

## Prototype

- Prototype are the mechanism by which JavaScript object inherit feature from one to another.
- In javascript everything is object so, you easily able to use prototype with string, array function and so on....

The screenshot shows the DevTools console in Google Chrome. The code entered is:

```
> let person = {  
    name : "Nil",  
    age : 18,  
    gender : "male"  
}  
< undefined  
> console.dir(person)  
VM2273:1  
▼ Object ⓘ  
  age: 18  
  gender: "male"  
  name: "Nil"  
  ▶ __proto__: Object  
< undefined  
>
```

The output shows the object `person` and its prototype chain. The object has properties `age`, `gender`, and `name`. It also has a `\_\_proto\_\_` property pointing to an `Object` prototype. The status bar at the bottom right indicates the code was run at VM2273:1.

# **Explain the difference between \_\_proto\_\_ and prototype ?**

**\_\_proto\_\_** is used to access an object's prototype directly, while **prototype** is used to define the prototype for objects created with a constructor function.

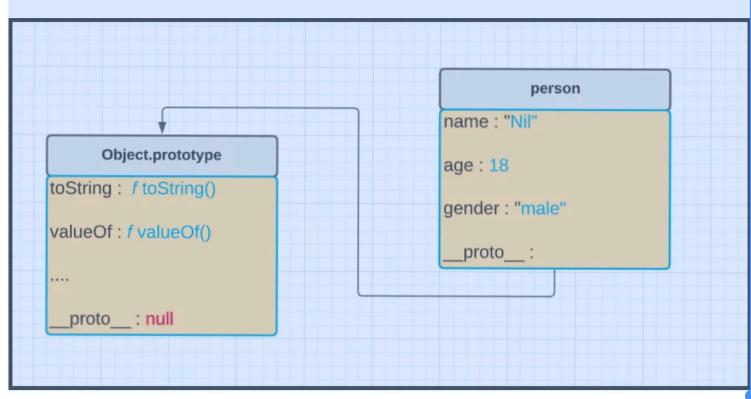
It's important to note that **prototype** is a property of functions (specifically, constructor functions), while **\_\_proto\_\_** is a property of objects themselves.

Two distinct properties that are related to prototypal inheritance:

The `__proto__` property is a default property added to every object. This property points to the `prototype` of the object.

The default `prototype` of every object is `Object.prototype`. Therefore, the `__proto__` property of the `person` object points to the `Object.prototype`.

If whatever I said is actually true then the illustration would look something like that.

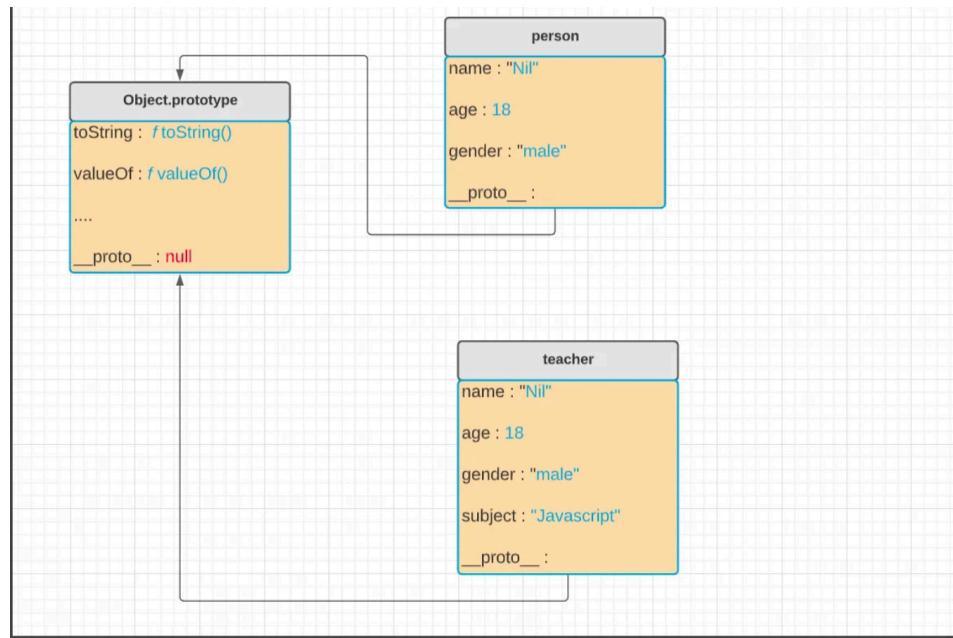


Person. `__Proto__ = Object.prototype`  
(true)

→ here I am going to create teacher object.

let teacher = {  
 name: 'nir',  
 age: 18,  
 gender: 'male',  
 subject: 'JavaScript'  
}

teacher.\_\_proto\_\_ = Object.prototype  
(true)

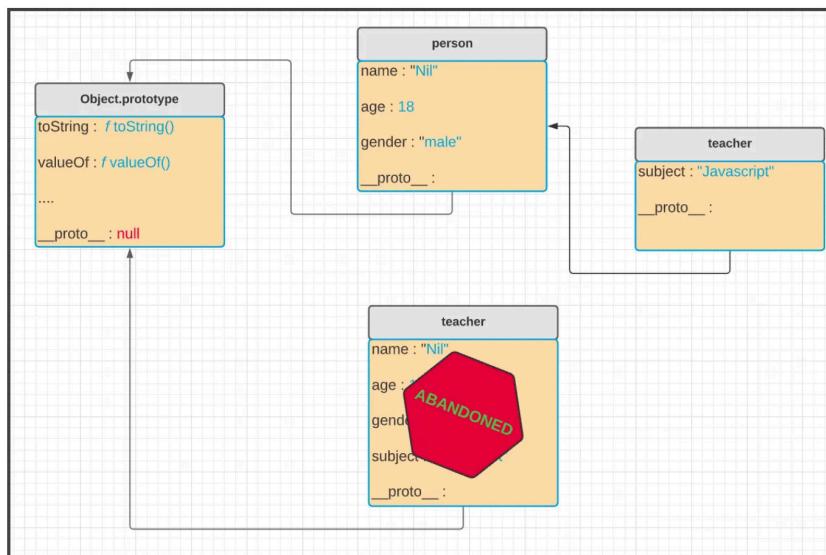


→ here instead of creating new teacher object I am going to create teacher object with only single property subject and we will inherit other properties from person.

DevTools - chrome://new-tab-page/

The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools interface with the 'Console' tab selected. The console output is as follows:

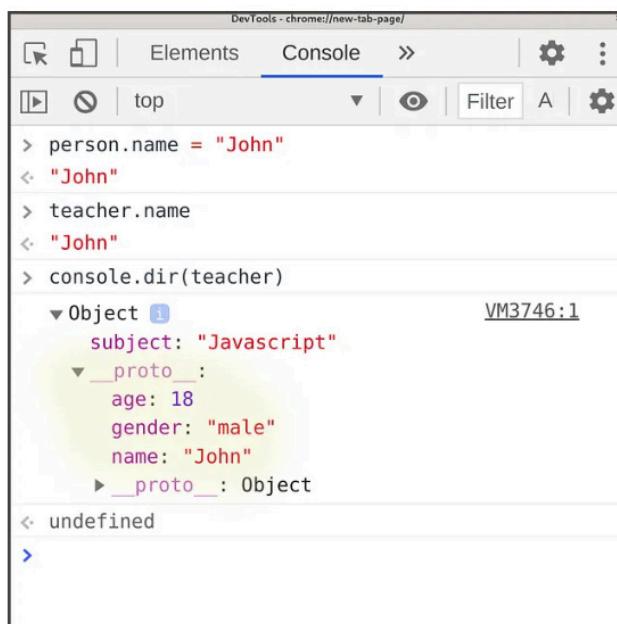
```
> let teacher = {  
    subject : "Javascript"  
}  
< undefined  
> Object.setPrototypeOf(teacher, person)  
< ► {subject: "Javascript"}  
> |
```



→ `feachos` -- Proto- property points to the person objects and person's  
-- Proto -- property points to Object. proto type object.

teacher -- proto -- = person  
(true)

→ one important thing is that --proto-- is just a reference to the prototype. if you modify any property in the prototype object, it would affect the child object as well



The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools Console tab. The console output is as follows:

```
person.name = "John"
"John"
teacher.name
"John"
console.dir(teacher)
Object {
  subject: "Javascript",
  __proto__: Object {
    age: 18,
    gender: "male",
    name: "John"
  }
}
VM3746:1
```

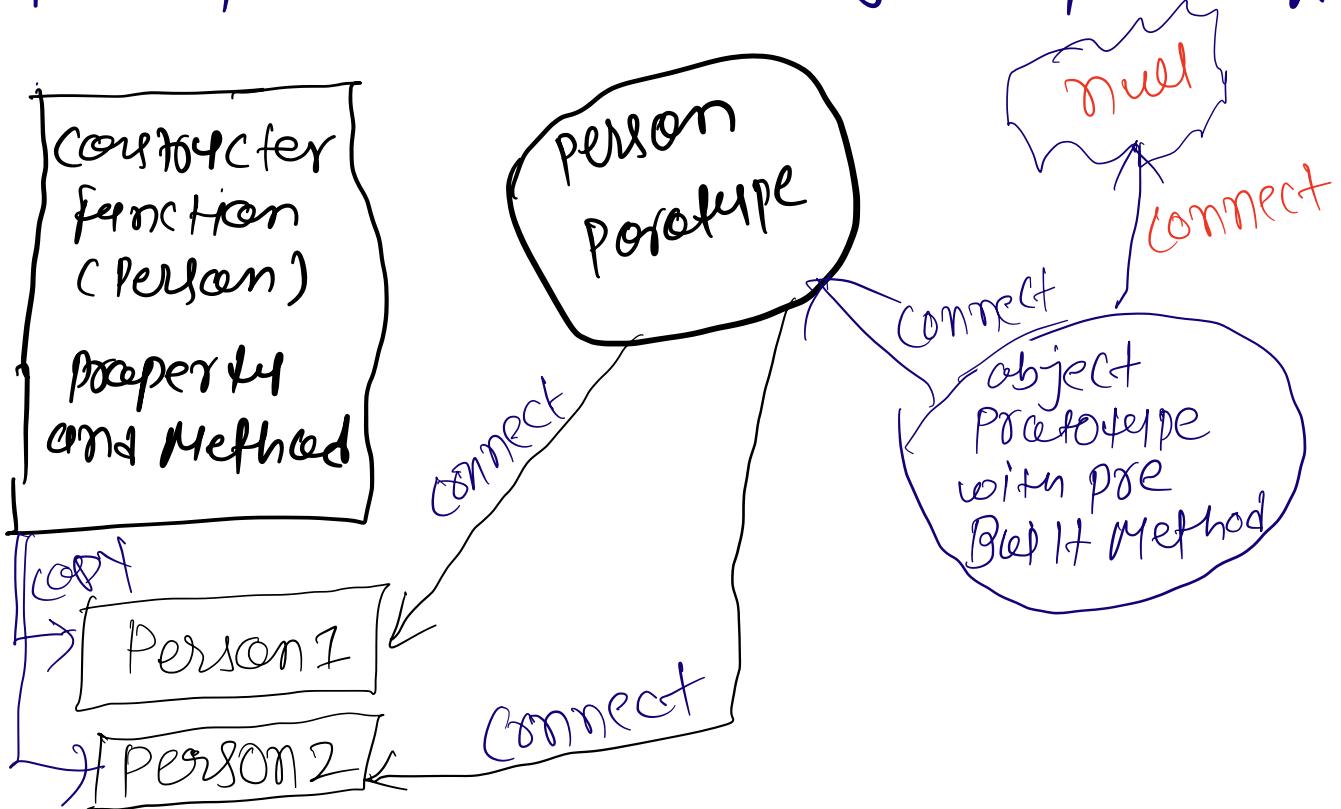
The output demonstrates that modifying a property on the prototype object (teacher) also changes the value for the child object (person). The DevTools interface shows the prototype chain with expandable nodes.

It could be safer said that the term prototypal inheritance is

not entirely accurate.

## Prototype property in constructor function

→ when you are creating object by using constructor function at that time constructor function create own prototype that prototype have another object prototype.



# PROTOTYPE CHAINING

→ prototype object have a one own prototype object which again has a prototype object until null. This concept of linking prototype object to the parent constructor prototypes all the way up until null is called as Prototype chaining.

```
function Person(){}
Person.prototype.name = "John";
Person.prototype.age = 23;

let john = new Person();

console.log(john); // {}
console.log(john.name); // 'John
console.log(john.age); // 23
```

# CREATING PROTOTYPE

```
function myObject (a, b)
```

```
  { this.a = a
```

```
    this.b = b
```

```
}
```

```
myObject.prototype.myMethod =
```

```
function () {
```

```
  console.log(this.a + this.b)
```

```
}
```

```
var obj = new myObject ('x', 'y')
```

```
var obj2 = new myObject ('z', 'a')
```

obj1.myMethod()

obj2.myMethod()

# Override-existing Method

```
console.log(S).toString()
```

```
// [object, object]
```

```
Object.prototype.toString = function() {
```

```
return "This is custom msg"; }
```

```
console.log(S).toString()
```

Note → overriding built-in method  
on global prototypes should be done  
with caution, as it can affect the  
behavior of all objects of that  
type throughout your application.

# PROTOTYPE INHERITANCE

// Define a Parent constructor function

```
function Parent() {
```

```
    this.parentProperty = 'I am a parent'
```

// Add a method to the Parent's prototype

```
Parent.prototype.parentMethod = function() {  
    console.log('I am parent method')
```

// Define a child constructor function

```
function Child() {
```

```
    this.childProperty = 'I am child'
```

// Inherit from the Parent's prototype

```
Child.prototype = new Parent()
```

// Add a method to Child's prototype

```
Child.prototype.childMethod = function() {  
    console.log('I am child method')}
```

```
var childInstance = new Child();
```

C.log ( childInstance.parentProperty )  
childInstance.parentMethod()  
C.log ( childInstance.childProperty )  
childInstance.childMethod()



```
/ Define a prototype object
onst animalPrototype = {
  speak: function() {
    console.log(`I am ${this.name}`);
  },
};

/ Create an object that inherits from the prototype
onst genericAnimal = Object.create(animalPrototype);

genericAnimal.name = "Generic Animal";

/ Define a new object that inherits from genericAnimal
onst dog = Object.create(genericAnimal);
dog.name = "Fido";
/ Add a method specific to the dog object
dog.bark = function() {
  console.log(`${this.name} is barking!`);
};

genericAnimal.speak(); // Output: I am Generic Animal
dog.speak(); // Output: I am Fido
dog.bark(); // Output: Fido is barking!
```

C.log ( childInstance.parentProperty )  
childInstance.parentMethod()  
log ( childInstance.childProperty )  
childInstance.childMethod()





Creating a method in the prototype rather than the object in JavaScript has the advantage of memory efficiency. When you attach a method to an object's prototype, it is shared among all instances of that object. This means that the method is stored in memory only once, regardless of how many instances you create.

On the other hand, if you add a method directly to each object instance, it consumes more memory as each instance carries its own copy of the method.

