



Object Oriented JavaScript

Introduction

JavaScript is very different from
Ruby in object oriented
programming.

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Unlike Ruby, in JavaScript there are several ways to create our own object.

Objects in JavaScript

A basic way to create an object.

```
var animal = {  
  name: "Shadow",  
  noise: "Brrrr",  
  
  shout: function () {  
    console.log("Mooooo!");  
  },  
  
  makeNoise: function () {  
    // more about `this` momentarily  
    console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
  }  
};
```

this in JavaScript

this is a magical variable that gets set when we call a function

```
animal.makeNoise();
```

With the variable **this** we can access the attributes of that object.

this in JavaScript

Inside the `makeNoise` function we can access the noise attribute via `this`.

```
var animal = {  
  name: "Whitey",  
  noise: "Brrrr",  
  
  shout: function () {  
    console.log("Mooooo!");  
  },  
  
  makeNoise: function () {  
    // more about `this` momentarily  
    console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
  }  
};
```

this in JavaScript

When `makeNoise` or any method attached to `animal` is called, inside that method `this` is `animal`.

```
var animal = {  
  // ...  
  
  makeNoise: function () {  
    // more about `this` momentarily  
    console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
  }  
};
```

Classes

JavaScript doesn't have a keyword to create classes like `class` in Ruby. In JavaScript we use `function`.

Creating a class

We create a function

```
var Animal = function () {};
```

Creating an instance

We call the function with the
new keyword

```
var animal = new Animal();
```

Ruby vs JavaScript

Javascript constructor

```
var Animal = function () {};
```

Creating an instance

```
var dog = new Animal();
```

Ruby Constructor

```
class Animal  
end
```

Creating an instance

```
dog = Animal.new
```

new keyword

Invoking a function with the special **new** keyword calls the function with **this** set to a new blank object. This blank object will be returned by the constructor as the new **Animal** instance.

```
var animal = new Animal();
```

Constructor and **this**

Here, **Animal** is a constructor.

```
var Animal = function() {  
    this.name = "Buk";  
  
    this.noise = "Brrrrr";  
  
    this.makeNoise = function () {  
        console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
    }  
};
```

The Instance

When we create an instance,
what we have is a new object.

```
var animal = new Animal();  
var anotherAnimal = new Animal();
```

How to customize

Let's add parameters to the constructor.

```
var Animal = function(name, noise) {  
    this.name = name;  
  
    this.noise = noise;  
  
    this.makeNoise = function () {  
        console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
    }  
};
```

The Instance

Since it's a new object, we can set different values for its attributes.

```
var animal = new Animal("Buk", "Brrr");  
var anotherAnimal = new Animal("Chinaski", "Pfffff");  
  
animal.makeNoise()  
// "Brrr!!!!"  
  
anotherAnimal.makeNoise()  
// "Pfffff!!!!!"
```


Object Prototype

Both Animals have identical
makeNoise functions.

```
var Animal = function(name, noise) {  
  this.name = name;  
  
  this.noise = noise;  
  
  this.makeNoise = function () {  
    console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
  }  
};
```

Object Prototype

But they don't share a single function. Each instance has it's own identical **makeNoise**.

```
var Animal = function(name, noise) {  
  this.name = name;  
  
  this.noise = noise;  
  
  this.makeNoise = function () {  
    console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
  }  
};
```

Object Prototype

We are duplicating code unnecessarily!

```
var Animal = function(name, noise) {  
  this.name = name;  
  
  this.noise = noise;  
  
  this.makeNoise = function () {  
    console.log(this.noise + "!!!!");  
  }  
};
```

Object Prototype

Objects can get their functions from their **prototype**.

If we use the prototype, all instances share a single function.

```
var Animal = function(name, noise) {  
  this.name = name;  
  this.noise = noise;  
};  
  
Animal.prototype.makeNoise = function () {  
  console.log(this.noise);  
};
```

Exercise

- Create the **Car** constructor. It should take two parameters, model and noise
- Each car should have 3 attributes: model, noise and number of wheels
- Model and noise are set with the parameters and number of wheels will be 4 for all the instances of **Car**
- Create a method to print the noise of that car