

Build your Web App Widgets using TypeScript

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What is TypeScript?

- Typed superset of JavaScript
- Driven by type definition files (.d.ts)
- Compiles to plain JavaScript
- Generated map files (.js.map) allow debugging TypeScript source directly in a browser
- Integrates with Visual Studio for IntelliSense and error checking

Why use TypeScript?

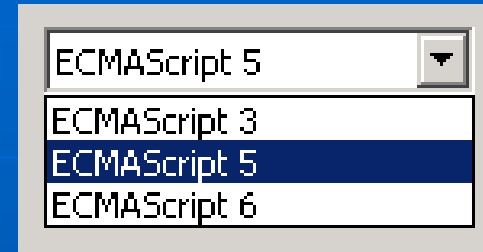
- Encourages more structured and legible code
- IntelliSense enhances productivity
- Checks your logic while coding
- Visual Studio development experience
- Available for other IDEs and editors:
Eclipse, WebStorm, Atom, and Sublime Text

TypeScript Resources

- TypeScript home:
www.typescriptlang.org
- DefinitelyTyped home:
definitelytyped.org
- MSDN blog:
blogs.msdn.com/b/typescript/
- Esri jsapi-resources:
github.com/Esri/jsapi-resources

ES5 or ES6?

ECMAScript version:

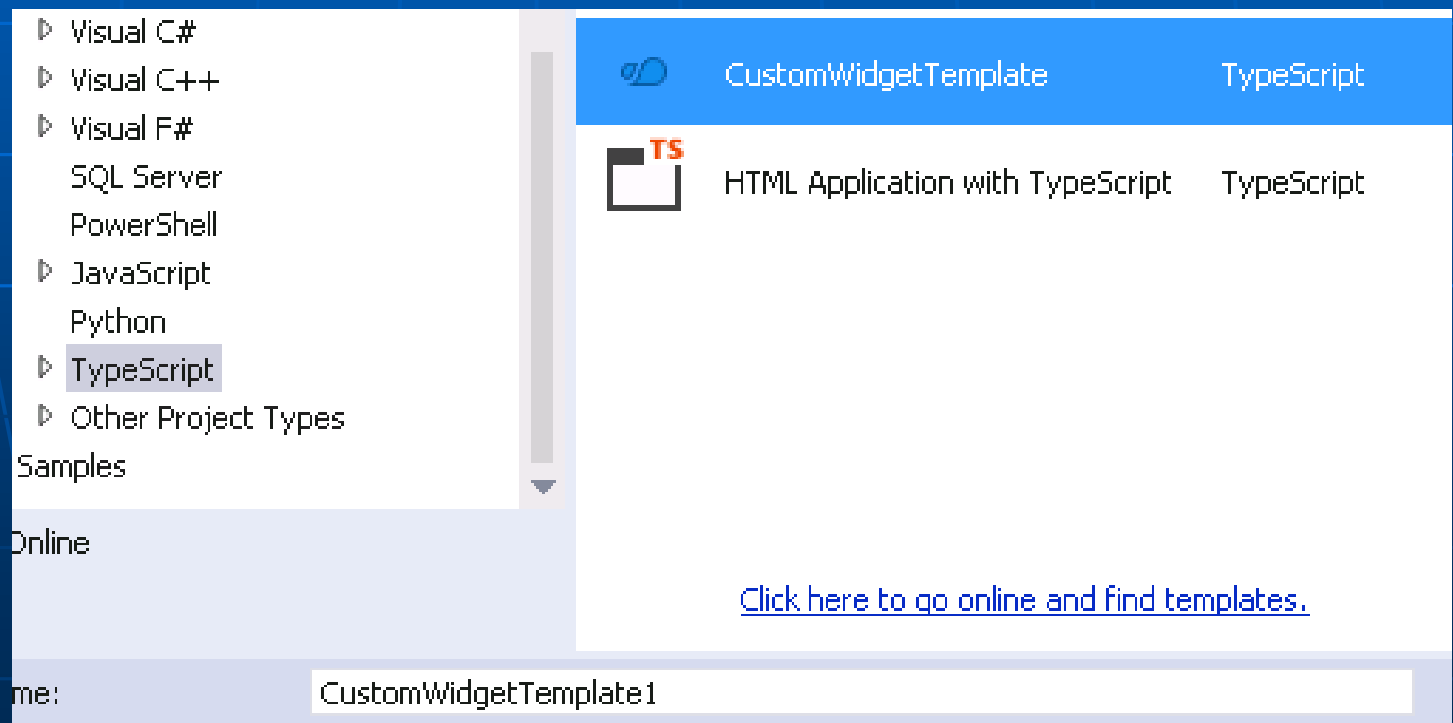


- ES6 syntax is not fully supported by modern browsers (e.g. **import**)
- Requires a transpiler such as **Babel**
- ES5 type definition files must be edited to conform to ES6 syntax

Examples in this presentation use ES5 output

A Sample Project Template

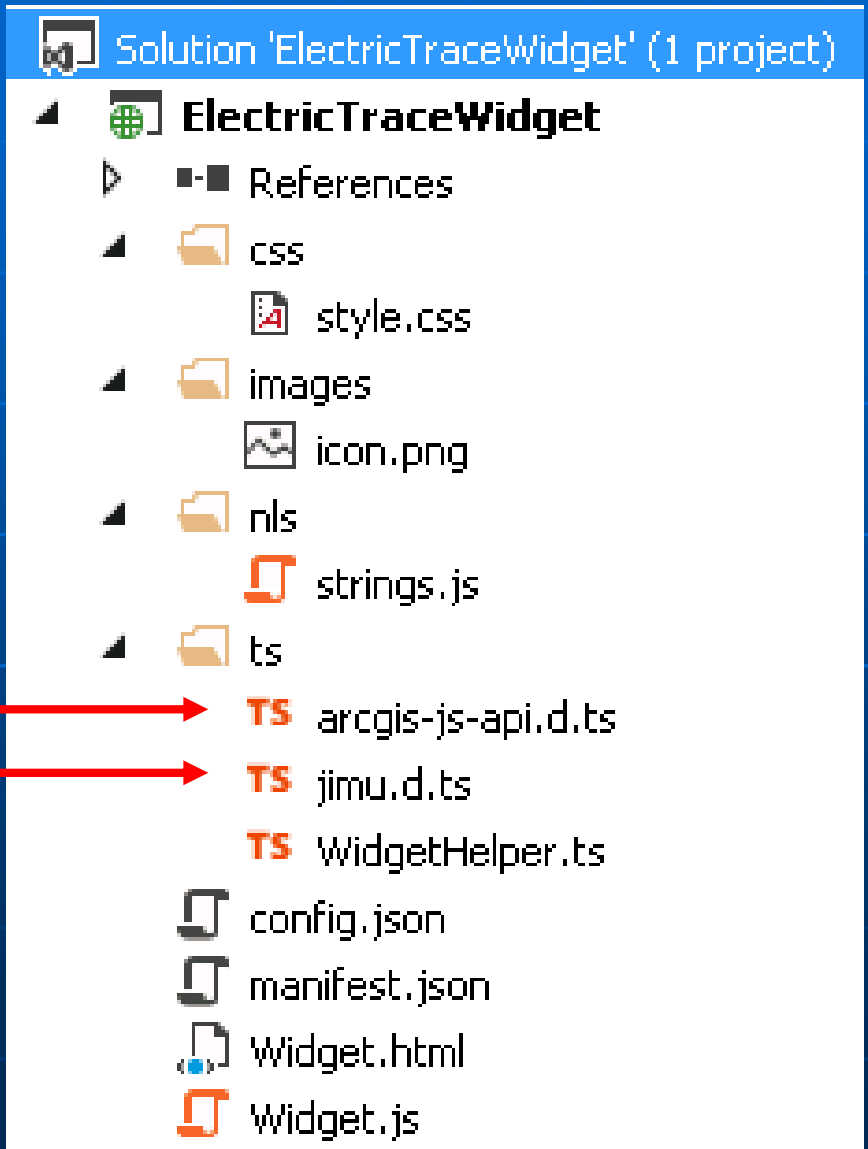
- For creating a Web AppBuilder 1.3 custom widget
- Included in sample code download



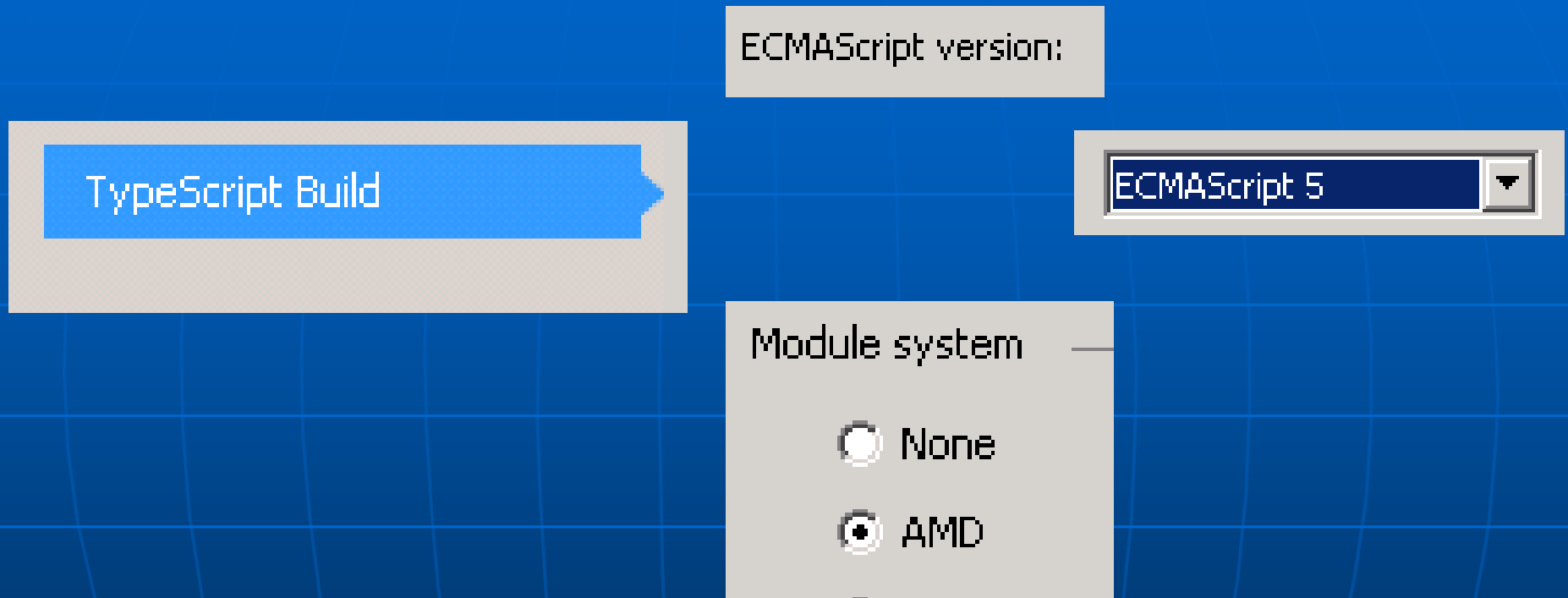
Project Structure

ArcGIS API for JavaScript (3.15)

BaseWidget



Project Properties



The image shows a 'Project Properties' dialog box with a blue background and a grid pattern. It contains several settings:

- TypeScript Build:** A blue button with a right-pointing arrow.
- ECMAScript version:** A label above a dropdown menu.
- ECMAScript 5:** The selected option in the dropdown menu.
- Module system:** A label above two radio buttons.
- None:** A radio button that is currently unselected.
- AMD:** A radio button that is currently selected.

If ES6 output is selected, set Module system to None

Widget.js

```
helper.ts  Widget.js  ↵ ✕  
1  define(['dojo/_base/declare', 'jimu/BaseWidget', './ts/WidgetHelper'],  
2  function (declare, BaseWidget, WidgetHelper)  
3  {  
4      var helper = new WidgetHelper();  
5      var props = helper.createWidgetProps();  
6      return declare([BaseWidget], props);  
7  });
```

WidgetHelper.js

```
1  ☐ /// <reference path="../jimu.d.ts" />  
2  /// <reference path="../arcgis-js-api.d.ts" />  
3  
4  import BaseWidget = require("jimu/BaseWidget");  
5  import Map = require("esri/map");  
6  
7  ☐ class WidgetHelper  
8  {  
9  
10     baseClass: string = "jimu-widget-customwidget";  
11
```

WidgetHelper.js (cont'd)

```
12 createWidgetProps(): any
13 {
14     var props: any = {};
15     props["baseClass"] = this.baseClass;
16     props["intWidgetHelper"] = this;
17     // In the startup function context, "this" is the actual widget
18     props["startup"] = function () { this.intWidgetHelper.initialize(this); }
19     // The remaining functions use lambda expressions so that "this" is the WidgetHelper instance
20     props["onOpen"] = () => { this.onOpen(); }
21     props["onClose"] = () => { this.onClose(); }
22     return props;
23 }
24
```

WidgetHelper.js (cont'd)

```
25     private _bw: BaseWidget; // Use this to make BaseWidget calls
26     private _map: Map;
27
28     initialize(widget: any): void
29     {
30         this._bw = widget;
31         this._map = this._bw.map;
32     }
33
34     onOpen(): void
35     {
36         console.log("onOpen");
37     }
38
39     onClose(): void
40     {
41         console.log("onClose");
42     }
43
44 }
45 export = WidgetHelper;
```

Deployment

Copy the project folder to the deployment location and delete the following:

Delete any .d.ts files:

TS arcgis-js-api.d.ts

TS jimu.d.ts

 SOEClient.js

 SOEClient.js.map

TS SOEClient.ts

 WidgetHelper.js

 WidgetHelper.js.map

TS WidgetHelper.ts

Delete bin, obj,
and project files:

 bin

 css

 images

 nls

 obj

 ts

 config.json

 ElectricTrace/Widget.csproj

 ElectricTrace/Widget.csproj.user

 ElectricTrace/Widget.sln

 ElectricTrace/Widget.v12.suo

 manifest.json

 Widget.html

 Widget.js

Debugging

The screenshot displays a web application in a debugger. On the left, a map interface is visible with a search bar labeled "Esri World Geocoder" and a "Paused in debugger" status bar. The map shows a street view with a red location pin and a blue line. The right side of the image shows the Chrome DevTools interface. The "Sources" panel is active, displaying the file structure of the application, with the "widgets" folder expanded. The "WidgetHelper.ts" file is selected, and the code is shown. The "Call Stack" panel on the right indicates the current execution context is "SOEClient.getProcessId".

Map Interface:

- Paused in debugger
- Esri World Geocoder
- Map showing W Diehl Rd and N Mill St

Source Code (WidgetHelper.ts):

```
130 this._TraceResultGraphics = [];
131
132 // Set up draw event
133
134 this._draw = new Draw(this._map
135 this._draw.on("draw-end", (evt)
136
137 }
138
139 getProcessId(): void
140 {
141     var sUrl: string = this.Extension
142     Request(
143     {
144         url: sUrl,
145         content: { "f": "json"
146         callbackParamName: "cal
147         load: (evt) => { this.e
148     });
149 }
150
151 activateTool(): void
152 {
153     this.clearResults();
```

Call Stack:

- SOEClient.getProcessId
- WidgetHelper.getProcessId
- WidgetHelper.getProcessId
- props_onProcessIdClick (anonymous function)

Scope:

- Local
 - _this: SOEClient
 - sUrl: undefined
 - this: SOEClient
- Closure
- Global
- Breakpoints

DEMO 1:

Converting an existing app to a widget

What About Dojo?

- Type definition files are at the DefinitelyTyped repository:

github.com/DefinitelyTyped/DefinitelyTyped/tree/master/dojo

- However, module declarations may need editing to get your project to compile

Dojo Module Declarations

Wrong:

```
declare module "dojox/charting/Chart" {  
    var exp: dojox.charting.Chart  
    export=exp;  
}
```

Right:

```
declare module "dojox/charting/Chart" {  
    import exp = dojox.charting.Chart;  
    export=exp;  
}
```

Definition Files Required to Support Charting

TS `dijit.d.ts`

TS `dojo.d.ts`

TS `dojox.charting.d.ts`

TS `dojox.geo.d.ts`

TS `dojox.gfx.d.ts`

DEMO 2:

Creating a custom pie chart widget

Questions?

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- This presentation and sample code may be downloaded at:

<http://www.pierssen.com/arccgis10/server.htm>

ALSO SEE:

Web AppBuilder for ArcGIS: Development Tools and Techniques

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