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1 Introduction

This document describes extensions provided by Windows® Internet Explorer® 7 and Internet Explorer 8 to the ECMAScript Language Specification 3rd Edition [ECMA-262] — a candidate recommendation published December 1999. These extensions are provided by the JScript 5.x language that is implemented in Internet Explorer 7 and Internet Explorer 8.

1.1 Glossary

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as described in [RFC2119]. All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

1.2 References

1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com. We will assist you in finding the relevant information. Please check the archive site, http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/E4BD6494-06AD-4aed-9823-445E921C9624, as an additional source.


Note There is a charge to download the specification.

1.2.2 Informative References

None.

1.3 Extension Overview (Synopsis)

The extensions described in this document were selected for their applicability to [ECMA-262]. Portions of this document also refer to [ECMA-262/5], the ECMAScript Language Specification 5th Edition, December 2009.

These extensions are organized based on sections of [ECMA-262] as follows.

Section 7, Lexical Conventions

- Global State
- Conditional Processing Algorithm

Section 8, Types

Section 12, Statements

Section 15, Native ECMAScript Objects

- Function Properties of the Global Object
- Constructor Properties of the Global Object
- Object Functions in JScript 2.4.3
- Properties of Function Instances
- String.prototype HTML Wrapper Properties
- Date Time String Format for JSON
- Properties of the RegExp Constructor
- Properties of the RegExp Prototype Object
- Properties of the RegExp Instances
- The Error Constructor
1.3.1 Organization of This Documentation

This document is organized as follows:

- **Conditional Source Text Processing**: Processing of source text by JScript 5.x.
- **Extensions to Types**: Types defined by JScript 5.x that supplement types of [ECMA-262].
- **Extensions to Statements**: A statement defined by JScript 5.x that supplements statements of [ECMA-262].
- **Extensions to Native ECMAScript Objects**: Object extensions defined by JScript 5.x are listed according to object at the highest level.
- **Properties**: The object properties defined by JScript 5.x, typically functions, methods, or data formats, are described at the next levels.

1.4 Relationship to Protocols and Other Extensions

The following documents provide additional extensions.

- **[MS-HTML401E]**: Extensions to [HTML] and the [DOM Level 2 - HTML] specifications.
- **[MS-CSS21E]**: Extensions to the [CSS-Level2-2009] and [DOM Level 2 - Style] specifications.
- **[MS-DOM2CE] and [MS-DOM2CEX]**: Extensions to the [DOM Level 2 - Core] specification for Internet Explorer and Microsoft XML Core Services.

1.5 Applicability Statement

This document specifies a set of extensions to the [ECMA-262] specifications. The extensions in this document provide access to some features that are unique to Internet Explorer 7 and Internet Explorer 8.
2 Extensions

2.1 Conditional Source Text Processing

When converting source text into input elements, JScript 5.x first does the processing necessary to remove or replace any conditional text spans and then does the input element conversion using the results of that processing as the actual sources text input to the identification of lexical input elements.

Each Program (see [ECMA-262] section 14), whether presented as either a discrete source text or as the argument to the eval built-in function, and each FunctionBody (see [ECMA-262] section 13) processed by the standard built-in Function constructor ([ECMA-262] section 15.3.2.1) has conditional source text processing performed independently upon it.

NOTE

This specification defines conditional source text processing as if it was performed over an entire source text prior to any input element identification. It is an unobservable implementation detail whether this processing is actually performed in that manner or if it is performed incrementally interweaved with input element identification.

2.1.1 Global State

The following state is shared by the conditional source text processing of all independent source texts that make up an ECMAScript program (see [ECMA-262] section 14). The state is initialized as defined below prior to the first such processing.

- **SubstitutionEnabled**  Boolean flag with an initial value of false.
- **CCvariables**  A set of association between string valued keys and values. The keys are strings. The values may be either ECMAScript Number ([ECMA-262] section 8.5) or Boolean ([ECMA-262] section 8.3) values. The initial associations are defined in the following table:

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<th>Initial Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>&quot;._win32&quot;</td>
<td>Defined as true if this JScript 5.x implementation is a Microsoft 32-bit-based implementation. Otherwise this association is not initially defined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;._win64&quot;</td>
<td>Defined as true if this JScript 5.x implementation is a Microsoft 64-bit-based implementation. Otherwise this association is not initially defined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;._x86&quot;</td>
<td>Defined as true when running on a processor using the x86-based architecture. Otherwise this association is not initially defined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;._ia64&quot;</td>
<td>Defined as true when running on a processor using the Itanium 64-bit architecture. Otherwise this association is not initially defined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;._amd64&quot;</td>
<td>Defined as true when running on a processor using the x64 architecture. Otherwise this association is not initially defined.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;._jscript&quot;</td>
<td>True</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;._jscript_build&quot;</td>
<td>Number value that identifies the specific build of the JScript 5.x implementation that is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;._jscript_version&quot;</td>
<td>Number value representing the version of the JScript 5.x language implementation. The value 5.7 indicates that the implementation only supports features of the</td>
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2.1.2 Conditional Processing Algorithm

For each source text to be processed let source be the original source text (a sequence of Unicode characters) and let output initially be an empty sequence of Unicode characters. Let IfNestingLevel be 0.

Processing of source proceeds by recognizing specific input elements from source and then taking specified actions. The processing is organized into several "states". The specific input elements that are recognized and the subsequent semantic action that is taken varies among states. The semantic action taken for a recognized input element may include transitioning to a different state. Processing of a source text begins by recognizing CCInputElementState0 if SubstitutionEnabled is false and CCInputElementState1 if SubstitutionEnabled is true.

The input elements for conditional processing are defined by the following grammar, which has Unicode characters as terminal symbols. Some rules of the grammar are defined using rules of the ECMAScript lexical grammar.

**Syntax**

NOTE:

CCInputElementState0 is recognized during top level conditional processing when SubstitutionEnabled is false. When recognizing a RegularExpressionLiteral in this state the contextual distinction between RegularExpressionLiteral and DivPunctuator (see [ECMA-262] section 7) must be respected.

CCInputElementState0 ::

RegularExpressionLiteral

StringLiteral

CCOn

CCSet0

CCIf0

CCMultiLineComment0

CCSingleLinecomment0

SourceCharacter

CCOn ::

@ CCOnId

/*@ CCOnId

<table>
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<tr>
<td>JScript 5.7 language. The value 5.8 indicates that the implementation supports both 5.7 and 5.8 language features.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;_microsoft&quot;</td>
<td>Defined as true when running on a JScript 5.x implementation provided by Microsoft. Otherwise this association is not initially defined.</td>
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</table>
//@ CCOnId
CCOnId ::
cc_on [lookahead IdentifierPart ]
CCSet0 ::
@set [lookahead IdentifierPart ]
CCIf0 ::
@if [lookahead IdentifierPart ]
CCMultiLineComment0 ::
/*@ [lookahead ≠ CCOnId ] MultiLineCommentCharsopt */
SingleLineComment0 ::
//@ [lookahead ≠ CCOnId ] SingleLineCommentCharsopt

**Semantics**

If CCInputElementState0 cannot be recognized because there are no remaining characters in source then Conditional Source processing is completed and the characters of the output supply the Unicode characters for subsequent input element processing. If CCInputElementState0 cannot be recognized and there are characters in source a SyntaxError exception is thrown.

The productions CCInputElementState0 :: RegularExpressionLiteral, CCInputElementState0 :: StringLiteral, CCInputElementState0 :: CCMultiLineComment0, CCInputElementState0 :: CCSingleLineComment0, and CCInputElementState0 :: SourceCharacter upon recognition perform the following actions:

1. Append to the end of output, in left to right sequence, the Unicode characters from source that were recognized by the production. Remove the recognized characters from source.

2. Use CCInputElementState0 to recognize the next input element from source.

The production CCInputElementState0 :: CCOn upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Set SubstitutionEnable to true.

2. Append a <SP> character to the end of output. Remove the recognized characters from source.

3. Use CCInputElementState1 to recognize the next input element from source.

The production CCInputElementState0 :: CCSet0 upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Set SubstitutionEnable to true.

2. Append a <SP> character to the end of output. Remove the recognized characters from source.

3. Use CCInputElementStateSetLHS to recognize the next input element from source.

The production CCInputElementState0 :: CCIf0 upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Set SubstitutionEnable to true.
2. Append a <SP> character to the end of output. Remove the recognized characters from source.
3. Increment the value of IfNestingLevel by 1.
4. Use CCInputElementStateIfPredicate to recognize the next input element from source.

**Syntax**

**NOTE:**

CCInputElementState1 is recognized during active conditional processing when SubstitutionEnabled is true. This may be at the top level or in the clause of an @if statement that represents the "true" condition. When recognizing a RegularExpressionLiteral in this state the contextual distinction between RegularExpressionLiteral and DivPunctuator (see [ECMA-262] section 7) must be respected.

CCInputElementState1 ::

RegularExpressionLiteralStringLiteralCCOnCCSet1CCIf1CCEIf1CCElse1CCEnd1CCSubstitution1CCStartMarkerCCEndMarkerCCMultiLineComment1CCSingleLineComment1SourceCharacter

CCSet1 ::

@set [lookahead IdentifierPart ]/*@set [lookahead IdentifierPart ]//@set [lookahead IdentifierPart ]

CCIf1 ::

@if [lookahead IdentifierPart ]/*@if [lookahead IdentifierPart ]//@if [lookahead IdentifierPart ]

CCEIf1 ::

@elif [lookahead IdentifierPart ]/*@elif [lookahead IdentifierPart ]//@elif [lookahead IdentifierPart ]

CCElse1 ::

@else [lookahead IdentifierPart ]/*@else [lookahead IdentifierPart ]//@else [lookahead IdentifierPart ]

CCEnd1 ::

@end [lookahead IdentifierPart ]/*@end [lookahead IdentifierPart ]//@end [lookahead IdentifierPart ]

CCSubstitution1 ::

@ CCSubIdentifier/*@ CCSubIdentifier//@ CCSubIdentifier

CCStartMarker ::

/*@ //@

CCEndMarker ::

@*/

CCMultiLineComment1 ::
/* [lookahead ≠ @ ] MultiLineCommentCharsopt */

SingleLineComment1 ::

// [lookahead ≠ @] SingleLineCommentCharsopt

CCSubIdentifier ::

[lookahead CCKeyword] IdentifierName

CCKeyword ::

cc_on setifelif elseend

**Semantics**

If CCInputElementState1 cannot be recognized because there are no remaining characters in source then Conditional Source processing is completed and the characters of the output supply the Unicode characters for subsequent input element processing. If CCInputElementState1 cannot be recognized and there are characters in source a SyntaxError exception is thrown.

The productions CCInputElementState1 :: RegularExpressionLiteral, CCInputElementState1 :: StringLiteral, CCInputElementState1 :: CCMultiLineComment1, CCInputElementState1 :: CCSingleLineComment1, and CCInputElementState1 :: SourceCharacter upon recognition perform the following actions:

1. Append to the end of output, in left to right sequence, the Unicode characters from source that were recognized by the production. Remove the recognized characters from source.

2. Use CCInputElementState1 to recognize the next input element from source.

The productions CCInputElementState1 :: CCOn, CCInputElementState1 :: CCStartMarker, CCInputElementState1 :: CCEndMarker upon recognition perform the following actions:

1. Append a <SP> character to the end of output. Remove the recognized characters from source.

2. Use CCInputElementState1 to recognize the next input element from source.

The production CCInputElementState1 :: CCSet1 upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Append a <SP> character to the end of output. Remove the recognized characters from source.

2. Use CCInputElementStateSetLHS to recognize the next input element from source.

The production CCInputElementState1 :: CCIf1 upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Append a <SP> character to the end of output. Remove the recognized characters from source.

2. Increment the value of IfNestingLevel by 1.

3. Use CCInputElementStateIfPredicate to recognize the next input element from source.

The production CCInputElementState1 :: CCElseIf1 upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.

2. If IfNestingLevel is 0, then throw a SyntaxError Exception.

3. Use CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail to recognize the next input element from source.
The production `CCInputElementState1 :: CCElse1` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. If `IfNestingLevel` is 0, then throw a SyntaxError Exception.
3. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementState1 :: CCEnd` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Append a `<SP>` character to the end of output. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. If `IfNestingLevel` is 0, then throw a SyntaxError Exception.
3. Decrement the value of `IfNestingLevel` by 1.
4. Use `CCInputElementState1` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementState1 :: CCSubstitution1` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Let var be the string of characters recognized as the `CCSubIdentifier` element of `CCSubstitution1`.
2. If the value of var is a key of `CCVariables`, then let the value be the associated value. Otherwise, let value be the string "NaN".
3. Let value be `ToString(value)`.
4. Append the characters of the string value of value to the end of output.
5. Remove the recognized characters from source.
6. Use `CCInputElementStateIfPredicate` to recognize the next input element from source.

**Syntax**

NOTE:

`CCInputElementStateSetLHS` is recognized during active conditional processing of the body of a `@set` statement.

`CCInputElementStateSetLHS ::

WhiteSpaceopt @ IdentifierName WhiteSpaceopt = CCExpression`

**Semantics**

If `CCInputElementStateSetLHS` cannot be recognized a SyntaxError exception is thrown.

The production `CCInputElementStateSetLHS :: WhiteSpaceopt @ IdentifierName WhiteSpaceopt = CCExpression` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Let `setName` be the string of characters recognized as the `IdentifierName` element of `CCSubstitution1`.
2. Let value be the result of evaluating `CCExpression`.
3. Create an association within `CCVariables` where the key is the string value of `setName` and where the value is `value`. If an association with that key already exists, replace it.
4. Remove the recognized characters from source.
5. Use `CCInputElementState1` to recognize the next input element from source.

**Syntax**

**NOTE:**

`CCInputElementStateIfPredicate` is recognized during active conditional processing of the predicate portion of a `@if` or `@elif` statement.

`CCInputElementStateIfPredicate ::
WhiteSpaceopt ( CCExpression WhiteSpaceopt )`

**Semantics**

If `CCInputElementStateIfPredicate` cannot be recognized a SyntaxError exception is thrown.

The production `CCInputElementStateSetIfPredicate :: WhiteSpaceopt ( CCExpression WhiteSpaceopt )` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Let predicate be the result of evaluating `CCExpression`.
2. Increment the value of `IfNestingLevel` by 1.
3. Set `SkippedIfNestingLevel` to 0.
4. Remove the recognized characters from source.
5. If `ToBoolean(predicate)` is true, then use `CCInputElementState1` to recognize the next input element from source.
6. Otherwise, use `CCInputElementStateFalseThen` to recognize the next input element from source.

**Syntax**

**NOTE:**

`CCInputElementStateFalseThen` is recognized during processing of false clauses of an `@if` statement for which the true clause has not yet been processed. The current clause may be a "then" clause, an `@elif` clause, or an `@else` clause.

`CCInputElementStateFalseThen ::
@if [lookahead IdentifierPart ]@elif [lookahead IdentifierPart ]@else [lookahead IdentifierPart ]@end [lookahead IdentifierPart ]SourceCharacter`

**Semantics**

If `CCInputElementStateFalseThen` cannot be recognized a SyntaxError exception is thrown.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseThen :: @if [lookahead IdentifierPart ]` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Increment the value of `SkippedIfNestingLevel` by 1.
2. Remove the recognized characters from source.
3. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseThen` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseThen :: @elif [lookahead IdentifierPart]` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. If `SkippedIfNestingLevel > 0`, then use `CCInputElementStateFalseThen` to recognize the next input element from source.
3. Otherwise use `CCInputElementStateIfPredicate` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseThen :: @else [lookahead IdentifierPart]` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. If `SkippedIfNestingLevel > 0`, then use `CCInputElementStateFalseThen` to recognize the next input element from source.
3. Otherwise use `CCInputElementState1` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseThen :: @end [lookahead IdentifierPart]` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. If `SkippedIfNestingLevel` is 0, then go to step 6.
3. Decrement the value of `SkippedIfNestingLevel` by 1.
4. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseThen` to recognize the next input element from source.
5. Return.
6. Decrement the value of `IfNestingLevel` by 1.
7. Use `CCInputElementState1` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseThen :: SourceCharacter` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseThen` to recognize the next input element from source.

Syntax

NOTE:

`CCInputElementStateFalseThen` is recognized during processing of false clauses of an `@if` statement for which the true clause has already been processed. It is also used during processing of all clauses of a `@if` statement that is nested within a false clause of an enclosing `@if` statement. The current clause may be a "then" clause, an `@elif` clause or an `@else` clause.

`CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail ::`

`@if [lookahead IdentifierPart ]@elif [lookahead IdentifierPart ]@else [lookahead IdentifierPart ]@end [lookahead IdentifierPart ]SourceCharacter`
Semantics

If `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail` cannot be recognized a SyntaxError exception is thrown.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail :: @if [lookahead IdentifierPart]` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Increment the value of `SkippedIfNestingLevel` by 1.
2. Remove the recognized characters from source.
3. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail` to recognize the next input element from source.

The productions `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail :: @elif [lookahead IdentifierPart]` and `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail :: @else [lookahead IdentifierPart]` upon recognition perform the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail :: @end [lookahead IdentifierPart]` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. If `SkippedIfNestingLevel` is 0, then go to step 6.
3. Decrement the value of `SkippedIfNestingLevel` by 1.
4. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail` to recognize the next input element from source.
5. Return.
6. Decrement the value of `IfNestingLevel` by 1.
7. Use `CCInputElementState1` to recognize the next input element from source.

The production `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail :: SourceCharacter` upon recognition performs the following actions:

1. Remove the recognized characters from source.
2. Use `CCInputElementStateFalseIfTail` to recognize the next input element from source.

Syntax

`CCExpression ::`  

`CCLogicalANDExpression`  

`CExpression WhiteSpaceopt || CCLogicalANDExpression`  

`CCLogicalANDExpression ::`  

`CCBitwiseORExpressionCCcLogicalANDExpression WhiteSpaceopt && CCBitwiseORExpression`  

`CCBitwiseORExpression ::`
CCBitwiseXORExpressionCCBitwiseXORExpression  WhiteSpaceopt | CCBitwiseXORExpression
CCBitwiseXORExpression ::
CCBitwiseANDExpressionCCBitwiseXORExpression  WhiteSpaceopt ^ CCBitwiseANDExpression
CCBitwiseANDExpression ::
CCEqualityExpressionCCBitwiseANDExpression  WhiteSpaceopt & CCEqualityExpression
CCEqualityExpression ::
CCRelationalExpressionCCEqualityExpression  WhiteSpaceopt ==
CCRelationalExpressionCCEqualityExpression  WhiteSpaceopt!=
CCRelationalExpressionCCEqualityExpression  WhiteSpaceopt ===
CCRelationalExpression  WhiteSpaceopt !== CCRelationalExpression
CCRelationalExpression ::
CCShiftExpressionCCRelationalExpression  WhiteSpaceopt <
CCShiftExpressionCCRelationalExpression  WhiteSpaceopt >
CCShiftExpressionCCRelationalExpression  WhiteSpaceopt <=
CCShiftExpressionCCRelationalExpression  WhiteSpaceopt >= CCShiftExpression
CCShiftExpression ::
CCAdditiveExpressionCCShiftExpression  WhiteSpaceopt <<
CCAdditiveExpressionCCShiftExpression  WhiteSpaceopt >>
CCAdditiveExpressionCCShiftExpression  WhiteSpaceopt >>> CCAdditiveExpression
CCAdditiveExpression ::
CCMultiplicativeExpressionCCAdditiveExpression  WhiteSpaceopt +
CCMultiplicativeExpressionCCAdditiveExpression  WhiteSpaceopt – CCMultiplicativeExpression
CCMultiplicativeExpression ::
CCUnaryExpressionCCMultiplicativeExpression  WhiteSpaceopt *
CCUnaryExpressionCCMultiplicativeExpression  WhiteSpaceopt /
CCUnaryExpressionCCMultiplicativeExpression  WhiteSpaceopt % CCUnaryExpression
UnaryExpression ::
CCPrimaryExpressionWhiteSpaceopt + CCUnaryExpressionWhiteSpaceopt -
CCPrimaryExpressionWhiteSpaceopt ~ CCUnaryExpressionWhiteSpaceopt! CCUnaryExpression
CCPrimaryExpression ::
CCVariableCCLiteralWhiteSpaceopt ( Expression )
CCLiteral ::
CCVariable ::
WhiteSpaceopt @ IdentifierName
Semantics

Unless otherwise specified below, the productions of \textit{CCExpression} are evaluated using the same semantic rules as the analogous productions of the ECMAScript syntactic grammar for Expression in \cite{ECMA-262} section 11. However, only values of types Number and Boolean can occur during the evaluation of \textit{CCExpression} productions so any semantic steps that are relative to other types of values are not relevant.

The production \textit{CCLiteral :: WhiteSpaceopt true [lookahead IdentifierPart]} is evaluated by returning the value true.

The production \textit{CCLiteral :: WhiteSpaceopt false [lookahead IdentifierPart]} is evaluated by returning the value false.

The production \textit{CCLiteral :: WhiteSpaceopt Infinity [lookahead IdentifierPart]} is evaluated by returning the value $+\infty$.

The production \textit{CCVariable :: WhiteSpaceopt @ IdentifierName} is evaluated by performing the following steps:

1. Let \texttt{var} be the string of characters recognized as the \texttt{IdentifierName} element of \textit{CCVariable}.

2. If the value of \texttt{var} is a key of \textit{CCVariables}, then let \texttt{value} be the associated value. Otherwise, let \texttt{value} be NaN.

3. Return value.

2.2 Extensions to Types

\textit{JScript} 5.x defines extensions to types of \cite{ECMA-262} that are described in the following sections.

2.2.1 SafeArray Type

The \textit{SafeArray} type is the set of all references to Microsoft COM SAFEARRAY data structures.

SafeArray values can be created only by host objects and host functions. \textit{SafeArray} values can be manipulated similarly to other ECMAScript data types.

2.2.2 VarDate Type

The \textit{VarDate} type is the set of all references to Microsoft COM VARIANT data structures that have a \texttt{VARTYPE} enumeration value of \texttt{VT_DATE}.

\textit{VarDate} values can be created only by host objects and host functions, or by calling the \texttt{getVarDate} method by using the \texttt{prototype} property of the \texttt{Date} object: \texttt{Date.prototypegetVarDate}. \textit{VarDate} values can be manipulated similarly to other ECMAScript data types.

2.3 Extensions to Statements

\textit{JScript} 5.x defines an extension to statements of \cite{ECMA-262} that is described in the following section.
2.3.1 debugger Statement

The `debugger` statement causes a breakpoint to be entered if a debugger is available. If a debugger does not exist or is not active, this statement has no observable effect.

Semantics

In JScript 5.x implementations, the `debugger` statement is evaluated as follows:

1. If a debugger is not available or is not active for this statement, return `(normal, empty, empty)`.
2. Otherwise, suspend execution and enter the debugger.
3. When the debugging action is complete, if the debugger supplies a completion result, return that result; otherwise, return `(normal, empty, empty)`.

2.4 Extensions to Native ECMAScript Objects

JScript 5.x defines extensions to the native ECMAScript objects of [ECMA-262]. These extensions are described in the following sections.

2.4.1 Function Properties of the Global Object

JScript 5.x defines additional properties of the `Global` object of [ECMA-262]. These properties are described in the following sections.

2.4.1.1 ScriptEngine

When the `ScriptEngine` function is called, it returns a string value that specifies the implementation-defined name of the ECMAScript implementation that is executing the call. The JScript 5.x implementations within Internet Explorer 7 and Internet Explorer 8 always return the string 'JScript.'

2.4.1.2 ScriptEngineBuildVersion

When the `ScriptEngineBuildVersion` function is called, it returns a value that uniquely identifies the specific build of the ECMAScript implementation that is executing the call.

2.4.1.3 ScriptEngineMajorVersion

When the `ScriptEngineMajorVersion` function is called, it returns a value that identifies the major revision level of the implementation, not the revision level of the ECMAScript or JScript language specification that is currently supported by the implementation. This return value cannot be used as a reliable indicator of the availability or lack of availability of specific language features.

The JScript 5.x implementations within Internet Explorer 7 and Internet Explorer 8 always return a value of 5.

2.4.1.4 ScriptEngineMinorVersion

When the `ScriptEngineMajorVersion` function is called, it returns a value that identifies the minor revision level of the implementation, not the revision level of the ECMAScript or JScript language specification that is currently supported by the implementation. An implementation of JScript 5.x that supports distinct modes that separately implement JScript 5.7 and JScript 5.8 functionality may return a single value that does not vary among modes and that does not reflect the language level.
implemented by the current mode. This return value cannot be used as a reliable indicator of the availability or lack of availability of specific language features.

The JScript 5.x implementation within Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 always returns a value of 7. The JScript 5.x implementation within Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 always returns a value of 8, even when Internet Explorer 8 is operating in IE7 compatibility mode.

### 2.4.1.5 CollectGarbage

When the `CollectGarbage` function is called, the JScript 5.x implementation may attempt to reclaim unused or unneeded resources that are associated with the currently running application. Whether or not any action is actually taken depends on the current state of the execution environment and the resource management strategies and heuristics used by the implementation. An application may call this function to request that any such pending reclamation activities be completed immediately. However, a JScript 5.x implementation is not required to honor such a request.

### 2.4.1.6 RuntimeObject

The `RuntimeObject` function is used to search a global object for properties with names that match a specified pattern. The function only locates properties of the global object that were explicitly created by `VariableStatement` or `FunctionDeclaration` functions, or that were implicitly created by appearing as an identifier on the left side of an assignment operator. The function does not locate properties that were created by means of explicit property access on the global object.

When the `RuntimeObject` function is called, the following steps are taken:

1. If `pattern` is present, set `name` to "*" and go to step 6.
2. Call the function `toPrimitive(pattern, hint Number)`.
3. If the type of Result(2) is not `String`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
4. If Result(2) is the empty string, set `name` to "*" and go to step 6.
5. Set `name = pattern`.
6. Set the values of both `leftWild` and `rightWild` to `false`.
7. If the first character of `name` is "*", let `leftWild` be `true`, and remove the first character from `name`.
8. If the last character of `name` is "*", let `rightWild` be `true`, and remove the last character from `name`.
9. Let `obj` be a new ECMAScript object created as if by the expression `new Object()`, where `Object` is the original built-in constructor with that name.
10. Let `enum` be an enumeration of the names of the properties of the global object.
11. Let `n` be the next element of `enum`. If there are no more elements, return `obj`.
12. If `n` is the name of a built-in property defined by [ECMA-262] Section 15.1, or by the implementation or the host environment, go to step 11.
13. If `n` was not created by variable instantiation ([ECMA-262] Section 10.1.3), or by an assignment operator in which the left side was the identifier `n`, go to step 11.
14. If name is the empty string, go to step 19.

15. Search for the first substring name within n, and let left be the position within n of the first character of the matched substring, and let right be the position within n of the last character of the matched substring.

16. If a substring match was not found, go to step 11.

17. If leftWild is `false` and left is not 1, go to step 11.

18. If rightWild is `false` and right is not the last character position of n, go to step 11.

19. Let value be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` property of the global object, passing n as the argument.

20. If value is `undefined`, go to step 11.

21. Call the `[[Put]]` method of obj, passing n and value as arguments.

22. Go to step 11.

The `length` property of the `RuntimeObject` function has a value of 1.

2.4.1.7 GetObject

The `GetObject` function is similar to the `ActiveXObject` constructor in that it provides a mechanism for creating and interacting with host objects provided by Microsoft Windows ActiveX automation servers. `GetObject` is used when a current automation object is already active, or if an automation object is to be retrieved from a file. When the `GetObject` constructor is called with one or more arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Call `toPrimitive(nameOrPath, hint Number)`.

2. If the type of Result(1) is not `String`, raise a `TypeError` exception.

3. If Result(1) is the empty string, raise a `TypeError` exception.

4. If `name` is not present, go to step 7.

5. Call the function `toPrimitive(name, hint Number)`.

6. If the type of Result(5) is not `String`, raise a `TypeError` exception.

7. If only one argument was passed to this function, the string value of Result(1) may be an implementation-dependent file locator or an implementation-dependent automation object name. If two arguments were passed, Result(1) is a file locator, and Result(5) is the automation object name. If only one argument was passed, Step 8 first attempts to interpret Result(1) as a file path; if not successful, Step 8 attempts to interpret Result(1) as an automation object name.

8. Attempt to create or retrieve a host object that can be used to communicate with the application and application-specific object identified by Result(1) and Result(5).

9. If any error occurs during Step(8) such that the host object cannot be created or retrieved, raise an `Error` exception.

10. Return Result(8).
The format of the string values passed as arguments to this function are defined by the host operating system.

The length property of the GetObject function has a value of 1.

### 2.4.2 Constructor Properties of the Global Object

JScript 5.0 defines the following additional constructor properties of the Global object:

- RegExpError
- ConversionError
- JSON
- Debug
- Enumerator
- VBArray
- ActiveXObject

### 2.4.3 Object Functions in JScript 5.8

The following two functions implement functionality similar to that of the like-named functions defined in the ECMAScript, 5th Edition Specification ([ECMA-262/5]). In the definition of these functions, the term "data property" means a normal ECMAScript 3rd Edition property as defined in [ECMA-262] section 4.3.3. The term "accessor property" means a property that has two function objects associated with it, such that accessing the property using its object's [[Get]] and [[Put]] internal methods cause one of the functions to be implicitly invoked. The associated function that is invoked when the [[Get]] method is called is known as the "get" function of the accessor property. The value that the get function returns is used as the return value of the [[Get]] method. The associated function that is invoked when the [[Put]] method is called is known as the "set" function of the accessor property. The second argument of the [[Put]] method is passed as the argument to the set function.

#### 2.4.3.1 Object.getOwnPropertyDescriptor (O, P)

This function is not defined for JScript 5.7. It exists only in JScript 5.8.

When the getOwnProperty function is called, the following steps are taken:

1. If the Type(O) is not Object, raise a TypeError exception.
2. If the O is not a host object that supports property access using this function, raise a TypeError exception.
3. Let name be ToString(P)
4. If O does not have an own property named name, return a new object created as if by evaluating the ECMAScript expressions: `{configurable: true, enumerable: true, value: undefined, writable: true}`
5. Let desc be a new object created as by evaluating the expression `{ }`. 

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6. If the own property named name of O has the DontEnum attribute, let flag be true; if it does not have the DontEnum attribute, let flag be false.

7. Call the [[Put]] method of desc passing "enumerable" and flag as arguments.

8. If the own property named name of O has the DontDelete attribute, let flag be false; if it does not, have the DontEnum attribute let flag be true.

9. Call the [[Put]] method of desc passing "configurable" and flag as arguments.

10. If the own property named name of O is an accessor property, go to step 16.

11. Let value be the current value of the own property named name of O.

12. Call the [[Put]] method of desc passing "value" and value as arguments.

13. If the own property named name of O has the ReadOnly attribute, let flag be false; if it does not have the ReadOnly attribute, let flag be true.

14. Call the [[Put]] method of desc passing "writable" and flag as arguments.

15. Return desc.

16. If the own accessor property named name of O has a defined get function, let func be that function object; otherwise, let func be undefined.

17. Call the [[Put]] method of desc passing "get" and func as arguments.

18. If the own accessor property named name of O has a defined set function, let func be that function object; otherwise, let func be undefined.

19. Call the [[Put]] method of desc passing "set" and func as arguments.

20. Return desc.

2.4.3.2 Object.defineProperty ( O, P, Attributes )

This function is not defined for JScript 5.7. It exists only in JScript 5.8.

When the defineProperty function is called, the following steps are taken:

1. If the Type(O) is not Object, raise a TypeError exception.

2. If the O is not a host object that supports property creation using this function, raise a TypeError exception.

3. Let name be ToString(P).

4. Let attrs be ToObject(Attributes).

5. Let enumerable be undefined.

6. If the result of calling the [[HasProperty]] internal method of O with argument "enumerable" is false, go to step 9.

7. Let val be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of O with "enumerable".

8. Let enumerable be ToBoolean(val).
9. Let configurable be `undefined`.

10. If the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument "configurable" is `false`, go to step 13.

11. Let `val` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with "configurable".

12. Let configurable be `ToBoolean(val)`.

13. Let `valuePresent` be `false`.

14. If the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument "value" is `false`, go to step 17.

15. Let `value` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with "value".

16. Let `valuePresent` be `true`.

17. Let `writable` be `undefined`.

18. If the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument "writable" is `false`, go to step 21.

19. Let `val` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with "writable".

20. Let `writable` be `ToBoolean(val)`.

21. Let `getPresent` be `false`.

22. If the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument "get" is `false`, go to step 27.

23. Let `getter` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with "get".

24. Let `getPresent` be `true`.

25. If `getter` is `undefined`, go to step 27.

26. If `getter` is not a function, raise a `TypeError` exception.

27. Let `setPresent` be `false`.

28. If the result of calling the `[[HasProperty]]` internal method of `O` with argument "set" is `false`, go to step 33.

29. Let `setter` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `O` with "set".

30. Let `setPresent` be `true`.

31. If `setter` is `undefined`, go to step 33.

32. If `setter` is not a function, raise a `TypeError` exception.

33. If `getPresent` is `false`, let `setter` be `undefined`.

34. If `setPresent` is `false`, let `setter` be `undefined`.

35. If `O` does not have an own property named `name`, go to step 50.
36. If either `getPresent` or `setPresent` is true, go to step 44.

37. If `valuePresent` is false, return `O`.

38. If the own property named `name` of `O` is an accessor property, go to step 42.

39. If `writable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

40. If `configurable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

41. If `enumerable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

42. Create a data property of `O` named `name` that has a value of `value` and with no attributes.

43. Return `O`.

44. If `configurable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

45. If `enumerable` is true, raise a `TypeError` exception.

46. If `writable` is not `undefined`, raise a `TypeError` exception.

47. If `valuePresent` is true, raise a `TypeError` exception.

48. Create an accessor property of `O` named `name` that has a set function of `setter`, a get function of `getter`, and that has the `DontEnum` attribute.

49. Return `O`.

50. If the own property named `name` of `O` is an accessor property, go to step 65.

51. If either `getPresent` or `setPresent` is true, go to step 59.

52. If `valuePresent` is false, return `O`.

53. Call the `[[Put]]` method of `desc`, passing "value" and `value` as arguments.

54. If `configurable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

55. If `writable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

56. If `enumerable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

57. Set the value of the data property of `O` named `name` to `value`.

58. Return `O`.

59. If `configurable` is false, raise a `TypeError` exception.

60. If `enumerable` is true, raise a `TypeError` exception.

61. If `writable` is not `undefined`, raise a `TypeError` exception.

62. If `valuePresent` is true, raise a `TypeError` exception.

63. Convert the own property of `O` named `name` into an accessor property that has a set function of `setter`, a get function of `getter`, and that has the `DontEnum` attribute.

64. Return `O`.
65. If `valuePresent` is `true`, go to step 73.
66. If neither `getPresent` nor `setPresent` is `true`, return `O`.
67. If `configurable` is `false`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
68. If `enumerable` is `true`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
69. If `writable` is not `undefined`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
70. If `setPresent` is `true`, set the set function of the accessor property of `O` named `name` to `setter`.
71. If `getPresent` is `true`, set the get function of the accessor property of `O` named `name` to `getter`.
72. Return `O`.
73. If either `getPresent` or `setPresent` is `true`, go to step 79.
74. If `configurable` is `false`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
75. If `writable` is `false`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
76. If `enumerable` is `false`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
77. Call the `[[Put]]` method of `O` passing `name` and `value` as arguments.
78. Return `O`.
79. If `configurable` is `false`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
80. If `enumerable` is `true`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
81. If `writable` is not `undefined`, raise a `TypeError` exception.
82. Raise a `TypeError` exception.

2.4.4 Properties of Function Instances

JScript 5.x defines additional properties of `Function` instances of [ECMA-262]. These properties are described in the following sections.

2.4.4.1 The arguments Property

The value of the `arguments` property of a function instance is null. This property has the attributes `{DontDelete, ReadOnly, DontEnum}`. However, function instances also have a special `[[Get]]` internal method which in certain circumstances will return a value other than null when accessing the `arguments` property.

2.4.4.2 The caller Property

The value of the `caller` property of a function instance is null. This property has the attributes `{DontDelete, ReadOnly, DontEnum}`. However, function instances also have a special `[[Get]]` internal method which in certain circumstances will return a value other than null when accessing the `caller` property.
2.4.4.3 The [[Get]] (P) Method of a Function Object

Assume \( F \) is a Function object.

When the \([\text{[[Get]}]\) method of \( F \) is called with value \( P \), the following steps are taken:

1. If \( P \) is not the string 'arguments' then go to step 6.
2. If an active execution context for \( F \) does not exist, go to step 13.
3. Let \( X \) be the most recently created active execution context for \( F \).
4. If \( X \) is marked as having a partially accessible arguments object, let \( A \) be the orginal arguments object for \( X \); otherwise, let \( A \) be the value of the property named 'arguments' of \( X \)'s variable object.
5. Return \( A \).
6. If \( P \) is not the string 'caller', go to step 13.
7. Let \( X \) be the most recently created active execution context for \( F \).
8. If \( X \) does not have an execution context to which it could normally exit, return null.
9. Let \( R \) be the execution context which would become the current execution context if \( X \) exited normally (not via an exception).
10. If \( R \) is an execution context for a built-in function or a host object function, return null.
11. If \( R \) is an execution context for global code or for eval code, return null.
12. \( R \) must be an execution context for function code, so return the function object whose call caused \( R \) to be created.
13. Return the result of calling the default \([\text{[[Get]}]\) method ([ECMA-262] section 8.6.2.1) passing \( P \) as the argument.

2.4.5 String.prototype HTML Wrapper Properties

JScript 5.x defines `String.prototype` functions that wrap the string value of a `this` value with an HTML tag. The following abstraction is used to specify the behavior of these functions.

The abstract operation `WrapWithHTML` is called with arguments `body`, `tag`, `attribute`, and `data`. The `tag` and `attribute` arguments must be strings; `attribute` and `data` may be obmitted. The following steps are performed:

1. Append the character "<" to the characters of `tag`.
2. If `attribute` is not present, go to Step 7.
3. Append to Result(1) a single-space character followed by the characters of `attribute`.
4. Append to Result(3) the characters "=" and """."
5. Append to Result(4) the characters of the string returned by `ToString(data)`.
6. Append to Result(5) the character """.""
7. If `attribute` is present, use Result(6); otherwise, use Result(1).
8. Append to Result(7) the character ">".
9. Append to Result(8) the characters of the string returned by `ToString(body)`.
10. Append to Result(9) the characters "<" and "/".
11. Append to Result(10) the characters of `tag`.
12. Append to Result(11) the character ">".
13. Return the string value of the characters from Result(12).

### 2.4.5.1 String.prototype. anchor(name)

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "A", "NAME", name)`.

### 2.4.5.2 String.prototype. big( )

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "BIG")`.

### 2.4.5.3 String.prototype. blink( )

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "BLINK")`.

### 2.4.5.4 String.prototype. bold( )

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "B")`.

### 2.4.5.5 String.prototype. fixed( )

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "TT")`.

### 2.4.5.6 String.prototype. fontcolor(color)

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "FONT", "COLOR", color)`.

### 2.4.5.7 String.prototype. fontsize(size)

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "FONT", "SIZE", size)`.

### 2.4.5.8 String.prototype. italics( )

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "I")`.

### 2.4.5.9 String.prototype. link(url)

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "A", "HREF", url)`.

### 2.4.5.10 String.prototype. small( )

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "SMALL")`.

### 2.4.5.11 String.prototype. strike( )

Return the result of `WrapWithHTML(this value, "STRIKE")`. 
2.4.5.12 String.prototype.sub( )

Return the result of WrapWithHTML(this value, "SUB").

2.4.5.13 String.prototype.sup( )

Return the result of WrapWithHTML(this value, "SUP").

2.4.6 Date Time String Format for JSON

This section is based upon the ECMA Script 5th Edition Specification, [ECMA-262/5]. The format defined here is used only by JScript 5.8 for the Date.prototype.toJSON method.

ECMAScript defines a string interchange format for date-times based upon a simplification of the [ISO-8601] Extended Format, which is YYYY-MM-DDTHH:mm:ss.sssZ

These fields are defined as follows:

YYYYDecimal digits of the year in the Gregorian calendar.

- The character "-" (hyphen) appears literally twice in the string.

MMMonth of the year from 01 (January) to 12 (December).

DDDDay of the month from 01 to 31.

TThe character "T" appears literally in the string, to indicate the beginning of the time element.

HHNumber of complete hours that have passed since midnight as two decimal digits.

: The character ":" (colon) appears literally twice in the string.

mmNumber of complete minutes since the start of the hour as two decimal digits.

ssNumber of complete seconds since the start of the minute as two decimal digits.

. The character "." (dot) appears literally in the string.

sssNumber of complete milliseconds since the start of the second as three decimal digits.

Both the "." and the milliseconds field may be omitted.

ZTime zone offset is specified as "Z" (for UTC), or either "+" or "-" followed by a time expression hh:mm

This format includes date-only forms:

YYYY

YYYY-MM

YYYY-MM-DD

It also includes time-only forms with an optional time zone offset appended:

THH:mm

THH:mm:ss
Also included are "date-times," which may be any combination of the above.

All numbers must be decimal (base 10).

Illegal values (out-of-bounds as well as syntax errors) in a format string means that the format string is not a valid instance of this format.

Because each day both starts and ends with midnight, the two notations 00:00 and 24:00 are available to distinguish the two midnights that can be associated with one date. This means that the following two notations refer to exactly the same moment in time: 1995-02-04T24:00 and 1995-02-05T00:00

There exists no international standard that specifies abbreviations for civil time zones such as CET, EST, PDT, and so on. Sometimes the same abbreviation is even used for two very different time zones. For this reason, [ISO-8601] and this format specify entirely numeric representations of date and time.

### 2.4.6.1 Extended Years

The ECMAScript 3rd Edition Specification [ECMA-262] requires the ability to specify 6-digit years (extended years). This amounts to approximately 285,616 years, either forward or backward, from 01 January, 1970 UTC. To represent years before 0 or after 9999, [ISO-8601] permits the expansion of the year representation, but only by prior agreement between the sender and the receiver. In the simplified ECMAScript format, such an expanded year representation shall have 2 extra year digits and is always prefixed with a plus (+) or minus (−) sign. The year 0 is considered positive and therefore is prefixed with a plus (+) sign.

### 2.4.6.2 Date.prototype.getVarDate ( )

The `getVarDate` method is implemented as follows:

1. Let `t` be the time value.
2. If `t` is `NaN`, return a date value in VT_DATE format for which the value of `ToNumber` is `NaN`.
3. Otherwise, return a date value in VT_DATE format that corresponds to the time value `t`.

### 2.4.6.3 Date.prototype.toJSON ( )

The `toJSON` method returns a `String` value that represents the instance in time that corresponds to the current `Date` object. All fields are present in the `String`. The time zone is always specified in UTC, denoted by the suffix `Z`. If this time value is not finite, `null` is returned.

This method is only defined for JScript 5.8.

### 2.4.7 Properties of the RegExp Constructor

JScript 5.x defines additional properties of the `RegExp` constructor of [ECMA-262]. These properties are described in the following sections.

### 2.4.7.2 RegExp.input

The initial value of `RegExp.input` is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete }`. The value of this property may be modified by calls to
The properties `RegExp.input` and `RegExp.$_` always have the same value. When one is set to some value, the other is automatically also set to that same value. Unlike most other `RegExp` constructor properties, this property is does not have the ReadOnly attribute.

### 2.4.7.3 `RegExp.lastIndex`

The initial value of `RegExp.lastIndex` is the number –1. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }`. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to `RegExp.prototype.exec`.

### 2.4.7.4 `RegExp.lastMatch`

The initial value of `RegExp.lastMatch` is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }`. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to `RegExp.prototype.exec`.

### 2.4.7.5 `RegExp.lastParen`

The initial value of `RegExp.lastParen` is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }`. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to `RegExp.prototype.exec`.

### 2.4.7.6 `RegExp.leftContext`

The initial value of `RegExp.leftContext` is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }`. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to `RegExp.prototype.exec`.

### 2.4.7.7 `RegExp.rightContext`

The initial value of `RegExp.rightContext` is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }`. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to `RegExp.prototype.exec`.

### 2.4.7.8 `RegExp.$1 - RegExp.$9`

The initial value of `RegExp.$1 - RegExp.$9` is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }`. Even though these are ReadOnly properties, their values may be modified by calls to `RegExp.prototype.exec`.

### 2.4.7.9 `RegExp.$_`

The initial value of each of the properties `RegExp.$1`, `RegExp.$2`, `RegExp.$3`, `RegExp.$4`, `RegExp.$5`, `RegExp.$6`, `RegExp.$7`, `RegExp.$8`, and `RegExp.$9` is the empty string. These properties shall have the attributes `{ DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }`. The value of this property may be modified by calls to `RegExp.prototype.exec`. The properties `RegExp.input` and `RegExp.$_` always have the same value. When one of these properties is set to some value, the other is automatically also set to that same value. Unlike most other `RegExp` constructor properties, this property does not have the ReadOnly attribute.
2.4.7.10  RegExp['$&']

The initial value of RegExp['$&'] is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes { DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to RegExp.prototype.exec.

2.4.7.11  RegExp['$+']

The initial value of RegExp['$+'] is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes { DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to RegExp.prototype.exec.

2.4.7.12  RegExp['$`']

The initial value of RegExp['$`'] is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes { DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to RegExp.prototype.exec.

2.4.7.13  RegExp['$\''

The initial value of RegExp['$\'' is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes { DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }. Even though this is a ReadOnly property, its value may be modified by calls to RegExp.prototype.exec.

2.4.8  Properties of the RegExp Prototype Object

JScript 5.x defines additional properties of the RegExp Prototype Object of [ECMA-262]. These properties are described in the following sections.

2.4.8.1  RegExp.prototype.compile(pattern, flags)

If pattern is an object R whose [[Class]] property is "RegExp" and flags is undefined, let P be the pattern used to construct R and let F be the flags used to construct R. If pattern is an object R whose [[Class]] property is "RegExp" and flags is not undefined, raise a RegExpError exception. Otherwise, let P be the empty string if pattern is undefined and ToString(pattern) otherwise, and let F be the empty string if flags is undefined and ToString(flags) otherwise.

The global property of this RegExp object is set to a Boolean value that is true if F contains the character "g" and that is false otherwise.

The ignoreCase property of this RegExp object is set to a Boolean value that is true if F contains the character "i" and that is false otherwise.

The multiline property of this RegExp object is set to a Boolean value that is true if F contains the character "m" and that is false otherwise.

If F contains any character other than "g", "i", or "m", raise a RegExpError exception.

If P's characters do not have the form Pattern, raise a RegExpError exception. Otherwise, let the newly constructed object have a [[Match]] property obtained by evaluating ("compiling") Pattern. Note that evaluating Pattern may raise a RegExpError exception. (Note: if pattern is a StringLiteral, the usual escape sequence substitutions are performed before the string is processed by RegExp. If pattern must contain an escape sequence to be recognized by RegExp, the "\" character must be escaped within the StringLiteral to prevent its being removed when the contents of the StringLiteral are formed.)
The `source` property of this `RegExp` object is set as follows:

When `pattern` is an object `R` whose `[Class]` property is "RegExp", this `RegExp` object is set to the same string value as the value of the `source` property of `pattern`. Otherwise, the `source` property of this ` RegExp` object is set to `P`.

The ` lastIndex` property of this ` RegExp` object is set to `0`.

The `options` property of this ` RegExp` object is set as described in section 2.4.9.1.

This `RegExp` object is optimized using the assumption that it will be executed multiple times.

### 2.4.9 Properties of the RegExp Instances

JScript 5.x defines an additional property of the ` RegExp` instances of [ECMA-262]. This property is described in the following section.

#### 2.4.9.1 options

The value of the `options` property is a string that specifies the values of the `global`, `ignoreCase`, and `multiline` properties of this ` RegExp` instance. If the value of the `ignoreCase` property is `true`, the string contains the character "i". If the value of the `global` property is `true`, the string contains the character "g". If the value of the `multiline` property is `true`, the string contains the character "m". When present, the characters appear in the order "igm". If all of the `global`, `ignoreCase`, and `multiline` properties have the value `false`, the value of this property is the empty string. This property shall have the attributes `{ DontDelete, ReadOnly, DontEnum }.

### 2.4.10 The Error Constructor

JScript 5.x defines additional behaviors of the `Error` constructor of [ECMA-262]. These behaviors are described in the following sections.

#### 2.4.10.1 new Error ()

When the `Error` constructor is called with no arguments, the call is equivalent to calling the `Error` constructor and passing the number `0` as the only argument.

#### 2.4.10.2 new Error(number, message)

When the `Error` constructor is called with two or more arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. The `[Prototype]` property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Error prototype object, the one that is the initial value of ` Error.prototype` ([ECMA-262] Section 15.11.3.1).
2. The `[Class]` property of the newly constructed `Error` object is set to "Error".
3. Let `num` be `ToNumber(number)`.
4. Let `msg` be `ToString(message)`.
5. The `description` property of the newly constructed object is set to `msg`.
6. The `message` property of the newly constructed object is set to `msg`.
7. The `name` property of the newly constructed object is set to "Error".
8. The `number` property of the newly constructed object is set to `num`.
9. Return the newly constructed object.

2.4.11 Properties of Error Instances

JScript 5.x defines additional error instances inherited from the [[[Prototype]]] object of [ECMA-262]. These error instances are described in the following sections.

2.4.11.1 description

The initial value of description is the same as the initial value of message.

2.4.11.2 number

An Error instance only initially has a number property if the first argument passed to the Error constructor was a number or could be converted to a number. The initial value of number is the number value passed to the constructor.

2.4.12 Native Error Types Used in This Standard

JScript 5.x defines additional native error types of [ECMA-262]. These error instances are described in the following sections.

2.4.12.1 RegExpError

Indicates that a regular expression could not be parsed or that an error occurred while matching a regular expression. See [ECMA-262] Sections 7.8.5, 15.10.2.2, 15.10.2.5, 15.10.2.15, 15.10.4.1, and 15.10.6.4.

2.4.12.2 ConversionError

This NativeError object is defined by JScript 5.x, but it is not raised by the JScript 5.x implementation or by any built-in objects.

2.4.13 Properties of NativeError Instances

Error instances inherit properties from their [[[Prototype]]] object and Error prototype as specified previously. In addition, those NativeError instances that are created to represent a runtime error that is detected by the JScript 5.x implementation have the following properties:

2.4.13.1 description

An Error instance only initially has a description property if it is created by the JScript 5.x implementation in response to the occurrence of a runtime error. The initial value of description is the same as the initial value of message.

2.4.13.2 number

An Error instance only initially has a number property if it is created by the JScript 5.x implementation in response to the occurrence of a runtime error. The initial value of number is the number value passed to the constructor.
2.4.14 The JSON Object

JScript 5.8 provides support for processing objects represented using the JSON Data Interchange Format. The JSON support in JScript 5.8 is an implementation of the JSON APIs defined in the ECMA-Script 5th Edition Language Specification [ECMA-262/5]. The text in the sections that follow is a copy of the JSON specification text from clause 15.12 of [ECMA-262/5]. Additions or deletions to this text reflect variances between the JScript 5.8 JSON support and the original [ECMA-262/5] specification, and the differences between specification techniques used by the two base specifications.

The JSON object and its properties are not defined for JScript 5.7. They exist only in JScript 5.8.

The JSON object is a single object that contains two functions, parse and stringify, that are used to parse and construct JSON texts. The JSON Data Interchange Format is described in [RFC4627].

The JSON interchange format used in this specification is exactly that described by [RFC4627] with two exceptions:

1. The top level JSONText production of the ECMA-Script JSON grammar may consist of any JSONValue, rather than being restricted to either a JSONObject or a JSONArray as specified by [RFC4627].
2. Conforming implementations of JSON.parse and JSON.stringify must support the exact interchange format described in this specification without any deletions or extensions to the format. This differs from [RFC4627], which permits a JSON parser to accept non-JSON forms and extensions.

The value of the [[Prototype]] internal property of the JSON object is the standard built-in Object prototype object ([ECMA-262] Section 15.2.4). The value of the [[Class]] internal property of the JSON object is "JSON". The value of the [[Extensible]] internal property of the JSON object is set to true.

The JSON object does not have a [[Construct]] internal property; it is not possible to use the JSON object as a constructor with the new operator.

The JSON object does not have a [[Call]] internal property; it is not possible to invoke the JSON object as a function.

2.4.14.1 The JSON Grammar

JSON.stringify produces a String that conforms to the following JSON grammar. JSON.parse accepts a String that conforms to the JSON grammar.

2.4.14.1.1 The JSON Lexical Grammar

JSON is similar to ECMAScript source text in that it consists of a sequence of characters conforming to the rules of SourceCharacter. The JSON Lexical Grammar defines the tokens that make up a JSON text similar to the manner that the ECMAScript lexical grammar defines the tokens of an ECMAScript source test. The JSON Lexical grammar recognizes only the white space character specified by the production JSONWhiteSpace. The JSON lexical grammar shares some productions with the ECMAScript lexical grammar. All nonterminal symbols of the grammar that do not begin with the characters "JSON" are defined by productions of the ECMAScript lexical grammar.

Syntax

```
JSONWhiteSpace ::= 
```
2.4.14.1.2 The JSON Syntactic Grammar

The JSON Syntactic Grammar defines a valid JSON text in terms of tokens defined by the JSON lexical grammar. The goal symbol of the grammar is JSONText.

Syntax

JSONText :

JSONValue

JSONValue :

JSONNullLiteralJSONBooleanLiteralJSONObjectJSONArrayJSONStringJSONNumber
JSONObject :
{ }{ JSONMemberList }

JSONMember :

JSONString : JSONValue

JSONMemberList :
JSONMember JSONMemberList , JSONMember

JSONArray :
[ ][ JSONElementList ]

JSONElementList :

JSONValue JSONElementList , JSONValue

2.4.14.2   parse ( text [ , reviver ] )

The parse function parses a JSON text (a JSON-formatted String) and produces an ECMAScript value. The JSON format is a restricted form of ECMAScript literal. JSON objects are realized as ECMAScript objects. JSON arrays are realized as ECMAScript arrays. JSON strings, numbers, booleans, and null are realized as ECMAScript Strings, Numbers, Booleans, and null. JSON uses a more limited set of white space characters than WhiteSpace, and allows Unicode code points U+2028 and U+2029 to directly appear in JSONString literals without using an escape sequence. The process of parsing is similar to [ECMA-262/5] sections 11.1.4 and 11.1.5 as constrained by the JSON grammar.

The optional reviver parameter is a function that takes two parameters, (key and value). It can filter and transform the results. It is called with each of the key/value pairs produced by the parse, and its return value is used instead of the original value. If it returns what it received, the structure is not modified. If it returns undefined, the property is deleted from the result.

1. Let JText be ToString(text).
2. Parse JText using the grammars in [ECMA-262/5] section 15.12.1. Raise a SyntaxError exception if JText did not conform to the JSON grammar for the goal symbol JSONText.
3. Let unfiltered be the result of parsing and evaluating JText as if it was the source text of an ECMAScript program (see [ECMA-262] section 14) but using JSONString in place of StringLiteral. Note that since JText conforms to the JSON grammar, this result will be either a primitive value or an object that is defined by either an ArrayLiteral or an ObjectLiteral.
4. If (reviver) has a [[Call]] internal property, then
   1. Let root be a new object created as if by the expression new Object(), where Object is the standard built-in constructor with that name.
   2. Call the [[Put]] internal method of root with the empty String and unfiltered as arguments.
   3. Return the result of calling the abstract operation Walk, passing root and the empty String. The abstract operation Walk is described later in this section.
5. Else
The abstract operation Walk is a recursive abstract operation that takes two parameters: a holder object and the String name of a property in that object. Walk uses the value of reviver that was originally passed to the previous parse function.

1. Let val be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of holder with argument name.
2. If val is an object, then
   1. If the [[Class]] internal property of val is "Array"
      1. Set I to 0.
      2. Let len be the result of calling the [[Get]] internal method of val with argument "length".
      3. Repeat while I < len,
         1. Let newElement be the result of calling the abstract operation Walk, passing val and ToString(I).
         2. If newElement is undefined, then
            • Call the [[Delete]] internal method of val with ToString(I).
         3. Else
            • Call the [[Put]] internal method of val with arguments ToString(I) and newElement.
         4. Add 1 to I.
   2. Else
      • Let keys be an internal list of String values consisting of the names of all the own properties of val that do not have the DontEnum attribute. The ordering of the Strings should be the same as that used by the for-in statement.
      1. For each String P in keys do,
         1. Let newElement be the result of calling the abstract operation Walk, passing val and P.
         2. If newElement is undefined, then
            • Call the [[Delete]] internal method of val with argument P.
         3. Else
            • Call the [[Put]] internal method of val with arguments P and newElement.
      2. Return the result of calling the [[Call]] internal method of reviver passing holder as the this value and with an argument list consisting of name and val.
It is not permitted for a conforming implementation of `JSON.parse` to extend the JSON grammars. If an implementation wants to support a modified or extended JSON interchange format, it must do so by defining a different parse function.

NOTE: In the case where there are duplicate name Strings within an object, lexically preceding values for the same key shall be overwritten.

2.4.14.3 stringify( value [ , replacer [ , space ] ] )

The `stringify` function returns a String in JSON format representing an ECMAScript value. It can take three parameters. The first parameter is required. The `value` parameter is an ECMAScript value, which is usually an object or array, although it can also be a String, Boolean, Number, or null. The optional `replacer` parameter is either a function that alters the way objects and arrays are stringified, or an array of Strings and Numbers that acts as a white list for selecting the object properties that will be stringified. The optional `space` parameter is a String or Number that allows the result to have white space injected into it to improve human readability.

These are the steps in stringifying an object:

1. Let `stack` be an empty List.
2. Let `indent` be the empty String.
3. Let `PropertyList` and `ReplacerFunction` be `undefined`.
4. If Type(`replacer`) is Object, then
   1. If `replacer` has a `[[Call]]` internal property, then
      - Let `ReplacerFunction` be `replacer`.
   2. Else if the `[[Class]]` internal property of `replacer` is "Array", then
      1. Let `PropertyList` be an empty internal List.
      2. For each value `v` of a property of `replacer` that has an array index property name. The properties are enumerated in the ascending array index order of their names.
         1. Let `item` be `undefined`.
         2. If Type(`v`) is String then let `item` be `v`.
         3. Else if Type(`v`) is Object then,
            - If the `[[Class]]` internal property of `v` is "String" or "Number", let `item` be `ToString(v)`.
            4. If `item` is not undefined and `item` is not currently an element of `PropertyList` then,
               - Append `item` to the end of `PropertyList`.
   5. If Type(`space`) is Object then,
      1. If the `[[Class]]` internal property of `space` is "Number" then,
         - Let `space` be `ToNumber(space)`.
      2. Else if the `[[Class]]` internal property of `space` is "String" then,
Let `space` be `ToString(space)`.

6. If `Type(space)` is `Number`
   1. Let `space` be `min(10, ToInteger(space))`.
   2. Set `gap` to a String containing `space` space characters. This will be the empty String if `space` is less than 1.

7. Else if `Type(space)` is `String`
   - If the number of characters in `space` is 10 or less, set `gap` to `space`; otherwise, set `gap` to a String consisting of the first 10 characters of `space`.

8. Else
   - Set `gap` to the empty String.

9. Let `wrapper` be a new object created as if by the expression `new Object()`, where `Object` is the standard built-in constructor with that name.

10. Call the `[[Put]]` internal method of `wrapper` with arguments the empty String and `value`.

11. Return the result of calling the abstract operation `Str` with the empty String and `wrapper`.

The abstract operation `Str(key, holder)` has access to `ReplacerFunction` from the invocation of the `stringify` method. Its algorithm is as follows:

1. Let `value` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `holder` with argument `key`.

2. If `Type(value)` is `Object`, then
   1. If `value` is a host object, return `undefined`.
   2. Let `toJSON` be the result of calling the `[[Get]]` internal method of `value` with argument "toJSON".
   3. If `toJSON` has a `[[Call]]` internal property
      - Let `value` be the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of `toJSON`, passing `value` as the `this` value and with an argument list consisting of `key`.

3. If `ReplacerFunction` is not `undefined`, then
   - Let `value` be the result of calling the `[[Call]]` internal method of `ReplacerFunction`, passing `holder` as the `this` value and with an argument list consisting of `key` and `value`.

4. If `Type(value)` is `Object`, then
   1. If the `[[Class]]` internal property of `value` is "Number", then
      - Let `value` be `ToNumber(value)`.
   2. Else if the `[[Class]]` internal property of `value` is "String", then
      - Let `value` be `ToString(value)`.
   3. Else if the `Class[]` internal property of `value` is "Boolean", then
• Let value be the value of the [[Value]] internal property of value.

5. If value is null then return "null".
6. If value is true then return "true".
7. If value is false then return "false".
8. If Type(value) is String, then return the result of calling the abstract operation Quote with argument value.
9. If Type(value) is Number
   1. If value is finite, return ToString(value).
   2. Else return "null".
10. If Type(value) is Object, and value does not have a [[Call]] internal property
    1. If the [[Class]] internal property of value is "Array", then
       • Return the result of calling the abstract operation JA with argument value.
    2. Else, return the result of calling the abstract operation JO with argument value.
11. Return undefined.

The abstract operation Quote(value) wraps a String value in double quotation marks and escapes characters within it.

1. Let product be the double quotation mark character.
2. For each character C in value
   1. If C is the double quotation mark character or the backslash character
      1. Let product be the concatenation of product and the backslash character.
      2. Let product be the concatenation of product and C.
   2. Else if C is backspace, formfeed, newline, carriage return, or tab
      1. Let product be the concatenation of product and the backslash character.
      2. Let abbrev be the character corresponding to the value of C as follows:
         1. backspace"b"
         2. formfeed"f"
         3. newline"n"
         4. carriage return"r"
         5. tab"t"
      3. Let product be the concatenation of product and abbrev.
   3. Else if C is a control character having a code unit value less than the space character
1. Let product be the concatenation of product and the backslash character.

2. Let product be the concatenation of product and "u".

3. Let hex be the result of converting the numeric code unit value of C to a String of four hexadecimal digits.

4. Let product be the concatenation of product and hex.

4. Else
   ▪ Let product be the concatenation of product and C.

3. Let product be the concatenation of product and the double quotation mark character.

4. Return product.

The abstract operation JO(value) serializes an object. It has access to the stack, indent, gap, PropertyList, ReplacerFunction, and space of the invocation of the stringify method.

1. If stack contains value, raise a TypeError exception because the structure is cyclical.

2. Append value to stack.

3. Let stepback be indent.

4. Let indent be the concatenation of indent and gap.

5. If PropertyList is not undefined, then
   ▪ Let K be PropertyList.

6. Else
   ▪ Let K be an internal List of Strings consisting of the names of all the own properties of value that do not have the DontEnum attribute. The ordering of the Strings should be the same as that used by the for-in statement.

Note that JScript 5.x defines properties such that their DontEnum attribute is inherited from prototype properties with the same name. As a result of this, any own properties of value that have the same name as built-in properties that have the DontEnum attribute are not included in K.

1. Let partial be an empty List.

2. For each element P of K.
   1. Let strP be the result of calling the abstract operation Str with arguments P and value.
      ▪ If PropertyList is undefined and the call to Str caused new properties to be added to value, add the names those properties to the end of K.

2. If strP is not undefined
   1. Let member be the result of calling the abstract operation Quote with argument P.
   2. Let member be the concatenation of member and the colon character.
   3. If gap is not the empty String
4. Let \( \text{member} \) be the concatenation of \( \text{member} \) and the \( \text{space} \) character.

5. Append \( \text{member} \) to \( \text{partial} \).

3. If \( \text{partial} \) is empty, then
   - Let \( \text{final} \) be "\{\}".

4. Else
   1. If \( \text{gap} \) is the empty String
      1. Let \( \text{properties} \) be a String formed by concatenating all the element Strings of \( \text{partial} \) with each adjacent pair of Strings separated with the comma character. A comma is not inserted either before the first String or after the last String.
      2. Let \( \text{final} \) be the result of concatenating "\{", \( \text{properties} \), and "}".
   2. Else if \( \text{gap} \) is not the empty String
      1. Let \( \text{separator} \) be the result of concatenating the comma character, the line feed character, and \( \text{indent} \).
      2. Let \( \text{properties} \) be a String formed by concatenating all the element Strings of \( \text{partial} \) with each adjacent pair of Strings separated with \( \text{separator} \). The \( \text{separator} \) String is not inserted either before the first String or after the last String.
      3. Let \( \text{final} \) be the result of concatenating "\{", the line feed character, \( \text{indent} \), \( \text{properties} \), the line feed character, \( \text{stepback} \), and "}".

5. Remove the last element of \( \text{stack} \).

6. Let \( \text{indent} \) be \( \text{stepback} \).

7. Return \( \text{final} \).

The abstract operation \( \text{JA}(\text{value}) \) serializes an array. It has access to the \( \text{stack} \), \( \text{indent} \), \( \text{gap} \), and \( \text{space} \) of the invocation of the \text{stringify} method. The representation of arrays includes only the elements between zero and \( \text{array}.\text{length} - 1 \) inclusive. Named properties are excluded from the stringification. An array is stringified as an open left bracket, elements separated by commas, and a closing right bracket.

1. If \( \text{stack} \) contains \( \text{value} \), raise a \text{TypeError} exception because the structure is cyclical.

2. Append \( \text{value} \) to \( \text{stack} \).

3. Let \( \text{stepback} \) be \( \text{indent} \).

4. Let \( \text{indent} \) be the concatenation of \( \text{indent} \) and \( \text{gap} \).

5. Let \( \text{partial} \) be an empty List.

6. Let \( \text{len} \) be the result of calling the \([\text{Get}]\) internal method of \( \text{value} \) with argument "\text{length}".

7. Let \( \text{index} \) be 0.

8. Repeat while \( \text{index} < \text{len} \)
1. Let \( strP \) be the result of calling the abstract operation \( Str \) with arguments \( \text{ToString}(\text{index}) \) and \( \text{value} \).

2. If \( strP \) is \textbf{undefined}
   - Append "null" to \textit{partial}.

3. Else
   - Append \( strP \) to \textit{partial}.

4. Increment \textit{index} by 1.

9. If \textit{partial} is empty , then
   - Let \textit{final} be "[]".

10. Else
    1. If \textit{gap} is the empty String
       1. Let \textit{properties} be a String formed by concatenating all the element Strings of \textit{partial} with each adjacent pair of Strings separated with the comma character. A comma is not inserted either before the first String or after the last String.
       2. Let \textit{final} be the result of concatenating "[", \textit{properties}, and "]".
    2. Else
       1. Let \textit{separator} be the result of concatenating the comma character, the line feed character, and \textit{indent}.
       2. Let \textit{properties} be a String formed by concatenating all the element Strings of \textit{partial} with each adjacent pair of Strings separated with \textit{separator}. The \textit{separator} String is not inserted either before the first String or after the last String.
       3. Let \textit{final} be the result of concatenating "[", the line feed character, \textit{indent}, \textit{properties}, the line feed character, \textit{stepback}, and "]".

11. Remove the last element of \textit{stack}.

12. Let \textit{indent} be \textit{stepback}.

13. Return \textit{final}.

\textbf{NOTE 1:}

JSON structures are allowed to be nested to any depth, but they must be acyclic. If \textit{value} is or contains a cyclic structure, the \texttt{stringify} function must raise a \texttt{TypeError} exception. This is an example of a value that cannot be stringified:

\begin{verbatim}
  a = []; a[0] = a; my_text = JSON.stringify(a); // This must raise a TypeError.
\end{verbatim}
NOTE 2:
Symbolic primitive values are rendered as follows:

- The `null` value is rendered in JSON text as the String null.
- The `undefined` value is not rendered.
- The `true` value is rendered in JSON text as the String true.
- The value is rendered in JSON text as the String false.

NOTE 3:
String values are wrapped in double quotes. The characters " and \ are escaped with \ prefixes. The characters " and \ are escaped with \ prefixes. Control characters are replaced with escape sequences \uHHHH, or with the shorter forms, \b (backspace), \f (formfeed), \n (newline), \r (carriage return), \t (tab).

NOTE 4:
Finite numbers are stringified as if by calling `ToString(number)`. `NaN` and Infinity regardless of sign are represented as the String null.

NOTE 5:
Values that do not have a JSON representation (such as `undefined` and functions) do not produce a String. Instead they produce the undefined value. In arrays, these values are represented as the String null. In objects, an unrepresentable value causes the property to be excluded from stringification.

NOTE 6:
An object is rendered as an opening left brace followed by zero or more properties, separated with commas, closed with a right brace. A property is a quoted String representing the key or property name, a colon, and the stringified property value. An array is rendered as an opening left bracket followed by zero or more values, separated with commas, closed with a right bracket.

This is the end of the JSON specification text from the [ECMA-262/5] standard.

2.4.15 The Debug Object

The Debug object is a single object that has some named properties, all of which are functions.

The value of the internal `[[Prototype]]` property of the Debug object is the Object prototype object (15.2.3.1). The value of the internal `[[Class]]` property of the Debug object is "Object".

The Debug object does not have a `[[Construct]]` property; it is not possible to use the Debug object as a constructor with the new operator.

The Debug object does not have a `[[Call]]` property; it is not possible to invoke the Debug object as a function.

2.4.15.1 Function Properties of the Debug Object

The Debug object inherits properties from the Object prototype object as specified previously, and also has the following properties.
2.4.15.1.1  write ([ item1 [, item2 [, ...]]])

If a host-dependent debugging facility is available, **ToString** is called once, in order, on each item argument. The result of the call is passed to the debugging facility with the intent that the result be output to the user without the addition of any line terminator characters. The function returns *undefined* regardless of whether or not a debugging facility is present.

2.4.15.1.2  writeln ([ item1 [, item2 [, ...]]])

If a host-dependent debugging facility is available, **ToString** is called once, in order, on each item argument. The result of the call is passed to the debugging facility with the intent that the result be output to the user without the insertion of any line terminator characters between item results. A line terminator should be output after the last item or if there are no item arguments. The function returns *undefined* regardless of whether a debugging facility is present.

The **length** property of the **write** function is 0.

2.4.16  Enumerator Objects

Enumerator objects provide an alternative mechanism for iterating over the elements of **Array** instances and certain host objects.

For such objects, the order of enumeration is the same as occurs for the for-in statement ([ECMA-262] Section 12.6.4)

### 2.4.16.1  The Enumerator Constructor Called as a Function

When **Enumerator** is called as a function rather than as a constructor, it returns *undefined*.

### 2.4.16.2  The Enumerator Constructor

When **Enumerator** is called as part of a **new** expression, it is a constructor: it initializes the newly created object.

#### 2.4.16.2.1  new Enumerator ([collection])

When the **Enumerator** constructor is called with zero or one argument the following steps are taken:

1. If **collection** is not present, let **collection** be *undefined* and then go to step 6.
2. If **collection** is an Array instance, go to step 5.
3. If **collection** is a host object that supports an implementation-dependent enumeration protocol, go to step 5.
4. Raise a **TypeError** exception.
5. The [[EnumerationState]] property of the newly created object is set to a state indicating that the enumeration is at the first item of the enumeration of **collection**. If **collection** has no enumerable items, the state will indicate that the end of the enumeration has been reached.
6. The [[Collection]] property of the newly created object is set to **collection**.
7. The [[Prototype]] property of the newly constructed object is set to the original Error prototype object, the one that is the initial value of **Enumerator.prototype** (15.12+2.3.1).
8. The [[Class]] property of the newly constructed Error object is set to "Object".
9. Return the newly constructed object.

2.4.16.3 Properties of the Enumerator Constructor

The value of the internal [[Prototype]] property of the Enumerator constructor is the Function prototype object ([ECMA-262] Section 15.3.4).

The value of the length property is 7 (seven). In addition, the Enumerator constructor has the following property:

2.4.16.3.1 Enumerator.prototype

The initial value of Enumerator.prototype is the Enumerator prototype object (section 2.4.16.4). This property has the attributes { DontEnum, DontDelete, ReadOnly }.

2.4.16.4 Properties of the Enumerator Prototype Object

The Enumerator prototype object is itself an Enumerator object whose [[Collection]] property is undefined, and which does not have an [[EnumerationState]] property.

The value of the internal [[Prototype]] internal property of the Enumerator prototype object is the Object prototype object ([ECMA-262/5] Section 15.2.3.1).

2.4.16.4.1 Enumerator.prototype.constructor

The initial value of Enumerator.prototype.constructor is the built-in Enumerator constructor.

2.4.16.4.2 Enumerator.prototype.atEnd ( )

1. If the this object is not an Enumerator object, raise a TypeError exception.
2. Let collection be the value of the this object’s [[Collection]] property.
3. If collection is undefined, return true.
4. Let state be the value of the this object’s [[EnumerationState]] property.
5. If state indicates that the end of the enumeration has been reached, return true.
6. Return false.

2.4.16.4.3 Enumerator.prototype.item ( )

1. If the this object is not an Enumerator object, raise a TypeError exception.
2. Let collection be the value of the this object’s [[Collection]] property.
3. If collection is undefined, return undefined.
4. Let state be the value of the this object’s [[EnumerationState]] property.
5. If state indicates that the end of the enumeration has been reached, return undefined.
6. Return the current enumeration item as indicated by state.
2.4.16.4.4 Enumerator.prototype.moveFirst ( )

1. If the this object is not an Enumerator object raise a TypeError exception.
2. Let collection be the value of the this object’s [[Collection]] property.
3. If collection is undefined, return undefined.
4. Modify the [[EnumerationState]] property of the this object to a state indicating that the current enumeration of collection is now positioned at the original first item of the enumeration. If the current [[EnumerationState]] property indicates that the collection has no enumerable items, the new state will indicate that the end of the enumeration has been reached.
5. Return undefined.

2.4.16.4.5 Enumerator.prototype.moveNext ( )

1. If the this object is not an Enumerator object raise a TypeError exception.
2. Let collection be the value of the this object’s [[Collection]] property.
3. If collection is undefined, return undefined.
4. Let state be the value of the this object’s [[EnumerationState]] property.
5. If state indicates that the end of the enumeration has been reached, return undefined.
6. Modify state to a state indicating that the current enumeration of collection is now positioned at the next item beyond the current item of the enumeration. The new state may indicate that the end of the enumeration has been reached.
7. Update the [[EnumerationState]] property of the this object to state.
8. Return undefined.

2.4.16.5 Properties of Enumerator Instances

Enumerator instances inherit properties from their [[Prototype]] object as specified previously. In addition, Enumerator instances have an internal [[Collection]] property, and may have an internal [[EnumeratorState]] property.

2.4.17 VBAArray Objects

Enumerator objects provide an alternative mechanism for iterating over the elements of Array instances and certain host objects.

For such objects, the order of enumeration is the same as the for-in statement ([ECMA-262] section 12.6.4).

2.4.17.1 The VBAArray Constructor Called as a Function

When VBAArray is called as a function, it raises an exception if the argument is not a SafeArray value.

2.4.17.1.1 VBAArray ( value)

When the VBAArray function is called, the following steps are taken:
1. If \texttt{Type(value)} is \texttt{SafeArray}, return \texttt{value}.

2. Raise a \texttt{TypeError} exception.

2.4.17.2 The VBArray Constructor

When \texttt{VBArray} is called as part of a new expression, it is a constructor: it initializes the newly created object.

2.4.17.2.1 \texttt{new VBArray ( value )}

When the \texttt{VBArray} constructor is called with an argument value of zero or one, the following steps are taken:

1. If \texttt{Type(value)} is not \texttt{SafeArray}, raise a \texttt{TypeError} exception.

2. The \texttt{[[SArray]]} property of the newly created object is set to \texttt{value}.

3. The \texttt{[[Prototype]]} property of the newly constructed object is set to the initial value of the \texttt{VBArray prototype} object (section 2.4.17.3.1).

4. The \texttt{[[Class]]} property of the newly constructed \texttt{Error} object is set to \texttt{Object}.

5. Return the newly constructed object.

2.4.17.3 Properties of the VBArray Constructor

The value of the internal \texttt{[[Prototype]]} property of the \texttt{VBArray constructor} is the \texttt{Function prototype} object (section 2.4.17.4).

The value of the \texttt{length} property is 1. In addition, the \texttt{VBArray constructor} has the \texttt{VBArray.prototype} property (section 2.4.17.3.1).

2.4.17.3.1 \texttt{VBArray.prototype}

The initial value of \texttt{VBArray.prototype} is the \texttt{VBArray prototype object} section 2.4.17.4.

This property has the attributes \texttt{DontEnum}, \texttt{DontDelete}, \texttt{ReadOnly}.

2.4.17.4 Properties of the VBArray Prototype Object

The VBArray prototype object is \texttt{VBArray} object whose \texttt{[[SArray]]} property is a \texttt{SafeArray} that references a \texttt{COM SAFEARRAY} with 0 dimensions.

The value of the internal \texttt{[[Prototype]]} property of the \texttt{VBArray} prototype object is the \texttt{Object} prototype object ([ECMA-262] section 15.2.3.1).

2.4.17.4.1 \texttt{VBArray.prototype.constructor}

The initial value of \texttt{VBArray.prototype.constructor} is the built-in \texttt{VBArray} constructor.

2.4.17.4.2 \texttt{VBArray.prototype.dimensions ( )}

1. Call \texttt{ToObject} passing the \texttt{this} value as the argument.

2. If \texttt{Result(1)} is not a \texttt{VBArray} instance, raise a \texttt{TypeError} exception.
3. Get the value of the `[[SArray]]` property of `Result(1)`.

4. Return the `Number` that is the number of dimensions of the `COM SAFEARRAY` referenced by `Result(3)`.

### 2.4.17.4.3 VBArray.prototype.getItem ( `dim1 [, dim2, [dim3, ...]]`)  

1. Call `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.

2. If `Result(1)` is not a `VBArray` instance, raise a `TypeError` exception.

3. Get the value of the `[[SArray]]` property of `Result(1)`.

4. If no arguments were passed to this call, or if the number of arguments passed is greater than `Result(3)`, raise a `RangeError` exception.

5. For each argument `dim1` through `dimN`, let `IdimX` be `ToInteger(dimX)` where `X` is the numeric suffix of the argument name.

6. For each of `Idim1` through `IdimN`, if `IdimX` is less than the `lower` bound of dimension `X` of the `COM SAFEARRAY` referenced by `Result(3)` or if `IdimX` is greater than the `upper` bound of dimension `X`, raise a `RangeError` exception.

7. Return the value of the element identified by array indices `Idim1` through `IdimN` in the `COM SAFEARRAY` referenced by `Result(3)`.

The `length` property of the `getItem` function is 1.

### 2.4.17.4.4 VBArray.prototype.lbound ( `[dimension] `)  

1. Call `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.

2. If `Result(1)` is not a `VBArray` instance, raise a `TypeError` exception.

3. Get the value of the `[[SArray]]` property of `Result(1)`.

4. If `dimension` is not defined, use 1; otherwise, use `ToInteger(dimension)`.

5. Get the `Number` that is the number of dimensions of the `COM SAFEARRAY` referenced by `Result(3)`.

6. If `Result(4)` is less than 1 or greater than `Result(5)`, raise a `RangeError` exception.

7. Return the `Number` that is the lower bound of dimension number `Result(4)` of the `COM SAFEARRAY` referenced by `Result(3)`.

The `length` property of the `lbound` function is 0.

### 2.4.17.4.5 VBArray.prototype.toArray ( )  

The method copies all the elements of a multi-dimensional `COM SAFEARRAY` into a one-dimensional `ECMAScript Array` instance. When called with no arguments, `toArray` performs the following steps:

1. Call `ToObject` passing the `this` value as the argument.

2. If `Result(1)` is not a `VBArray` instance, raise a `TypeError` exception.
3. Get the value of the `[[SArray]]` property of Result(1).
4. Let SA be the COM SAFEARRAY referenced by Result(3).
5. Let `dim` be the number of dimensions of the SA.
6. If `dim` is zero, return a new Array object that is created as if by evaluating the expression new Array(0) using the original Array constructor object.
7. Let `size` be the total number of array elements of SA.
8. Let A be a new Array object that is created as if by evaluating the expression new Array(size) using the original Array constructor object.
9. Access the elements of SA in row-major order and store the elements into the array indexed properties for A starting with property 0.
10. Return A.

### 2.4.17.4.6 VBArray.prototype.ubound ([dimension] )

1. Call ToObject passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. If Result(1) is not a VBArray instance, raise a TypeError exception.
3. Get the value of the `[[SArray]]` property of Result(1).
4. If `dimension` is not defined, use 1; otherwise, use ToInteger(`dimension`).
5. Get the Number that is the number of dimensions of the COM SAFEARRAY referenced by Result(3).
6. If Result(4) is less than 1 or greater than Result(5), raise a RangeError exception.
7. Return the Number that is the upper bound of dimension number Result(4) of the COM SAFEARRAY referenced by Result(3).

The `length` property of the `ubound` function is 0.

### 2.4.17.4.7 VBArray.prototype.valueOf ( )

1. Call ToObject, passing the `this` value as the argument.
2. If Result(1) is not a VBArray instance, raise a TypeError exception.
3. Get the value of the `[[SArray]]` property of Result(1).
4. Return Result(3).

### 2.4.17.5 Properties of VBArray Instances

VBArray instance inherits properties from the `[[Prototype]]` object as specified in VBArray.prototype.valueOf ( ) section 2.4.17.4.7. In addition, VBArray instances have an internal `[[SArray]]` property whose value is the SafeArray from which the instance was constructed.
2.4.18  ActiveXObject Objects

ActiveXObject objects provide a mechanism for creating and interacting with host objects provided by Microsoft Windows ActiveX automation servers.

2.4.18.1  The ActiveXObject Constructor Called as a Function

When ActiveXObject is called as a function, it performs the same argument validation that it performs when it is called as part of a new expression. After successfully completing validation, it always raises an Error exception.

2.4.18.1.1  ActiveXObject ( name [, location])

When the ActiveXObject function is called with one or more arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Call toPrimitive(name, hint Number).
2. If the type of Result(1) is not String, raise a TypeError exception.
3. If Result(1) is an empty string, raise a TypeError exception.
4. If location is not present go to step 7.
5. Call toPrimitive(location, hint Number).
6. If the type of Result(5) is not String, raise a TypeError exception.
7. Raise an Error exception.

2.4.18.2  The ActiveXObject Constructor

When ActiveXObject is called as part of a new expression, it attempts to create a host object that corresponds to a Microsoft Windows ActiveX automation object.

2.4.18.2.1  new ActiveXObject (( name [, location]) )

When the ActiveXObject constructor is called with one or more arguments, the following steps are taken:

1. Call toPrimitive(name, hint Number).
2. If the type of Result(1) is not String, raise a TypeError exception.
3. If Result(1) is an empty string, raise a TypeError exception.
4. If location is not present, go to step 7.
5. Call toPrimitive(location, hint Number).
6. If the type of Result(5) is not String, raise a TypeError exception.
7. Attempt to create a host object than can be used to communicate with the application and application-specific object identified by the String Result(1). If location was present, Result(5) identifies the server where the application resides; otherwise, the default server (the current machine) is used as the location of the application.
8. If any error occurs during step 7, such that the host object cannot be created, raise an `Error` exception.

9. Return `Result(7)`.

The format of the string values passed as arguments to this constructor are defined by the host operating system.

The object returned by this constructor is a host object. It is not an instance of `ActiveXObject` and does not inherit properties from the `ActiveXObject` prototype object or from `Object.prototype`. The specific properties of such objects will vary and are dependent upon the specific argument values passed to this constructor.

### 2.4.18.3 Properties of the `ActiveXObject` Constructor

The value of the internal `[[Prototype]]` property of the `ActiveXObject` constructor is the Function prototype object ([ECMA-262] section 15.3.4).

The value of the `length` property is 1. In addition, the `ActiveXObject` constructor has the `ActiveXObject.prototype` property (section 2.4.18.3.1).

#### 2.4.18.3.1 `ActiveXObject.prototype`

The initial value of `ActiveXObject.prototype` is the `ActiveXObject` prototype object ([ECMA-262] section 15.12+3.4).

This property has the attributes `DontEnum`, `DontDelete`, `ReadOnly`.

The value of this property is not used by the `ActiveXObject` constructor. The value is not used as the `[[Prototype]]` value of host objects returned by the `ActiveXObject` constructor.

### 2.4.18.4 Properties of the `ActiveXObject` Prototype Object

The `ActiveXObject` prototype object is an `Object` instance, not an `ActiveXObject` instance.

The value of the internal `[[Prototype]]` property of the `ActiveXObject` prototype object is the `Object` prototype object ([ECMA-262] section 15.2.3.1).

#### 2.4.18.4.1 `ActiveXObject.prototype.constructor`

The initial value of `ActiveXObject.prototype.constructor` is the built-in `ActiveXObject` constructor.

### 2.4.18.5 Properties of `ActiveXObject` Instances

`ActiveXObject` has no instances. Objects created by the `ActiveXObject` constructor are host objects whose properties are determined by the external application associated with the specific host object.
3 Security Considerations

There are no additional security considerations.
4  Appendix A: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following product versions. References to product versions include released service packs.

- Windows® Internet Explorer® 7
- Windows® Internet Explorer® 8

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that product does not follow the prescription.
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