



Biome

TOOLCHAIN OF THE WEB

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What is Biome?

A code linter

- JavaScript, **TypeScript**, **JSX**, TSX
 - no extra dependencies
- **Helpful diagnostics**
- **200 lint rules**
 - some unique to Biome
 - ESLint, ESLint plugins
 -  Tailwind class sorting

```
> npx @biomejs/biome lint main.ts
```

```
main.ts:4:18 lint/noAccumulatingSpread
```

✘ Avoid the use of spread `...` syntax on accumulators.

```
3 | array.reduce(  
> 4 |   (acc, v) => [...acc, v],  
   |                       ^^^^^^^  
5 |   []  
6 | )
```

i Spread syntax should be avoided on accumulators because it causes a time complexity of `O(n2)`.

i Consider methods such as `.splice` or `.push` instead.

A code formatter

- JavaScript, TypeScript, JSX, TSX
- JSON, JSONC
- 🚧 CSS
- **format invalid code**

```
TS main.ts 2 ●
TS main.ts > Person > constructor
1  export class Person {
2      #name: string
3
4      constructor() {
5          this.#name =
6      }
7
8  get name() { return this.#name }
9  }
10
```



vjeux

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There's lot of excitement around faster pretty printers using Rust. The main issue is that none of them match the long tail of formatting logic of prettier.

I'm putting up a \$10k bounty for any project written in Rust that passes > 95% of the prettier JavaScript tests.

\$10,000 Bounty

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1K



Reply

Write a pretty printer in Rust.

Win \$25,000

A crab with orange and red shells is positioned on a dark rock in the foreground. Above the crab, a large, faceted blue gemstone glows with a bright light, casting rays. The background features a stylized mountain range under a dark blue, starry sky.

Grand Prize

\$22,500

Pass > 95% of the prettier JavaScript tests

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WASIX Prize

\$2,500

Compile to WASIX and publish (via CI) to Wasmer

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Biome

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Biome formatter has reached 97% compatibility with Prettier in JavaScript formatting. 🚀

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850



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Is Biome fast?



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Holy shit.

Just did a quick parsing test of [@biomejs](#) in one of our [@OpenAI](#) codebases

- 3 eslint + prettier = 58.81 s
- 2 eslint (w/ cache) + prettier = 12.82 s
- 1 🤯 biomeJS check (first run) = 1.78 s

(Tried tweaking the config, and was able to get a 95% config parity in ~20m) 🤯

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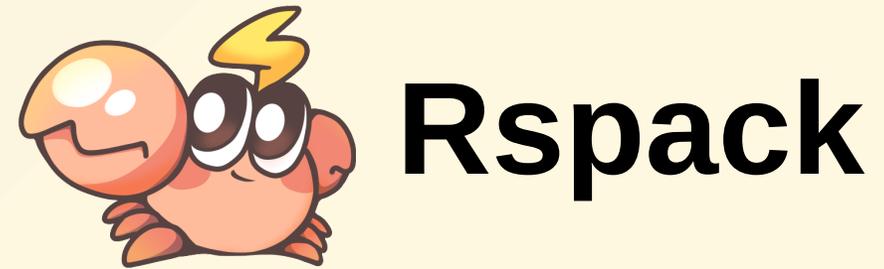
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A community

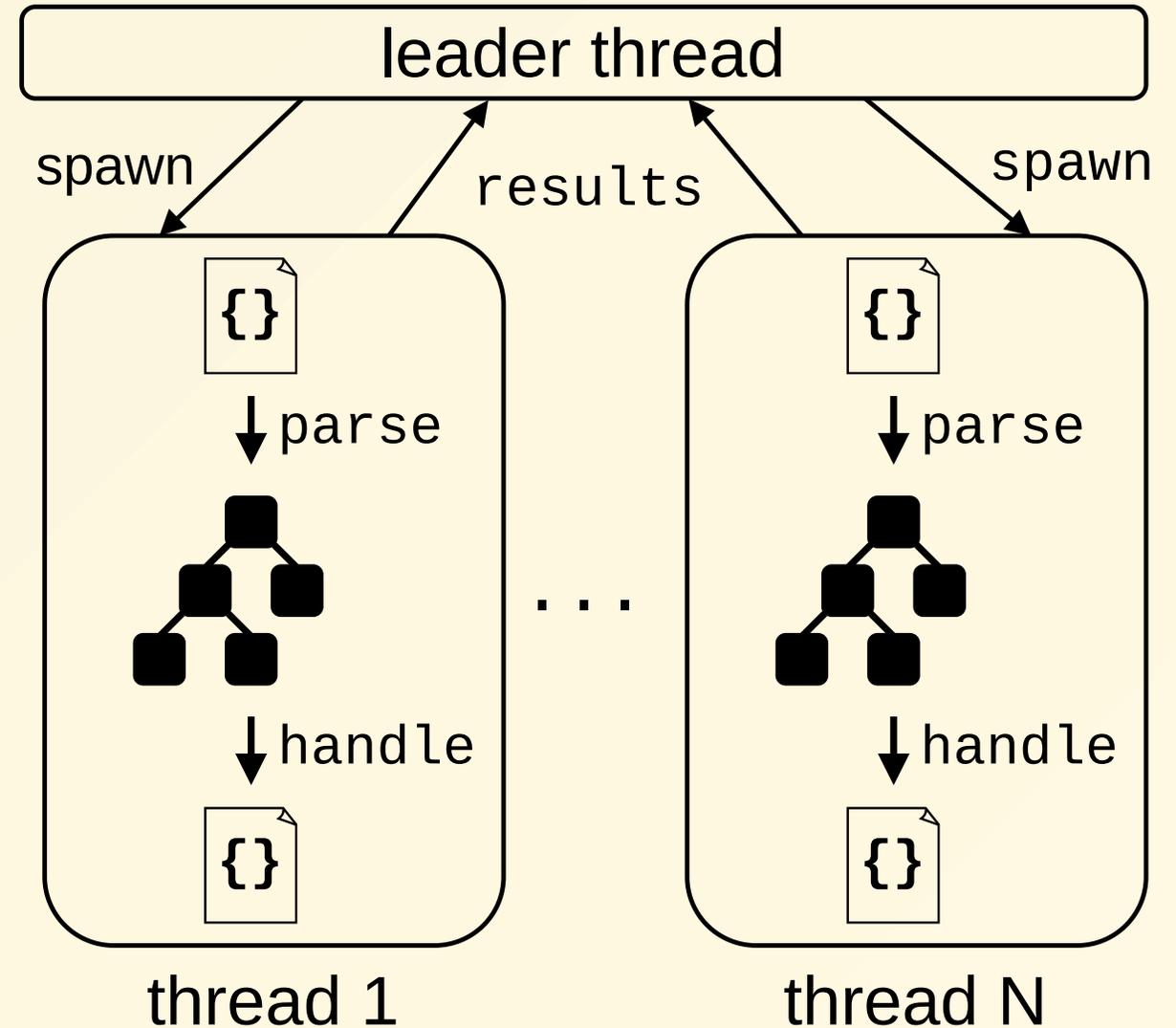
- 📄 170k weekly downloads
- ⭐ 8.4k GitHub Stars
- 🐦 4.6k followers
- 💬 1.2k Discord members



How Biome works?

Architecture

- **leader-follower**
- the leader thread
 - spawn a thread per file
 - collect results
- a follower thread
 - parse the given file
 - handle (format, lint)

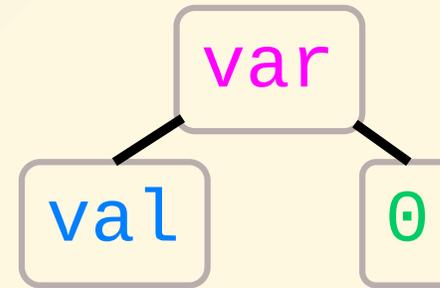


Regular parser

1. parse to an Abstract Syntax Tree
2. handle (format, lint)

```
· · var · val · = · 0
```

↓ parse



Abstract
Syntax
Tree

↓ lint/noVar

✘ Don't use var

```
> 1 | · · var · val · = · 0  
    |   ^^^
```

i . . .

Regular parser

- doesn't handle invalid code
 - **emit syntax error**

```
.. var · val · = ·
```

↓ parse

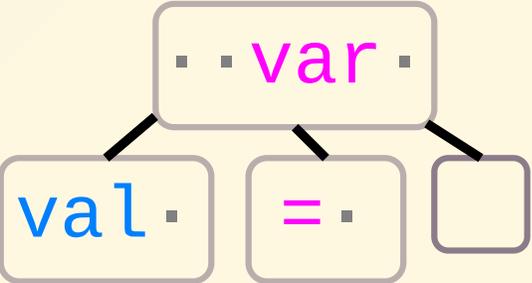
✘ syntax error

Biome parser

- **accept invalid code**
 - bogus tree nodes
 - holes in the tree
- **lossless** parsing using CST
 - preserve whitespace

```
· · var · val · = ·
```

↓ parse



Concrete
Syntax
Tree

↓ lint/noVar

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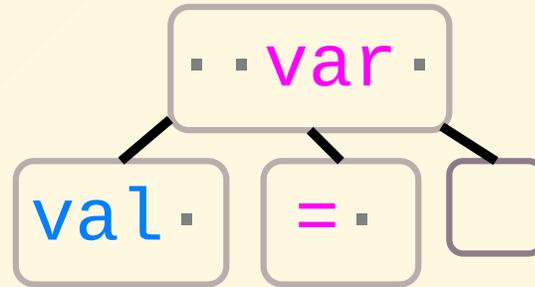
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↓ parse



**Concrete
Syntax
Tree**

↓ format & fix

```
let · val · =
```

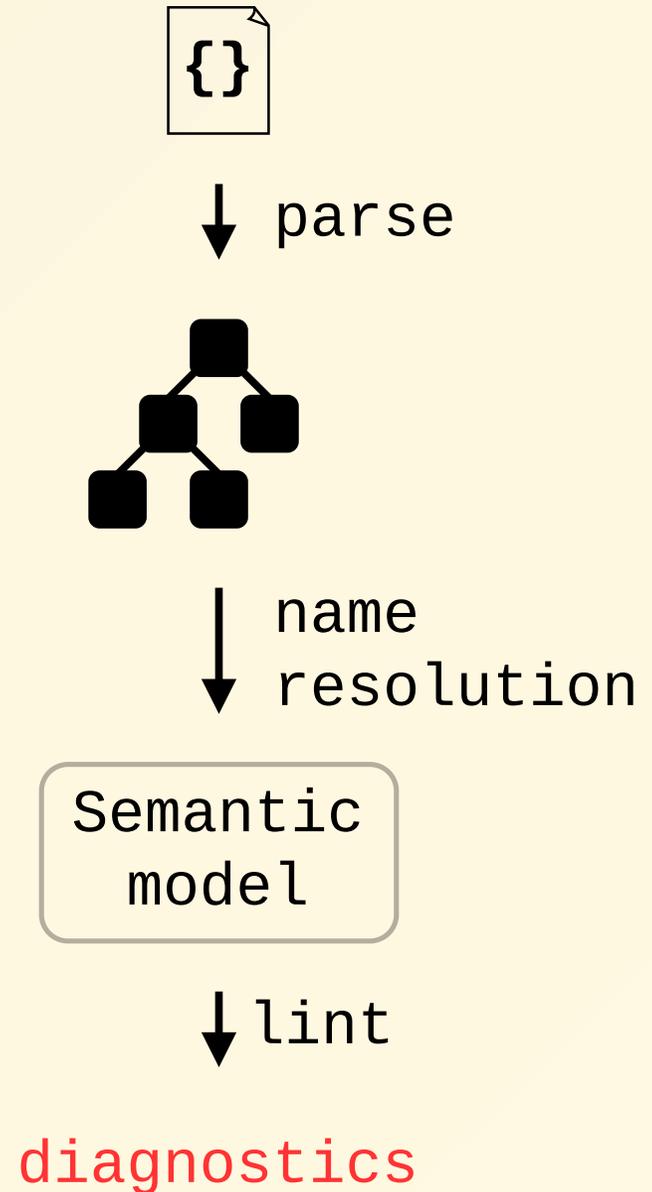
Lint rules

- many rules query the tree
 - noVar
 - noDoubleEquals
 - noAccumulatingSpread
- others need more complex data
 - **noUnusedVariables**
 - noUnusedImports
 - useImportType
 - useExportType

```
function Person (name ) {  
    if (name == "") {  
        let name  
        name = "anonymous"  
    }  
    return { name }  
}  
  
export { Person }
```

Semantic model

- find references of a declaration
 - write references
 - read references



Name resolver v1

- bind declarations to references
 - unique id for each declaration
 - a reference refers to a single declaration
- take scopes into account
 - variable shadowing

```
function Person1(name2) {  
  if (name2 == "") {  
    let name3  
    name3 = "anonymous"  
  }  
  return { name2 }  
}  
  
export { Person1 }
```

TypeScript 🤯

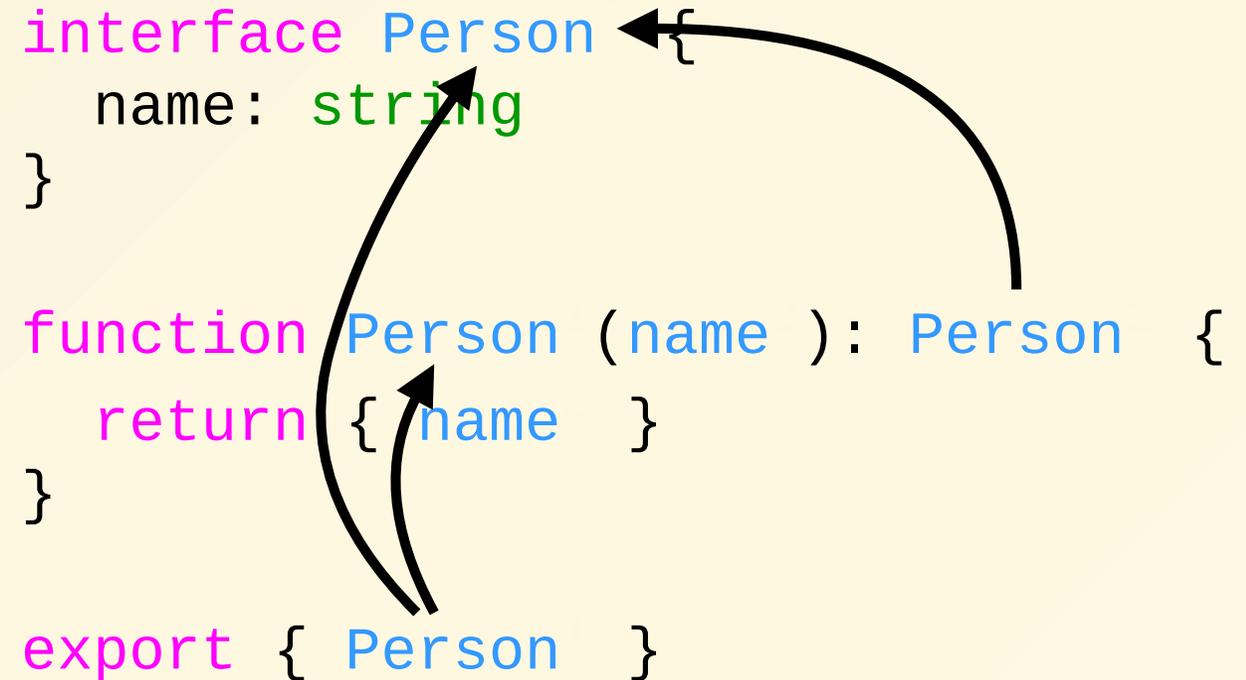
- **type & variable with same name**

```
interface Person0 {  
  name: string  
}  
  
function Person1(name ): Person1 {  
  return { name2 }  
}  
  
export { Person1 }
```

TypeScript 🤯

- type & variable with same name
- **a reference** can refer to a **type** and a **variable**

```
interface Person {  
  name: string  
}  
  
function Person (name ): Person {  
  return { name }  
}  
  
export { Person }
```



TypeScript 🤯 🤯

- type & variable with same name
- ~~a reference can refer to a type and a variable~~
- **a reference** can refer to **multiple declarations**

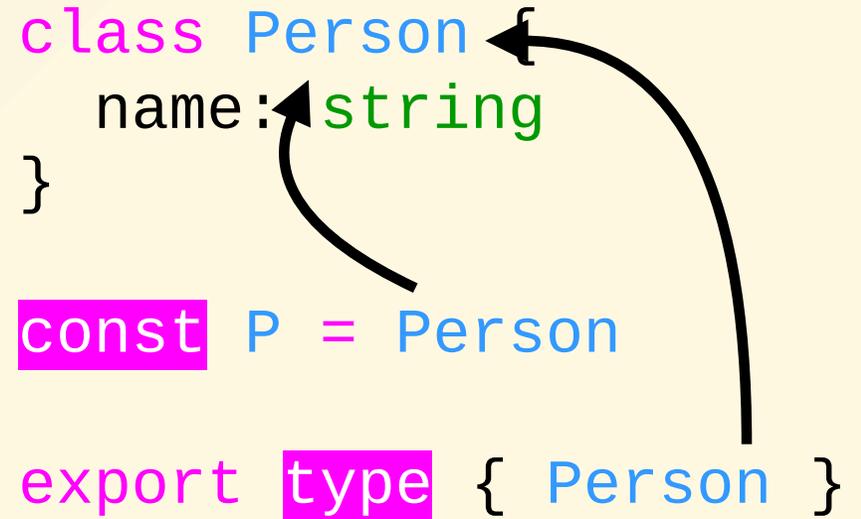
```
type Element<D> =  
  D extends  
    Array<infer E>  
  | Set<infer E>  
  | infer E  
? E : never
```

The diagram illustrates the relationship between the type definition and the variable declaration. Three arrows originate from the 'infer E' in the type definition: one points to the 'E' in 'Array<infer E>', another points to the 'E' in 'Set<infer E>', and a third points to the 'E' in 'infer E'. A fourth arrow points from the 'E' in the variable declaration '? E : never' to the 'infer E' in the type definition, indicating that the variable 'E' is used to infer the type 'E'.

TypeScript 🤯

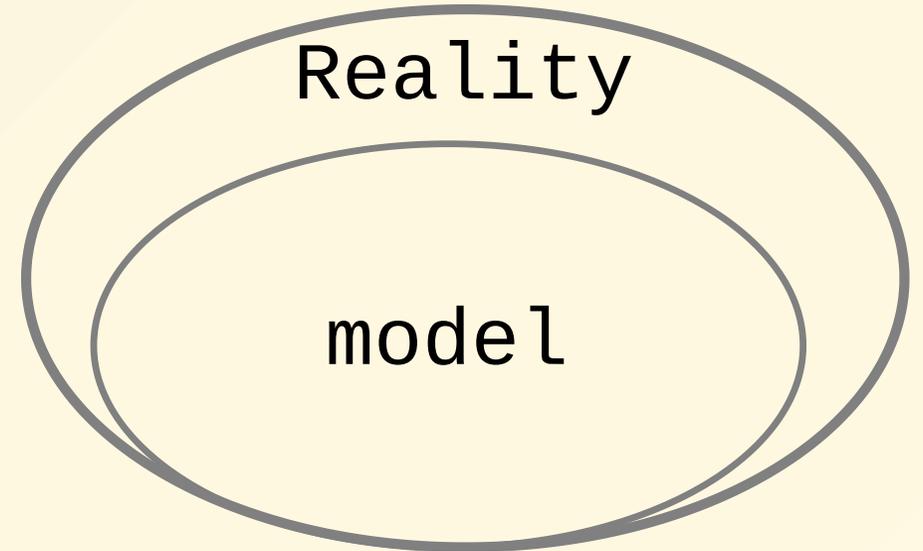
- type & variable with same name
- ~~a reference can refer to a type and a variable~~
- a reference can refer to multiple declarations
- **partially referenced declarations**
 - type / variable duality

```
class Person {  
  name: string  
}  
  
const P = Person  
  
export type { Person }
```



Simplification

- a reference refers to a **single declaration**
 - handle differently edge cases (*export, infer*)
- type and variable with same name
- type / variable duality



Name resolver v2

- A declaration is either
 - a type
 - a variable
 - both
- A reference refers either
 - a type
 - a variable

```
interface Persont0 {  
    name: string  
}
```

```
function Personv1(namev2): Persont0 {  
    return { namev2 }  
}
```

```
export type { Persont0 }
```

Name resolver v2

- A declaration is either
 - a type
 - a variable
 - both
- A reference refers either
 - a type
 - a variable
- type/value duality not exposed

```
interface Person0 {  
    name: string  
}
```

```
function Person1(name2): Person0 {  
    return { name2 }  
}
```

```
export type { Person0 }
```

Conclusion

- Biome is both a **formatter** and a **linter**
 - and more: JavaScript **import sorting**
- Biome is **fast**
- Biome is **editor-ready**
 - error-resilient parsers
 - Concrete Syntax Tree
- Biome **supports TypeScript**
 - type-aware semantic model

2024 and beyond

- extend to **more languages**
 - CSS, HTML, Markdown
 - Vue, Angular, Svelte, Astro
- **improve linter capabilities**
 - multi-file analysis
 - simplified type system
-  **plugins**

Want to help?

-  try Biome
 -  report issues
 -  feedbacks
- contribute to Biome
 - [GitHub good first issues](#)
 -  [How to create a lint rule in Biome](#)
(youtube.com/@Biomejs)
-  sponsor us!
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format code

```
npx @biomejs/biome format --write src
```

lint code, apply safe fixes

```
npx @biomejs/biome lint --apply src
```

all at once

```
npx @biomejs/biome check --apply src
```

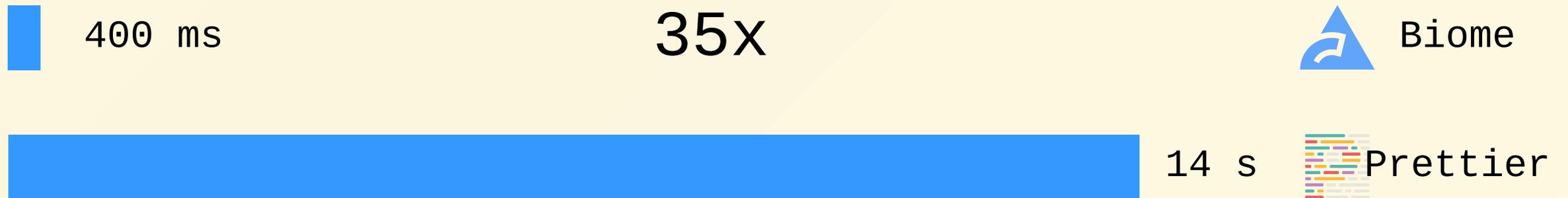
Backup slides

A toolchain

-  toolchain for **web dev**
 - code formatter
 - code linter
- written in **Rust** 
- supports main web language
 - **JavaScript, TypeScript, JSX, TSX**
 - JSON, JSONC
 - CSS 
- **community successor** of Rome Tools

A fast formatter

- scales with available threads



Formatting **170k lines** of code in **2.1k files** with an **Intel Core i7 1270P**

A governance

- leads (2) 🗝️ owners
 - 🛡️ access to sensible data
 - 🗡️ act as tiebreakers
- core contributors (5)
 - 👍 project directions
- maintainers (5)
 - 👍 project decisions
 - 📄 write access to the repo

