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Planet Proto



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# THE BASICS - OBJECTS

Objects are maps/dictionaries of key-value pairs

If that is true, then what is this?



## **THE BASICS - FUNCTIONS**

> const f = function () {} • Functions are objects undefined > f. \_\_defineGetter\_\_ \_\_\_defineGetter\_\_\_ defineSetter • Because they are objects, arbitrary properties can \_\_lookupGetter\_\_ \_\_lookupSetter\_\_ be assigned to them apply arguments bind call caller constructor has0wnProperty isPrototype0f length name propertyIsEnumerable prototype toLocaleString toString



### USING PROTOTYPAL INHERITANCE WALKING THE PROTOTYPE CHAIN



# THE PROTOTYPE CHAIN



# **PROTOTYPE FUNCTIONS**

Object.create()	Creates a new object with a specified prototype
Object.getPrototypeOf()	Gets the specified object's prototype (proto)
Object.setPrototypeOf()	Sets an object's prototype (after creation). Caution: major performance hit (ES2015)
<pre>Object.prototype.isPrototypeOf()</pre>	Checks whether an object exists in another object's prototype <b>chain</b>
object instanceof constructor	Tests whether constructor.prototype appears anywhere in object's prototype chain

# SETTING A PROPERTY (HIDING)

Assignments do not search the prototype chain. Instead, they hide/mask properties higher up in the prototype chain.





# SETTING UP PROTOTYPAL INHERITANCE



# INVOKING A CONSTRUCTOR WITH NEW

Constructor functions are intended to be invoked using the new operator (Hence the capital letter naming convention)

#### When a function is invoked using **new**, the following happens

- I. A new object is created
- 2. The new object's <u>proto</u> is set to the constructor's prototype property
- 3. this is set to the new object
- 4. The function is invoked

## **CONSTRUCTOR FUNCTION**

```
const vehicleBase = {
    numWheels: 4
};
function Car(numDoors) {
    this.numDoors = numDoors;
}
Car.prototype = vehicleBase;
const myCar = new Car(2);
console.log(myCar.numWheels); // 4
console.log(myCar.numDoors); // 2
```



# ASIDE: A WORD OF WARNING

Bad things can happen if you call a constructor and forget the "new" operator To defend against this, do one of...

- I. Use strict mode (this will be undefined a TypeError will be thrown)
- 2. Manually protect against it

```
function Car(numDoors) {
    "use strict";
    this.numDoors = numDoors;
}
```

```
function Car(numDoors) {
    if (!(this instanceof Car))
        return new Car(numDoors);
    this.numDoors = numDoors;
}
```

# PLANETPROTO WORKSHOPPER

#### Setup npm install -g planetproto

Running To select an exercise: planetproto To verify your solution: planetproto verify mysolution.js