

# A better future for comprehensions

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**[for (x of y) if (p(x)) f(x)]**

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- Parallel JS is moving in the direction of *parallel pipelines* – a natural fit for comprehensions.
- Three strikes and you refactor!
- LINQ: one comprehension syntax, unbounded number of (user-definable) traversable datatypes.

```
let a = for (x of a1)
    for (y of a2)
        if (y > x)
            { x, y };
```

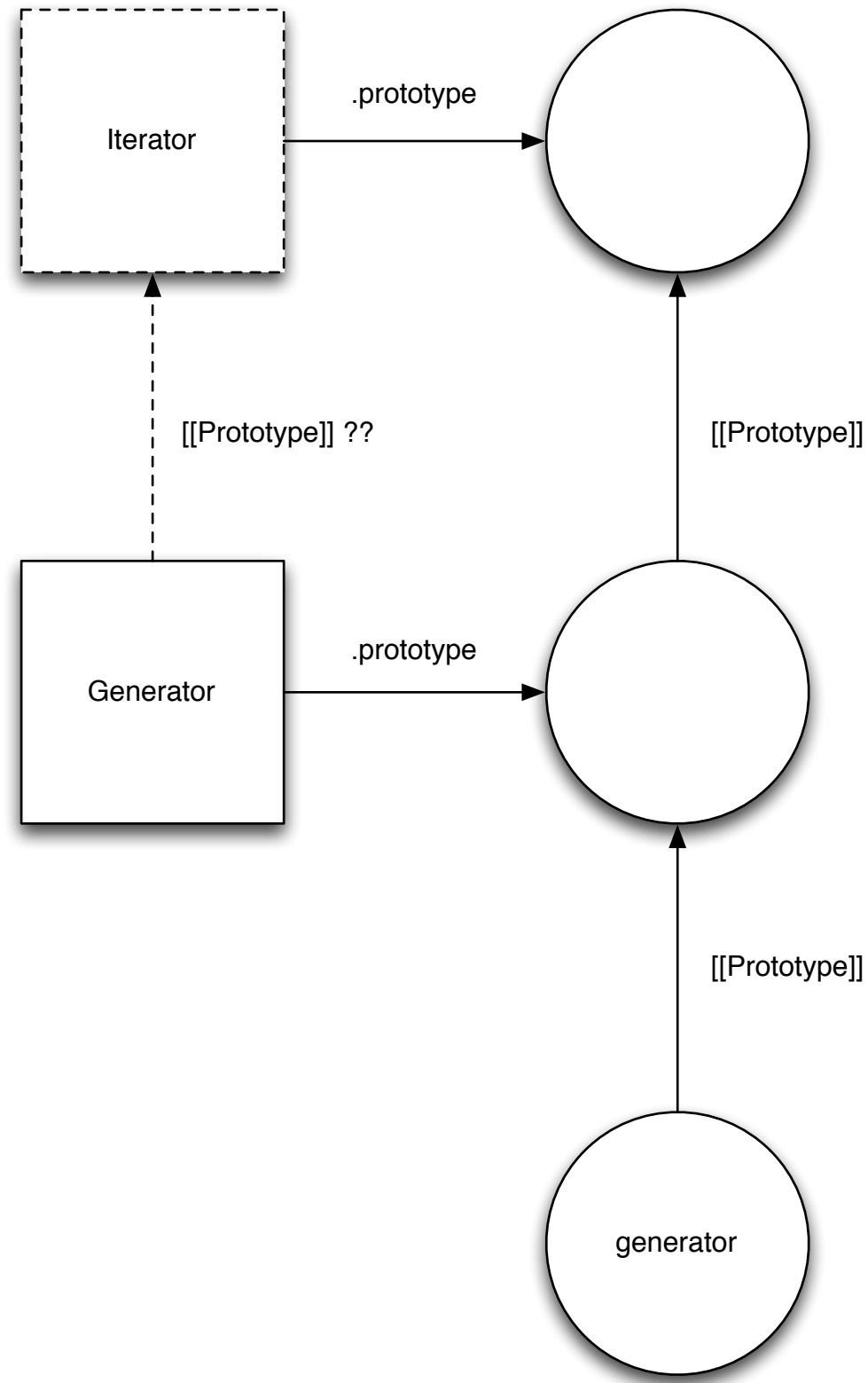
```
let i = for (x of map1.keys())  
    for (y of map2.keys())  
        if (y > x)  
            { x, y };
```

```
let p = for (x of a1.parallel())  
    for (y of a2.parallel())  
        if (y > x)  
            { x, y };
```

- The LINQ idea (which is actually the Haskell idea): comprehensions desugar into generic combinators.
- Any datatype that supports those combinators automatically gets to play along.

- Defer comprehensions from ES6.
- Jafar and I will present an ES7 proposal for generalized comprehensions.





Iterator.prototype.

zip

filter

map

...

```
table.keys().map(...)  
            .filter(...)
```

*// versus*

```
import { map, filter } from "itertools";  
filter(map(table.keys(), ...), ...);
```

```
(new Iterator({  
  next() { ... }  
})) .map(...)
```

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- Agree to defer comprehensions.
- No future-proofing placeholder objects (can be added later with low compatibility risk).
- May not generalize generator comprehensions since first RHS eagerly evaluated; more work to do.