



# ES6 classes



# JS - Prototype Constructor

- Objects are dynamic bags, containing properties.
- Objects can inherit properties from other objects.
- All objects inherit properties and methods from a prototype.
- When searching for a property on an object, JS looks within the object first, and if not found it looks on its prototype or prototype chain, until found.
- Each object has a private property **\_\_proto\_\_** which is a link to another object (it's prototype).
- Prototype may have it's own prototype as well, and so on until we reach **Object** constructor.
- **Object** constructor has **null** as its prototype. **null** acts as a final link because it has no prototype. This is where the *prototype chain* ends/starts.

# `.__proto__` and `.prototype`

```
const obj = {}
```

```
obj.__proto__; // Link to the prototype
```

```
obj.__proto__.constructor; // points to the prototype object
```

```
obj.__proto__ === Object.prototype; // true
```

```
obj.__proto__.constructor === Object; // true
```

# ES5 - Functional Prototype Constructor

## DON'T HAVE PROTOTYPE INHERITANCE

```
function Car (brand) {  
    var result = {};           // create a instance object  
    result.brand = brand;      // create property on the instance and assign it a passed value  
  
    Object.assign( result, carMethods );    // assign the prototype methods  
    return result;  
}  
  
// Object containing methods for the Car prototype/blueprint  
var carMethods = {}  
carMethods.start = function () {  
    console.log( "Engine start" );  
};  
  
var toyota = Car ("Toyota");    // {brand: "Toyota", start: f}
```

# ES5 - Pseudo Classical Prototype Constructor

## HAVE PROTOTYPE INHERITANCE

```
function Car (brand) {  
    // var this = Object.create (Car.prototype)  
    // this = {};  
    // this.__proto__ = Car.prototype;  
    this.brand = brand;    // create property on the new instance  
    // return this;  
}  
  
Car.prototype.start = function () {  
    console.log("Engine start");  
};  
  
var bmw = new Car ("BMW");    // Car {brand: "BMW", start: f }
```

```
function HybridCar (brand, color) {  
    // var this = Object.create (HybridCar.prototype)  
    Car.call = (this, brand);    // create brand property as defined in Car function by binding context  
    this.brand = brand;    // create property on the new instance  
    // return this;  
}  
  
HybridCar.prototype = Object.create(Car.prototype); // Extend the HybridCar and connect it to the Car.prototype  
HybridCar.prototype.constructor = Car; // point the prototype.constructor to the Car.prototype  
HybridCar.prototype.description = function () {  
    console.log(`${brand} - ${color} color`);  
}  
  
var bmw = new HybridCar ("BMW", "black"); // HybridCar {brand: "BMW", color: "black", start: f, description: f}
```

# ES6 - Classes

## HAVE PROTOTYPE INHERITANCE

```
class Car {  
  constructor (brand) {  
    this.brand = brand; // create property on the new instance  
  }  
  start () { // create method on the Prototype  
    console.log("Engine start");  
  }  
}  
  
var bmw = new Car ("BMW"); // Car {brand: "BMW", start: f }
```

```
class HybridCar extends Car {  
  constructor (brand, color) {  
    super(brand); // create property brand` on the new instance as defined in Car`  
    this.color = color; // create property on the new instance  
  }  
  description () {  
    console.log(`${brand} - ${color} color`);  
  }  
  static className () { return `HybridCar` }  
}  
  
var bmwHybrid = new HybridCar ("BMW", "black"); // HybridCar {brand: "BMW", start: f, description: f }
```

# ES6 - Classes

- Are a syntactic sugar, that gives us a cleaner syntax for creating objects with prototypes.
- ES6 classes are '**Special functions**' used to create object instances.
- ES6 classes are not hoisted. Ensure to defined the constructor before calling it.
- ES6 classes allow us to declare static methods, available only within the constructor.