



TypeScript  
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## Enabling experimental feature, hang tight...

```
// tsconfig.json
{
  "compilerOptions": {
    "target": "ES5",
    "experimentalDecorators": true
  }
}
```

*proposed standard for ECMAScript 7 (stage 1)*

## What is it and why use it ?

*“ A decorator is the name used for a software design pattern. Decorators dynamically alter the functionality of a function, method, or class without having to directly use subclasses or change the source code of the function being decorated.*

```
# Use of decorators in Python, with Flask

from flask import Flask
app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route("/")
def hello():
    return "Hello World!"
```

# What is it and why use it ?

```
import { NgModule }      from '@angular/core';
import { BrowserModule } from '@angular/platform-browser';
import { FormsModule }   from '@angular/forms';
import { AppComponent }  from './app.component';

@NgModule({
  imports: [
    BrowserModule,
    FormsModule
  ],
  declarations: [
    AppComponent
  ],
  bootstrap: [ AppComponent ]
})
export class AppModule { }
```

- *"mixin like" vs inheritance*
- *maintainability*
- *syntax sugar*

## Many types of decorators

```
@classDecorator
class Bar {
  @methodDecorator
  method(@paramDecorator x) {}

  @accessorDecorator
  get accessor() {}

  @propertyDecorator
  prop;
}
```

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## Configurable decorator

```
class Bar {
    @deprecated({
        since: 'v1.0'
    })
    foo(x) {}
}
```

# How to write decorators

## Method decorator case

```
declare type MethodDecorator = <T>(  
  target: Object,  
  propertyKey: string | symbol,  
  descriptor: TypedPropertyDescriptor<T>  
) => TypedPropertyDescriptor<T> | void;
```

```
function consoleIn(target, key, desc) {  
  desc.value = () => {  
    console.log('in');  
    desc.value.call(desc, desc.value);  
  }  
  return desc;  
}
```

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function consoleOut(target, key, desc) {  
  desc.value = () => {  
    desc.value.call(desc, desc.value);  
    console.log('out');  
  }  
  return desc;  
}
```

## Method decorator explained

```
class Bar {  
    @consoleOut  
    @consoleIn  
    foo(x) { console.log('foo'); }  
}
```

```
(new Bar).foo()
```

```
// print  
// "in"  
// "foo"  
// "out"
```

```
// same as :
```

```
consoleOut(  
    consoleIn(  
        (new Bar).foo()  
    )  
)
```

# At transpiling time

Method decorator case

```
// Emit the call to __decorate. Given the following:
//
//   class Bar {
//     @consoleOut
//     @consoleIn
//     foo() {}
//   }
//
// The emit for a method is:
//
//   __decorate([
//     consoleOut,
//     consoleIn
//   ], Bar.prototype, "foo", null);
```

# At execution time

## Method decorator case

```
//
// TypeScript | Javascript
// -----|-----
// @dec       | let Bar = class Bar {
// class Bar { | }
//   @consoleOut @consoleIn foo() | // [...]
// }         | __decorate([consoleOut, consoleIn], Bar.prototype, 'foo', null);
// -----|-----

var __decorate = (this && this.__decorate) || function (decorators, target, key, desc) {
  var c = arguments.length,
      r = (c < 3) ? target : desc === null ? desc = Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptor(target, key) : desc,
      d;
  if (typeof Reflect === "object" && typeof Reflect.decorate === "function") {
    // Reflect.decorate is defined in 'reflect-metadata' npm package (polyfill)
    r = Reflect.decorate(decorators, target, key, desc);
  } else {
    // with
    // - `c` : arguments length
    // - `d` : current decorator
    // - `r` : descriptor of target OR target
    for (var i = decorators.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
      if (d = decorators[i]) {
        r = (c < 3 ? d(r) : c > 3 ? d(target, key, r) : d(target, key)) || r;
      }
    }
  }
  return c > 3 && r && Object.defineProperty(target, key, r), r;
};
```

# At execution time

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    console.log('out');  
  }  
  return desc;  
}
```

```
consoleOut(  
  Bar.prototype,  
  'method',  
  consoleIn(  
    Bar.prototype,  
    'foo',  
    fooDescriptor  
  )  
)
```

# Examples





```
import deprecated from 'deprecated-decorator';

class Foo {
  @deprecated('otherMethod')
  method() { }

  @deprecated({
    alternative: 'otherProperty',
    version: '0.1.2',
    url: 'http://vane.life/'
  })
  get property() { }
}
```

[vilic/deprecated-decorator](https://github.com/vilic/deprecated-decorator)

# @SpotifyQuery

## Spotify Web API + GraphQL

- Lot of duplicate code → maintainability issue
- Domain specific decorator → maintainability solution
- Good example of special use of decorators

```
class Fetcher {

  @SpotifyQuery(`
    query getTrack($id: String!) {
      track(id: $id) {
        name
        artists {
          name
        }
      }
    }
  `)
  static getTrack (response?): any {
    let track = response.track;
    return `the track ${track.name} was played by ${track.artists[0].name}`;
  }
}
```

```
Fetcher.getTrack({ id : '3W2ZcrRsInZbjWylOi6KhZ' }).then(sentence => {
  console.log(sentence);
  // print "the track You & Me - Flume Remix was played by Disclosure"
}, console.error);
```

[thefrenchhouse/spotify-graphql](https://github.com/thefrenchhouse/spotify-graphql)

```

class Fetcher {

  static getTrack (variables): Promise<string> {
    return new Promise(resolve, reject) => {
      spotifyApiClient.query(`
        query getTrack($id: String!) {
          track(id: $id) {
            name
            artists {
              name
            }
          }
        }
      `, null, null, variables).then((executionContext) => {
        if (!!executionContext.errors) {
          reject(executionContext.errors);
        } else {
          let track = executionContext.data.track;
          resolve(`the track ${track.name} was played by ${track.artists[0].name}`);
        }
      })
    });
  }
}

```

```

Fetcher.getTrack({ id : '3W2ZcrRsInZbjWylOi6KhZ' }).then(sentence => {
  console.log(sentence);
  // output "the track You & Me - Flume Remix was played by Disclosure"
}, error => { console.log(error) });

```

# @SpotifyQuery implementation

```
function SpotifyQuery(query: string) {
  return function (target: any, propertyKey: string, descriptor: PropertyDescriptor) {
    var originalMethod = descriptor.value;

    descriptor.value = function (variables?) {
      return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
        spotifyClient.query(query, null, null, variables).then((executionResult) => {
          if (!executionResult.errors) {
            resolve(
              originalMethod.call(originalMethod, executionResult.data)
            );
          } else {
            reject(executionResult.errors);
          }
        }, reject).catch(reject);
      });
    };

    return descriptor;
  };
}
```

Any questions ?



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# References

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- [thefrenchhouse/spotify-graphql](#)