUAGE...







Modern comfortable programming language #java



5:59 AM - 28 Oct 2015

IS DEPENDENCY HELL A PROBLEM OF THE TOO PRIVILEGED?

Stephan Bönnemann (JSConfEU 2015): **Dependency Hell Just Froze Over**



Stephan Bönnemann: Dependency Hell Just Froze Over | JSConf EU 2015

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PA139CERNbc

WE'RE GOING FULL SPEED ON INNOVATION...

- Componentised Web
- Extensible Web Manifesto
- WebGL
- WebAssembly/ASM.js
- PostCSS
- Progressive Apps

BUILDING LIBRARIES AND FRAMEWORKS THAT MAGICALLY FIX THINGS HAS BECOME FASHIONABLE...

- We work around browser issues
- We make web standards of tomorrow work today.
- We build solutions to clean up others and make them smaller
- And each of those comes with a "don't use in production" label.



THAT'S COOL GO NUTS AND
PLAY WITH ANY
TECHNOLOGY
YOU WANT...



FRAMEWORKS ARE GREAT...

- They are fun to use achieve a lot very quickly
- You build complex apps in a matter of minutes
- They work around pesky browser bugs
- They are good on your CV

...BUT THEY ALSO COME WITH DEVELOPER COST

- Learning new frameworks
- Re-learning new frameworks
- Debugging frameworks
- Setting up developer environments
- Cutting down on possible hires/ adding to onboarding time

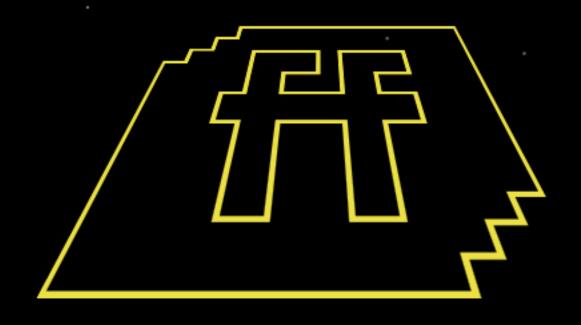
AND WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE EFFECTS WE HAVE ON OUR END USERS...

- Time to load / execute
- Bandwidth used
- CPU usage
- Frame rate (60 fps)
- Memory usage
- Battery hunger

HOMEWORK / SNEAK PREVIEW OF GREAT INSIGHTS...

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YOU SHOULD USE <INSERT LIBRARY/FRAMEWORK>, IT'S THE BESTESTEST!

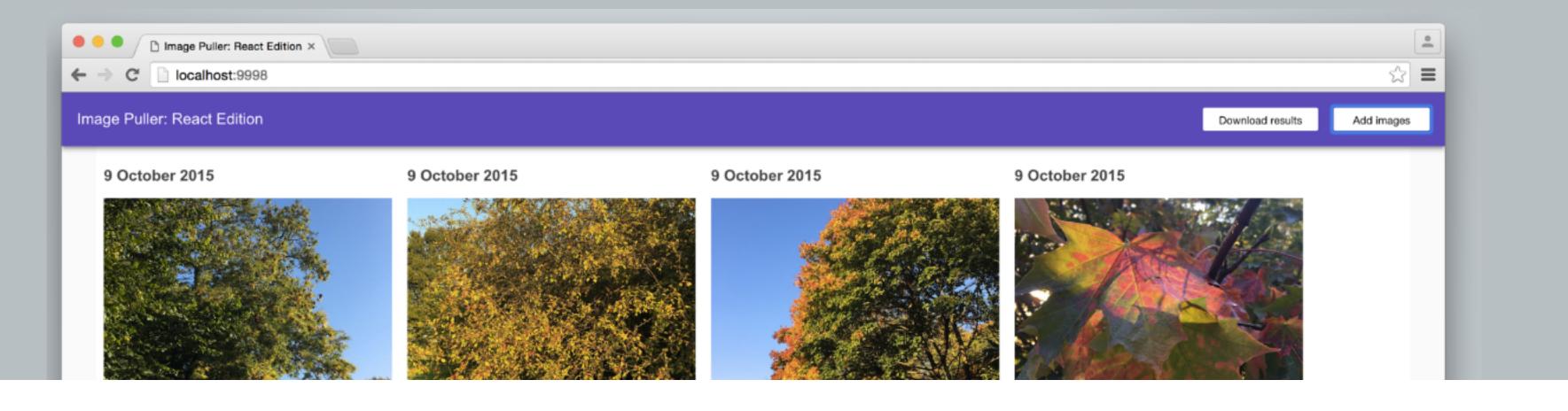
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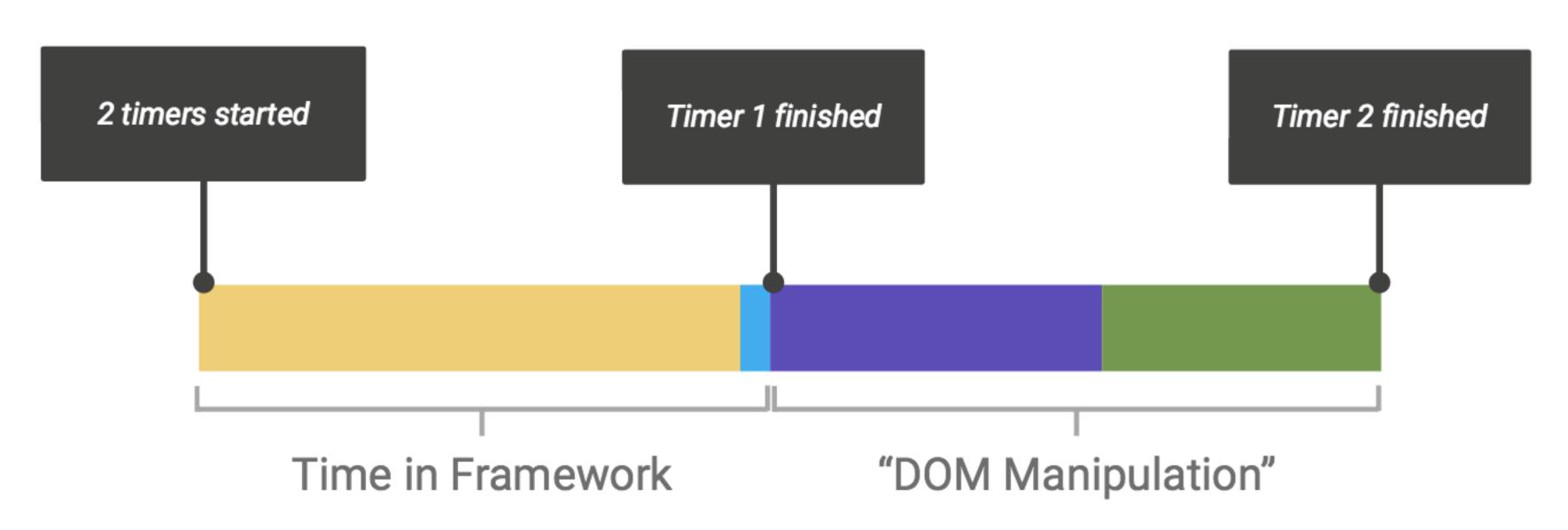
"You should use Linsert library or framework herel, it's the bestestest!" is pretty standard modern web development chatter. But how do you separate the hype from the reality? Let's have a look at how we can gather data to assess the fit of code to your projects.

THE DOM IS SLOW?

...the bottleneck is almost always the DOM mutation and not JS execution.

React docs





React - N5

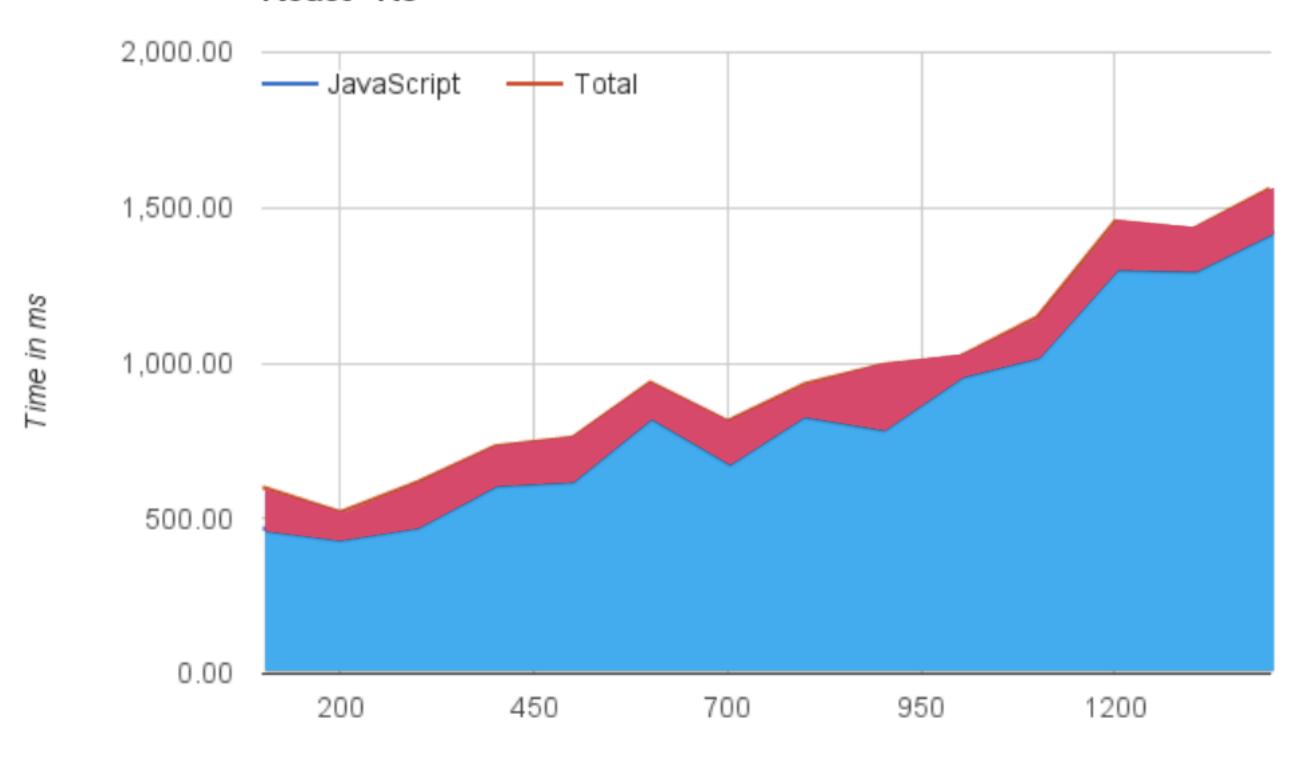


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Vanilla vs React

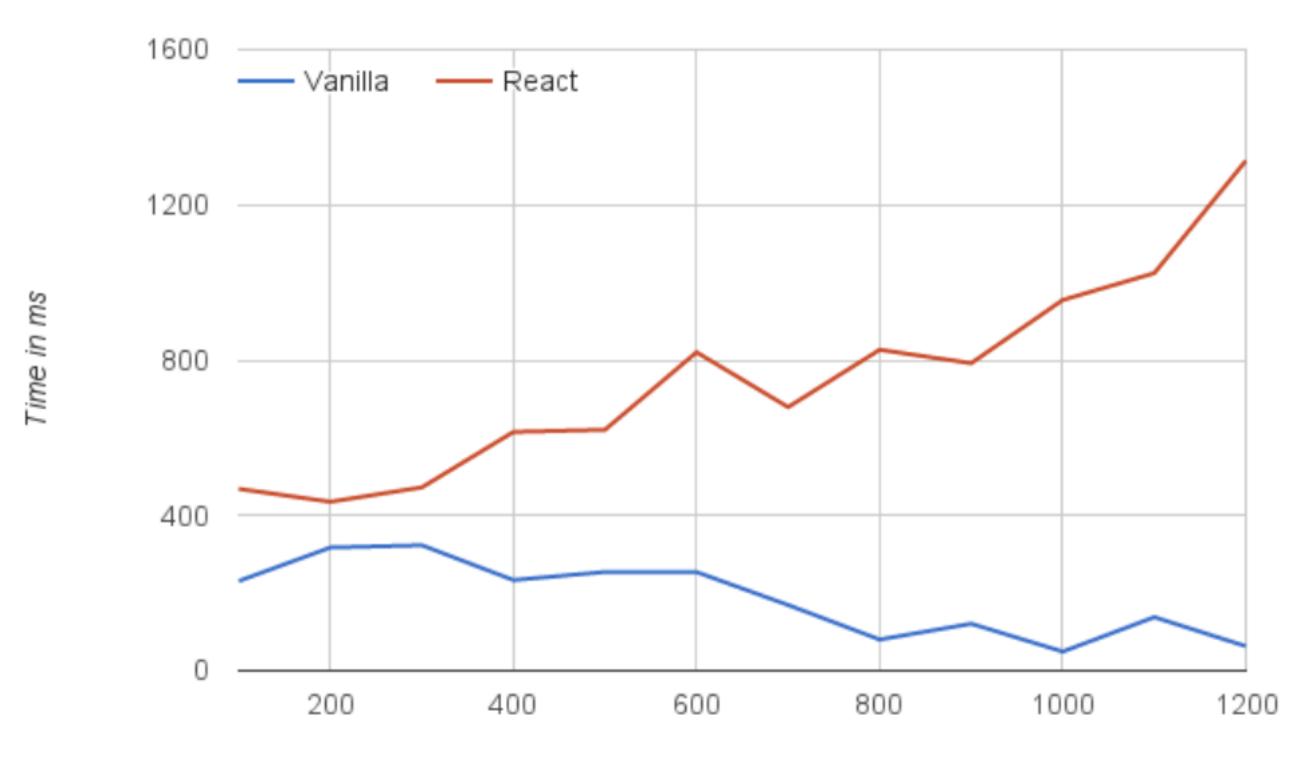
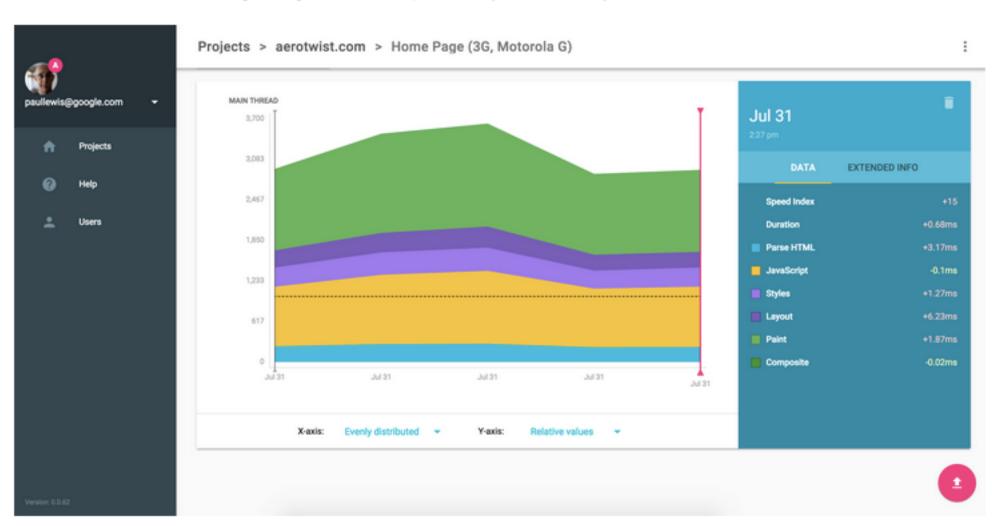


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ANALYSING BROWSER RESULTS...

Big Rig

Big Rig is an **experimental**, **proof-of-concept** system for generating and parsing Chrome's trace files. It has a web app dashboard that will allow you to track performance statistics over time, as well as a CLI version for integrating with other parts of your build system.



npm install -g bigrig github.com/GoogleChrome/big-rig github.com/GoogleChrome/node-big-rig

Framework	Size	Bootstrap time N5 ^{1,3}	Bootstrap time iPhone 5S ^{2,3}
Polymer v1.1.4	41KB ⁵	409ms	233ms
AngularJS v1.4.3	324KB	518ms	307ms
React v0.13.3	311KB	1,201ms	1,463ms
React v0.13.3 [JSX transformed via Babel] ⁴	162KB	509ms	282ms
Backbone v1.2.2 [inc. jQuery & Underscore]	139KB	248ms	168ms
Ember v1.10.0-beta.3	580KB	1,992ms	1,440ms
Vanilla	16KB	50ms	33ms

^{1.} Tests done on a Nexus 5 running Chrome 47.

^{2.} Tests done on an iPhone 5S running Safari 9.

^{3.} All bootstrapping time includes handling initial todo list data.

^{4.} JS Transformer stripped; JSX files transformed via Babel.

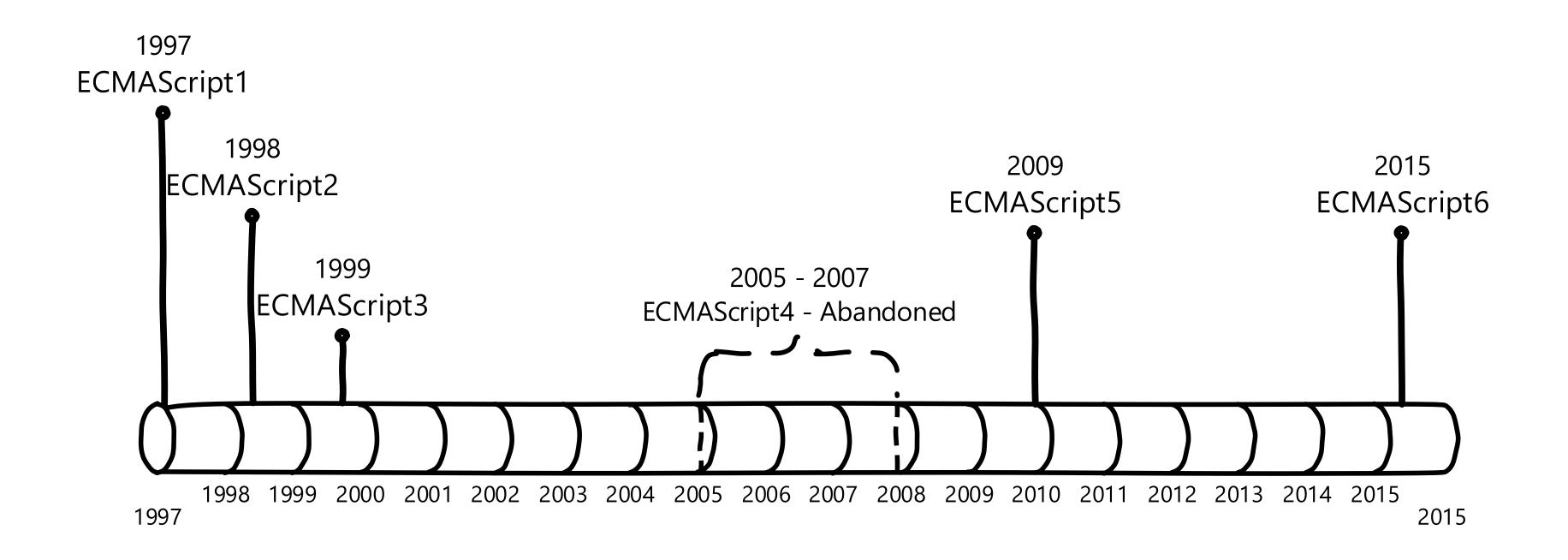
^{5.} Excludes Web Components Polyfill (38KB)

WE USE CODE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND TO FIX ISSUES WE DON'T HAVE...

- Learning libraries and frameworks beyond "hello world" costs time and money.
- Time you don't spend on looking at optimising your code
- In essence, we value developer convenience over user experience.

THE ES6 BUFFET...

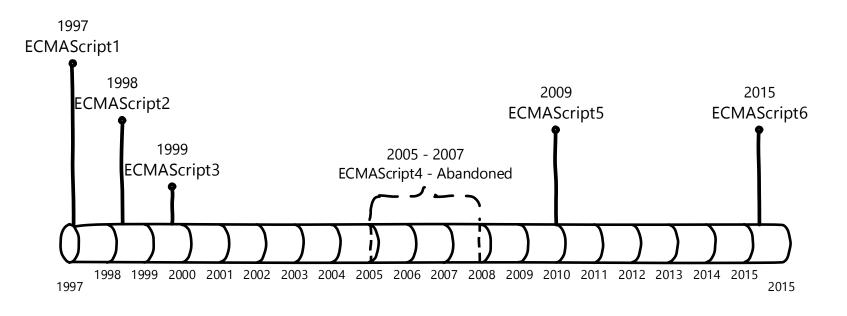
JAVASCRIPT EVOLVES...



...NOW WE HAVE ES6!

- 5+ years since ES5 ratification
- Significant changes in 15+ years
- Backwards compatible
- Ratified June 2015





http://www.ecma-international.org/publications/standards/Ecma-262.htm





```
function foo() {
    setTimeout(function() {
        console.log('id:', this.id);
    },100);
}
foo.call( { id: 42 } ); // id: undefined
```



```
function foo() {
    var self = this;
    setTimeout(function() {
        console.log("id:", self.id);
    },100);
}

foo.call( { id: 42 } ); // id: 42
```



```
function foo() {
    setTimeout(function() {
        console.log("id:", this.id);
    }.bind(this),100);
}

foo.call( { id: 42 } ); // id: 42
```



```
function foo() {
    setTimeout( () => {
        console.log("id:", this.id);
    },100);
}

foo.call( { id: 42 } ); // id: 42
```

SAVING KEYSTROKES

```
var a = [
  "Hydrogen",
  "Helium",
  "Lithium",
  "Beryllium"
];

var a2 = a.map(function(s){ return s.length });

var a3 = a.map( s => s.length );
```

ES6 COMES WITH SO MUCH GOODNESS, TECHNICALLY IT HAS TO BE FATTENING...

- Arrow functions as a short-hand version of an anonymous function.
- Block-level scope using let instead of var makes variables scoped to a block (if, for, while, etc.)
- Classes to encapsulate and extend code.
- Constants using the const keyword.
- Default parameters for functions like foo(bar = 3, baz = 2)
- Destructuring to assign values from arrays or objects into variables.
- Generators that create iterators using function* and the yield keyword.
- Map, a Dictionary type object that can be used to store key/value pairs. and Set as a collection object to store a list of data values.
- Modules as a way of organizing and loading code.
- Promises for async operations avoiding callback hell
- Rest parameters instead of using arguments to access functions arguments.
- Template Strings to build up string values including multi-line strings.

ALL OF THESE PARTS HAVE DIFFERENT AUDIENCES

Syntactic Sugar

Arrow functions
Enhanced object literals
Template strings
Destructuring
Rest, Spread, Default
String, Math, Number,
Object, RegExp APIs

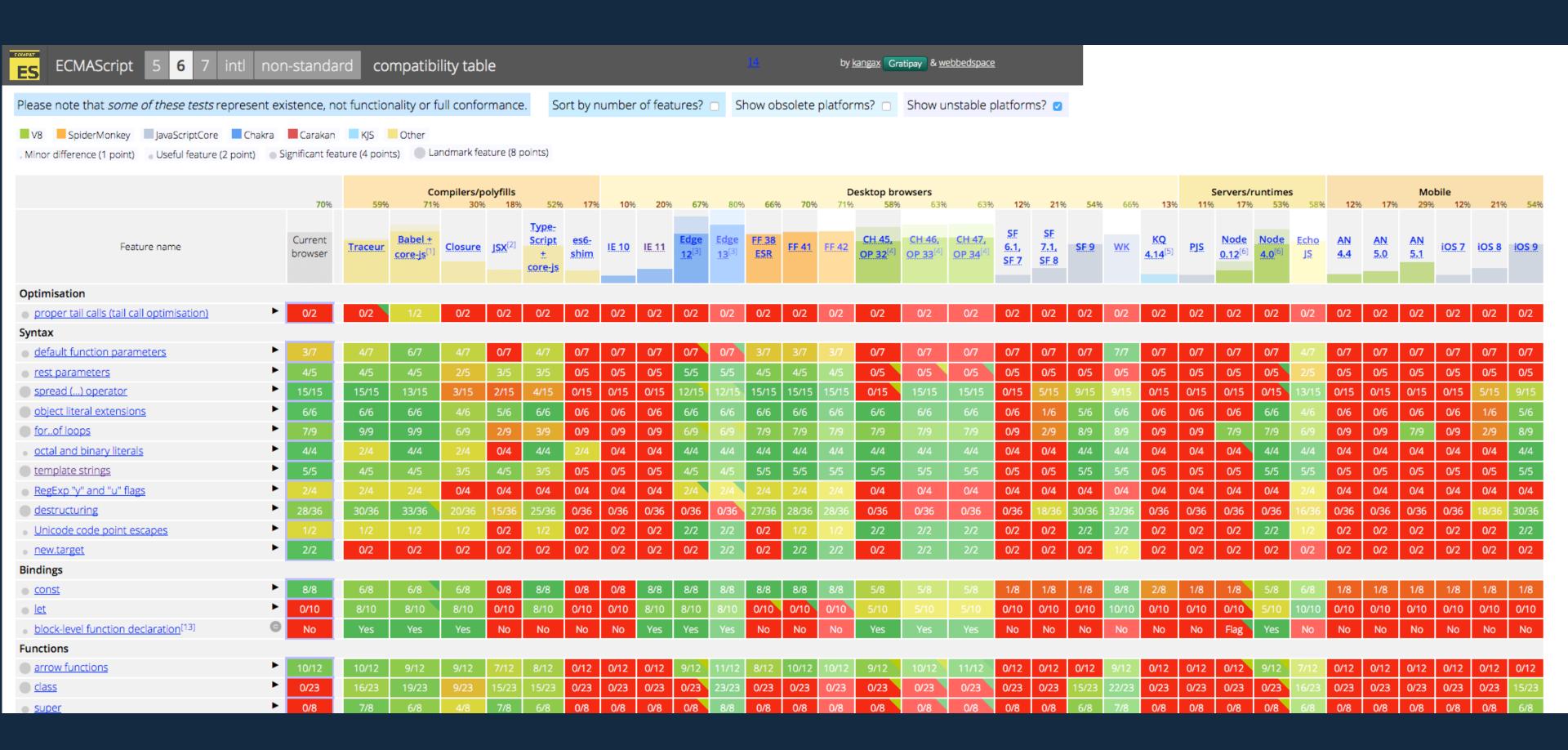
Scalable Apps

let, const & blockscoped bindings Classes Promises Iterators Generators Typed arrays Modules

Library Builders

map, set & weakmap
__proto__
Proxies
Symbols
Sub-classable built-ins

SUPPORT IS ENCOURAGING (EDGE, FIREFOX, CHROME, SAFARI (ON 9))

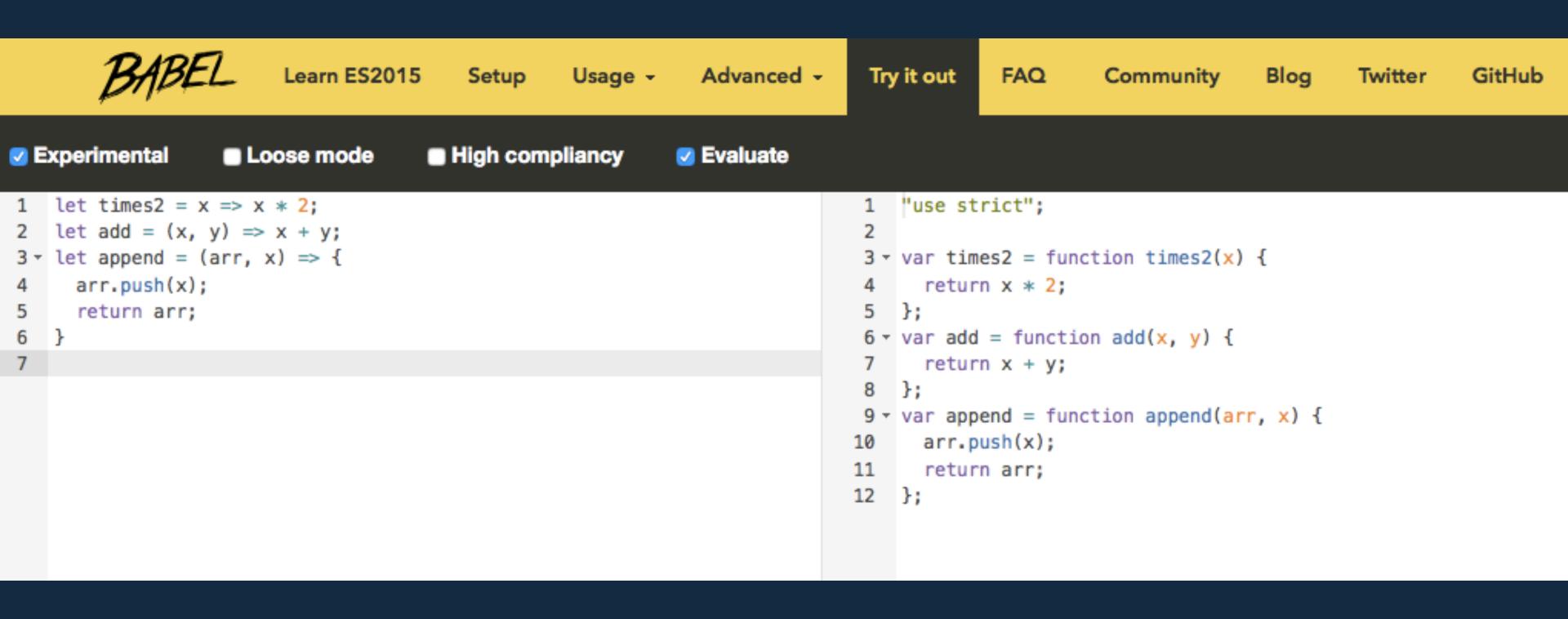


http://kangax.github.io/compat-table/es6/

THE PROBLEM: FOR NON-SUPPORTING ENGINES, ES6
FEATURES ARE SYNTAX ERRORS...

READY.

THE SOLUTION: TRANSPILING INTO ES5...



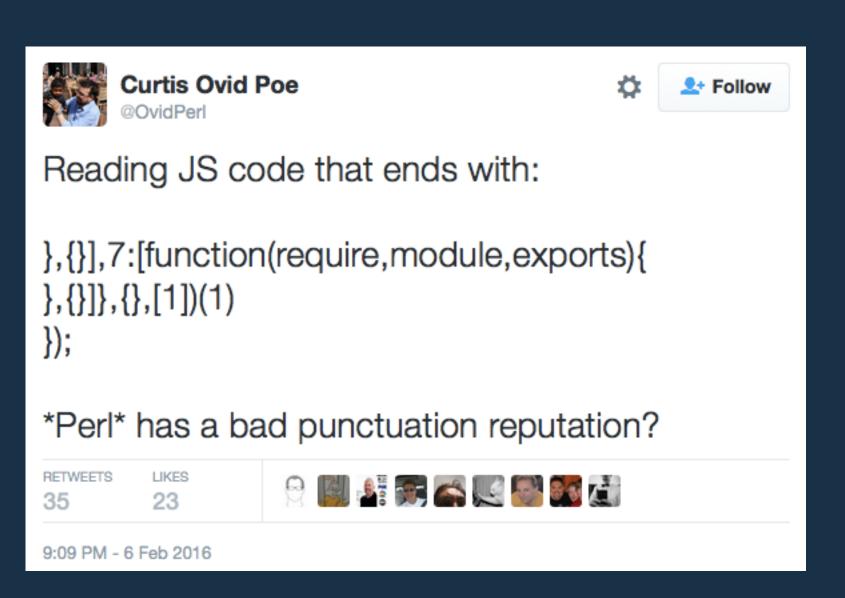
- Converts ES6 to older versions on the server or the client
- In use by Facebook and many others
- Used in editors and tool chains

https://babeljs.io

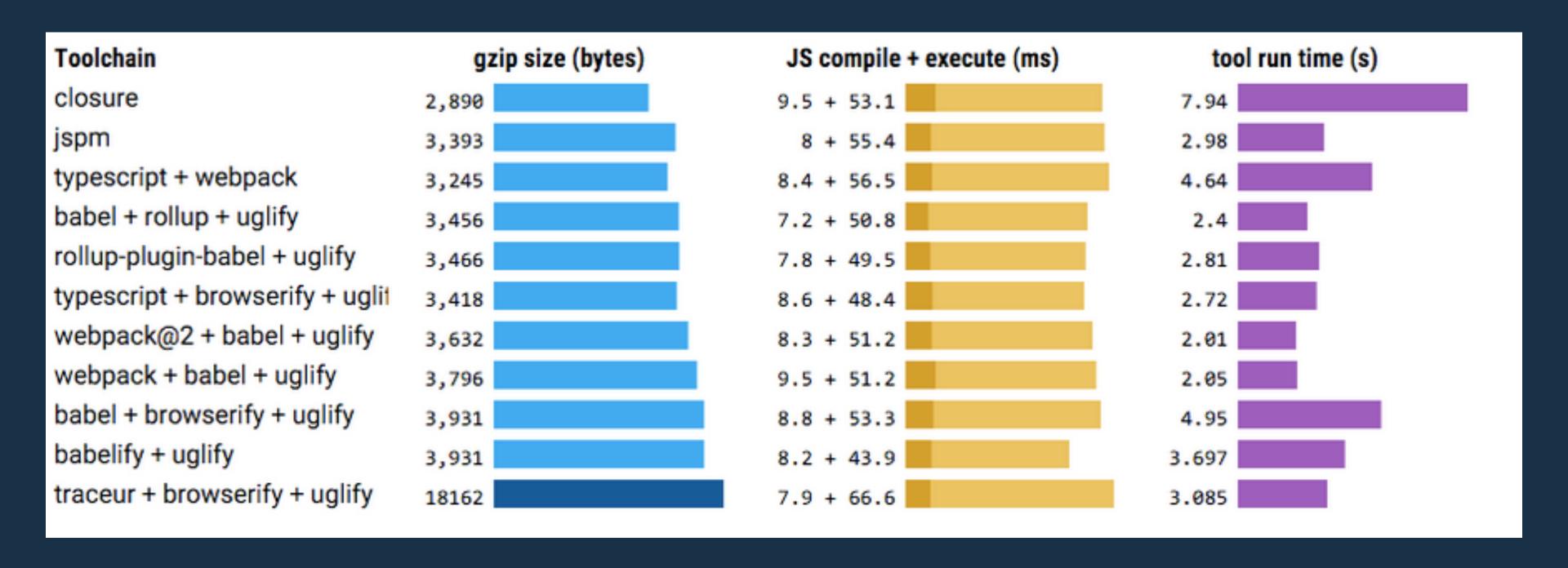
THE PROBLEMS WITH TRANSPILING:

- Extra step between writing code and running it in the browser.
- We don't run or debug the code we write.
- We hope the transpiler creates efficient code
- We create a lot of code
- Browsers that support ES6 will never get any.

TRANSPILED CODE...



PICK YOUR TRANSPIRATION TOOLCHAIN...



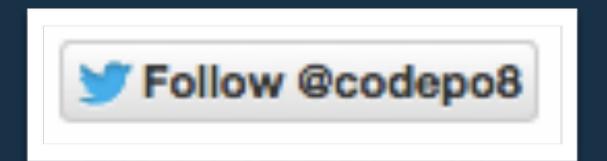
THE ES6 CONUNDRUM...

- We can't use it safely in the wild
- We can use TypeScript or transpile it
- We can feature test for it, but that can get complex quickly
- Browsers that support it, will not get any ES6 that way (but can use it internally)
- The performance is bad right now (which is a normal thing). To improve this, we need ES6 to be used in the wild...

STANDARDS AND INTEROP

WHAT DOES THIS CODE DO?

```
<!DOCTYPE html><html data-scribe="page:button"><head><meta charset="utf-8"><title>
Twitter Follow Button</title><base target="_blank"><link rel="dns-prefetch" href="
//twitter.com"><link rel="profile" href="http://microformats.org/profile/hcard"><
        style type="text/css">html{padding:0;margin:0;font:normal normal normal llpx/18
        px 'Helvetica Neue', Arial, sans-serif; color:#333;-webkit-user-select:none;-moz-
        user-select:none;-ms-user-select:none; user-select:none} body{padding:0;margin:0;
        background:transparent}a{text-decoration:none;outline:0} body.rtl{direction:rtl}
        #widget{display:inline-block;overflow:hidden;text-align:left;white-space:nowrap
    }.btn-o,.count-o,.btn,.btn .label,#count{display:inline-block;vertical-align:
        top;zoom:1}.btn-o{max-width:100%}.btn{position:relative;height:18px;font-weight
        :bold;color:#333;text-shadow:0 lpx 0 rgba(255,255,255,0.5);cursor:pointer;
```



```
background-color:#eee;background-image:-webkit-linear-gradient(#fff
background-image:linear-gradient(#fff,#dedede);border:#ccc solid 1p
radius:3px}.btn:focus,.btn:hover,.btn:active{background-color:#d9d9
background-image:-webkit-linear-gradient(#f8f8f8,#d9d9d9);backgroun
linear-gradient(#f8f8f8,#d9d9d9);border-color:#bbb;box-shadow:none)
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Column 418
```

REPLACING BUILT-IN FUNCTIONALITY FOR THE SAKE OF CONTROL...



Heydon @heydonworks



Following

This is your life now. I hope that's okay with you.

```
/* components/submit-button.jsx */
import { Component } from 'react';
import styles from './submit-button.css';
export default class SubmitButton extends Component {
 render() {
   let className, text = "Submit"
   if (this.props.store.submissionInProgress) {
     className = styles.inProgress
     text = "Processing..."
   } else if (this.props.store.errorOccurred) {
     className = styles.error
   } else if (!this.props.form.valid) {
     className = styles.disabled
   } else {
     className = styles.normal
   return <button className={className}>{text}</button>
```

RETWEETS

FAVORITES

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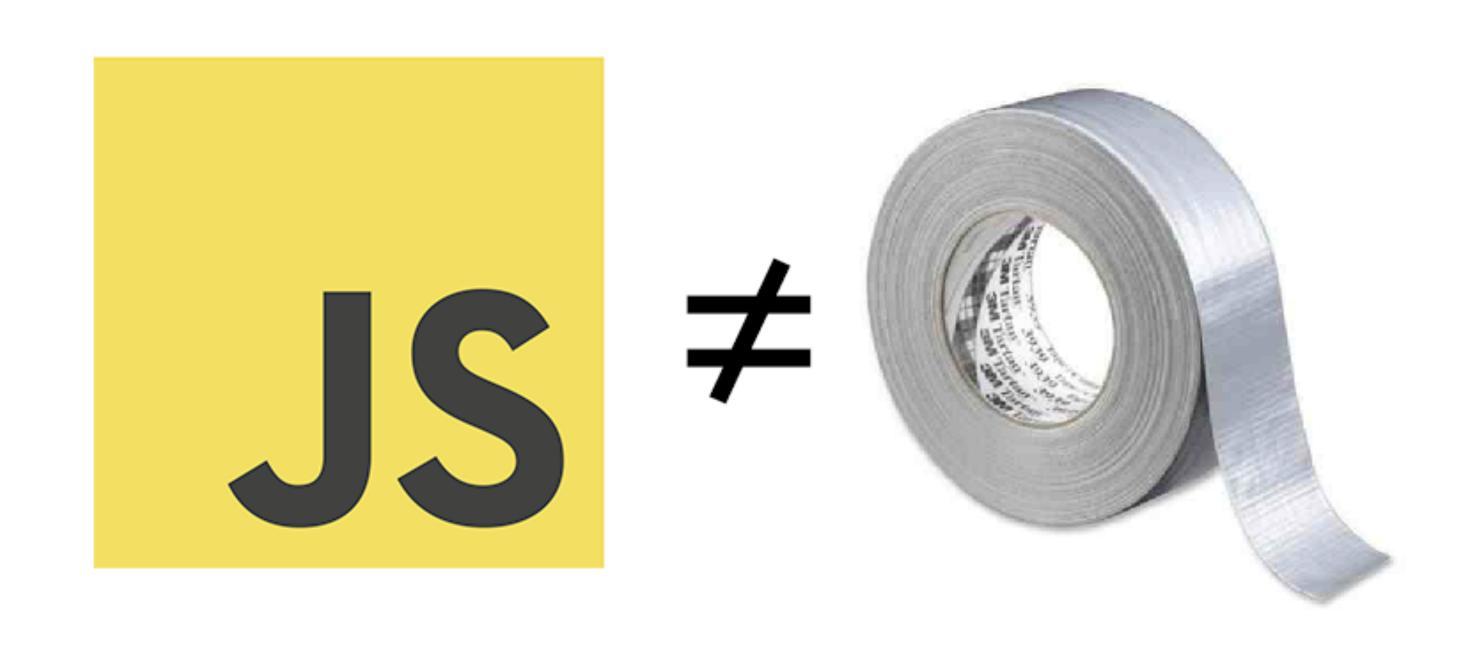




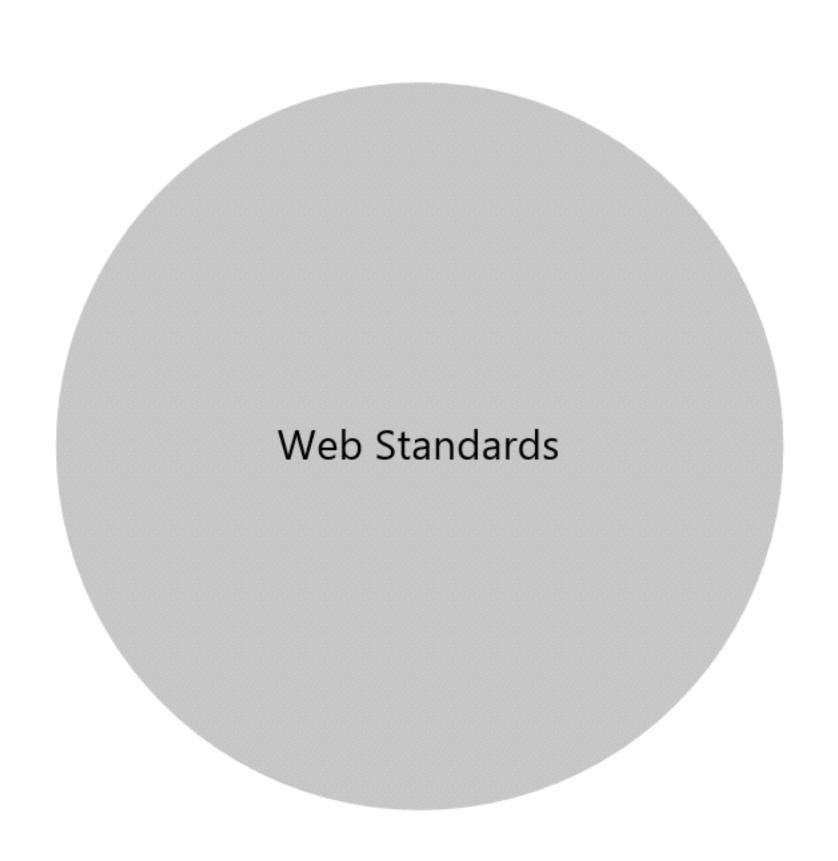




SIMPLY BECAUSE WE CAN FIX ANYTHING WITH JAVASCRIPT DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD!



THE COMPATIBILITY RACE...



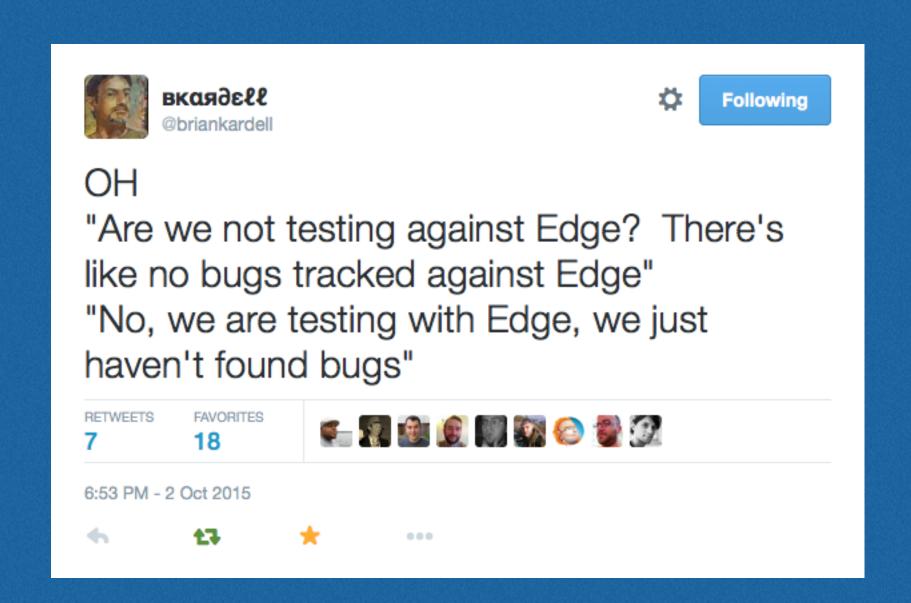
THE VICIOUS INNOVATION CYCLE...



OUT OF THE BOX BROWSER DO NOT SUCK ANY LONGER!

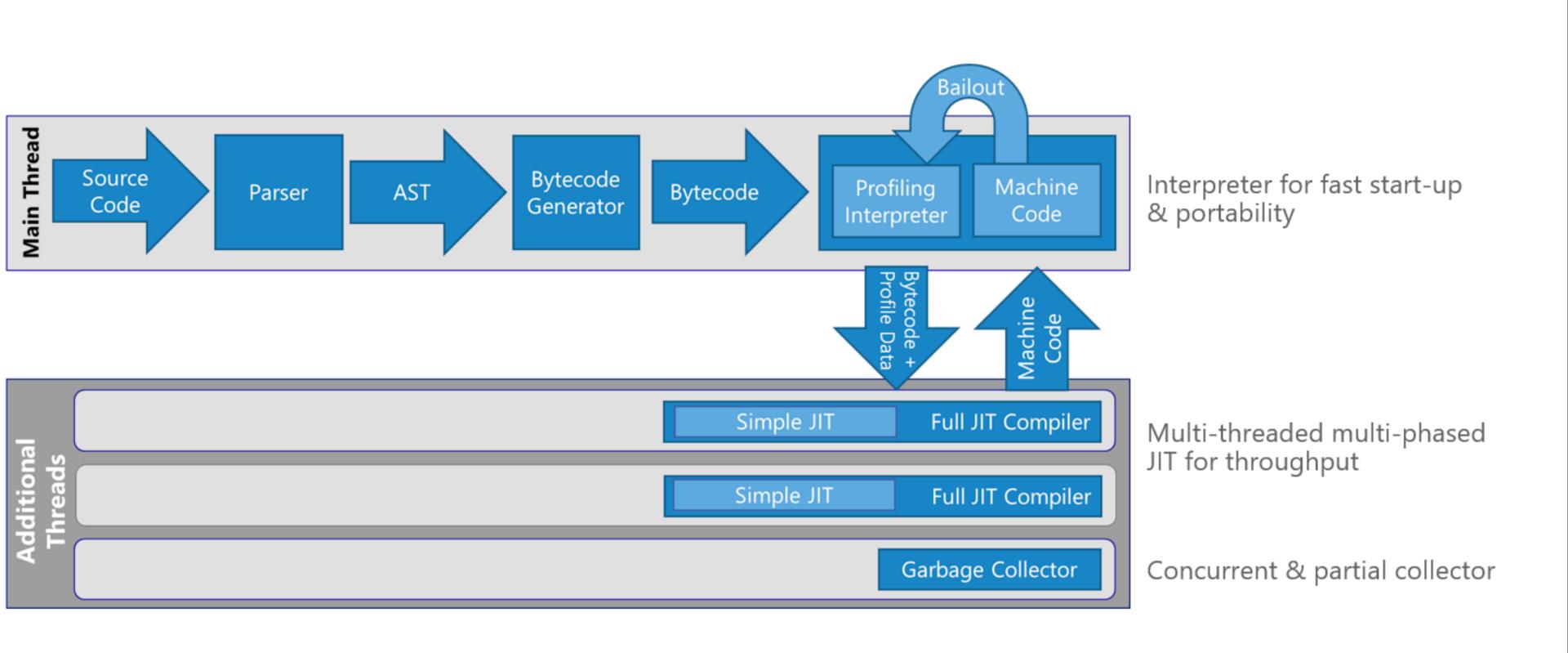


COMPATIBILITY IS ON EVERY BROWSER MAKER'S RADAR...

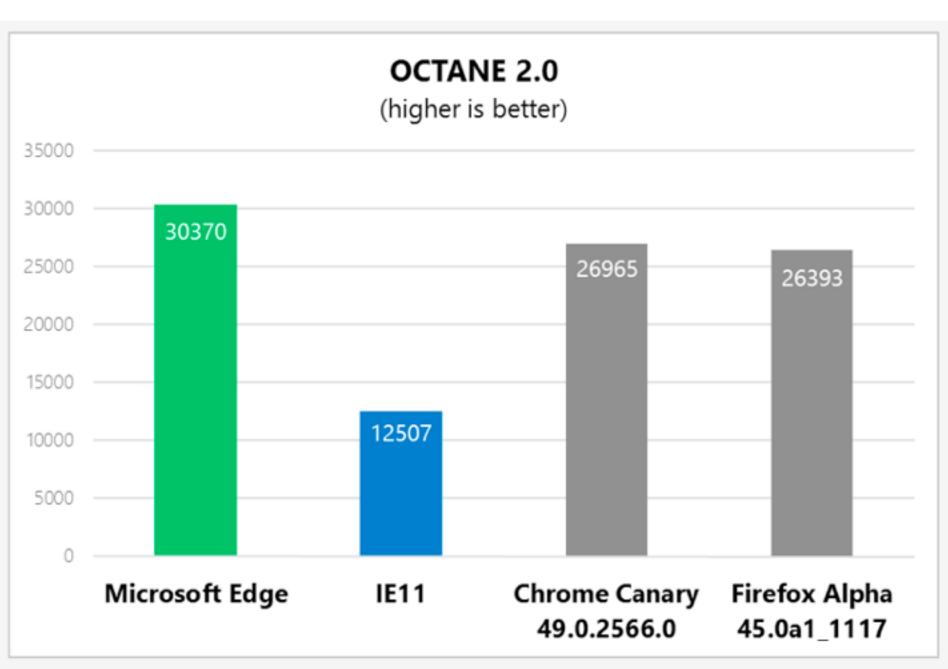


BREAKING MONOPOLIES

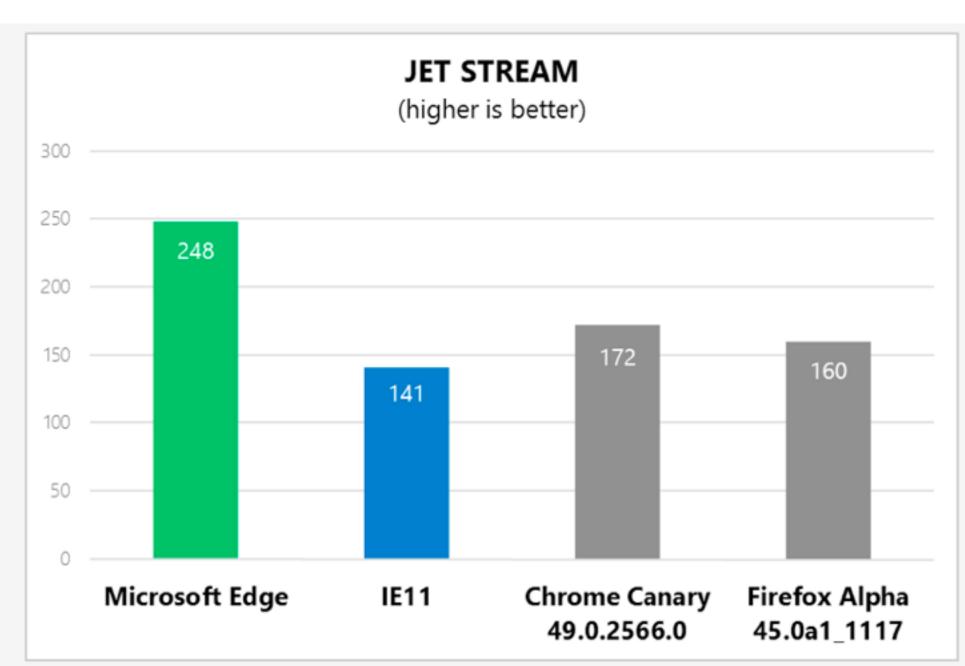
NEW BROWSER, NEW JS ENGINE



SPEED COMPARISONS...



Owned by: Google Edge leads closest competitor by 10+%



Owned by: Apple Edge leads closest competitor by 40+%

SURPRISES HAPPEN...



meatcovered skeleton



42% of @nodejs users use Windows as their desktop env. More than any single *nix. If you want devs using your code, this matters.

RETWEETS

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LIKES

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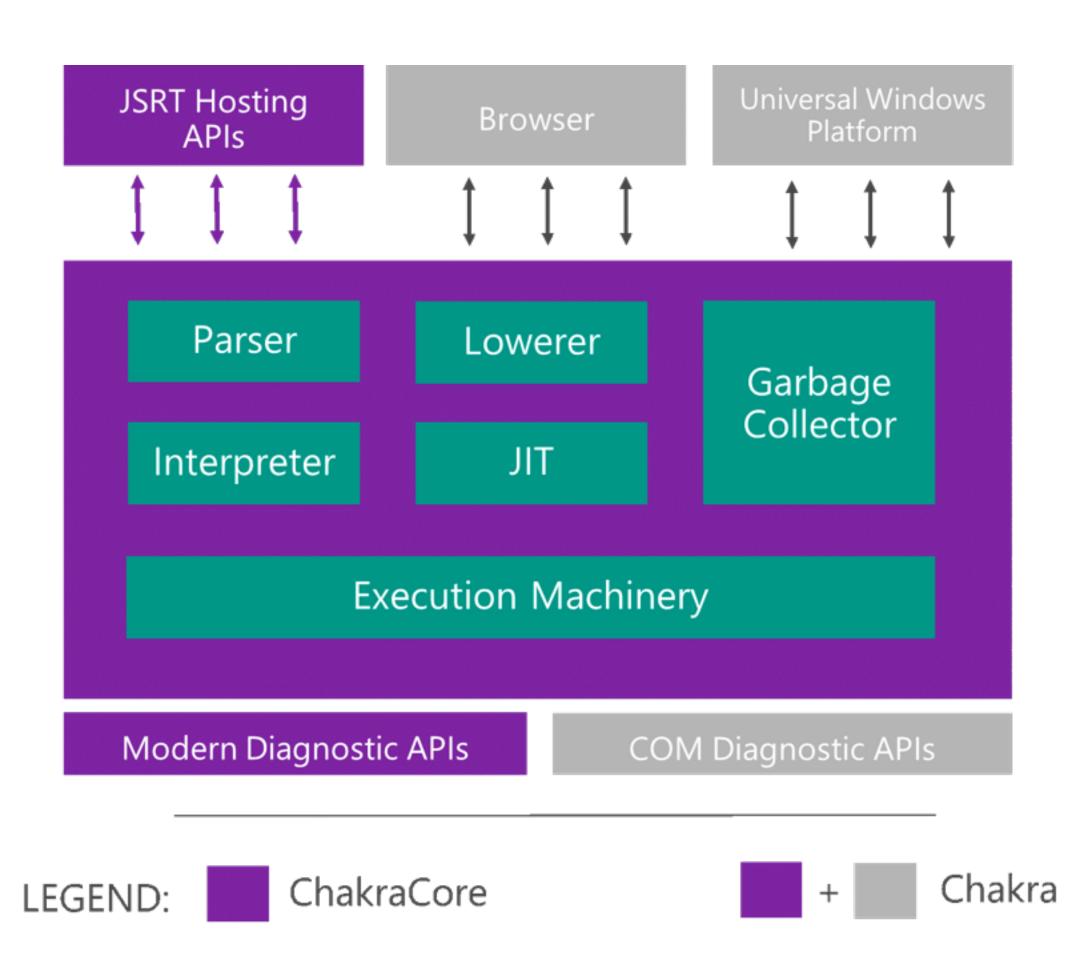






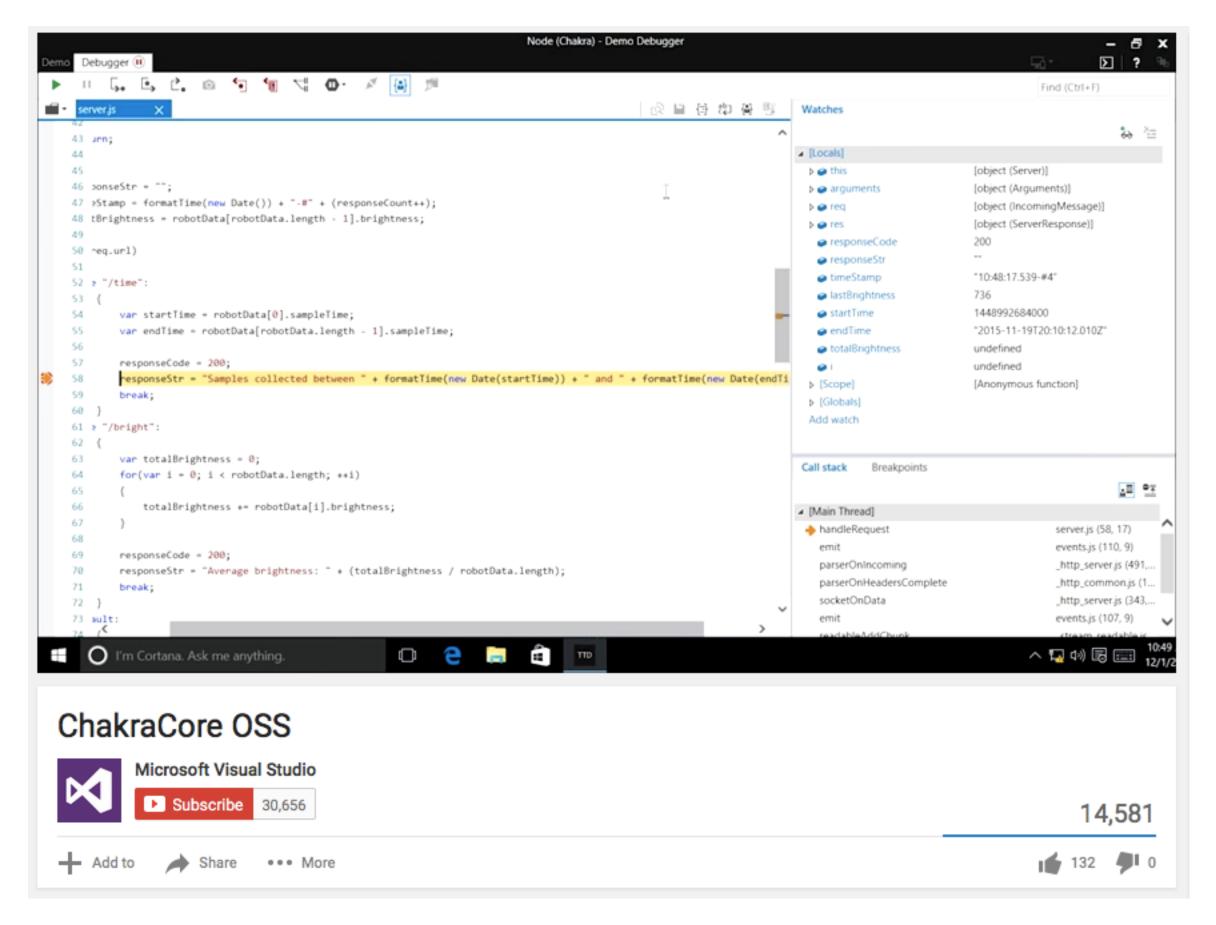


CHAKRACORE VS CHAKRA



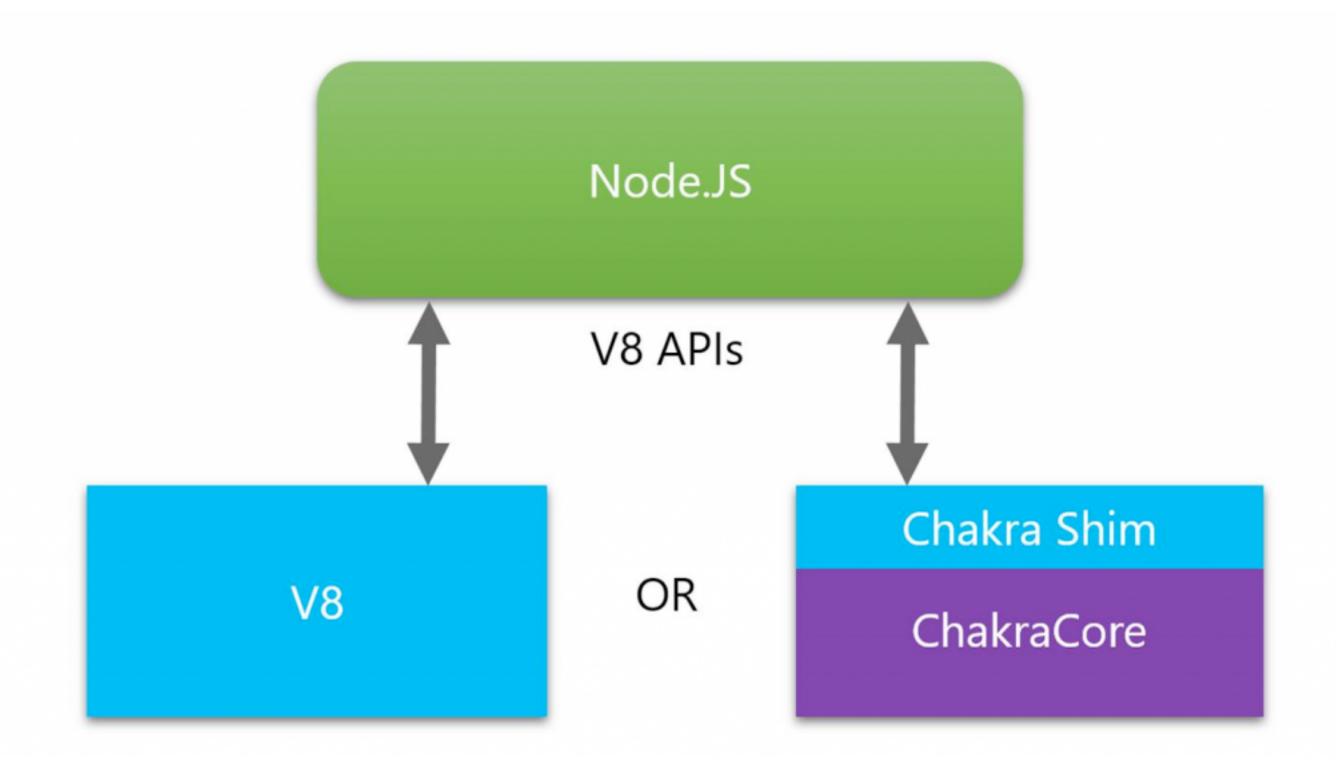


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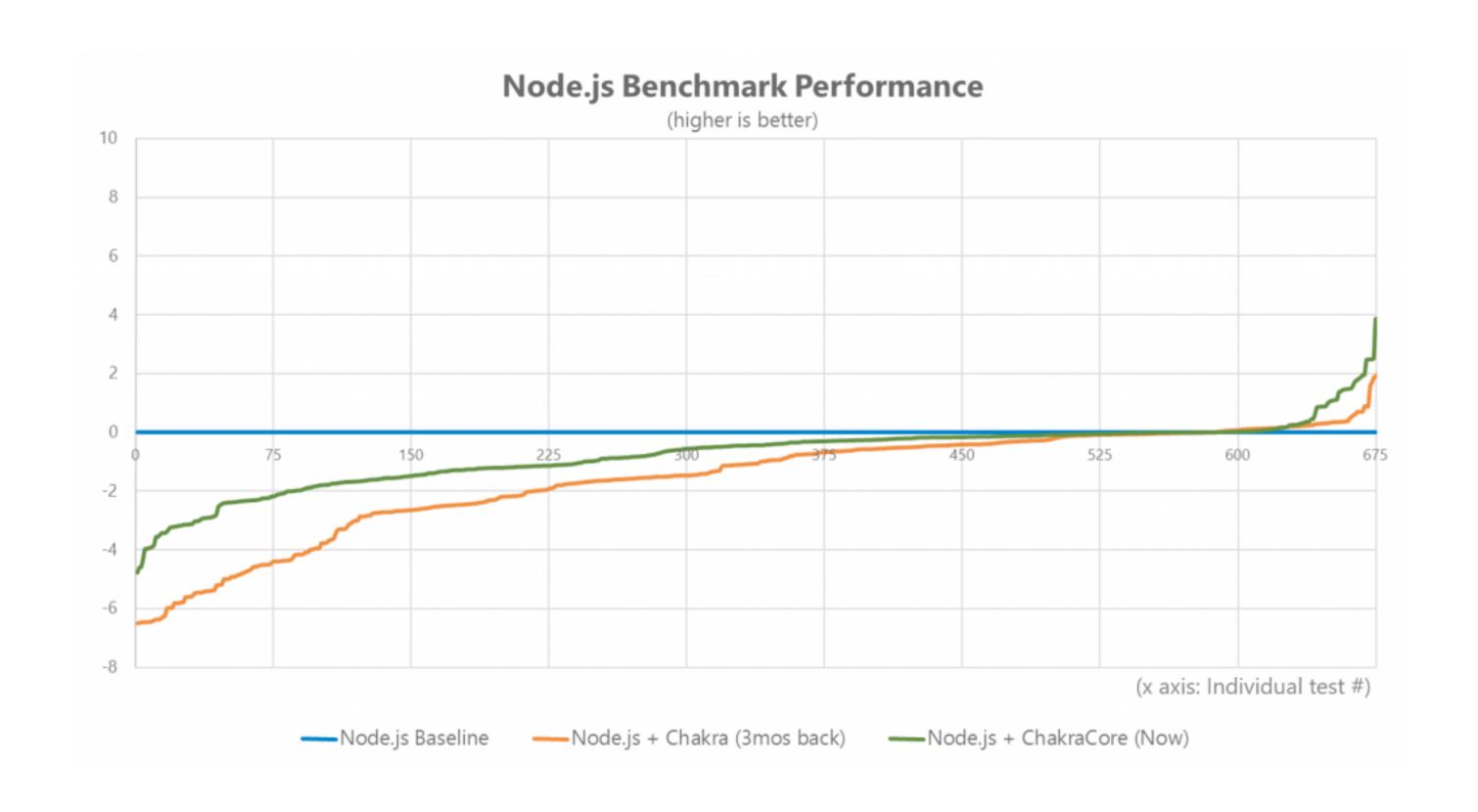
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NODE USING CHAKRACORE



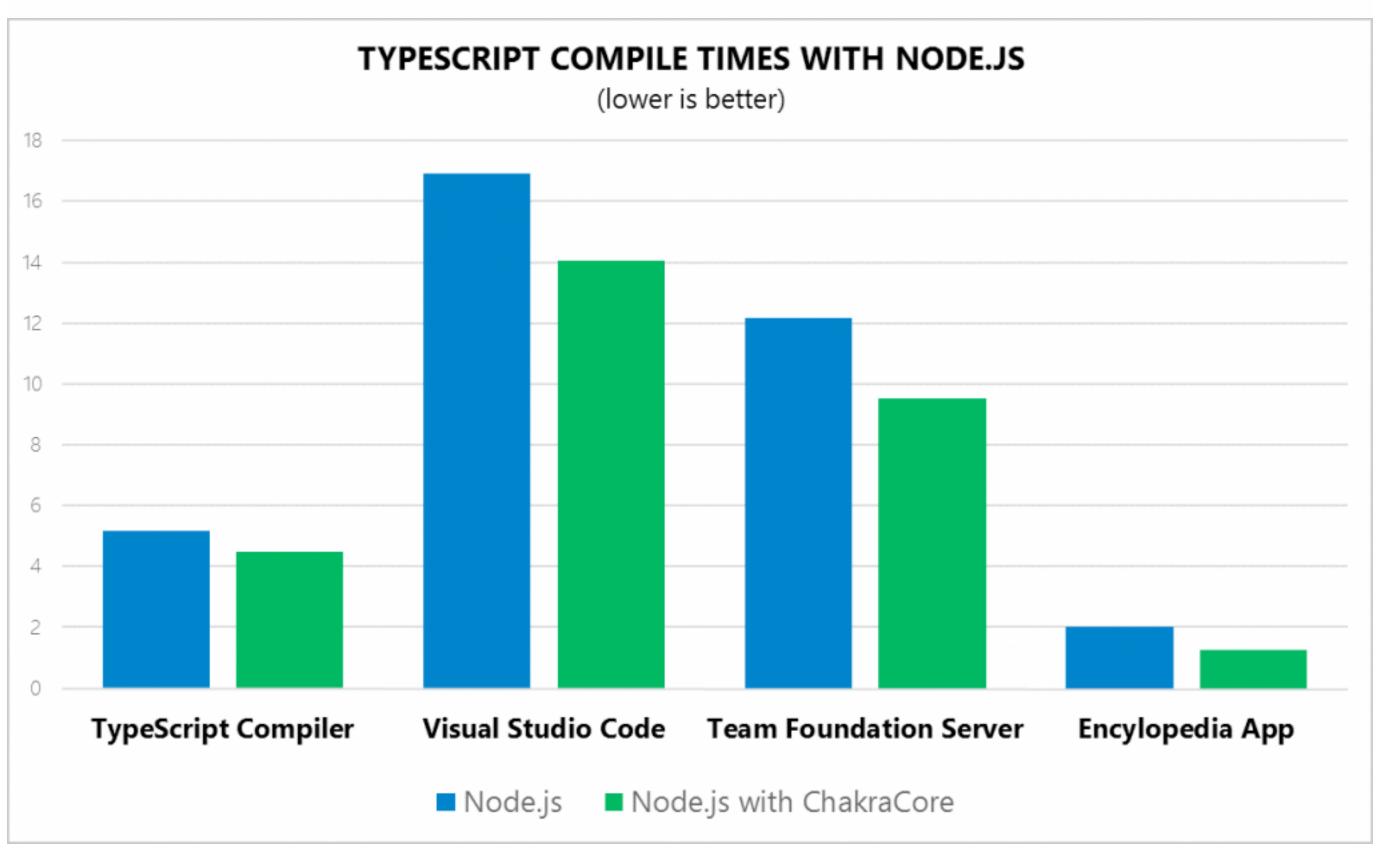
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ChakraCore



ChakraCore is the core part of Chakra, the high-performance JavaScript engine that powers Microsoft Edge and Windows applications written in HTML/CSS/JS. ChakraCore supports Just-in-time (JIT) compilation of JavaScript for x86/x64/ARM, garbage collection, and a wide range of the latest JavaScript features. ChakraCore also supports the JavaScript Runtime (JSRT) APIs, which allows you to easily embed ChakraCore in your applications.

You can stay up-to-date on progress by following the MSEdge developer blog.

Build Status

	Debug	Test	Release
x86	build passing	build passing	build passing
x64	build passing	build passing	build passing
arm	build passing	build passing	build passing

Above is a table of our rolling build status. We run additional builds on a daily basis. See Build Status for the status of all builds.

https://github.com/Microsoft/ChakraCore

