



# LECTURE 5 — MEMORY IN JAVASCRIPT

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JavaScript Internals — Memory • Stack • Heap

First Principles • Visualization • Zero Confusion

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## FIRST PRINCIPLE — “MEMORY HOTI KYA HAI?”

### Simple Soch (Real-Life)

Socho tumhara **mobile phone**:

- Contacts kahin save
- Photos kahin save
- Apps kahin save

👉 Ye sab **memory** me stored hota hai.

### Same cheez JavaScript me hoti hai

Variable = Naam

Memory = Jagah jahan value rakhi jaati hai

## PRIMITIVE vs NON-PRIMITIVE (FIRST PRINCIPLE)

### Primitive Data Types

- **Immutable** (original value change nahi hoti)
- Change par **nayi memory create hoti hai**

Includes:

Number, String, Boolean, null, undefined, Symbol, BigInt

### Non-Primitive Data Types

- **Mutable** (same memory me value ka change)
- **Reference ke through kaam karte hain**

Includes:

Array, Object, Function

## ■ REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE — REFERENCE CONCEPT

```
let obj1 = { id: 20, naming: "Rohit" };  
  
let obj2 = obj1;  
  
obj2.id = 30;  
  
console.log(obj1); // {id:30, naming:"Rohit"}  
console.log(obj2); // {id:30, naming:"Rohit"}
```

### ■ Observation

Dono variables **same memory address** ko point kar rahe hain  
Isliye ek change → dono me reflect

### ■ KEY IDEA

Non-Primitive = **Address copy** hota hai, value nahi

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## ■ ■ ■ STACK vs HEAP MEMORY ■ ■ ■

### ① STACK MEMORY

#### ◆ Used For

- Primitive data types

#### ◆ Nature

- Small size
- Fast access
- Call by Value

```
let a = 10;  
  
let b = a;  
  
b = 50;
```

```
console.log(a); // 10
```

```
console.log(b); // 50
```

### ■ Explanation

b ko a ki **copy** mili  
Change sirf b me hua

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## ② HEAP MEMORY

### ◆ Used For

- Non-Primitive data types

### ◆ Nature

- Large size
- Flexible
- Call by Reference

```
let obj1 = { id: 20, name: "Rohit" };
```

```
let obj2 = obj1;
```

```
obj2.id = 30;
```

```
console.log(obj1); // {id:30, name:"Rohit"}
```

### ■ Explanation

obj1 & obj2 → same memory address  
Isliye change dono me

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## ■ CALL BY VALUE vs CALL BY REFERENCE

Concept	Primitive	Non-Primitive
Memory	Stack	Heap
Copy	Value copy	Address copy
Change effect	Original safe	Original affected

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## ■ WHY PRIMITIVES NOT STORED IN HEAP?

### ◆ First-Principle Reason

- Stack = fast & small
- Heap = large & flexible

### ■ Logic

Primitive values chhoti hoti hain  
Isliye **Stack me efficient**

Non-primitives bade/dynamic hote hain  
Isliye **Heap me stored**

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## ■ CONST BEHAVIOR — TRICKY BUT IMPORTANT

### ◆ Const with Primitive

```
const num = 10;
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```
num = 20; // ❌ Error
```

### ■ Reason

Const primitive = value constant

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## ◆ Const with Non-Primitive

```
const obj = { id: 10, balance: 234 };  
  
obj.id = 20;           // ✅ Allowed  
  
console.log(obj);
```

### ■ Reason

Const object = **reference constant**  
Properties change ho sakti hain  
Reference change ❌

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## ■ WHY PRIMITIVE DATA TYPES ARE IMMUTABLE?

```
let a = 10;  
  
let c = a;  
  
c = 50;
```

### 🧠 Behind the scenes

- `c = 50`
- JS ne **nayi memory location** create ki
- `a` purani memory pe hi raha

### ■ Special Case

Agar nayi value zyada memory leti hai  
(jaise long string)  
JS **new memory allocate** karta hai

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## ■ C++ / JAVA vs JAVASCRIPT (MEMORY DIFFERENCE)

Language	Type System
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C++ / Java	Fixed types
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## ■ Isliye

JavaScript ka memory management zyada flexible hota hai

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## ■ WHY DO WE NEED MEMORY ADDRESS?

### ◆ First Principle

Memory **byte-addressable** hoti hai

👉 Har byte ka **unique address**

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### ■ Scenario 1 — Fast Access

- Without address → line by line search ❌
- With address → direct access ✅

### ■ Scenario 2 — Duplicate Values

- 78 do jagah stored
- Address ke bina confusion
- Address se **unique identity**

## ■ Conclusion

Addressing system = fast + accurate access

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## ■ FINAL POWER SUMMARY ■

### ■ ONE-GLANCE REVISION

- Primitive → Stack → Immutable → Value copy
- Non-Primitive → Heap → Mutable → Reference copy
- Stack = Fast, Heap = Flexible
- Const primitive → change ❌
- Const object → properties change ✅
- Address = Fast access + No confusion

## ■ ■ ■ FINAL THOUGHT ■ ■ ■

🧠 JavaScript memory samajh li →  
bugs, confusion, unexpected output sab kam