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But with some tests, we can come up with a good guess as to why some properties are grayed

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Before we look at the **__proto__**, let's look at why the **length** property is dimmed

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For example, this is why the for-in does not list all of the methods on Object.prototype for every object

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Then lets console the Window object and look at all of its properties

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ShadyCSS should be enumerable, Number shouldn't

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But wait ... there's more

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Again, don't worry about not understanding the code.
That's not the point of this lecture

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```

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Animal.prototype.greet = function() {  
  if(this.eatsGrass) {  
    console.log(`Hi there. I eat grass.`)  
  }  
};
```

```
let Zebra = function(name, title) {  
  Animal.call(this);  
  this.name=name;  
  this.title = title;  
};
```

```
Zebra.prototype = Object.create(Animal.prototype);
```

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Animal constructor

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adding a method
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creating a
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function for our
Zebra class

setting the prototype
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lets override the Animal
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here we are also overriding
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Finally, we instantiate (i.e. create)
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This is the result

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  ▼ __proto__: Animal
    ▼ constructor: f (name, title)
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