# EXAMPLE 50: THE Object OBJECT AS THE ULTIMATE PROTOTYPE

SAY YOU HAVE AN OBJECT, AND ARE NOT QUITE SURE WHAT PROPERTIES IT HAS - YOU CAN SIMPLY ITERATE OVER ALL OF ITS PROPERTIES.

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ONCE WE HAVE THE NAME OF THE PROPERTY, GETTING ITS VALUE IS NOT HARD!

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE UTILITY OF THE [] WAY OF ACCESSING PROPERTIES - HERE THE. WAY WOULD NOT HAVE

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THIS WILL GIVE US THE VALUES OF ALL NON-FUNCTION PROPERTIES. FOR FUNCTION PROPERTIES, IT WILL GIVE US THE UNDERLYING OBJECT.

## WE SAID "ALL OBJECTS CAN BE 'ITERATED OVER' IN THIS WAY"

IF YOU ARE WONDERING HOW THAT IS - WELL ITS BECAUSE ALL OBJECTS HAVE A COMMON BASE OBJECT THAT SUPPORTS THIS BEHAVIOUR. MORE LATER:-)

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Object HAS A BUNCH OF BUILT-IN PROPERTIES THAT WE USE ALL THE TIME

AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE ABLE TO ITERATE OVER THE PROPERTIES OF ALL OBJECTS:-)

#### CONSTRUCTOR OF A PARTICULAR PROTOTYPE

### tostring IS A PROPERTY THAT RETURNS A NICE, READABLE VERSION OF AN OBJECT

propertyIsEnumerable IS A PROPERTY THAT ALLOWS US TO ITERATE OVER ALL PROPERTIES OF AN OBJECT

hasOwnProperty IS A PROPERTY TELLS WHETHER A
PARTICULAR PROPERTY IS INSIDE AN OBJECT, OR INHERITED
VIA A PROTOTYPE

#### isPrototypeOf IS A PROPERTY TELLS WHETHER A PARTICULAR OBJECT IS PROTOTYPE OF ANOTHER

## valueOf IS A PROPERTY RETURNS A SPECIFIC VALUE OF AN OBJECT (BY DEFAULT THE OBJECT ITSELF, BUT CAN BE OVERRIDDEN)