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CODE, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE OBJECT

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WITHIN THE OBJECT ITSELF.

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TO OBJECTS THAT **INHERIT** FROM AN OBJECT

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NATURALLY THINK IN TERMS OF PUBLIC,  
PRIVATE AND PROTECTED..**

**..SO EVEN THOUGH JAVASCRIPT DOES NOT  
EXPLICITLY SUPPORT THEM, WAYS HAVE BEEN  
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BY DEFAULT, **PUBLIC**.

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OUTSIDE CODE CAN STILL CALL THE PROPERTY THAT  
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THIS IS OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH  
**CLOSURES**

THIS WAS JUST A TEASER, MORE LATER:-)