

# Inheritance

# in JavaScript



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# What is Inheritance?

- Inheritance allows one object to access the properties and methods of another.
- Just like kids inherit traits from their parents.
- JavaScript supports prototypal inheritance, and with ES6, also class-based inheritance for easier readability.



# Prototypal Inheritance (Old School)

```
JavaScript

const animal = {
  speak() {
    console.log("Animal speaks");
  }
};

const dog = Object.create(animal);
dog.speak(); // Output: Animal speaks
```

- Here, dog inherits from animal using Object.create.





# ES6 Class Inheritance (Modern Way)

```
JavaScript

class Animal {
  speak() {
    console.log("Animal makes a sound");
  }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
  bark() {
    console.log("Dog barks");
  }
}

const tommy = new Dog();
tommy.speak(); // Animal makes a sound
tommy.bark();  // Dog barks
```



# Why Use Inheritance?

1

Avoid code duplication

2

Reuse and extend  
functionality

3

Structure large  
codebases better

4

Build scalable object  
hierarchies



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