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# AN INHERITANCE HIERARCHY USING CHAINED PROTOTYPES

3 OBJECT  
CONSTRUCTO

BIRD

FLIGHTLESS  
BIRD

TURKEY

`FlightlessBird.prototype = new Bird();`

`Turkey.prototype = new FlightlessBird();`

### 3 OBJECT CONSTRUCTO

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```
function Bird() {  
  this.sayHello = function() {  
    console.log("I am a bird, of type = " +  
this.name);  
  }  
  this.fly = function() {  
    console.log("I am flying!!");  
  }  
}
```

```
FlightlessBird.prototype = new Bird();
```

```
function FlightlessBird() {  
  this.fly = function() {  
    console.log("I can't fly, even though  
  }  
}
```

```
Turkey.prototype = new FlightlessBird();
```

```
function Turkey(){  
  this.name = "Turkey";  
}
```

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**THE PROPERTY `fly` APPEARS BOTH IN THE `Bird` OBJECT AND IN  
THE `FlightlessBird` OBJECT - SO IF THIS IS CALLED ON A  
`Turkey` OR, THE `FlightlessBird` VERSION WILL BE CALLED.**

NOW, SAY WE WOULD LIKE TO OVERRIDE THE  
PROPERTY `fly` ON A SPECIFIC Turkey

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```
function() {  
  console.log("I am not quite flightless, I  
can fly a few meters in a pinch");  
};
```

```
function Bird() {  
  this.name = function() {  
    console.log("I am a bird, of type = " +  
this.name);  
  }  
  this.fly = function() {  
    console.log("I am flying!!");  
  }  
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**ON A SPECIFIC Turkey**

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```
var turkey1 = new Turkey();  
turkey1.fly = function() {  
    console.log("I am not quite flightless, I can fly a few  
meters in a pinch");  
};  
turkey1.fly();
```

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```
turkey1.fly = function() {
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};
```

```
turkey1.fly();
```

SET THE **fly** PROPERTY ON A  
SPECIFIC **Turkey**

Instantiate an object and call fly – the FlightlessBird version will be called

I can't fly, even though I'm a bird :-(

Now, override the fly method for this specific object, and call the fly property – the specific version will be called

I am not quite flightless, I can fly a few meters in a pinch

NOW, SAY WE WOULD LIKE TO OVERRIDE THE  
PROPERTY `fly` ON A SPECIFIC `Turkey`

```
var turkey1 = new Turkey();  
turkey1.fly = function() {  
    console.log("I am not quite flightless, I can fly a few  
meters in a pinch");  
};  
turkey1.fly();
```

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```
var turkey2 = new Turkey()  
turkey2.fly();
```

But if you call fly on any other objects, its still the `FlightlessBird` version that will be called  
I can't fly, even though I'm a bird :-(

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SET THE `fly` PROPERTY ON THE  
prototype OF THE OBJECT CONSTRUCTOR

REMEMBER THAT `prototype` IS A  
PROPERTY OF ALL OBJECT CONSTRUCTORS



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```
Turkey.prototype.fly = function() {  
    console.log("I am not quite flightless, I can fly a few  
meters in a pinch");  
};
```

```
var turkey3 = new Turkey();  
turkey3.fly();
```

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meters in a pinch");  
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```

```
var turkey3 = new Turkey();
```

```
turkey3.fly();
```

```
I am not quite flightless, I can fly a few meters in a pinch
```

## SO - REMEMBER!

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