JSTAR: JavaScript Specification Type Analyzer using Refinement

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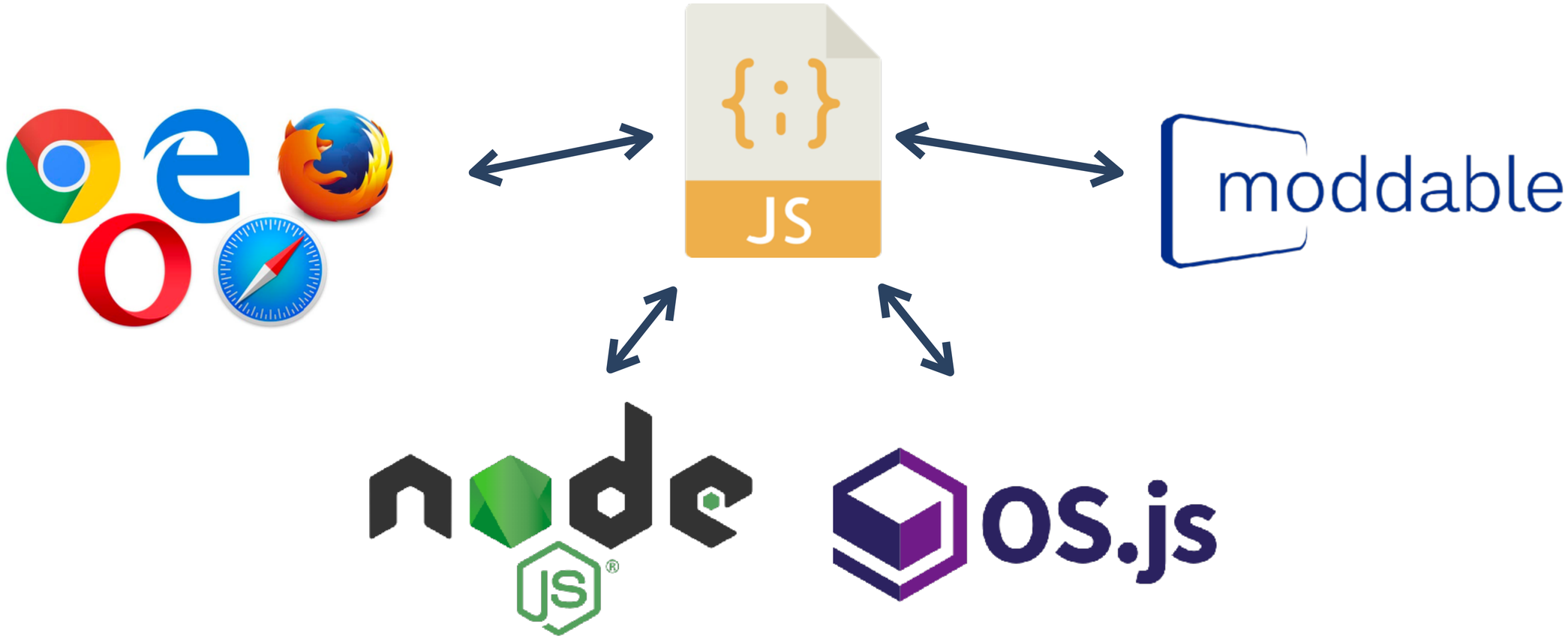

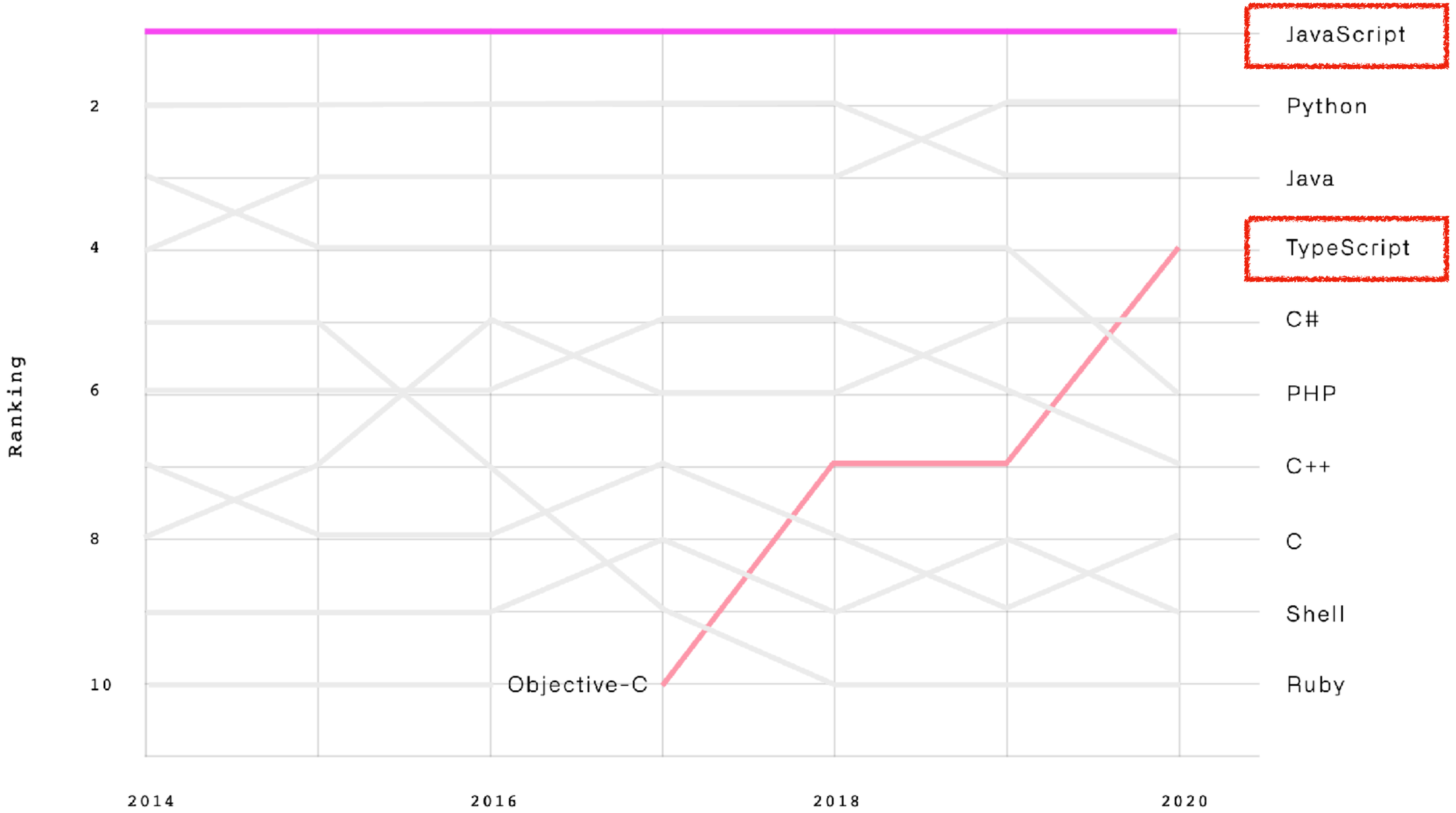

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ECMAScript: JavaScript Specification

Syntax

ArrayLiteral[Yield, Await] :

[*Elision*opt]

[*ElementList*[?Yield, ?Await]]

[*ElementList*[?Yield, ?Await] , *Elision*opt]

The production of *ArrayLiteral* in ES12

Semantics

13.2.5.2 Runtime Semantics: Evaluation

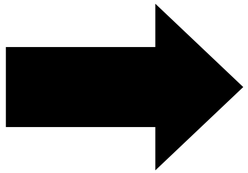
ArrayLiteral : [*ElementList* , *Elision*opt]

1. Let *array* be ! ArrayCreate(0).
2. Let *nextIndex* be the result of performing ArrayAccumulation for *ElementList* with arguments *array* and 0.
3. ReturnIfAbrupt(*nextIndex*).
4. If *Elision* is present, then
   a. Let *len* be the result of performing ArrayAccumulation for *Elision* with arguments *array* and *nextIndex*.
   b. ReturnIfAbrupt(*len*).
5. Return *array*.

The Evaluation algorithm for the third alternative of *ArrayLiteral* in ES12

Correctness of ECMAScript is Important

ECMAScript



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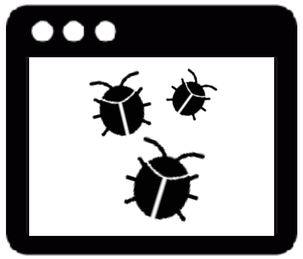
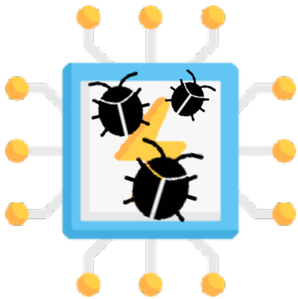


Server-side Programs



Embedded Systems

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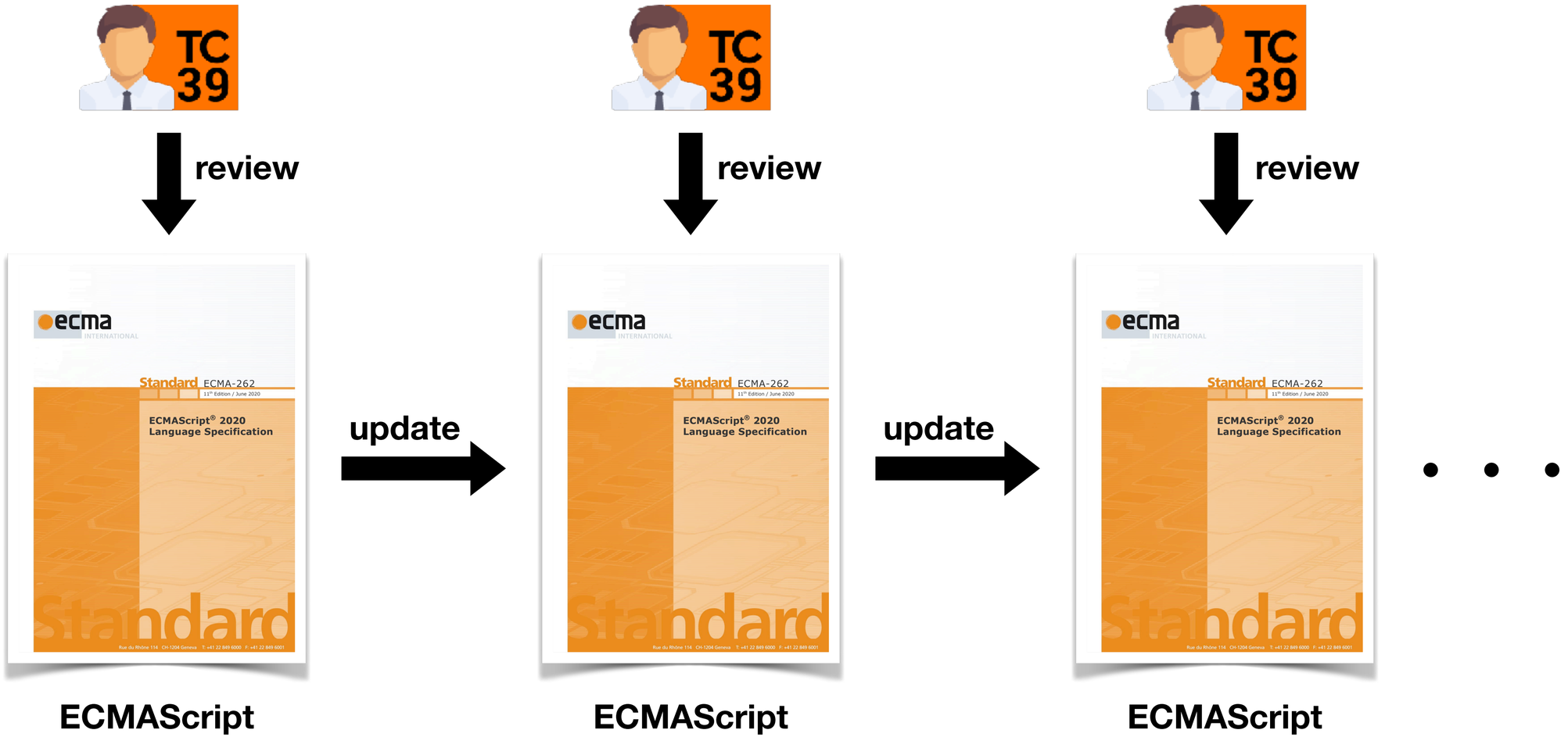
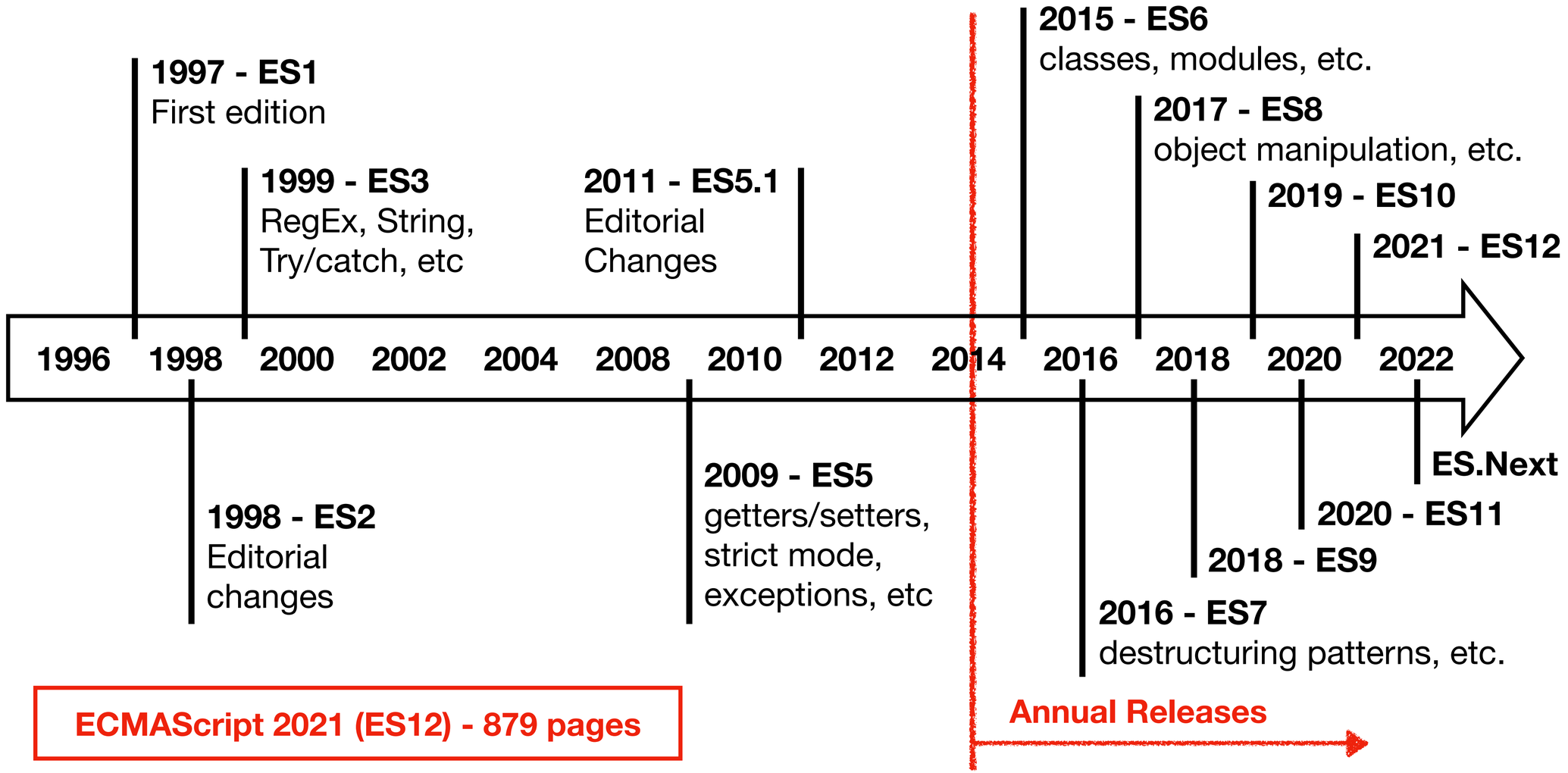
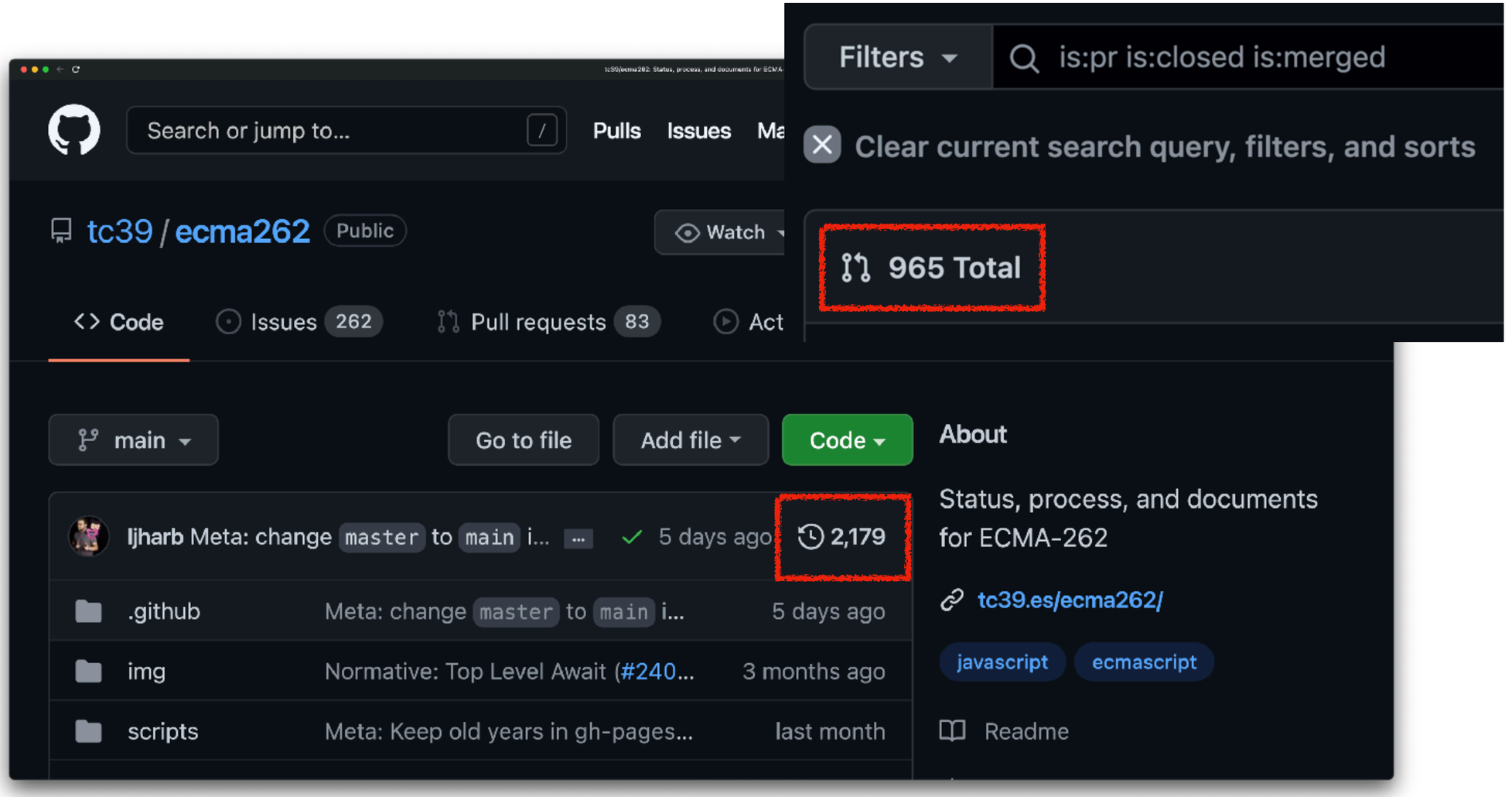


Problem: Fast Evolving JavaScript



Problem: Open Development Process



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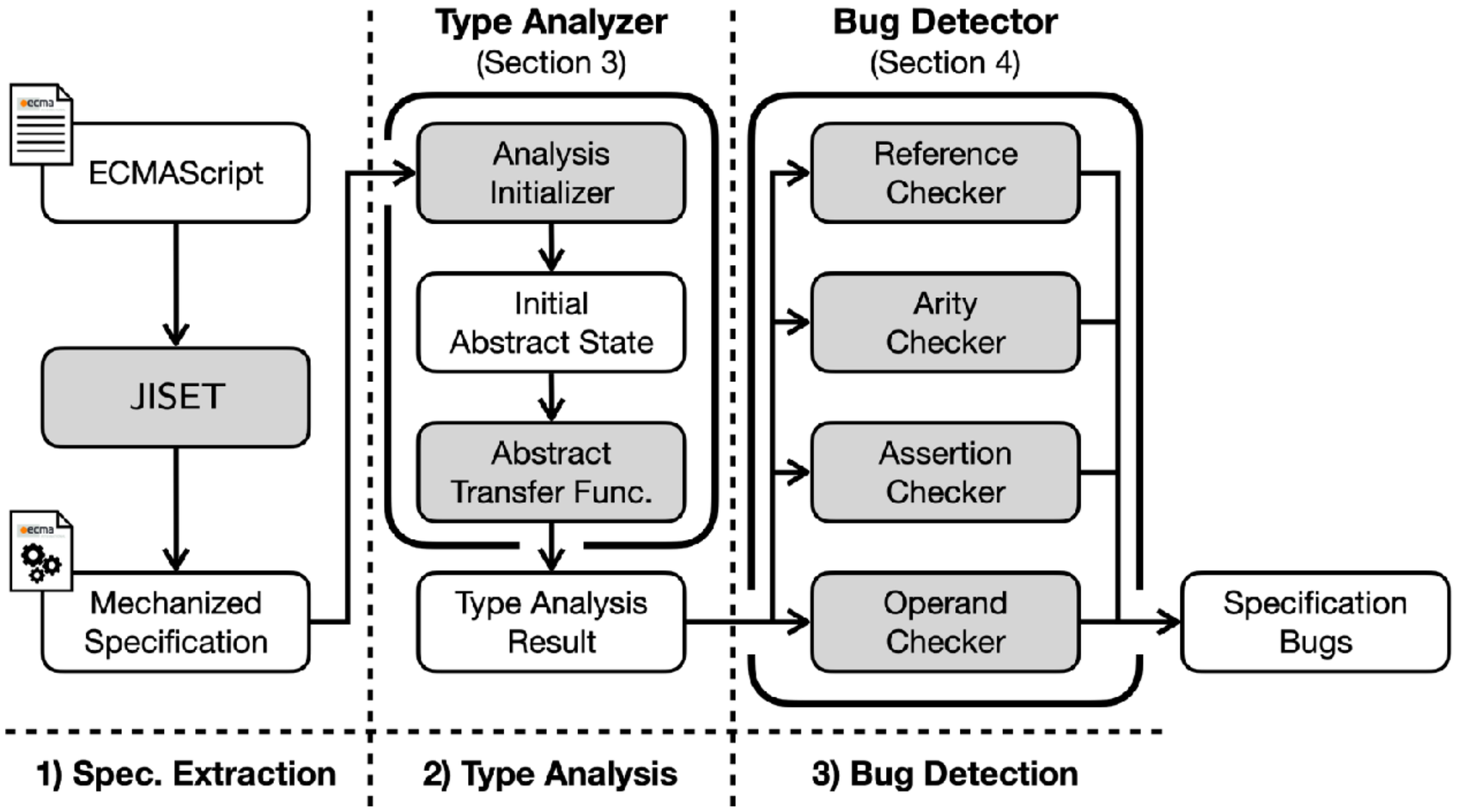

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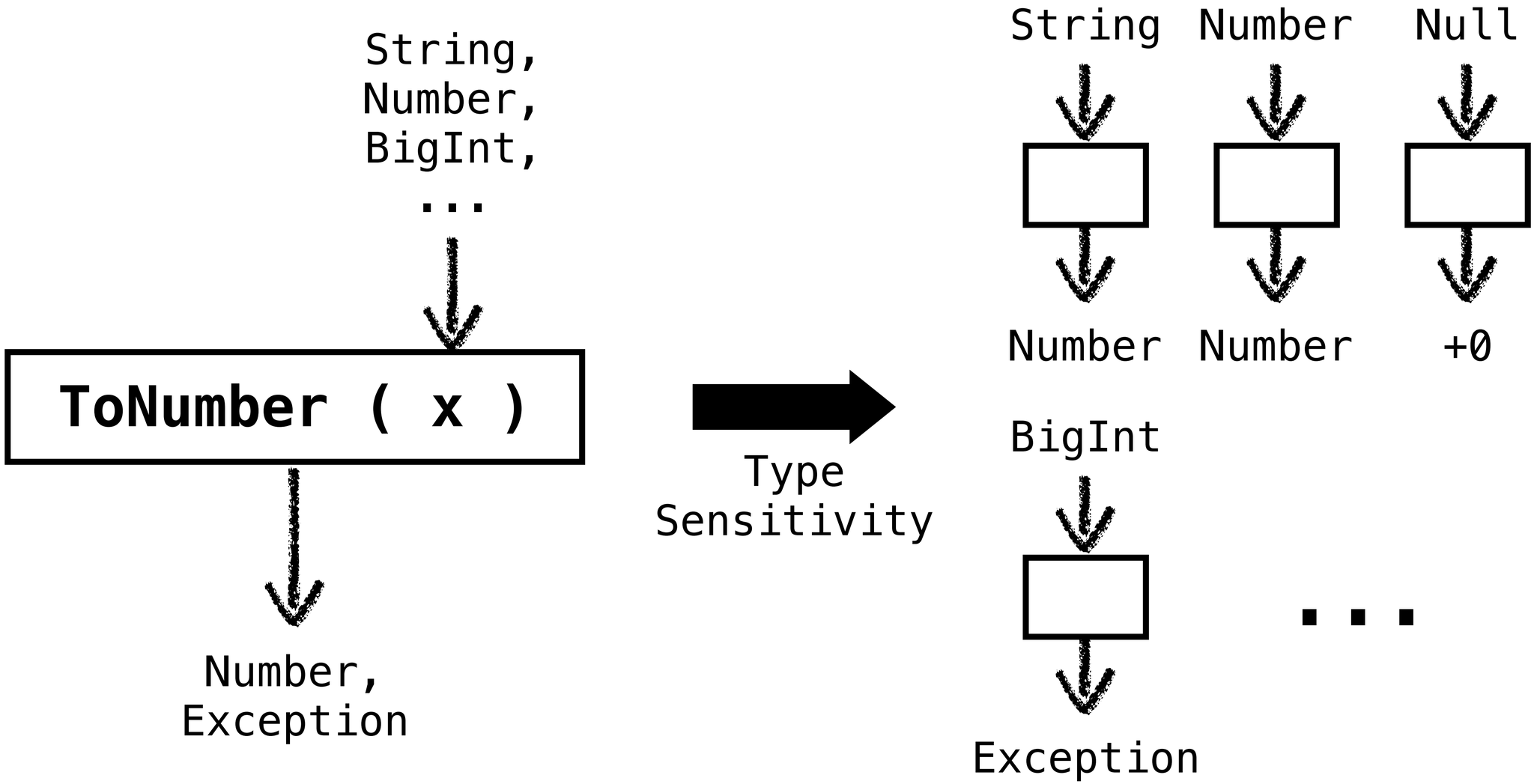

Precision ⇧ - 2) Condition-based Refinement

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\begin{aligned}
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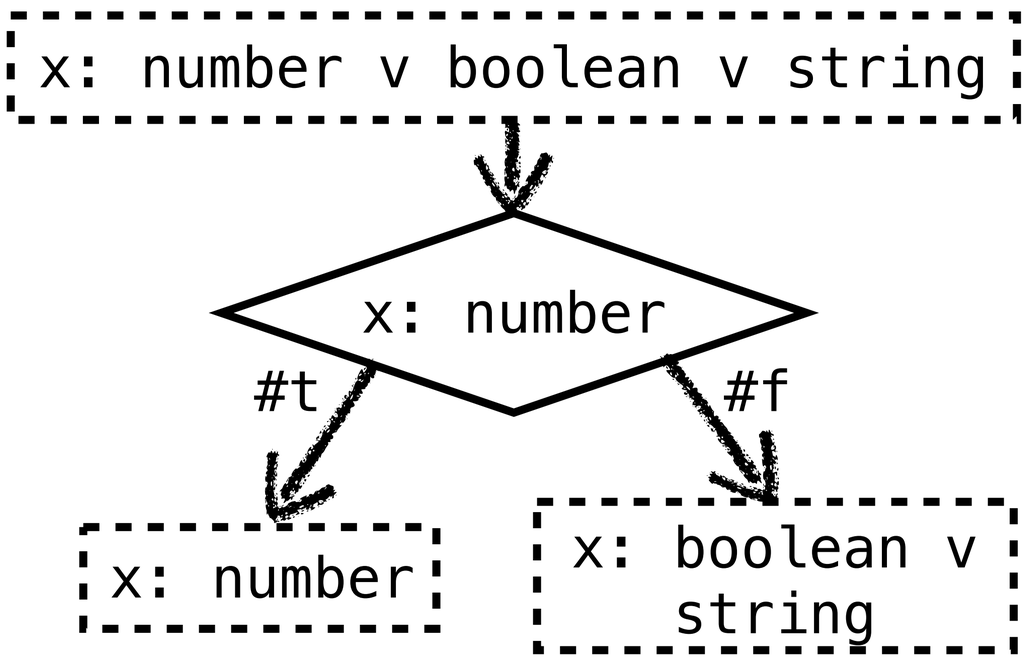
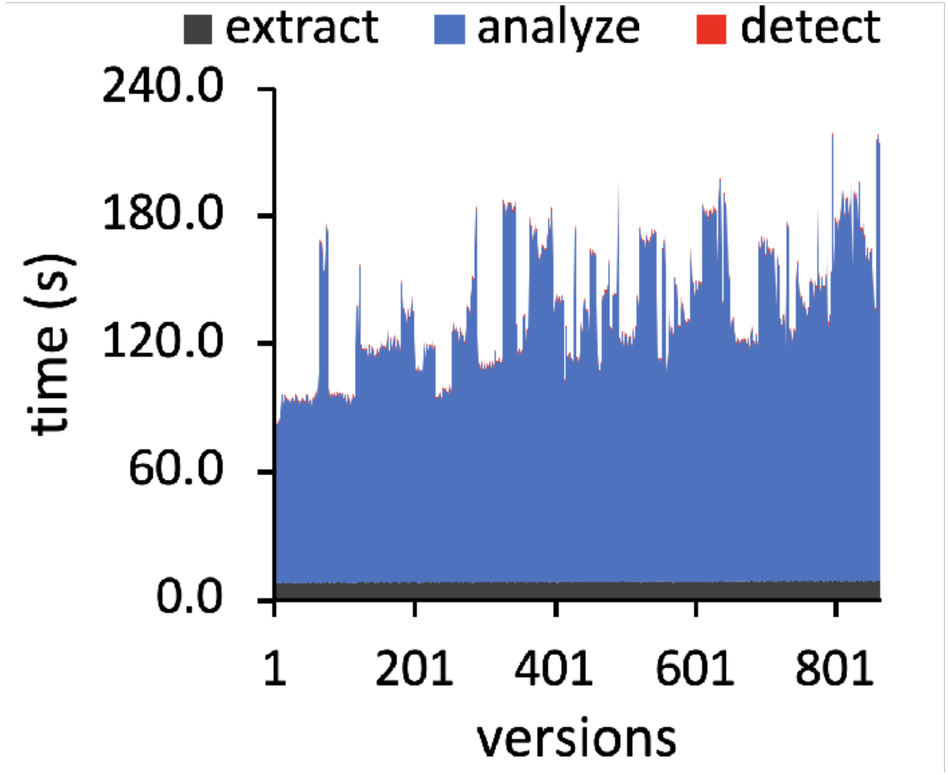
\texttt{refine}(e, b)(\sigma^\sharp) &= \sigma^\sharp
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\sigma_j^\sharp = \texttt{refine}(e_j, b)(\sigma^\sharp)$ for $j = 0, 1$, $\tau_e^\sharp = [\![e]\!]_e^\sharp(\sigma^\sharp)$, and $\lfloor \tau^\sharp \rfloor$ returns $\{\tau\}$ if $\tau^\sharp$ denotes a singleton type τ, or returns $\varnothing$, otherwise.



RQ1) Performance

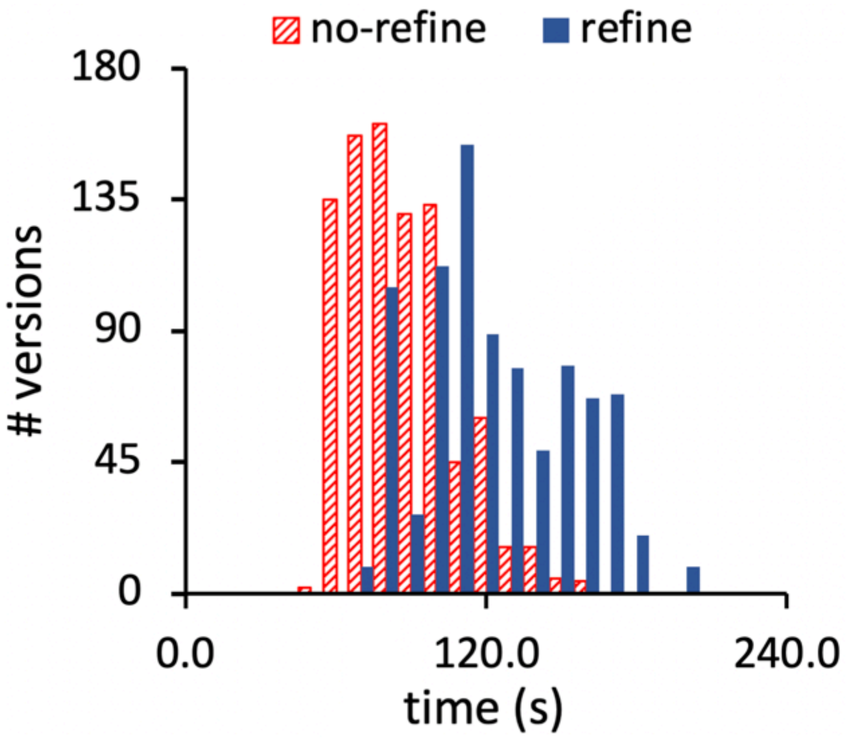


- **864 versions** of ECMAScript (Jan. 1, 2018 to Mar. 9, 2021)
- 4.2GHz Quad-Core Intel Core i7
- 32GB of RAM
- **Average Time : 137.3 s**
  - extract : 8.0 s
  - analyze: 128.5
  - detect: 0.8 s

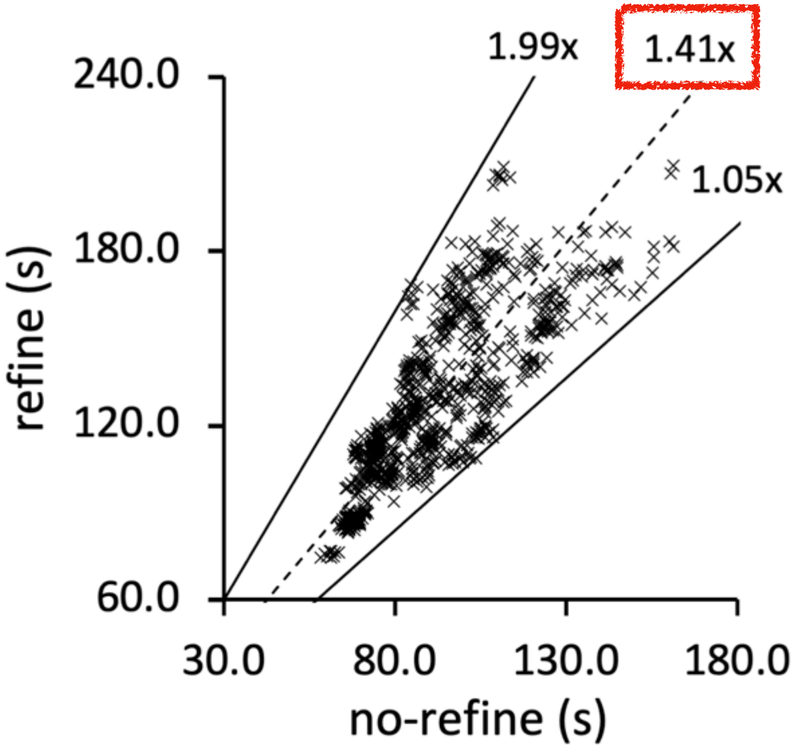
RQ2) Precision

Checker	Bug Kind	Precision = (# True Bugs) / (# Detected Bugs)					
		no-refine		refine		Δ	
Reference	UnknownVar	62 / 106	17 / 60	63 / 78	17 / 31	+1 / -28	/ -29
	DuplicatedVar		45 / 46		46 / 47		+1 / +1
Arity	MissingParam	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	/	/
Assertion	Assertion	4 / 56	4 / 56	4 / 31	4 / 31	/ -25	/ -25
Operand	NoNumber	22 / 113	2 / 65	22 / 44	2 / 6	/ -69	/ -59
	Abrupt		20 / 48		20 / 38		/ -10
Total		92 / 279 (33.0%)		93 / 157 (59.2%)		+1 / -122 (+26.3%)	

RQ3) Effectiveness of Refinement



(c) The histogram of time



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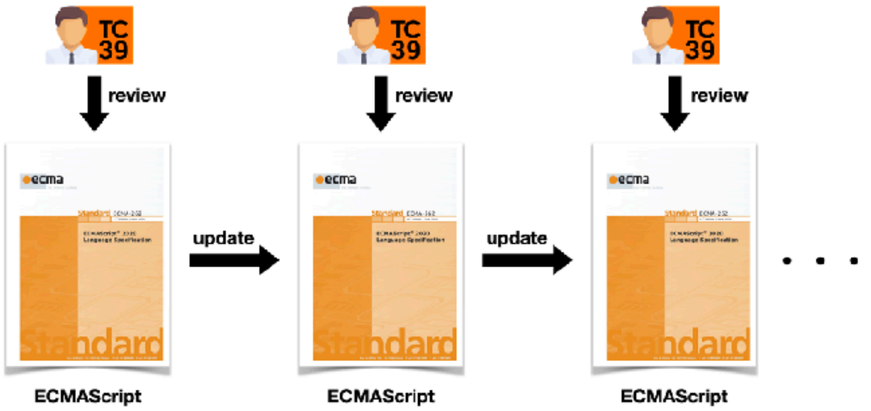

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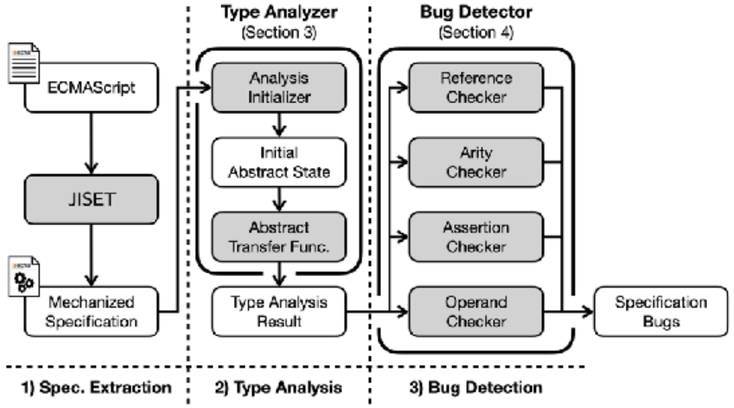

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