

Objects

Objects are fundamental part of javascript, providing way to group related data and functions together. In JS, an object is a collection of key-value pairs, where each key is a string (or a symbol) and each value can be any data type, including other objects. Objects can have properties and methods, making them versatile for various use cases.

→ Syntax → `obj = {}`

So, similar data types → Array
Multiple data types = Objects

Creating Objects

There are several ways to create objects in JS. The most common one is Object Literal

```
const product = {  
  id : 1,  
  name : "Laptop",  
};
```

↓ ↓ ↓
Key : Value

when functions used as object then it is called as methods.

```
let person = {  
  name : "Vineet",  
  age : 30,  
  isStudent : false,  
  greet : function () {  
    console.log("Welcome");  
  },  
};
```

So, we can store string, numbers, booleans, even methods as value.

Accessing Properties

we can access object properties using dot notation or square bracket notation.

Console.log (person.age); \Rightarrow 30

Note \rightarrow If key is in the form of string or any special char. then we use [] with " ", ' ', or ` `;

i.e. let person = {
"aman": person,
};

~~person~~ person.aman =
person[aman] α
person["aman"] \checkmark
person['aman'] \rightarrow person
person[`aman`] \rightarrow person

Adding or Modifying the properties

\rightarrow As we know in our person object, there is no job property. so, we can add that:

person.job = "web Developer";

\rightarrow to modify age, person.age = 47 ; / person["age"] = 47)

\rightarrow On console, we will see that the changes occurred.

Note :- on console.log (person.greet) \rightarrow we will get a
[function: greet]

But to print the value of function or executing the function we write person.greet() ~~in~~ \rightarrow Welcome

// * We can add dynamic keys in an object we can
↓
get username
in secret

Dynamic keys :-? It is a key whose value is same but its key is different.

eg:- lets assume the different id type have same id as, a studentId, collegeId, etc, all are (A1234)

→ then we can specify a dynamic key with square bracket [] in object and the value of the key will be different as passed from outside.

eg) let idType = "studentId";
let student = {
 [idType]: "A123456", // Dynamic key based on idType
 sName: "Aman",
 sAge: 29,
 greet: function () {
 console.log (
 'Hey! my {idType} is {student[idType]}
 and my name is {student.sName}.');
 },
};

student.greet();

output
↓

Hey! my studentId is A123456 and my name is Aman

If idType = "CollegeId", then ~~output~~ output:

~~Hey! my studentId~~

Hey! my collegeId is A123456 and my name is Aman

Data Modelling

Data Modelling is the process of creating a visual representation of an information system or its parts to show connection between data points and structures.

Think of it as creating a map for your data. Just like a map shows you how different places are connected, data modelling shows how data are related.

Purpose:- The goal is to understand what types of data we have, how they are connected, and how they can be organised. This helps in designing databases and systems that store and manage data efficiently.

Objects:- Objects are great for modelling real world entities. For eg., a car, a product, or a user can be represented as objects with properties like color, brand, and username.

```
let car = {
```

```
  brand: "Toyota",
```

```
  model: "Camry",
```

```
  year: 2022,
```

```
  start: function () {
```

```
    console.log("Engine started!");
```

```
  },
```

```
};
```


Questions for Interview

① Explain the difference between passing objects by reference and by value in JavaScript. Provide an example to demonstrate each scenario.

⇒ In JS, primitive data types like numbers & strings are passed by value, while objects are passed by reference.

Passing by value :- When passing by value, a copy of the primitive value is created and passed to the function or assigned to a variable. Any changes made to the copy do not affect the original value.

eg:-
let a = 10;
const modifyValue = (x) => (x = 20);
console.log(modifyValue(a));
console.log(a);

output

→ 20

→ 10

So the original value didn't change

Passing by reference :- When passing by reference, a reference to the memory location of the object is passed to the function or assigned to a variable. Any changes made to the object through this reference will affect the original object.

eg: let obj = { name: "Aman" };
let obj1 = obj;
obj1.name = "Aman Agarwal";
console.log(obj1);
console.log("original", obj);

output

→ { name: 'Aman Agarwal' }

→ original { name: 'Aman Agarwal' }

 it changed

⑧ How to avoid this?

To avoid this behaviour and create a true copy of the object, we can use methods like Object.assign() or the spread operator (...);

Object.assign() is used to copy properties from one or more source objects to a target object.

eg

```
let obj = { name: "Aman" };
```

```
let newObj = Object.assign({}, obj);
```

```
newObj.name = "thapa technical";
```

```
console.log(newObj); → { name: 'Aman' }
```

```
console.log("original", obj); → { original { name: 'thapa technical' }
```

⑧ Comparison by Reference

Two objects are equal only if they refer to the same object.

→ Independent objects (even if they look alike) are not equal.

```
const obj1 = { name: "Aman" };
```

```
const obj2 = { name: "Aman" };
```

```
const obj3 = obj1;
```

so, $obj1 == obj3$

→ true

But $obj1 == obj2$

→ false

⑧ Difference b/w JSON & obj

Though they look similar - but

```
obj = { name: 'Aman', id: 12, isMan: true };
```

```
JSON → { "name": "Aman", "id": 12, "isMan": true };
```

Key are in double quotes in JSON.