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Task 3.1: Create Inheritance Using Prototypes

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JavaScript
Task 1: Create Inheritance Using Prototypes
Create a constructor Animal with a method | makeSound() |. Then create a constructor Dog that inherits
from Animal and adds a method bark()
function Animal(name) {
 this.name = name;
}
Animal.prototype.makeSound = function() {
  console.log("Some generic animal sound");
};
function Dog(name, breed) {
 Animal.call(this, name); // Call the Animal constructor to set the 'name' property
 this.breed = breed;
}
// Inherit from Animal by setting Dog's prototype to an instance of Animal
Dog.prototype = Object.create(Animal.prototype);
// Reset Dog's constructor property to Dog
Dog.prototype.constructor = Dog;
Dog.prototype.bark = function() {
 console.log("Woof! Woof!");
};
// Example usage:
const animal = new Animal("Generic Animal");
animal.makeSound(); // Output: Some generic animal sound
const dog = new Dog("Buddy", "Golden Retriever");
dog.makeSound(); // Output: Some generic animal sound (inherited)
dog.bark(); // Output: Woof! Woof!
console.log(dog instanceof Animal); //true
console.log(dog instanceof Dog); //true
console.log(animal instanceof Dog); //false
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Explanation:

1. Animal Constructor:

- The Animal constructor takes a name parameter and sets it as a property of the created object.
- Animal.prototype.makeSound defines a method that will be available to all Animal instances.

2. Dog Constructor:

- The Dog constructor takes name and breed parameters.
- Animal.call(this, name); is crucial. It calls the Animal constructor in the context of the Dog instance, ensuring that the name property is set correctly.
- this.breed = breed; sets the breed property specific to Dog objects.

3. Inheritance:

- o Dog.prototype = Object.create(Animal.prototype); establishes the inheritance relationship. It sets the prototype of Dog to a new object whose prototype is Animal.prototype. This means that Dog instances will inherit properties and methods from Animal.prototype.
- o Dog.prototype.constructor = Dog; resets the constructor property of Dog.prototype to point back to the Dog constructor. Without this, the constructor would incorrectly point to Animal.

4. Dog.prototype.bark:

o Dog.prototype.bark adds a method specific to Dog instances.

5. Example Usage:

- We create an animal instance of Animal and a dog instance of Dog.
- We demonstrate that dog can access both makeSound (inherited from Animal) and bark (defined in Dog).
- The instanceof operator is used to show the inheritance chain.