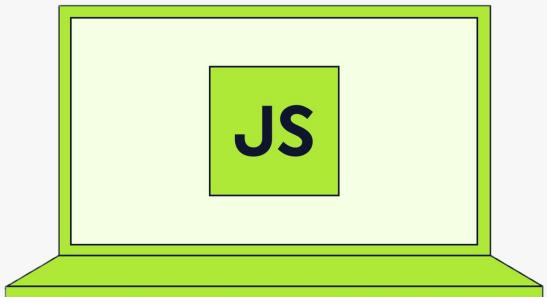




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## Lecture 5: Introduction to Arrays

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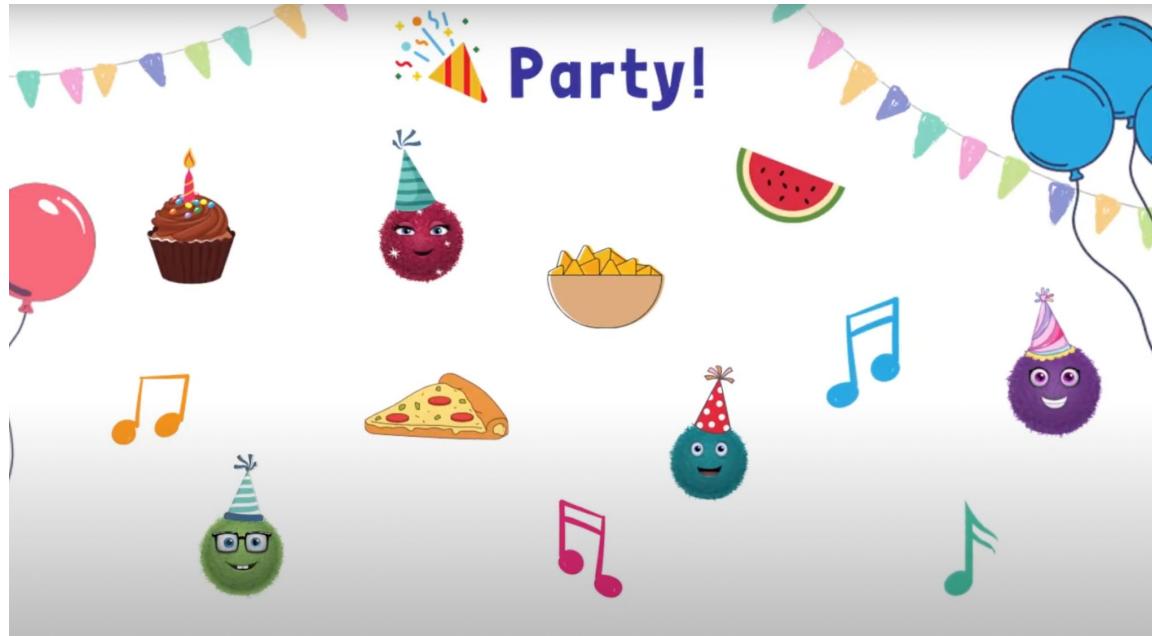
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# Arrays

# Planning a party

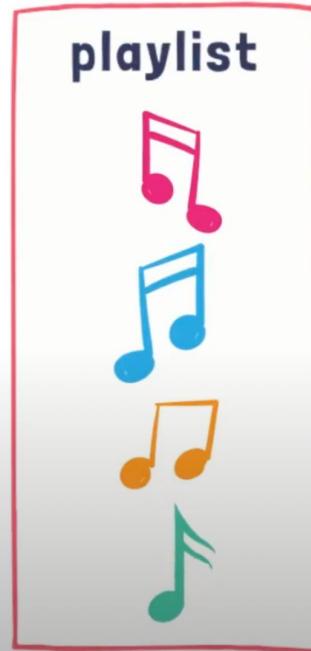
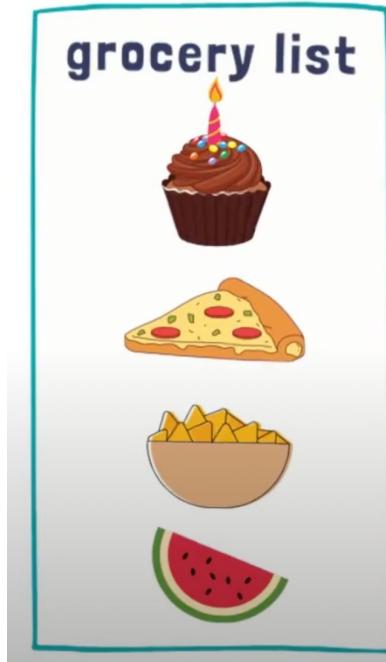
Imagine you are organizing a party, for that you need to purchase lot of items.



You will need, cake, music player, food and decorative items. So you might want to make a list out of it!!

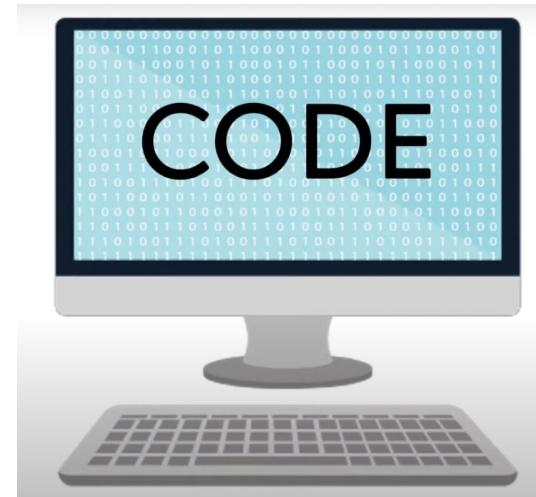
# Planning a party: making lists

Let's make lists, separate list for separate group of items:-



# Planning a party: making lists

Just like lists help you keep your tasks organized. Lists are very helpful in programming too:-



# Array: Lists in javascript

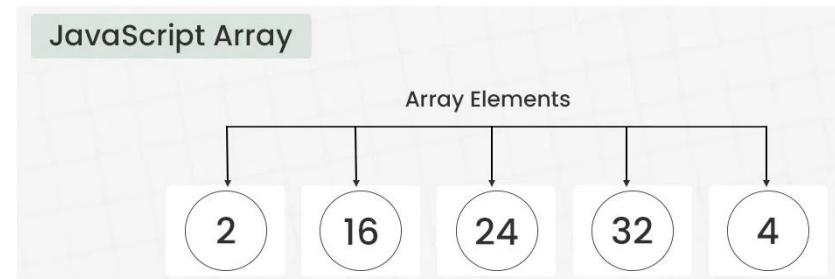
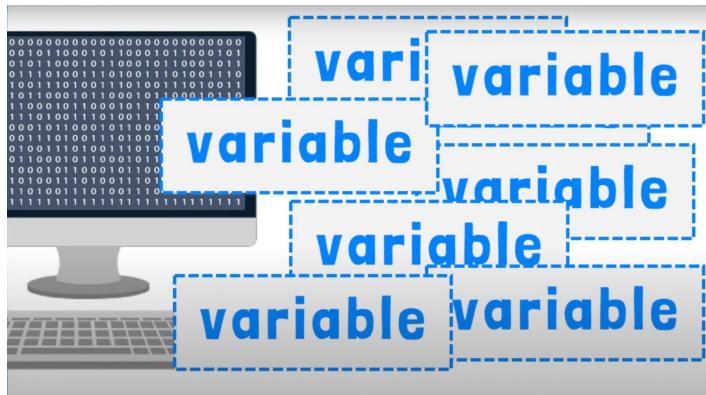
Lists in javascript are called “Array”.

**Definition:** An array in JavaScript is a special object used to store multiple values in a single variable.



# Why do we need array?

Variables store data, but managing many of them is hard. Arrays simplify this by organizing multiple values in one place.

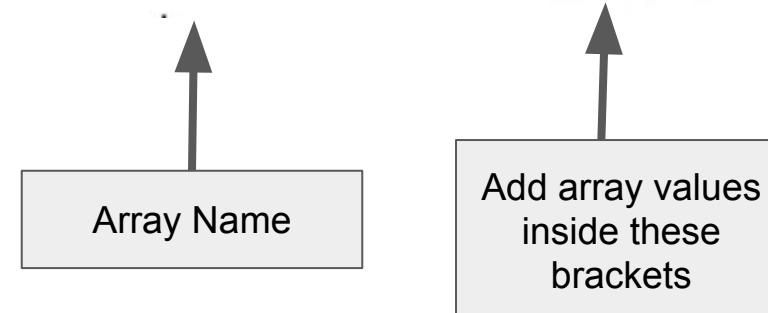


# Array: Definition and Syntax

An array in JavaScript is a special object used to store multiple values in a single variable.

Const

My Array = [ ] ;



# Array: Storing values in arrays

You can create array using either let or const keyword. We don't use var anymore:-

Const

My Array = [ 1, 2, 3, 4, "Hello", True, null ] ;



Array Name



You can use mixed data  
type in arrays

# Array: Accessing the array values

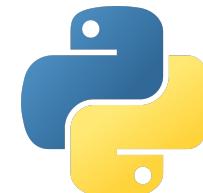
We can access values stored in array by using indexes.

```
1 // Declaring and assigning array
2 const MyArray = [1, 2, 3, 4, "Hello", True, null];
3
4 // Printing array values
5 console.log(MyArray);
6 // Output: [1, 2, 3, 4, "Hello", True, null];
7 console.log(MyArray[0]); // Output: 1
8 console.log(MyArray[1]); // Output: 2
9 console.log(MyArray[4]); // Output: Hello
10 console.log(MyArray[5]); // Output: True
```

If we just type  
*MyArray* in console,  
entire array would get  
printed

# Javascript arrays vs Python Lists

Understanding their similarities and key differences for efficient coding.



**ARRAY**

**vs**

**LIST**

# Similarities between two

Both are **dynamic** and can store **mixed data types**.

0	1	2	3	4	5
3	7	2	6.1	'arjun'	True

3,7,2 are integers, 6.1 is float, arjun is a string,  
and True is boolean

Both can store  
these values.

# Javascript arrays as object

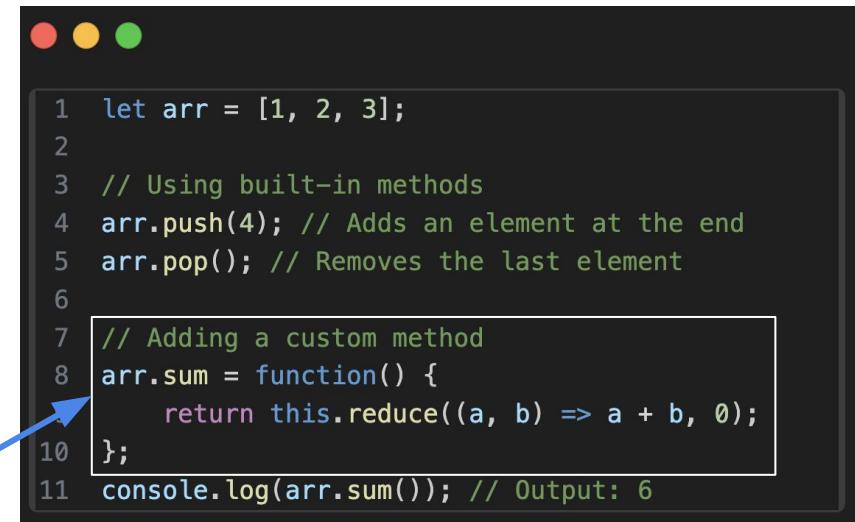
In JavaScript, arrays are just specialized objects. Both arrays and regular objects are derived from the `Object` constructor.



```
1 let arr = new Array();
2 console.log(arr); // Output: []
```

Declaring array using Array Constructor

We can add  
functions just like we  
do in objects



```
1 let arr = [1, 2, 3];
2
3 // Using built-in methods
4 arr.push(4); // Adds an element at the end
5 arr.pop(); // Removes the last element
6
7 // Adding a custom method
8 arr.sum = function() {
9     return this.reduce((a, b) => a + b, 0);
10}
11 console.log(arr.sum()); // Output: 6
```

In-built and user defined functions

# Python lists are not objects

Python lists are not objects in the same sense as JavaScript arrays. They do not support adding custom attributes or methods directly.

```
# Creating a list
lst = [1, 2, 3]

# Using built-in list methods
lst.append(4)
# Adds an element to the end
print(lst)
# Output: [1, 2, 3, 4]

lst.pop()
# Removes the last element
print(lst) # Output: [1, 2, 3]

lst.sum = lambda: sum(lst)
# Raises AttributeError
```

Lists too have in-built  
methods

But we can't add custom functions

Lists are in-built data type  
i.e. we don't have a constructor  
for it.

# Array Manipulation

# Array manipulation

Often, we need to manipulate arrays by adding, removing, updating, or extracting elements. Array methods make this process easy and efficient.



We achieve it using array  
methods.

# Common Javascript Methods

Here are some commonly used array methods:

`push`

`pop`

`slice`

`unshift`

`shift`

`splice`

Add Items

Remove items

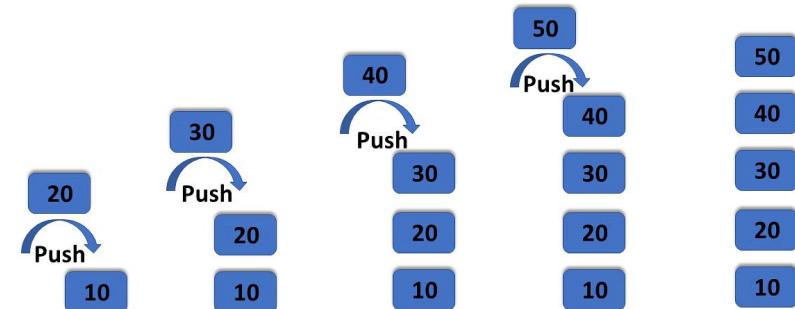
Update /  
Modify

Extract

# Add Items: push

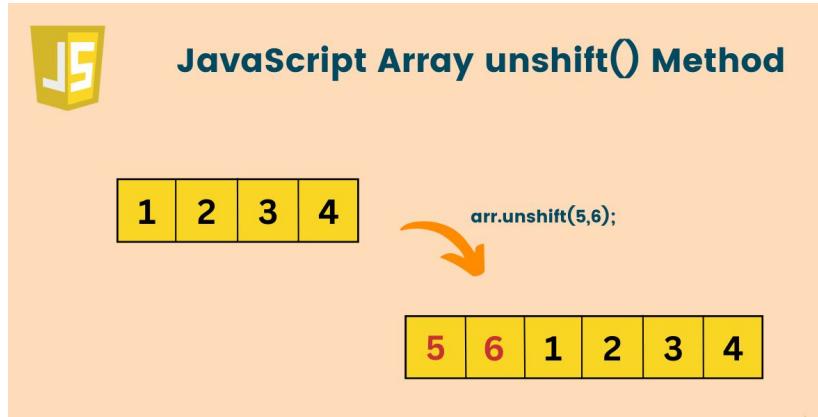
Adds one or more items to the **end** of the array. Initially there was 10, however we could have started with empty array

```
1 // Declaring an empty array
2 let numbers = [10];
3
4 // Adding items one by one
5 numbers.push(20); // [20]
6 numbers.push(30); // [20, 30]
7 numbers.push(40); // [20, 30, 40]
8 numbers.push(50); // [20, 30, 40, 50]
9
10 console.log(numbers); // [20, 30, 40, 50]
11
12 // Adding two items at once
13 numbers.push(60, 70);
14
15 console.log(numbers); // [20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70]
```



# Add Items: unshift

Instead of adding items at the end of the array we can add items to the **beginning** of the array.

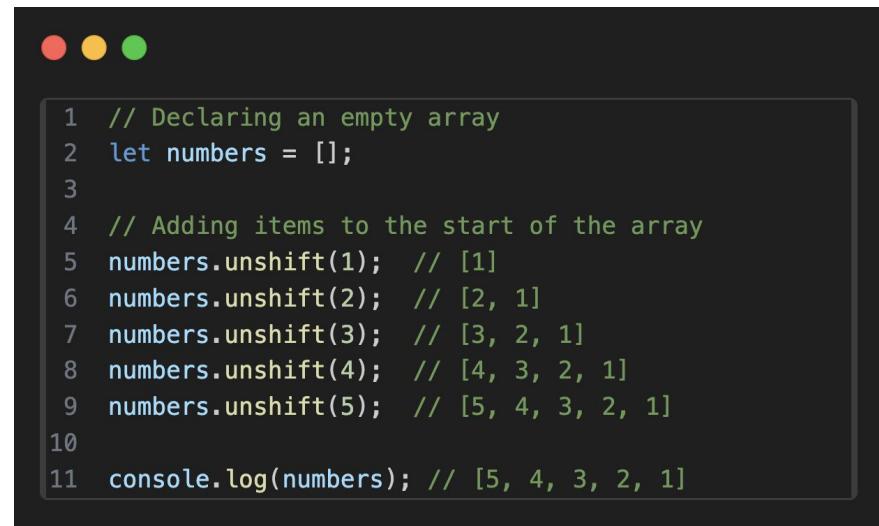


JavaScript Array unshift() Method

1	2	3	4
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arr.unshift(5,6);

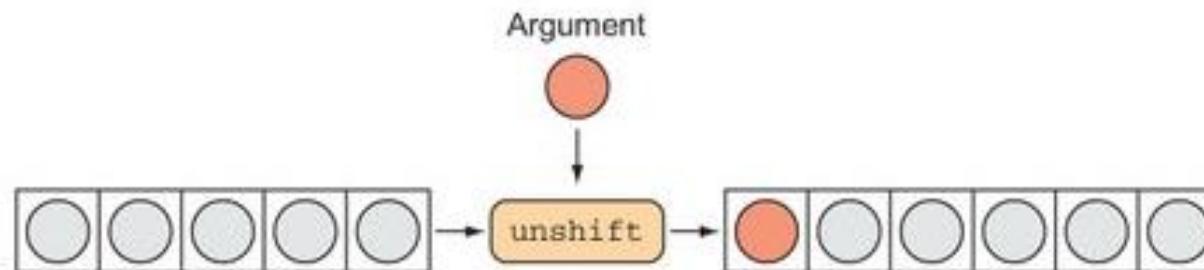
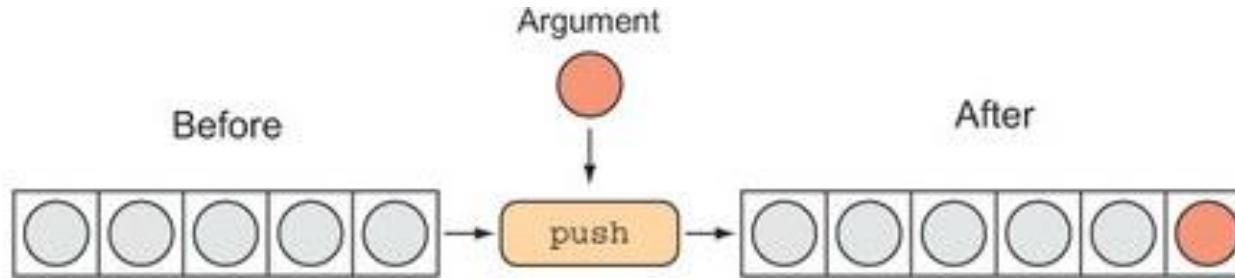
5	6	1	2	3	4
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```
1 // Declaring an empty array
2 let numbers = [];
3
4 // Adding items to the start of the array
5 numbers.unshift(1); // [1]
6 numbers.unshift(2); // [2, 1]
7 numbers.unshift(3); // [3, 2, 1]
8 numbers.unshift(4); // [4, 3, 2, 1]
9 numbers.unshift(5); // [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
10
11 console.log(numbers); // [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

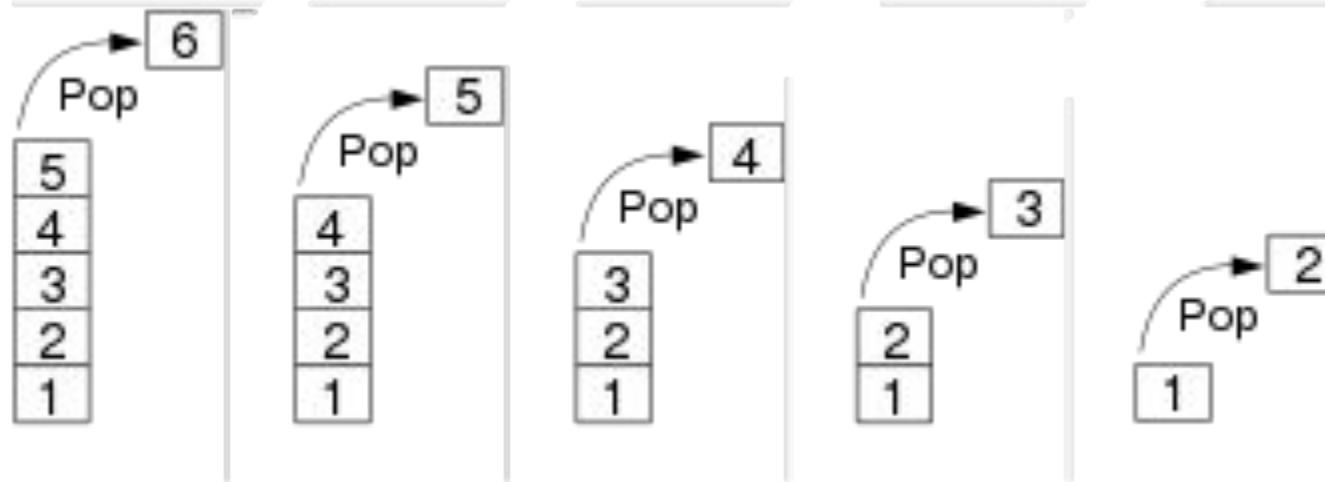
# Difference: push and unshift

Let's understand the difference between them two:-



# Remove Items: pop

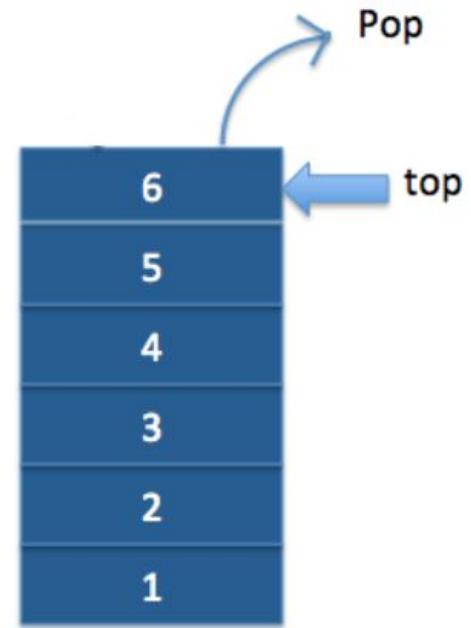
Removes the **last** item from an array.



# Remove Items: pop

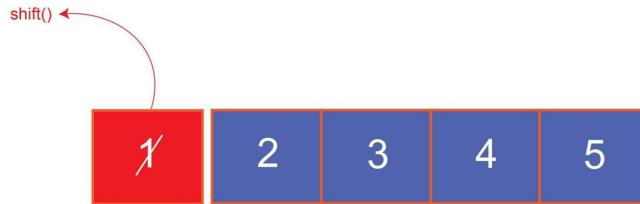
Let's write javascript code for it:-

```
1 // Initial array with 5 items
2 let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
3
4 // Using pop to remove all items
5 numbers.pop(); // [1, 2, 3, 4]
6 numbers.pop(); // [1, 2, 3]
7 numbers.pop(); // [1, 2]
8 numbers.pop(); // [1]
9 numbers.pop(); // []
10
11 console.log(numbers); // []
```



# Remove Items: shift

Removes the **first** item from an array.

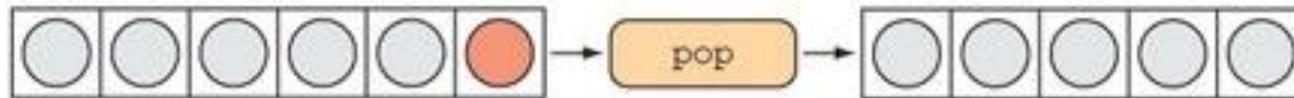


A screenshot of a terminal window on a Mac OS X system, indicated by the red, yellow, and green window control buttons at the top. The terminal displays the following JavaScript code:

```
1 // Initial array with 5 items
2 let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
3
4 // Using shift to remove items
5 numbers.shift(); // [2, 3, 4, 5]
6 numbers.shift(); // [3, 4, 5]
7 numbers.shift(); // [4, 5]
8 numbers.shift(); // [5]
9 numbers.shift(); // []
10
11 console.log(numbers); // []
```

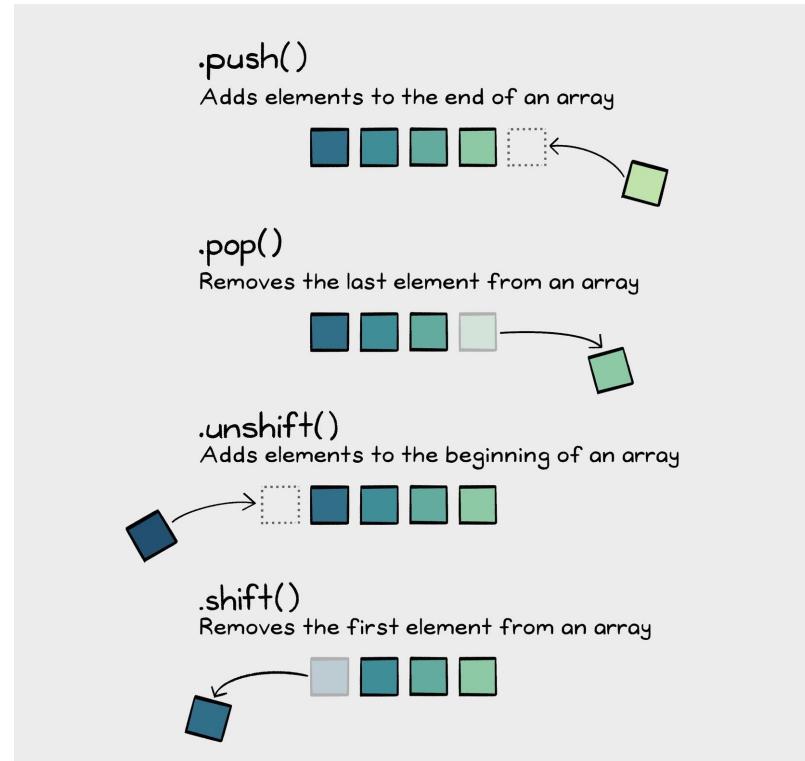
# Difference: pop and shift

Let's understand the difference between these two:-



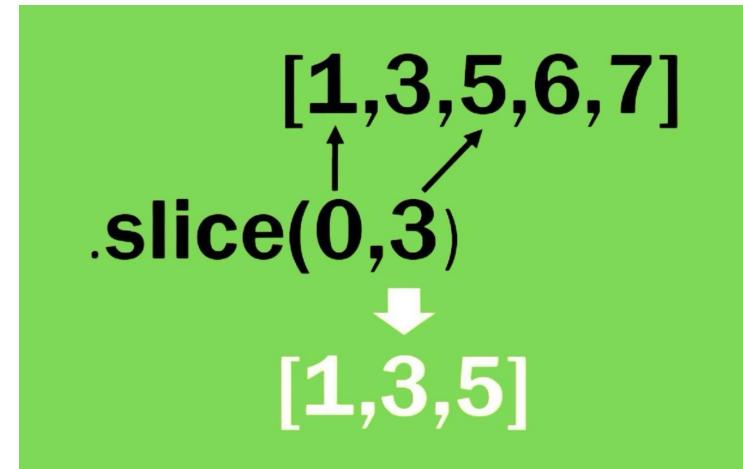
# Let's quickly recap what we learned

Here's a quick recap of the array methods we've covered:



# Update/Modify: slice() method

As the name suggests, the `slice` method cuts out a section of an array and returns a new array containing that section, without modifying the original array.



# slice(): Example

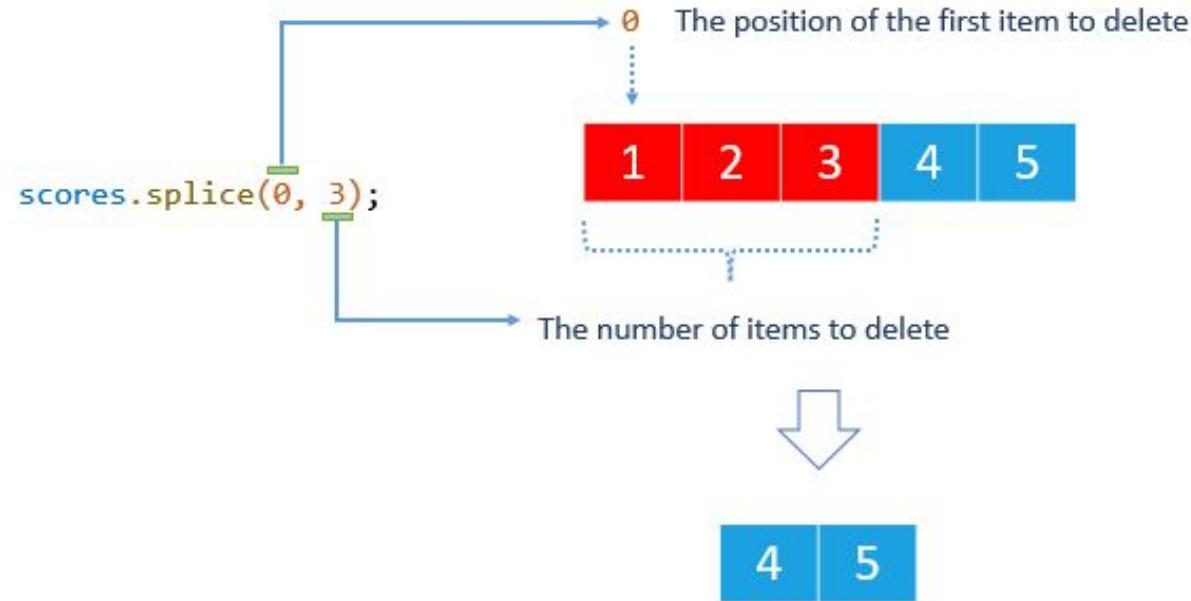
Let's take an initial array [1, 3, 5, 6, 7], and use the slice(0, 3) method to get a portion of it.

```
1 // Initial array
2 let numbers = [1, 3, 5, 6, 7];
3
4 // Using slice from index 0 to 3 (excluding index 3)
5 let slicedArray = numbers.slice(0, 3);
6
7 console.log(slicedArray); // [1, 3, 5]
8 console.log(numbers);
9 // [1, 3, 5, 6, 7] (Original array)
```

Not the end index  
is not included in  
the slice!!

# Extract: splice() method

The `splice` method changes the contents of an array by removing, replacing, or adding elements at a specified index, modifying the original array.



# splice(): Example

`splice(0, 3)` removes 3 elements starting from index 0, modifying the original array to [4, 5].

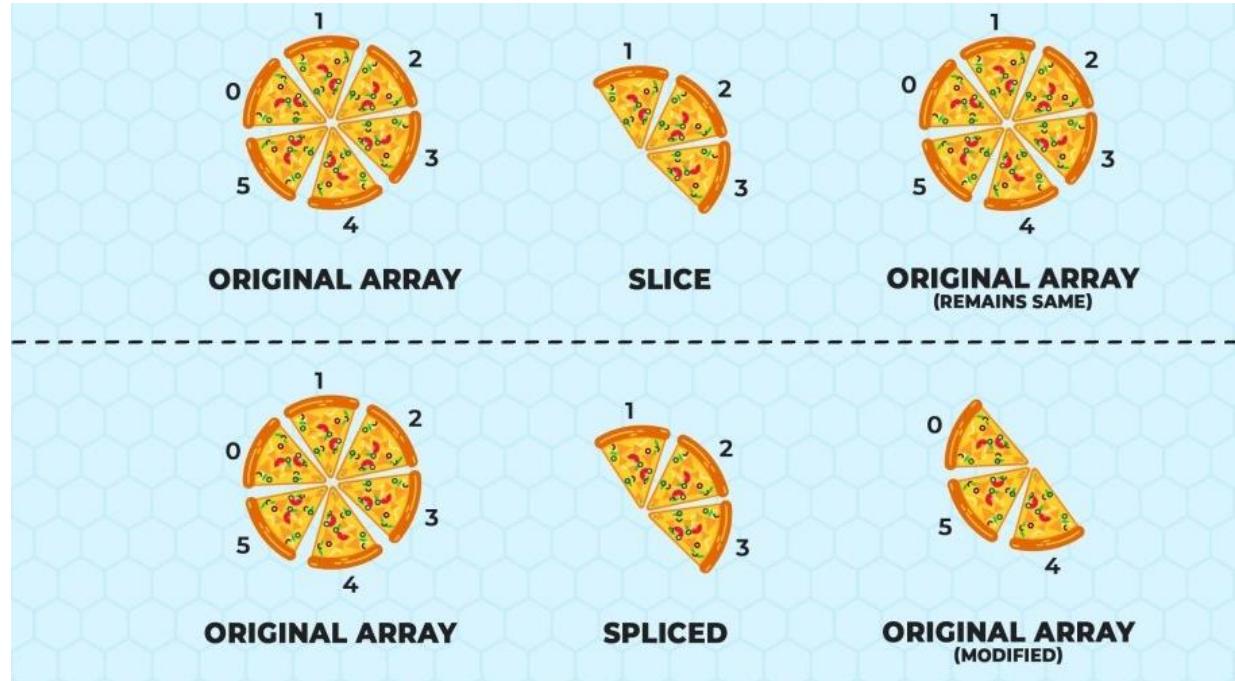


```
1 // Initial array
2 let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
3
4 // Using splice to remove the first three items
5 numbers.splice(0, 3);
6
7 console.log(numbers); // [4, 5]
```

Here instead of modifying the original array `splice` method modified the original array.

# Difference: slice() and splice() method

The only difference is that slice method doesn't modify the original array while splice method does modify the original array.

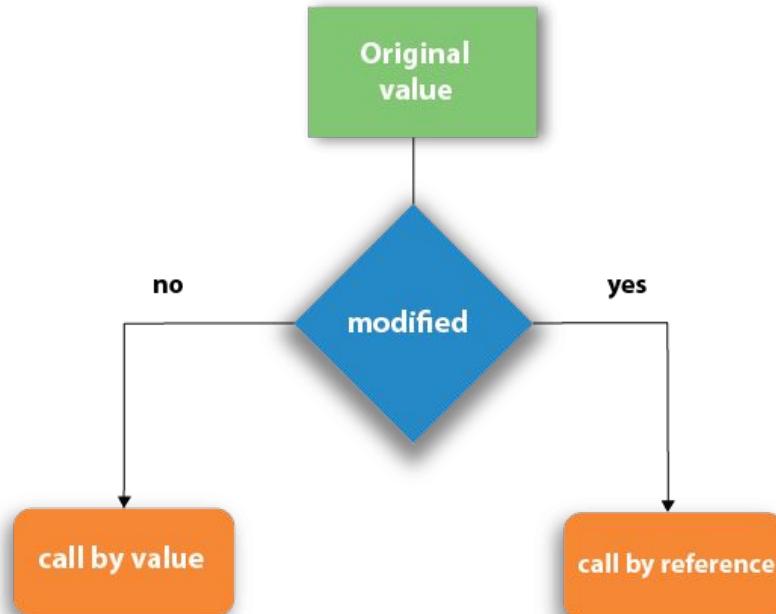


## Arrays:

**Call by value vs call by reference**

# Call by Value vs Call by Reference

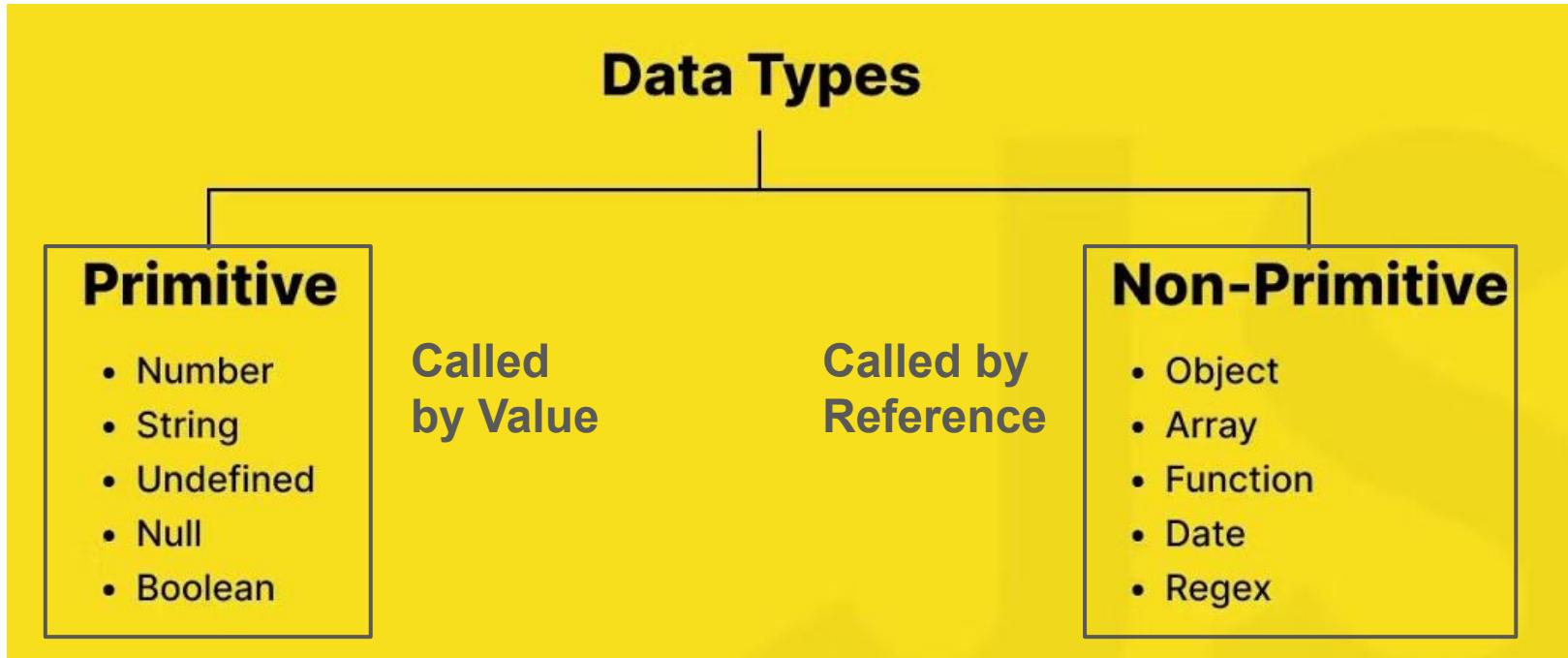
Understanding how JavaScript handles primitives and reference types in functions



Understood?? Don't worry, let's jump into next slides and then come back, to understand.

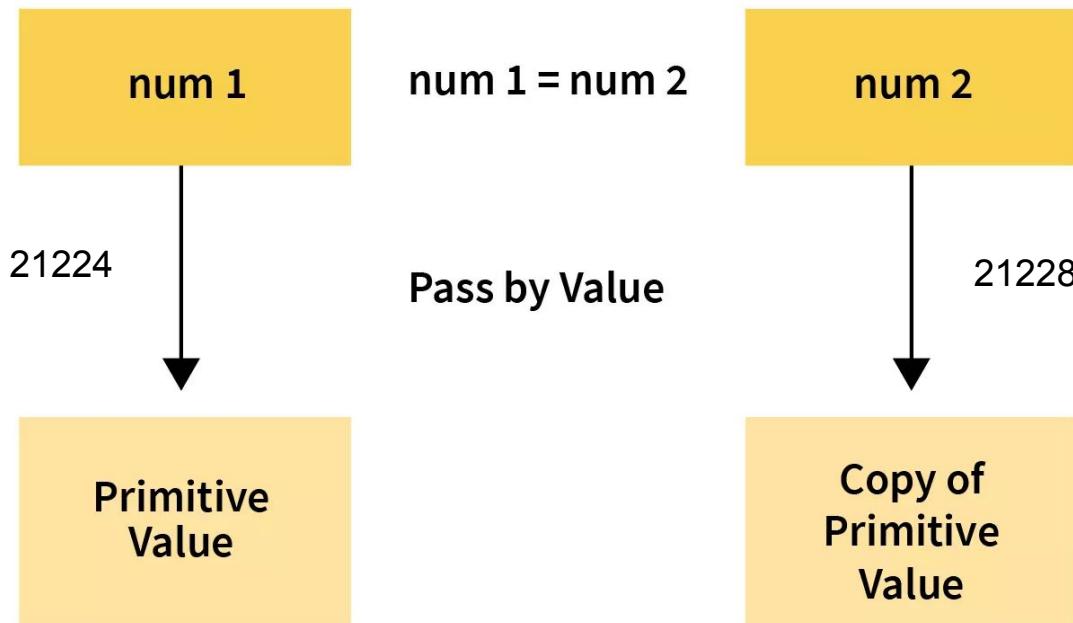
# Primitive vs Non-primitive

Primitive data types (like numbers and strings) are passed by value (a copy), while non-primitive data types (like objects) are passed by reference (a link to the original).



# Call by Value

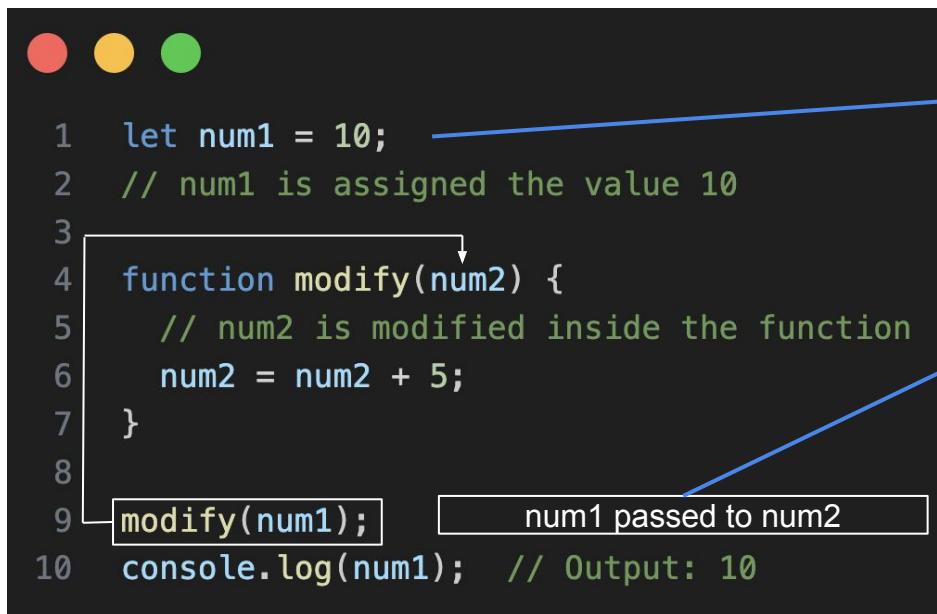
Whenever primitive value is assigned to another variable or passed to a function a new copy of it is generated.



Here 21224 and 21228 are memory locations where num1 and num2 are stored respectively.

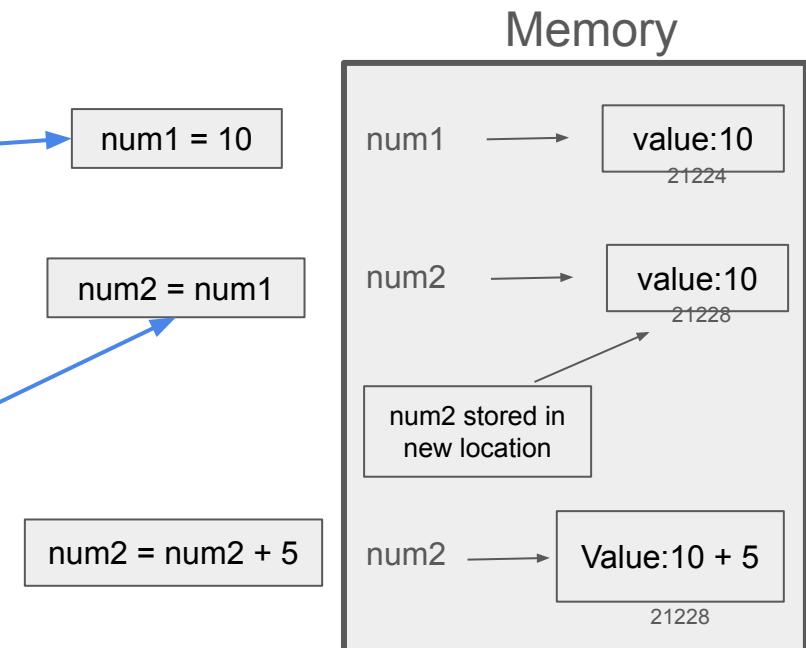
# Call by Value: example

Let's understand how it happens with an example.



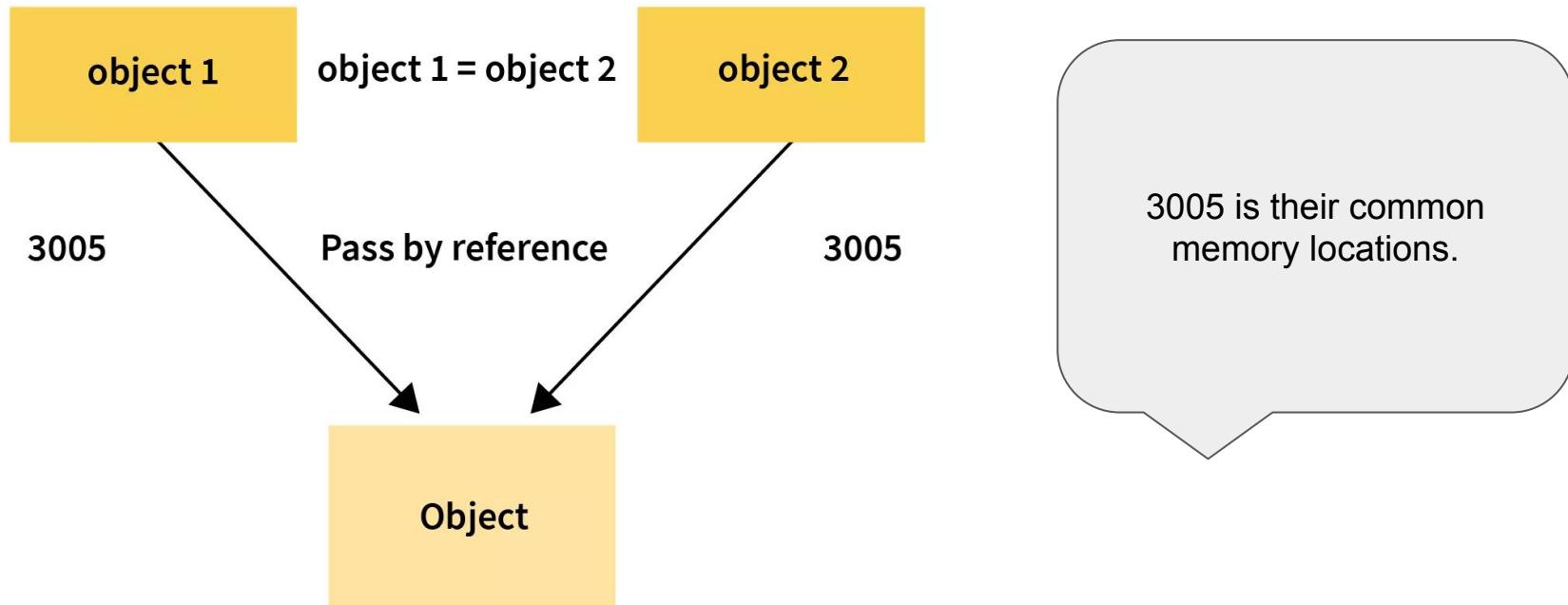
```

1 let num1 = 10;           → num1 = 10
2 // num1 is assigned the value 10
3
4 function modify(num2) {   ↓
5   // num2 is modified inside the function
6   num2 = num2 + 5;
7 }
8
9 modify(num1);           → num1 passed to num2
10 console.log(num1);     // Output: 10
  
```



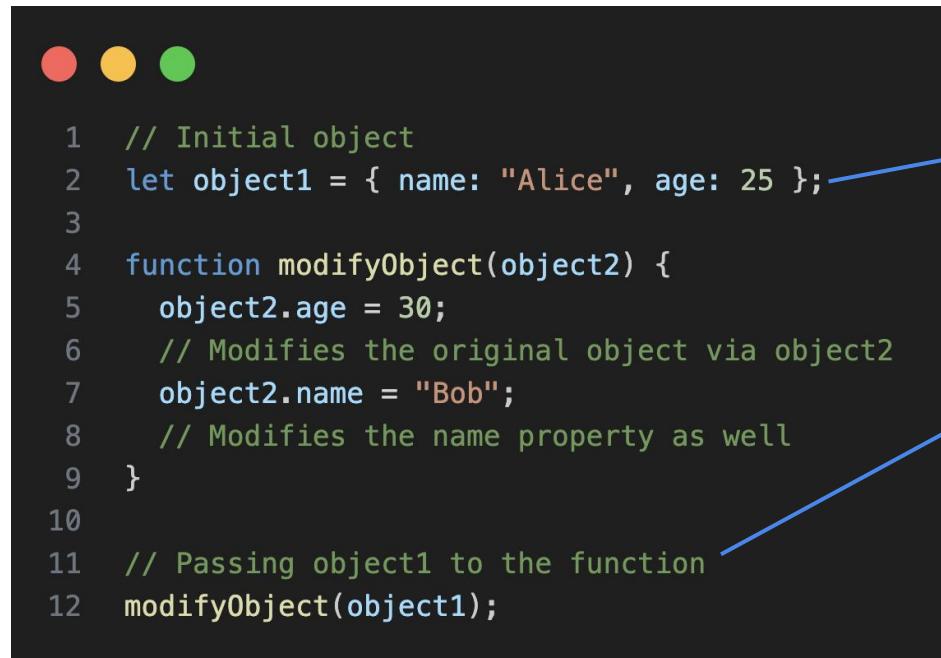
# Call by Reference

Whereas in call by reference the original variable and the function parameter point to the **same memory location**.



# Call by Reference: example

Let's understand how it happens with an example.



```
1 // Initial object
2 let object1 = { name: "Alice", age: 25 };
3
4 function modifyObject(object2) {
5   object2.age = 30;
6   // Modifies the original object via object2
7   object2.name = "Bob";
8   // Modifies the name property as well
9 }
10
11 // Passing object1 to the function
12 modifyObject(object1);
```

obj1 = {...}

obj2 = obj1

obj2 got modified,  
and so values in obj1  
too



Memory

obj1 → {name: "Alice", age: 25}  
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obj2 → {name: "Alice", age: 25}  
3005

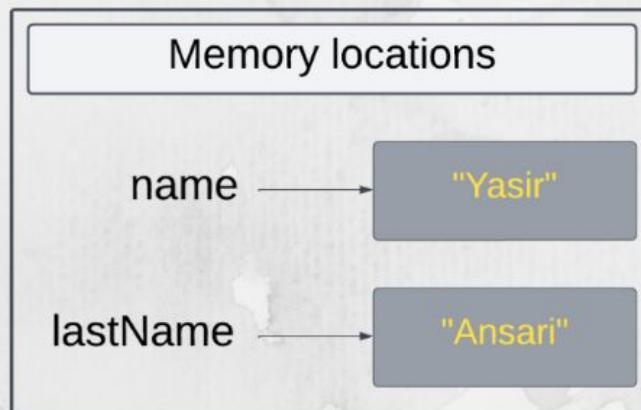
obj2 stored in  
same location

obj2 → {name: "Bob", age: 30}  
3005

# Quick Recap

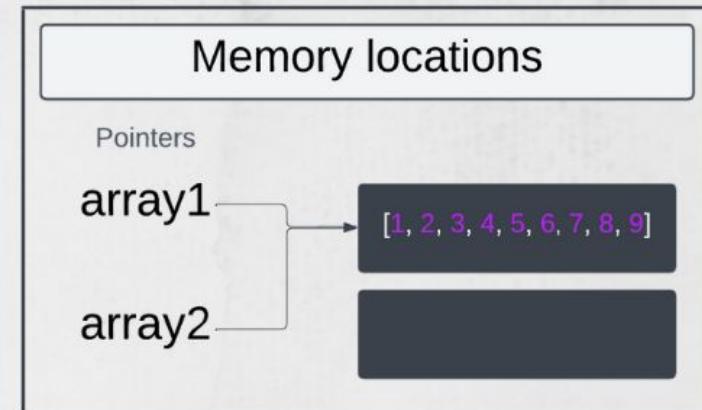
Let's have a quick recap how values are passed based on its type.

## Primitive data type



*Passed by value.*

## Reference data type



*Passed by reference.*



# In Class Questions

**Thanks  
for  
watching!**