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1 // Clear the console to start with a clean slate
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3 console.clear();
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5 // Step 1: Create an original object with nested structure
6
7 let originalObject = {
8
9     name: "Ajay",
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11     address: {
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13         city: "Delhi" // This is a nested object
14     }
15 };
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17 // Step 2: Create a shallow copy using the spread operator
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19 let shallowCopy = { ...originalObject };
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21 // `shallowCopy` gets its own copy of the top-level keys. But the `address` object is still the SAME reference as in
22 // `originalObject`.
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24 // Step 3: Create a deep copy using JSON.parse(JSON.stringify(...))
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26 let deepCopy = JSON.parse(JSON.stringify(originalObject));
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28 // `deepCopy` becomes a completely separate object including a brand-new, independently copied `address` object.
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30 // Step 4: Change the city in the original object's address
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32 originalObject.address.city = "Mumbai";
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34 originalObject.name = "Ashu";
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36 // Because `shallowCopy.address` refers to the same object as in `originalObject`
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38 // This change will also reflect in `shallowCopy`. But `deepCopy.address` remains unchanged – it has its own copy.
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39 // Step 5: Print the city from the shallow copy
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41 console.log(shallowCopy.address.city);
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43 // Output: "Mumbai"
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45 // Why? Because the `address` in shallowCopy still points to the same object as in `originalObject`, so the update is visible
  here.
46
47 // Step 6: Print the city from the deep copy
48
49 console.log(deepCopy.address.city);
50
51 // Output: "Delhi"
52
53 // Why? Because the deep copy made an independent copy of everything including `address`, so it's unaffected by the change in
  `originalObject`.
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