

JAVASCRIPT

for Swift Developers



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SWIFT

```
let dog = Dog(age: 3, furColor: "brown")  
print(dog) // => "Dog(age: 3)"
```

JAVASCRIPT

```
let dog = new Dog(3, "brown");  
console.log(dog); // => "Dog(age: 3)"
```

WOW

SOO EASY

PRETTY SWIFT

CALL ME

JS DEVELOPER

SUPERFICIAL

- ▶ **Both have variable declarations with `let`.**
 - ▶ **Swift has parameter names.**
- ▶ **Different calls to make console prints.**
 - ▶ **JavaScript has a new operator.**
 - ▶ **JavaScript has semicolons.**

VARIABLE DECLARATIONS

- ▶ `var`
- ▶ `let`
- ▶ `const`

var

- ▶ **In Swift: declares a mutable variable**
- ▶ **In JavaScript: declares a variable which is hoisted within the function or global scope**

let

- ▶ **In Swift: declares an immutable variable, enforced beyond re-assignments for value types**
- ▶ **In JavaScript: declares a variable which is block-scoped**

const

- ▶ **Only in JavaScript: declares a variable which is block-scoped and not re-assignable**



**WRITE MULTIPLE STATEMENTS
IN A SINGLE LINE**

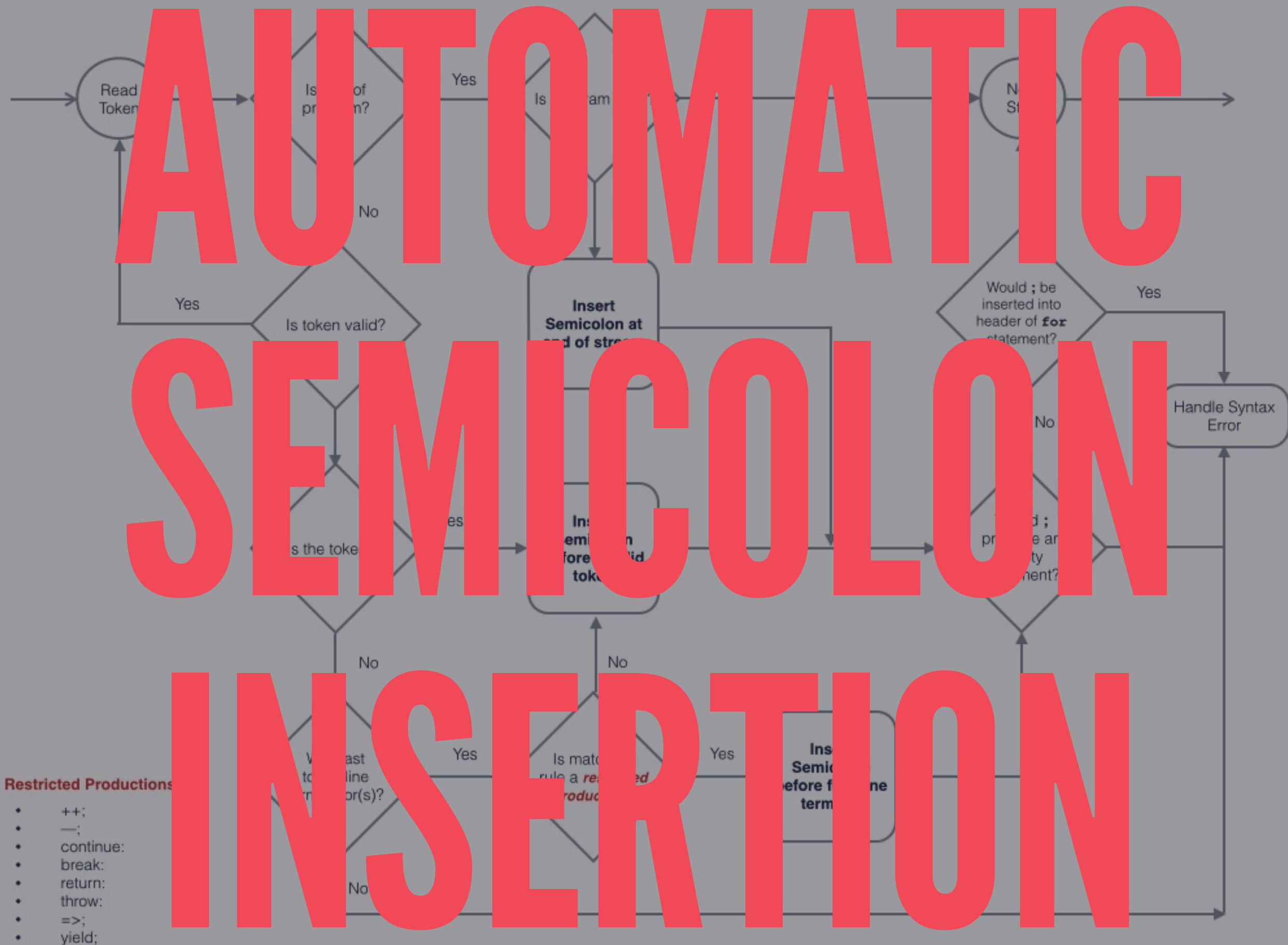
IN SWIFT IT'S OPTIONAL.

IN JAVASCRIPT IT'S *SOMETIMES* **OPTIONAL.**

AUTOMATIC

SEMICOLON

INSERTION



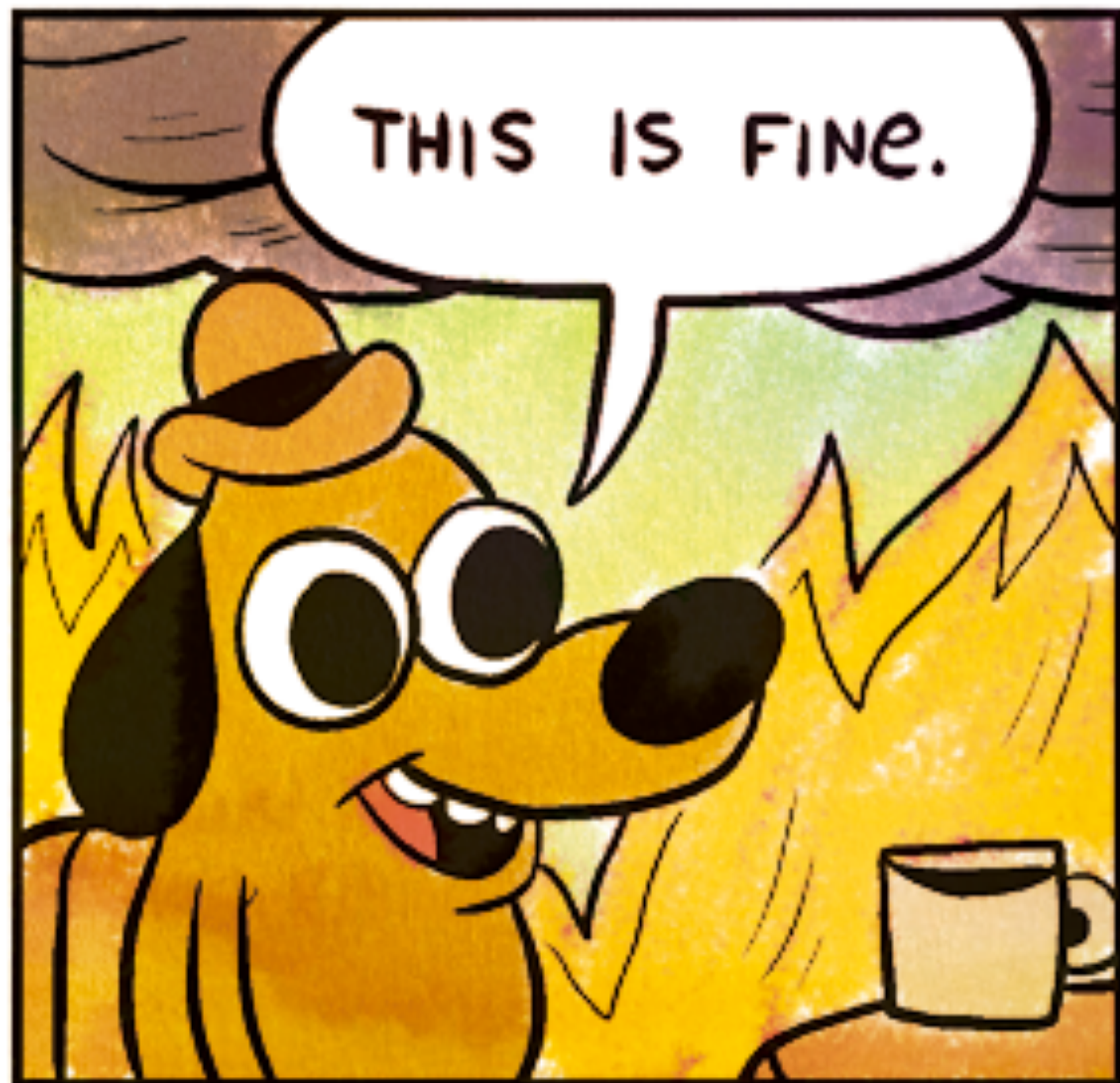
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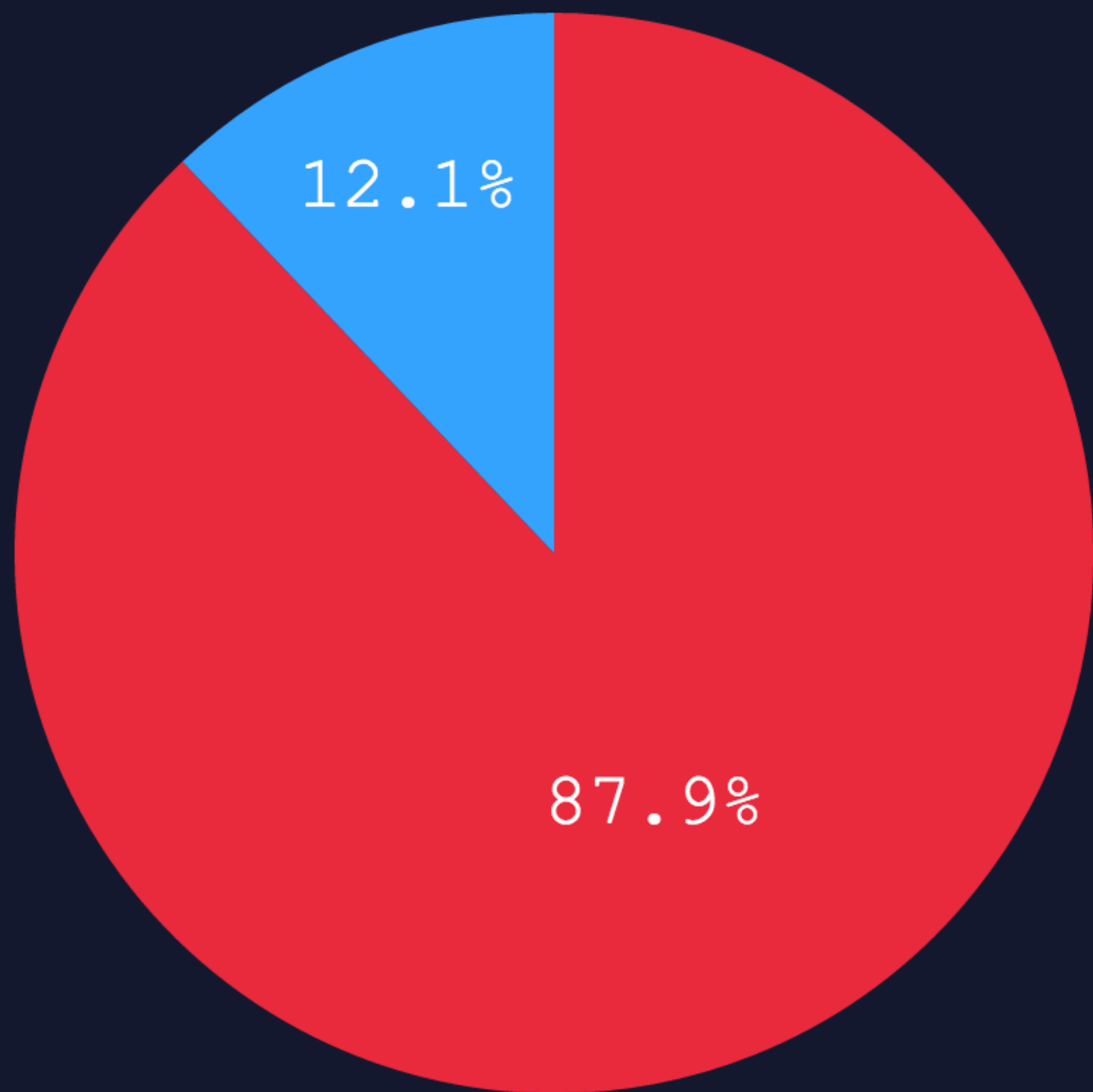
- ++;
- --;
- continue;
- break;
- return;
- throw;
- =>;
- yield;

```
return
{
  name: "This is fine."
};
```



```
return;  
{  
    name: "This is fine."  
};
```





- Semicolons
- No Semicolons



ESLint

```
semi: ["error", "always"] // or: ["error", "never"]
```

**BUT THERE IS
MORE THAN THE
SUPERFICIAL...**

STEP BACK

What do we compare?

SWIFT

- ▶ 2014: 1.0

 - ▶ ...

- ▶ 2017-03-27: 3.1

JAVASCRIPT

- ▶ 1996: 1.0
- ▶ 2000: 1.5 - ECMA 3rd edition
- ▶ 2010: ECMA 5th edition
- ▶ 2015: ECMA 6th edition - ES6 / ES2015

ENGINES

- ▶ JavaScriptCore
 - ▶ V8
- ▶ SpiderMonkey, Chakra, Carakan, ...

BRABBELE

SWIFT & JAVASCRIPT
SUPPORT **DIFFERENT**
PROGRAMMING PARADIGMS.

- ▶ **Imperative Programming**
- ▶ **Object-oriented Programming**
- ▶ **Declarative Programming**
- ▶ **Functional Programming**
- ▶ **Many things in between ...**

Let's talk about

TYPES

**SWIFT HAS A
STRONG TYPE
SYSTEM.**

**JAVASCRIPT HAS
A DYNAMIC TYPE
SYSTEM.**

INHERITANCE

CLASSES IN SWIFT

```
class Animal : CustomStringConvertible {
    var age: Int

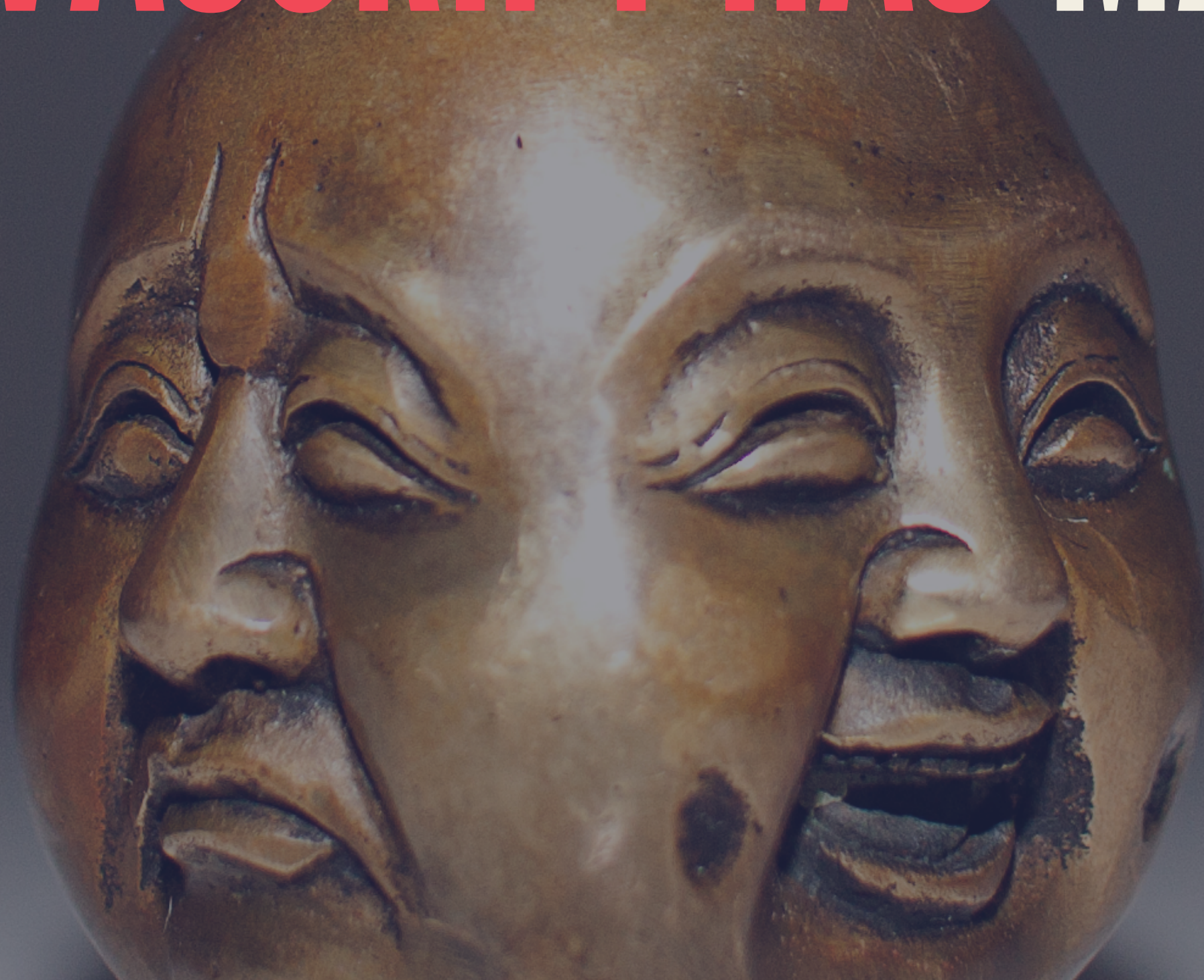
    init(age: Int) {
        self.age = age
    }

    toString() {
        let className = String(describing: type(of: self))
        return "\(className)(age: \(age))"
    }
}

class Dog : Animal {
    var furColor: String

    init(age: Int, furColor: String) {
        super(age: age)
        self.furColor = furColor;
    }
}
```


JAVASCRIPT HAS MANY



JAVASCRIPT'S PROTOTYPAL INHERITANCE

```
function Animal(age) {
  this._age = age;
}

Object.defineProperty(Animal.prototype, "age", {
  get: function() {
    return this._age;
  },
});

Animal.prototype.toString = function() {
  return this.constructor.name + "(age: " + this.age + ")";
}

function Dog(age, furColor) {
  Object.getPrototypeOf(Dog).call(this, age);
  this.furColor = furColor;
}

Dog.prototype = Object.create(Animal.prototype, {
  constructor: { value: Dog }
});
```

ES6 SYNTAX

```
class Animal {
  constructor(age) {
    this._age = age;
  }

  get age() {
    return this._age;
  }

  toString() {
    return `${this.constructor.name}(age: ${this.age})`;
  }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
  constructor(age, furColor) {
    super(age);
    this.furColor = furColor;
  }
}
```

TypeScript

TYPESCRIPT

```
class Animal {
  age: number;

  constructor(age: number) {
    this.age = age;
  }

  toString() {
    return `${this.constructor.name}(age: ${this.age})`;
  }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
  constructor(age: number, furColor: string) {
    super(age);
    this.furColor = furColor;
  }
}
```

WHY THE UGLY?

UNDER THE HOOD IT'S STILL THE SAME!*

EQUALITY?

SWIFT HAS 

**SEMANTICS ARE
ENCODED IN THE STANDARD LIBRARY
AND EXTENSIBLE**

```
extension Animal : Equatable {}
```

```
public function ==(lhs: Animal, rhs: Animal) {  
    return lhs.age == rhs.age;  
}
```

JAVASCRIPT HAS MORE:

&

==

===

==

===

==

ROLL YOUR OWN

```
class Animal {  
    ...  
  
    isEqual(other) {  
        return this.age === other.age;  
    }  
}
```

Let's talk about

null

Swift has an explicit concept of nullability encoded in the type system.

JavaScript hasn't.

IN ADDITION TO `null`,
EVERYTHING CAN BE `undefined`.

null

- ▶ `typeof null => "object"`
 - ▶ **Literal**

undefined

- ▶ `typeof undefined => "undefined"`
 - ▶ **Property of the global object**
 - ▶ **Can be overwritten** 🥲



**TYPESCRIPT
TO THE RESCUE!**

```
let u: undefined = undefined;  
let n: null = null;
```

```
// In Swift
```

```
func greet(name: string) { ... }
```

```
func greet(name: string?) { ... }
```

```
// In TypeScript
// when compiled with --strictNullChecks
function greet(name: string) { ... }
function greet(name: string | undefined = undefined) { ... }
```




ECOSYSTEM

SWIFT RUNS ON ...

- ▶ **Mac and iOS devices**
 - ▶ **Linux**
 - ▶ **(Android)**
 - ▶ **(Windows)**

JAVASCRIPT RUNS ...

everywhere

JavaScript is an assembly language.

– Erik Meijer

ASM.JS

Downloading...



Let's talk about
React Native





The Dream
IMPLEMENT THE APP ONCE &
DEPLOY IT ON ALL PLATFORMS

A dramatic background image of a dark, stormy sea with white-capped waves under a heavy, grey sky with several bright lightning bolts striking down.

REALITY?

Platforms have different requirements!

SHARE THE BUSINESS LOGIC

But not UI



DEPENDENCY MANAGEMENT

Reminder

SWIFT IS INTEROPERABLE WITH OBJECTIVE-C

OBJECTIVE-C DEVELOPERS HISTORICALLY USED ...

- ▶ **No dependencies**
- ▶ **Git Submodules**
- ▶ **CocoaPods**

WITH SWIFT, MOST USE:

- ▶ CocoaPods
- ▶ Carthage
- ▶ Swift Package Manager

**NO CENTRAL CODE REGISTRY,
YOU RELY ON PRIVATE HOSTED
REPOSITORIES.**

JAVASCRIPT HAS ...

- ▶ **NPM for Node.js**
- ▶ **Different approaches for frontend code: Bower or Browserify / Webpack etc.**

NPM IS A PACKAGE MANAGER AND A PLATFORM.

YOU SUBMIT ACTUAL CODE.



**NO FULL DEPENDENCY RESOLUTION
BY DEFAULT**

PITFALLS OF RECURSIVE RESOLUTION

MyApp@1.4.2

└─ BananaKit@1.3.2

| └─ monkey@1.1.0

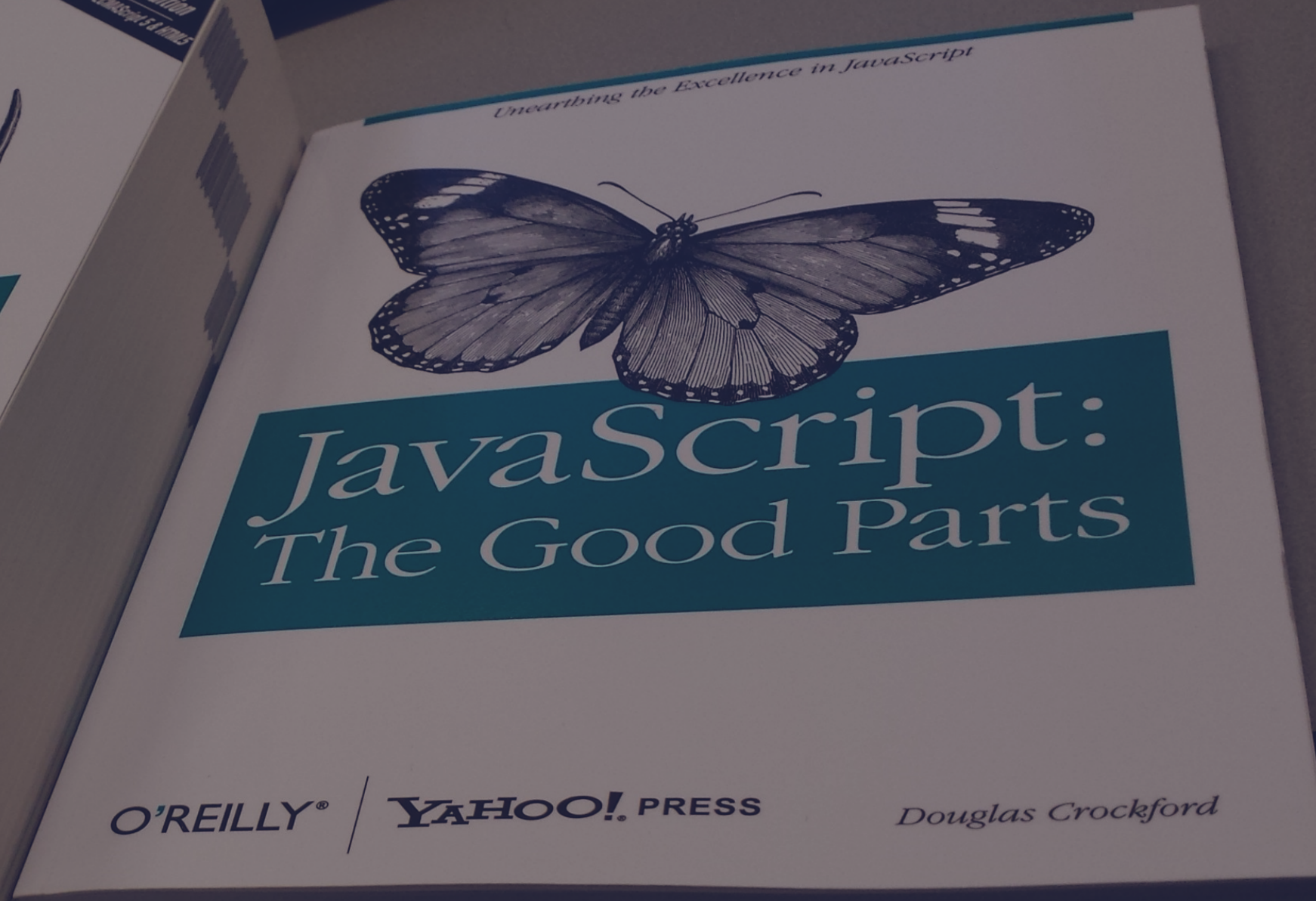
└─ monkey@1.0.7

```
import BananaKit from 'bananakit';
import Monkey from 'monkey';

const monkey = new Monkey();
const tree = new BananaKit.Tree();
monkey.visit(tree);
// => TypeError: m.climb is not a function
//   at tree.accept (bananakit.js)
//   at monkey.visit (monkey.js)
```

DIFFERENT APPROACHES FOR LOCKING YOUR DEPENDENCIES 📌

- ▶ `Commit node_modules`
 - ▶ `npm shrinkwrap`
 - ▶ `Yarn`



THE STATE OF AFFAIRS?

```
questions.forEach((question) => {  
    question.ask();  
});
```


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ATTENTION!**

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