



JavaScript – Classes and Objects

Define a class

```
class Rectangle {  
  
    constructor(height, width) {  
        this.height = height;  
        this.width = width;  
    }  
}
```



Methods

```
class Rectangle {  
    constructor(height, width) {  
        this.height = height;  
        this.width = width;  
    }  
  
    // Getter  
    get area() {  
        return this.calcArea();  
    }  
  
    // Method  
    calcArea() {  
        return this.height * this.width;  
    }  
}  
  
const square = new Rectangle(10, 10);  
console.log(square.area); // 100  
console.log(square.calcArea()); // 100
```



Another example

```
class Person {  
    constructor(name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
}
```



Extends

```
class Animal {
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name;
  }

  speak() {
    console.log(this.name + " makes a noise.");
  }
}

class Dog extends Animal {
  constructor(name) {
    super(name); // call the super class constructor and pass in the name
    parameter
  }

  speak() {
    console.log(this.name + " barks.");
  }
}

const d = new Dog('Mitzie');
d.speak(); // Mitzie barks.
```



With getters and setters

```
class Person {  
  constructor(name) {  
    this.name = name;  
  }  
  get name() {  
    return this.name;  
  }  
  set name(newName) {  
    newName = newName.trim();  
    if (newName === "") {  
      throw "The name cannot be empty";  
    }  
    this._name = newName;  
  }  
}
```



Private members

```
class Person {
  #_name = ""; // # to define private members
  constructor(name) {
    this.name = name;
  }
  get name() {
    return this.#_name;
  }
  set name(newName) {
    newName = newName.trim();
    if (newName === "") {
      throw "The name cannot be empty";
    }
    this.#_name = newName;
  }
}

let p = new Person("Ali");
console.log(p.name); // Displays Ali
console.log(p._name); // Undefined (not an error!)
```



As a constructor function

```
function Person(first, last, age, eyecolor) {  
  this.firstName = first;  
  this.lastName = last;  
  this.age = age;  
  this.eyeColor = eyecolor;  
}
```



Object Creation and Modification

- Creation `var myObject = new Object();`
- The new object has no properties
 - a blank object
- Properties can be added to an object, any time

```
var myCar = new Object();  
myCar.make = "Ford";  
myCar.model = "Focus";
```

- Properties can be accessed by dot notation or in array notation, as in

```
var property1 = myCar["model"];  
delete myCar.model;
```



As a constructor function

```
function Person(first, last, age, eyecolor) {  
  this.firstName = first;  
  this.lastName = last;  
  this.age = age;  
  this.eyeColor = eyecolor;  
}
```

```
const person1 = new Person("Peter", "John", 20, "black");  
const person2 = new Person("Sally", "Rally", 48,  
"green");
```

```
Person.nationality = "Canada"; // Does not work  
person1.nationality = "Canada"; // Adds it to person1  
only
```

```
// You can use the prototype property, see later
```



Object Creation and Modification (2)

- An Abbreviated way

```
var myCar = {make:"ford", model: "Contour SVT"};
```

- also called the JSON way



Visit the properties in an object

- Is the property in an object?

```
var myCar = {make:"ford", model: "Contour SVT"};  
const x = 'make' in myCar;
```

- Traverse all the properties

```
for (var prop in myCar)  
  document.write(myCar[prop] + "<br />");
```



instanceof

- Is object instanceof?

```
var myCar = {make:"ford", model: "Contour SVT"};  
myCar instanceof myCar;      ✗  
myCar instanceof Object;     ✓  
myCar instanceof Date;       false
```



Another example

```
function Plane(newMake, newModel, newYear){  
    this.make = newMake;  
    this.model = newModel;  
    this.year = newYear;  
}
```

```
myPlane = new Plane("Cessna",  
                    "Centurnian",  
                    "1970");
```



Another example...

```
function Plane(newMake, newModel, newYear){  
    this.make = newMake;  
    this.model = newModel;  
    this.year = newYear;  
}
```

```
myPlane = new Plane("Cessna",  
                    "Centurnian",  
                    "1970");
```

```
// We cannot add  
Plane.owner = "John";
```



A function to display the properties

```
function displayPlane() {  
    document.write("Make: ", this.make,  
                   "<br />");  
    document.write("Model: ", this.model,  
                   "<br />");  
    document.write("Year: ", this.year,  
                   "<br />");  
}
```

- How to call it?

```
this.display = displayPlane; // Add to function Plane  
...  
var myPlane = new Plane("Cessna", "Centurnian", "1970");  
myPlane.display();
```



Object.prototype

- Use it to change the template of the object
- It affects all the objects of the same type
- You can put the functions into the prototype
- Use prototype to build longer chain of inheritance



Object.prototype (2)

```
function Person(first, last, age, eyeColor) {  
  this.firstName = first;  
  this.lastName = last;  
  this.age = age;  
  this.eyeColor = eyeColor;  
}
```

```
Person.prototype.nationality = "Canada";
```



__proto__

```
class A {  
  constructor(name) {  
    this.name = name;  
  }  
  
  name() {  
    return this.name;  
  }  
}  
  
const a = new A("Montreal");  
  
const b = new Object();  
b.__proto__ = a;  
  
console.log(b.name);
```



Class expression - unnamed

```
let Rectangle = class {  
  constructor(height, width) {  
    this.height = height;  
    this.width = width;  
  }  
};
```

