

# Introduction to the 'this' Keyword

### What is the 'this' Keyword?

In JavaScript, the 'this' keyword refers to the context in which a function is executed.

It allows access to the current object or the object that the function belongs to.

#### The Importance of 'this':

Understanding 'this' is crucial for object-oriented programming in JavaScript.

It provides a way to access object properties and methods dynamically. 'this' plays a significant role in event handling, callbacks, and method chaining.

### **THIS IN METHOD:**

 'this' keyword is often used within methods to refer to the current object on which the method is being called.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

```
const person = {
  name: 'John',
  age: 30,
  greet() {
    console.log(`Hello, my name is ${this.name}. I am ${this.age} years old.`);
  }
};
```

person.greet(); // Output: Hello, my name is John. I am 30 years old.

#### **EXPLICITLY USING THIS KEYWORD METHODS**

<u>USING CALL()</u>: The call() method invokes a function and explicitly set the value of this with in the function.

```
EXAMPLE:
const person = {
 name: 'John',
 greet: function () {
  console.log(`Hello, ${this.name}!`);
const anotherPerson = {
 name: 'Alice'
};
```

person.greet.call(anotherPerson); // Output:
Hello, Alice!

<u>USING APPLY():</u> it takes ab array-like object as a second Argument, which allows us to pass arguments to the function
Being invoked.

```
EXAMPLE:
const person = {
  name: 'John',
  greet: function (greeting) {
    console.log(`${greeting}, ${this.name}!`);
  }
};

const anotherPerson = {
  name: 'Alice'
};
```

person.greet.apply(anotherPerson, ['Hey']); // Output: Hey,
Alice!

**USING BIND():** creates a new function with a permanently bound 'this' value. It returns a new function that can be invoked later

```
EXAMPLE:
const person = {
name: 'John',
greet: function () {
  console.log(`Hello, ${this.name}!`);
const anotherPerson = {
name: 'Alice'
const boundGreet = person.greet.bind(anotherPerson);
boundGreet(); // Output: Hello, Alice!
```

## this in Event Handlers:

In HTML event handlers, this refers to the HTML element that received the event: E.g:

```
<button onclick="this.style.display='none'">
Click to Remove Me!
```

</button>

