Filling the Gap Between the JavaScript Language Specification and Tools Using the JISET Family

PLDI'22 Tutorial

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Installation Guide

ESMeta & Double Debugger

- https://github.com/es-meta/esmeta
- https://github.com/es-meta/esmeta-debugger-client

Introduction to Double Debugger

JavaScript

JavaScript

```
var x = ""; var y = ({valueOf: () => { return x = 3 }) + x;
```

Q. What are the values of x and y?

Language Specification

ECMA-262

TC 39

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ECMA-262 Is Hard to Understand and Write.

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4. Let *rval* be ? GetValue(*rref*).
5. Return ? ApplyStringOrNumericBinaryOperator(*lval*, *opText*, *rval*).

13.15.3 ApplyStringOrNumericBinaryOperator (*lval*, *opText*, *rval*)

1. If *opText* is +, then
    a. Let *lprim* be ? ToPrimitive(*lval*).
    b. Let *rprim* be ? ToPrimitive(*rval*).
    c. If Type(*lprim*) is String or Type(*rprim*) is String, then
        i. Let *lstr* be ? ToString(*lprim*).
        ii. Let *rstr* be ? ToString(*rprim*).
        iii. Return the string-concatenation of *lstr* and *rstr*.
    d. Set *lval* to *lprim*.
    e. Set *rval* to *rprim*.
2. NOTE: At this point, it must be a numeric operation.

6.2.4.5 GetValue (*V*)

1. ReturnIfAbrupt(*V*).
2. If *V* is not a Reference Record, return *V*.
3. If IsUnresolvableReference(*V*) is **true**, throw a **ReferenceError** exception.
4. If IsPropertyReference(*V*) is **true**, then
    a. Let *baseObj* be ? ToObject(*V*.[[Base]]).
    b. If IsPrivateReference(*V*) is **true**, then
        i. Return ? PrivateGet(*baseObj*, *V*.[[ReferencedName]]).
    c. Return ? *baseObj*.[[Get]](*V*.[[ReferencedName]], GetThisValue(*V*)).
5. Else,
    a. Let *base* be *V*.[[Base]].
    b. Assert: *base* is an Environment Record.
    c. Return ? *base*.GetBindingValue(*V*.[[ReferencedName]], *V*.[[Strict]]) (see 9.1).

Double Debugger

JavaScript

example0.js

```
1 ({"valueOf": function() { return 42; }}) + 2
```

JavaScript Interpreter

RUN Step: 204 / 2049 (enter)

Begin End Backward Forward Prev Next Finish Source Prev Source Next Source Cursor

Condition: Reach Test Using: S('x'), S_rav

JsInterpreter.js JsInterpreter.pseudo JsInterpreter.ml

```
4057 and run_expr_binary_op s c op e1 e2 =
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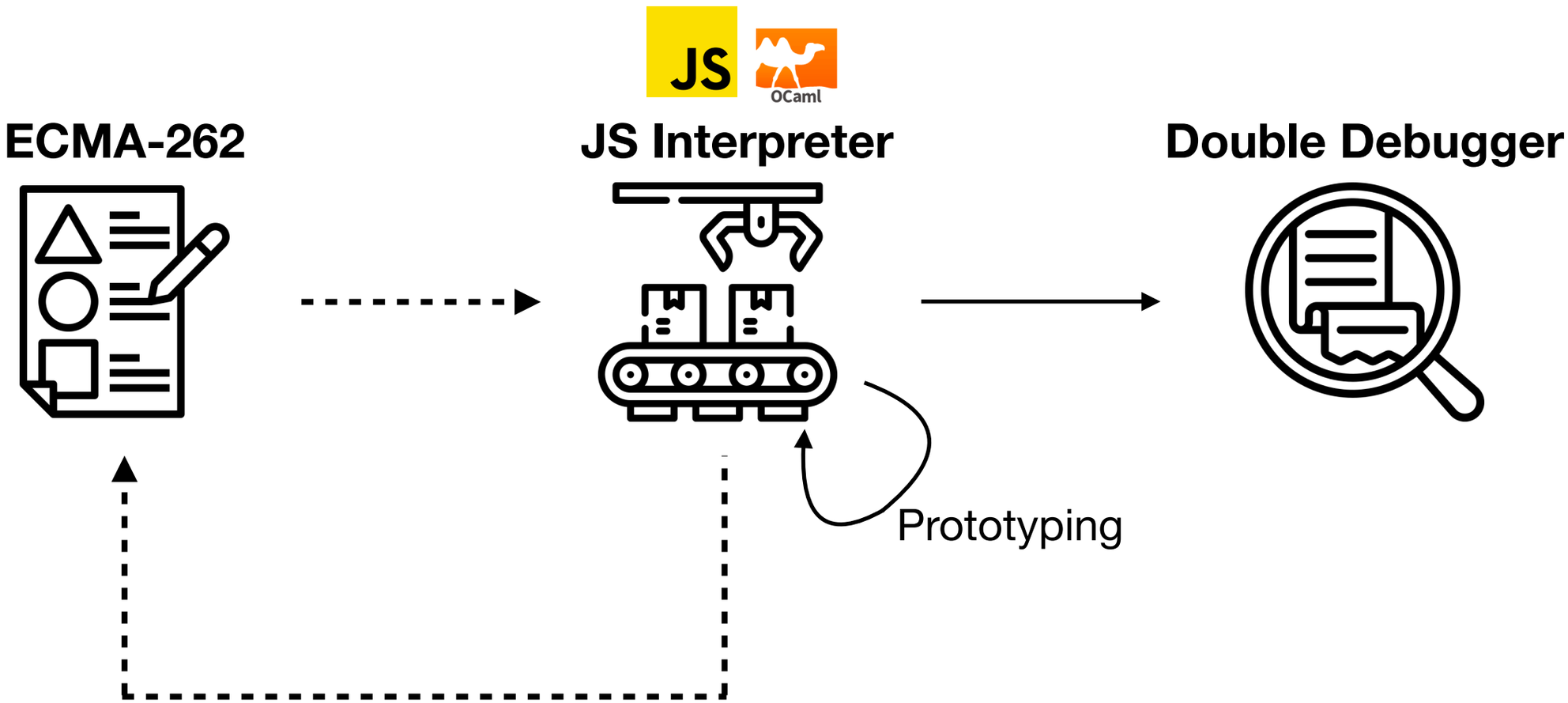
4066 (** val run_expr_access :
4067     state -> execution_ctx -> expr -> expr -> result **)
```

Current Solution



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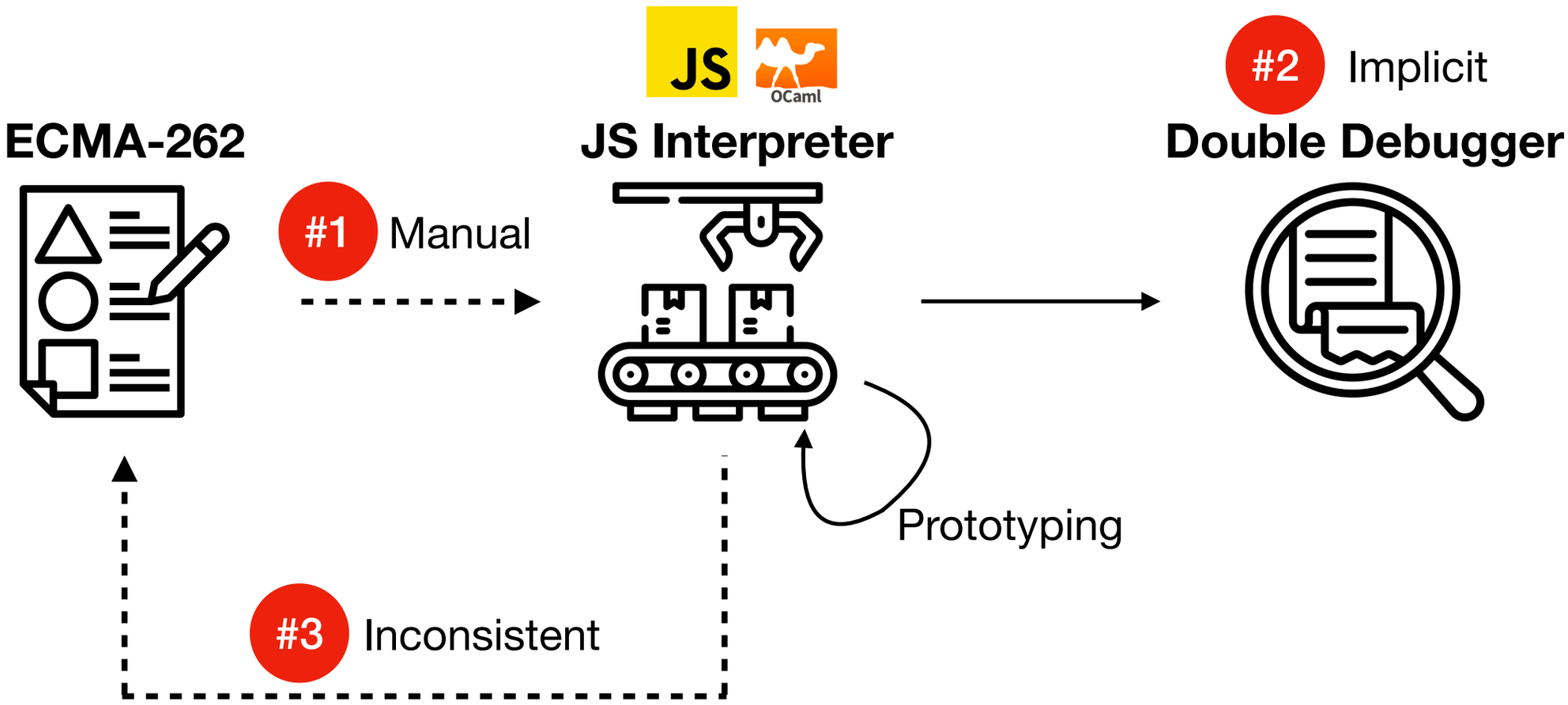

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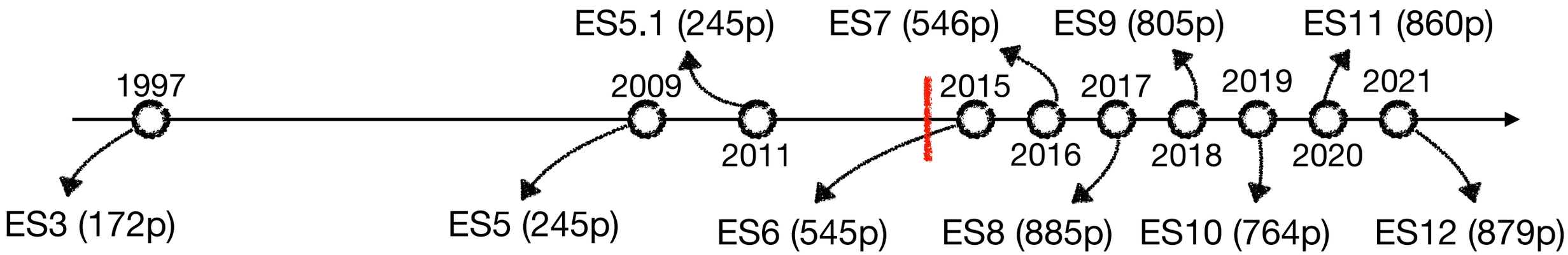

#2: ECMA-262 is not explicitly displayed.

JSExplain (WWW'18)

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ES5.1

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5. Let *lprim* be ToPrimitive(*lval*).
6. Let *rprim* be ToPrimitive(*rval*).
7. If Type(*lprim*) is String or Type(*rprim*) is String, then
   a. Return the String that is the result of concatenating ToString(*lprim*) followed by ToString(*rprim*)
8. Return the result of applying the addition operation to ToNumber(*lprim*) and ToNumber(*rprim*). See the Note below 11.6.3.

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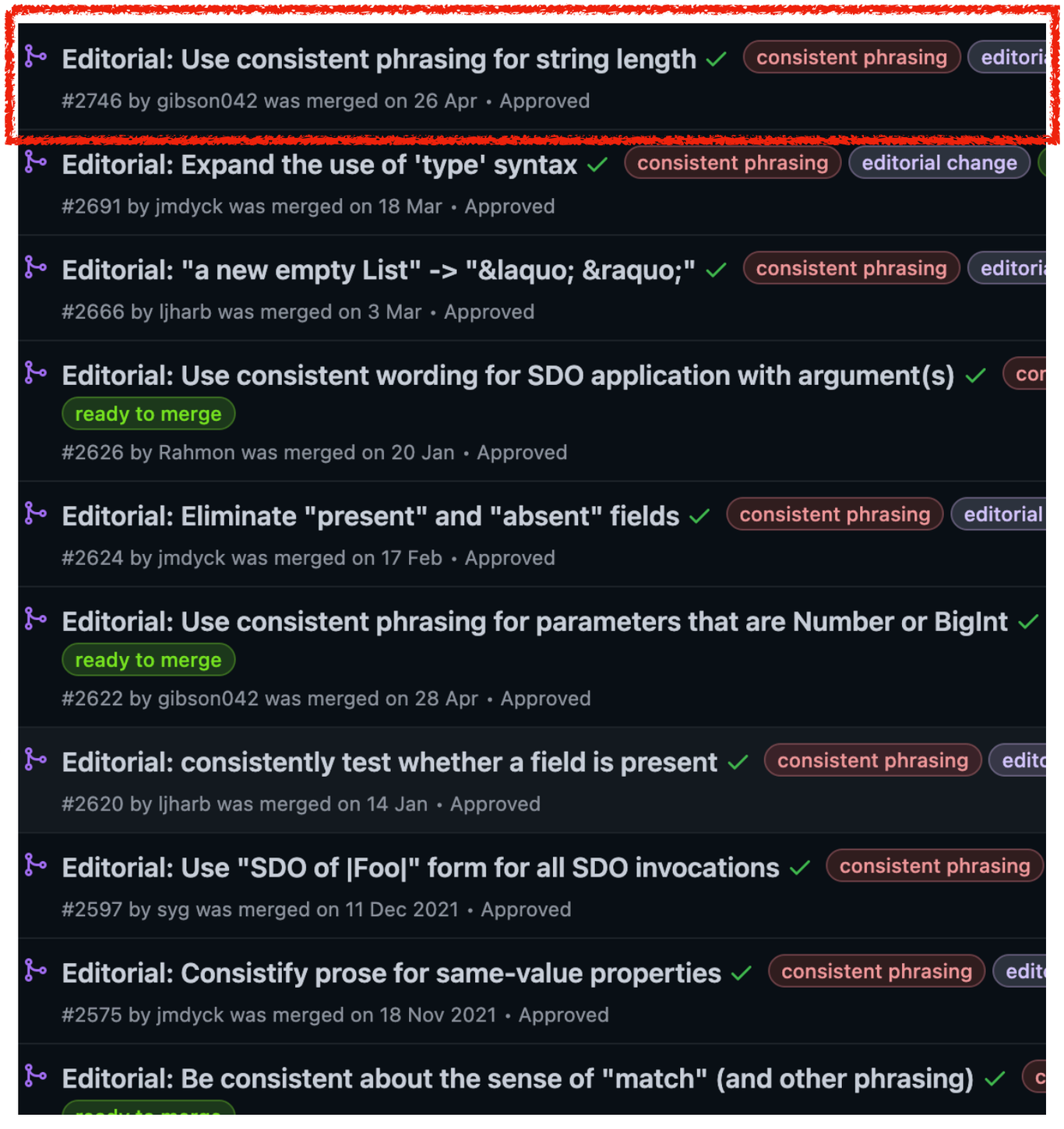

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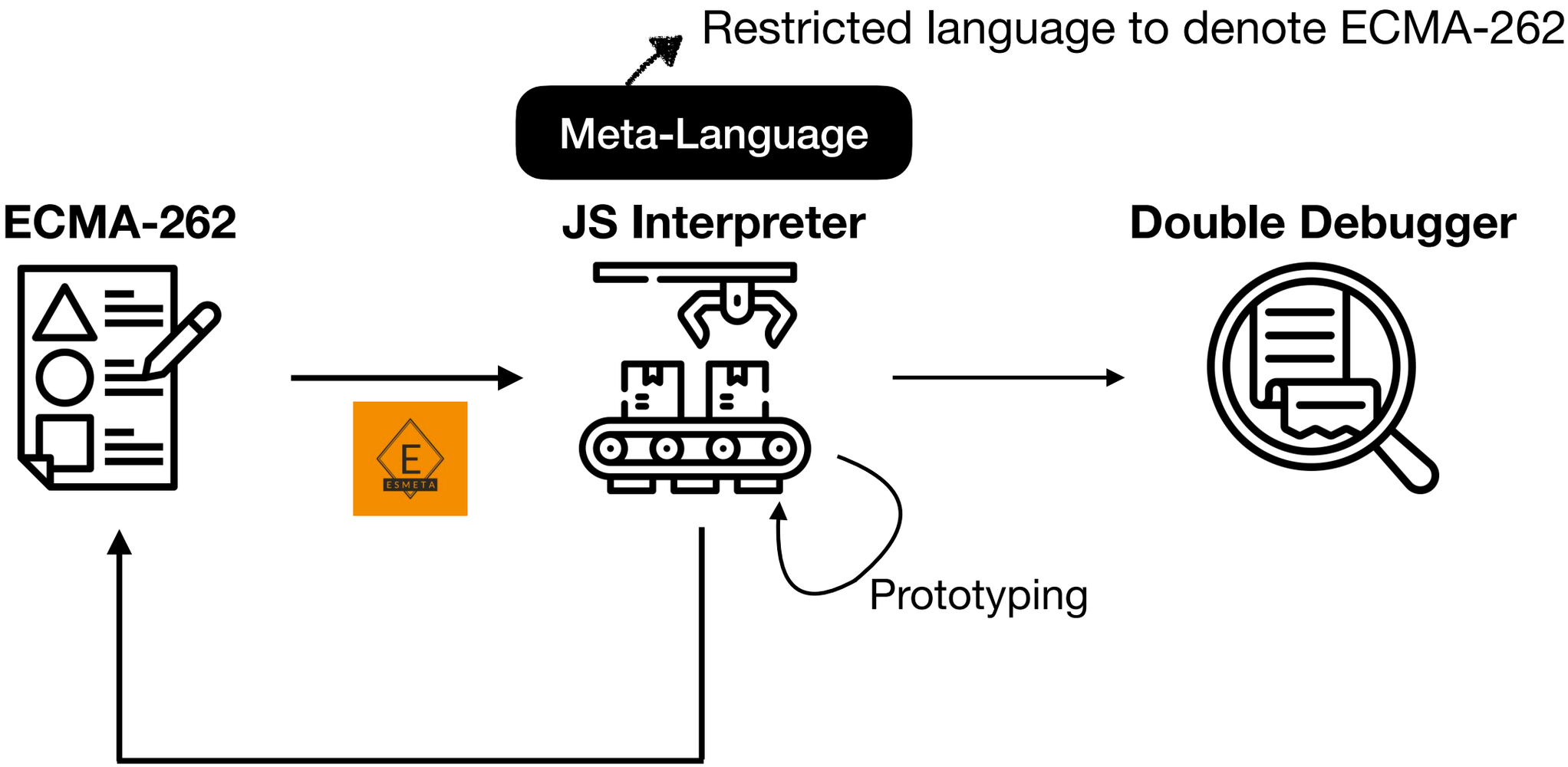

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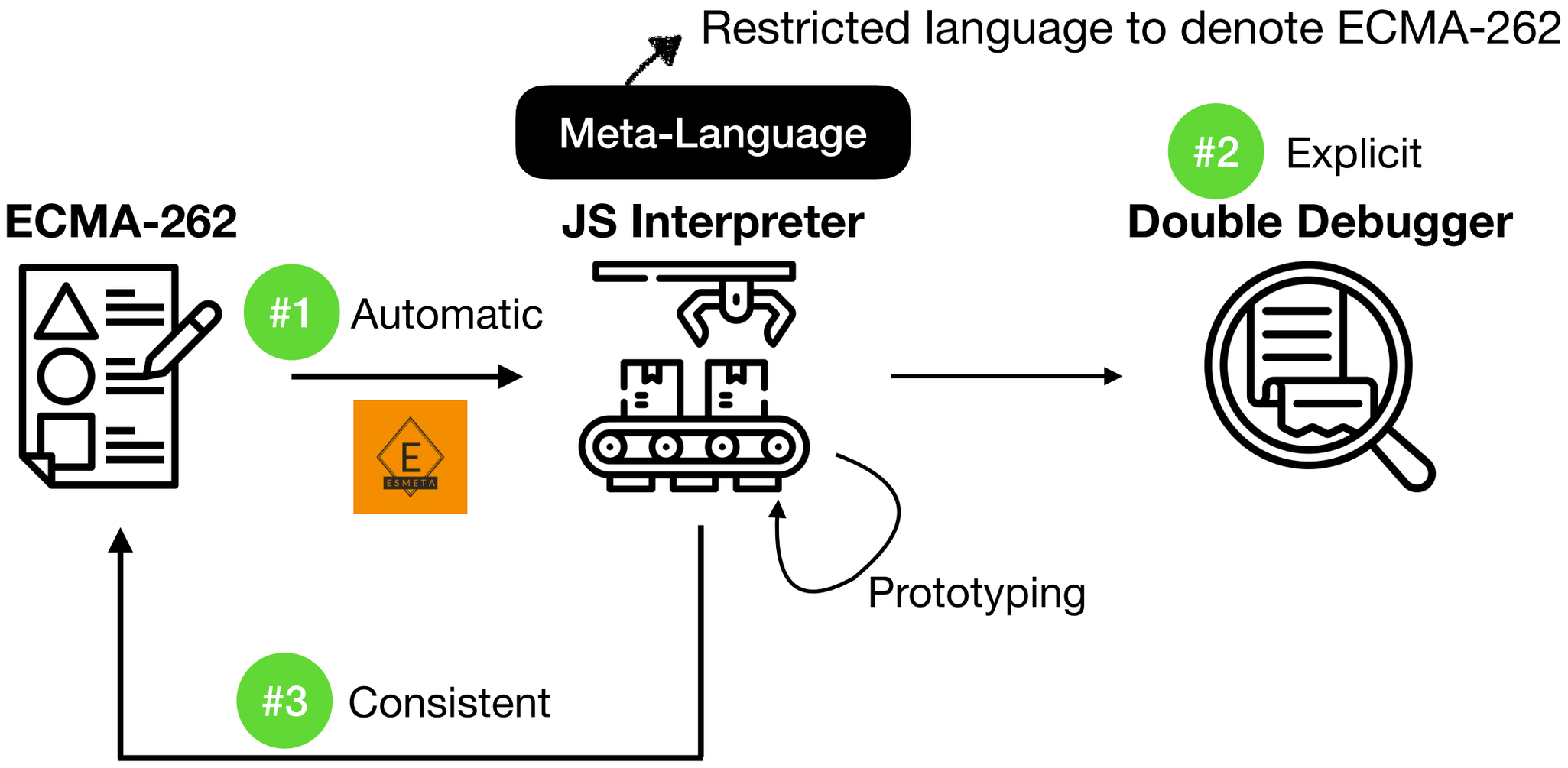

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(“let” ~> x <~ “be”) ~ e ⟶ LET

(“if” ~> c <~ “then”.?) ~ s.+ ~ (“else” ~> s.+).? ⟶ IF

“return” ~> e ⟶ RET

...

<meta-language>

Step ::= LET | IF | RET

...

#1: Automatic

Kind	Step	Expression	Condition	Reference	Literal
#	20	26	8	11	29

ECMA-262 Version: cf7145ea3f14943b5aea7d5e05c771f31f989606

- Meta-language is expressive.
  - Steps: 17,763/ 18,789 (94.64%)
  - Algorithms: 2,158/ 2,612 (82.62%)
- Meta-language will not be changed with a high probability.

#2: Explicit

RUN | CANCEL | STEP | STEP-OVER | STEP-OUT | CONTINUE

JavaScript

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```

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ECMAScript Call Stack

#	name
0	1 @ EvaluateStringOrNumericBinaryExpre
1	1 @ AdditiveExpression[1,0].Evaluation
2	1 @ ExpressionStatement[0,0].Evaluation

ECMAScript Environment

name	value
leftOpera	|AdditiveExpression|[FF]<0>
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ECMAScript Heap

ECMAScript Breakpoints

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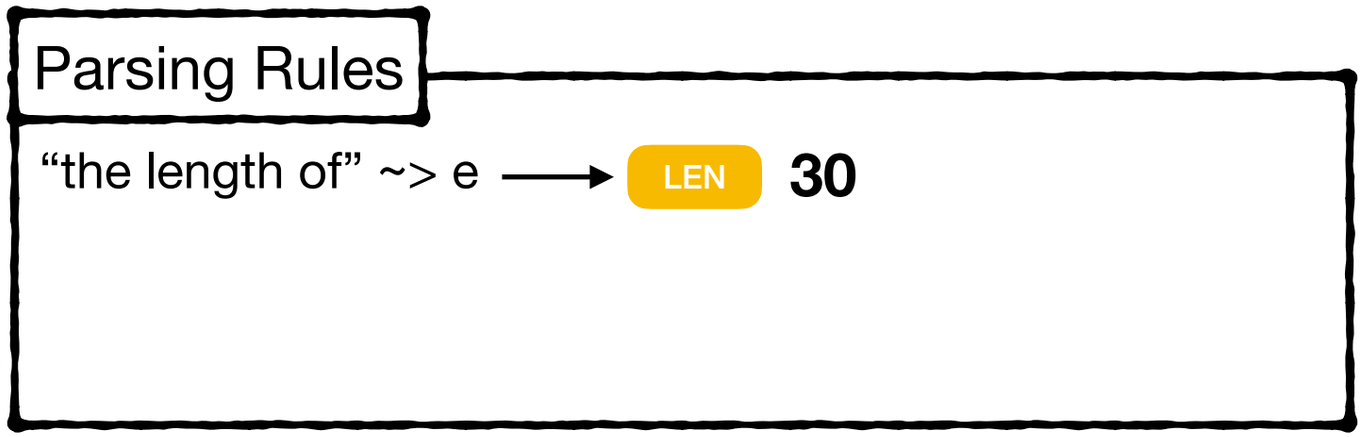

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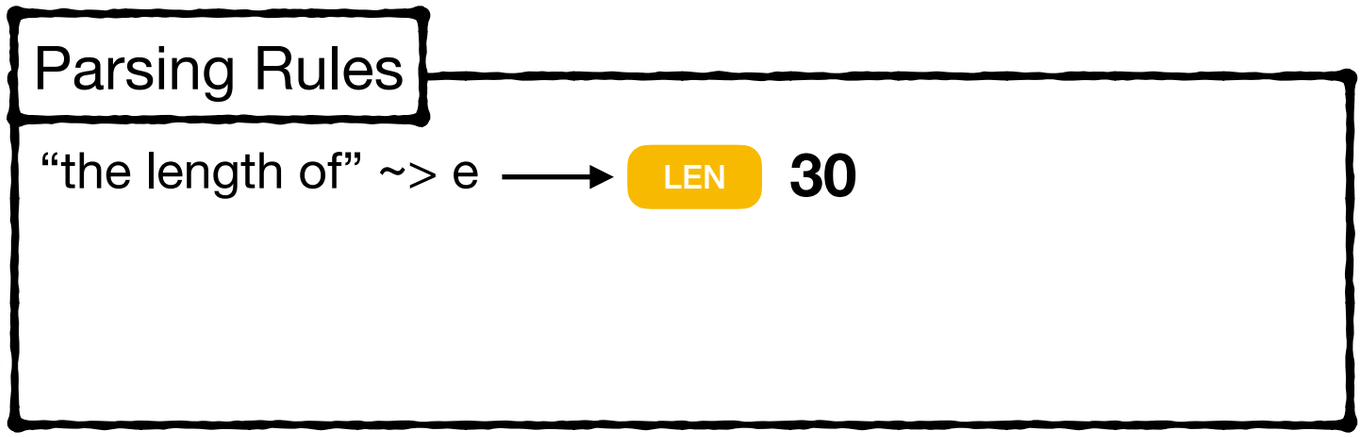

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Stringify Rules

LEN ⟶ "the length of " + e

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URL: https://github.com/tc39/ecma262

#	Phrases	Status	PR#
1	the length of string	Already Fixed, Reported	#2746, #2788
2	SDO invocation	Already Fixed	#2626
3	perform/ call	Already Fixed	#2547
4	component property	Reported	#2789
5	the sole element	Reported	#2790
6	empty condition	Reported	#2790
7	the active function object	Reported	#2790
8	the running execution context	Reported	#2790
9	append/ add	Reported	#2790

Conventions of ECMA-262

Background: Syntax

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Background: Algorithms

Abstract Operation

Name

Parameters (may be optional)

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Ordered Steps

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Name

Name: ToPrimitive

Background: Algorithms

Method-like Abstract Operation

10.1 Ordinary Object Internal Methods and Internal Slots

10.1.1 [[GetPrototypeOf]] ( )

Type

Method Name

The [[GetPrototypeOf]] internal method of an ordinary object *O* takes no arguments and returns a normal completion containing either an Object or **null**. It performs the following steps when called:

1. Return OrdinaryGetPrototypeOf(*O*).

Receiver

Type

Method Name

Name: OrdinaryObject.GetPrototypeOf

Background: Algorithms

Syntax-Directed Operation

AdditiveExpression`[Yield, Await]` :

0, 0 *MultiplicativeExpression*`[?Yield, ?Await]`

1, 0 *AdditiveExpression*`[?Yield, ?Await]` **+** *MultiplicativeExpression*`[?Yield, ?Await]`

2, 0 *AdditiveExpression*`[?Yield, ?Await]` **-** *MultiplicativeExpression*`[?Yield, ?Await]`

Alternatives

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Alternative

Method Name

Name: AdditiveExpression[1,0].Evaluation

Background: Algorithms

Built-in Operation

Global Name

Parameters are fixed to *this*, *argumentsList*, *NewTarget*

value = *argumentsList*[0]

22.1.1.1 String (*value*)

When **`String`** is called with argument *value*, the following steps are taken:

1. If *value* is not present, let *s* be the empty String.
2. Else,
    a. If NewTarget is **undefined** and Type(*value*) is Symbol, return SymbolD
    b. Let *s* be ? ToString(*value*).
3. If NewTarget is **undefined**, return *s*.
4. Return StringCreate(*s*, ? GetPrototypeFromConstructor(NewTarget, "%Stri

Global Name

Name: INTRINSICS.String

Background: Completion Record

Normal Completion **N(Value)**

Field Name	Value	Meaning
[[Type]]	normal, break, continue, return, or throw	The type of completion that occurred.
[[Value]]	any value except a Completion Record	The value that was produced.
[[Target]]	a String or empty	The target label for directed control transfers.

From: https://tc39.es/ecma262/#sec-completion-record-specification-type

Abrupt Completion **comp[Type/Target](Value)**

Live Demo

Manual

- Server: `run web` command in sbt.
- Client: `npm start` command in console.
- Default ports of server and client are 8080 and 3000, respectively.

Goal: Understand the Addition

- 1 + 1
- '1' + 1
- 1n + 1
- ({"valueOf": () => 1}) + 1

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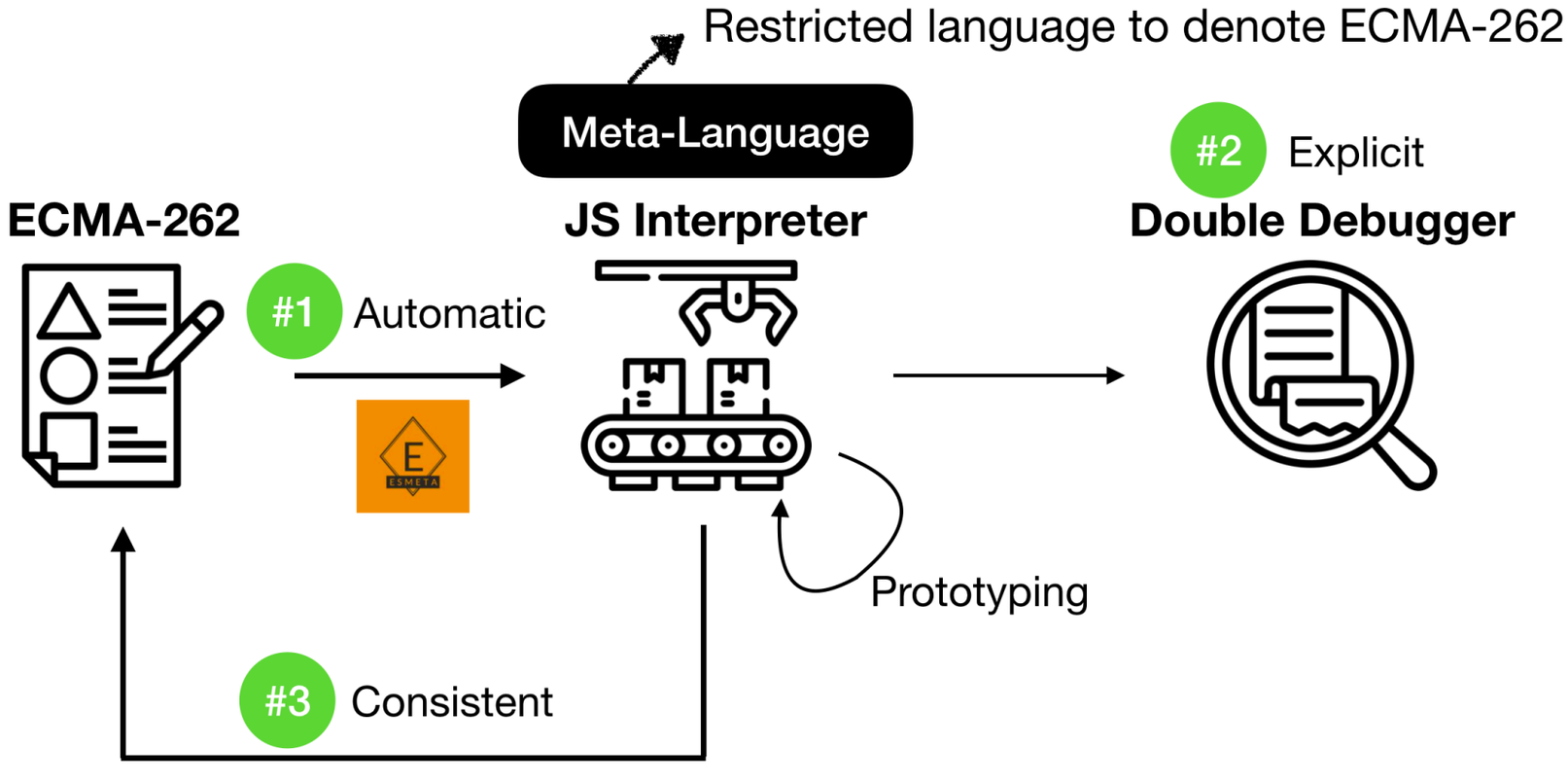

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ECMAScript Call Stack

#	name
0	1 @ EvaluateStringOrNumericBinaryExpre
1	1 @ AdditiveExpression[1,0].Evaluation
2	1 @ ExpressionStatement[0,0].Evaluation

ECMAScript Environment

name	value
leftOpera	|AdditiveExpression|[FF]<0>
opText	"+"
rightOpe	|MultiplicativeExpression|[FF]<0>

ECMAScript Heap

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