

JavaScript Fundamentals

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OBJECTS

JavaScript object methods

An **object** is a collection of key/value pairs or properties. When the value is a **function**, the property becomes a **method**.

```
let person = {  
  firstName: 'John',  
  lastName: 'Doe'  
};  
  
person.greet = function () {  
  console.log('Hello!');  
}
```

```
let person = {  
  firstName: 'John',  
  lastName: 'Doe'  
};  
  
function greet() {  
  console.log('Hello, World!');  
}  
  
person.greet = greet;
```

```
let person = {  
  firstName: 'John',  
  lastName: 'Doe',  
  greet: function () {  
    console.log('Hello, World!');  
  }  
};
```

JavaScript object methods - The 'this' value

Typically, methods need to access other properties of the object.

Inside a **method**, the **this** value references the **object** that invokes the **method**. Therefore, you can access an object's property using the **this** value

```
let person = {
  firstName: 'John',
  lastName: 'Doe',
  greet: function () {
    console.log('Hello, World!');
  },
  getFullName: function () {
    return this.firstName + ' ' + this.lastName;
  }
};
```

JavaScript Constructor Function

Constructor function help us to create similar objects. Technically, a **constructor function** is a regular function with the following convention:

- The name of a **constructor function** starts with a capital letter. Ex: Person, Document
- A **constructor function** should be called only with the **new** operator. The **new** operator creates a new empty object and assign it to the **this** variable

```
function Person(firstName, lastName) {  
    this.firstName = firstName;  
    this.lastName = lastName;  
    this.fullName = function () {  
        return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
    }  
}  
  
let p1 = new Person('A', 'B');
```

PROTOTYPE

JavaScript prototype

In JavaScript, every **object** has its own property called **prototype**. **Objects** can inherit features from one another via **prototypes**.

Because a **prototype** itself is also an **object** → the **prototype** has its own **prototype** → This creates a something called **prototype chain**. The **prototype chain** ends when a **prototype** has **null** for its own prototype.

```
let person = {'name' : 'John'}
```

```
> person
< ▼ {name: 'John'} ⓘ
  name: "John"
  ► [[Prototype]]: Object
```

```
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  name: "John"
  ▼ [[Prototype]]: Object
    ► constructor: f Object()
    ► hasOwnProperty: f hasOwnProperty()
    ► isPrototypeOf: f isPrototypeOf()
    ► propertyIsEnumerable: f propertyIsEnumerable()
    ► toLocaleString: f toLocaleString()
    ► toString: f toString()
    ► valueOf: f valueOf()
    ► __defineGetter__: f __defineGetter__()
    ► __defineSetter__: f __defineSetter__()
    ► __lookupGetter__: f __lookupGetter__()
    ► __lookupSetter__: f __lookupSetter__()
    ► __proto__: (...)
    ► get __proto__: f __proto__()
    ► set __proto__: f __proto__()
```

JavaScript prototype

When you access a property of an object:

- If the object has that property, it'll return the property value.
- If the object hasn't that property, the JavaScript engine will search in the **prototype** of the object → If the JavaScript engine cannot find the property in the object's **prototype**, it'll search in the **prototype's prototype** until either it finds the property or reaches the end of the prototype chain

```
> person.toString()  
⏪ '[object Object]'
```


JavaScript prototype illustration

JavaScript has the built-in **Object()** function → **Object()** function has its own property called **prototype**

The **Object.prototype** is a object, it has some useful properties and methods such as **toString()** and **valueOf()**

The **Object.prototype** also has an important property called **constructor** that references the **Object()** function



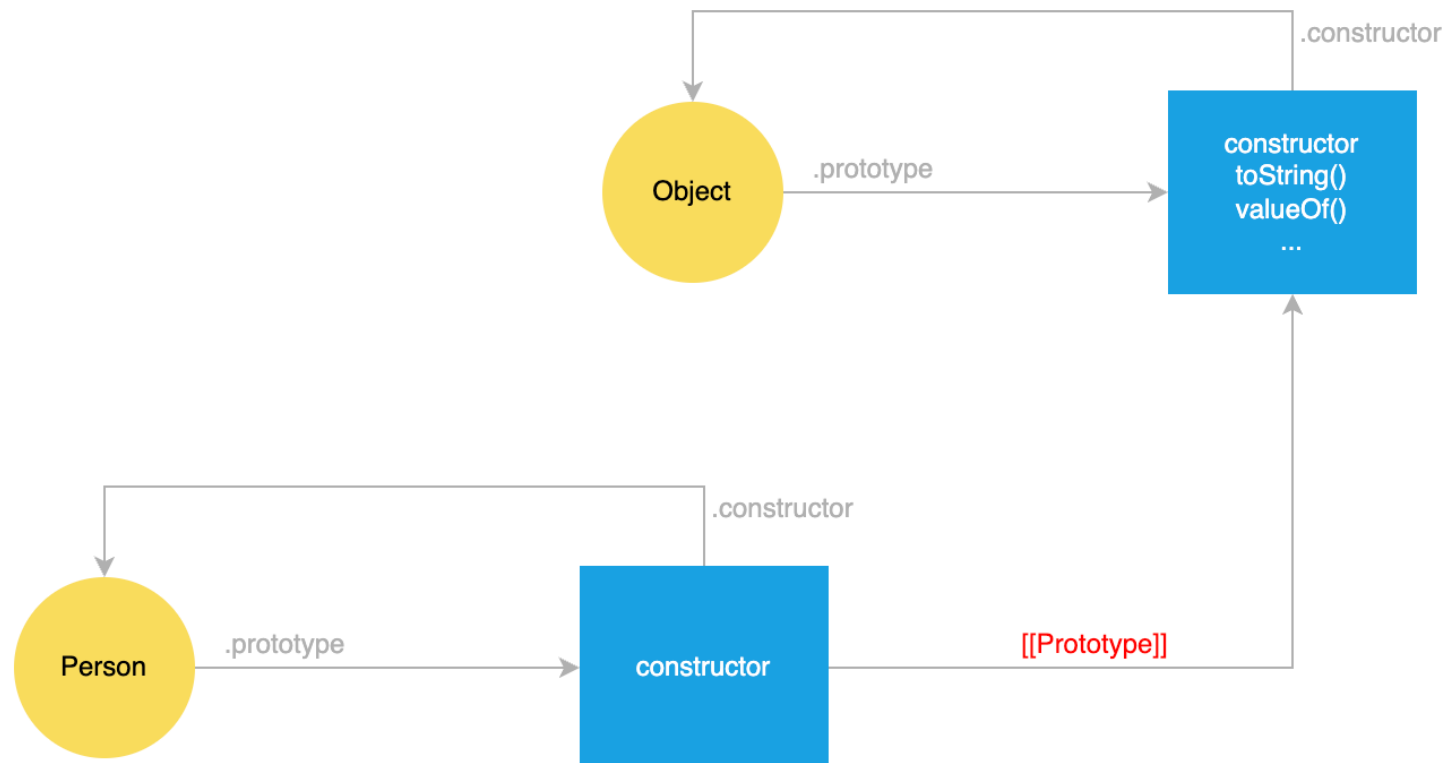
JavaScript prototype illustration

```
function Person(name) {  
  this.name = name;  
}
```



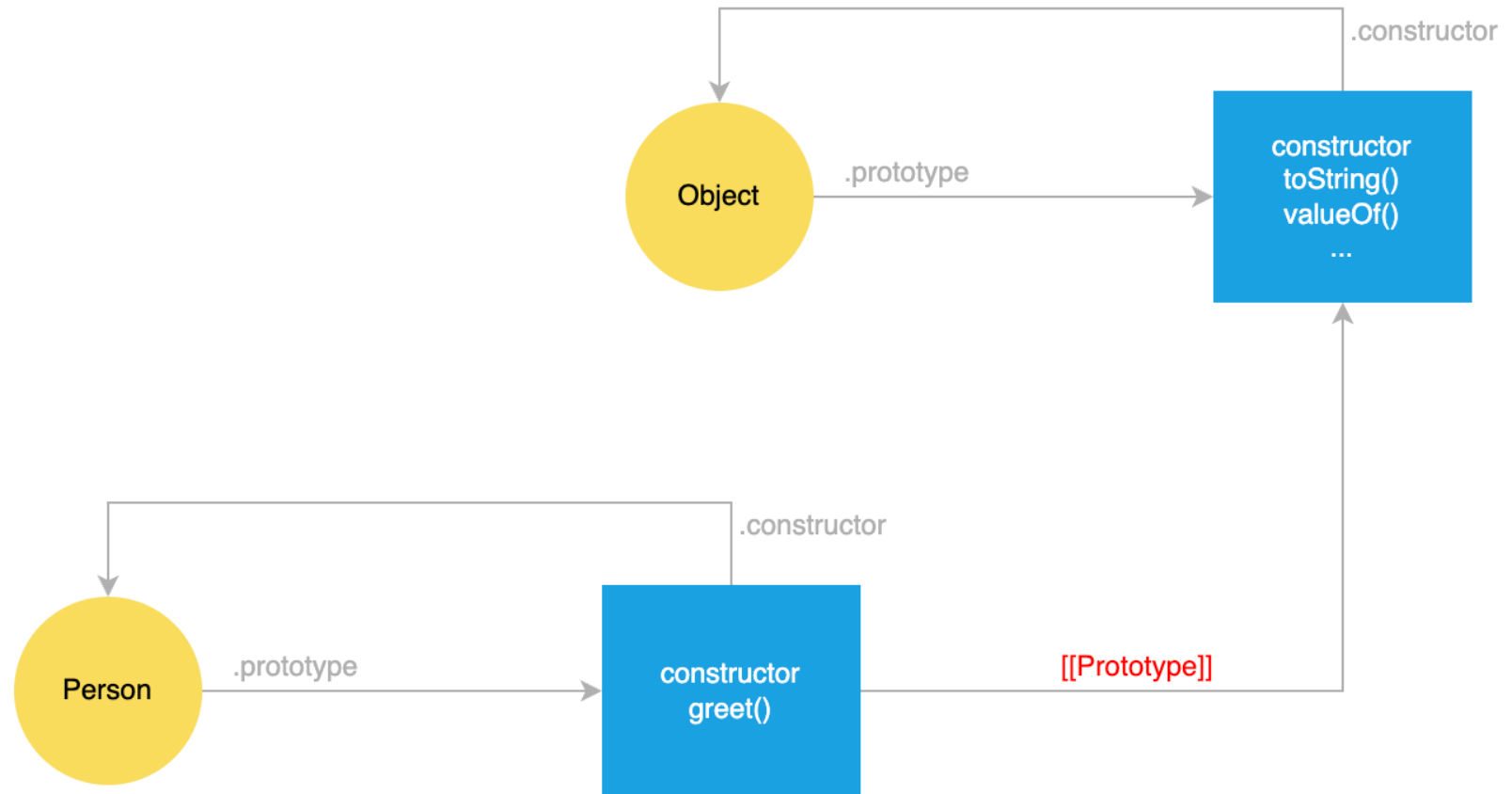
JavaScript prototype illustration

JavaScript links the **Person.prototype** object to the **Object.prototype** object via the **[[Prototype]]**, which is known as a *prototype linkage*



Defining methods in the JavaScript prototype object

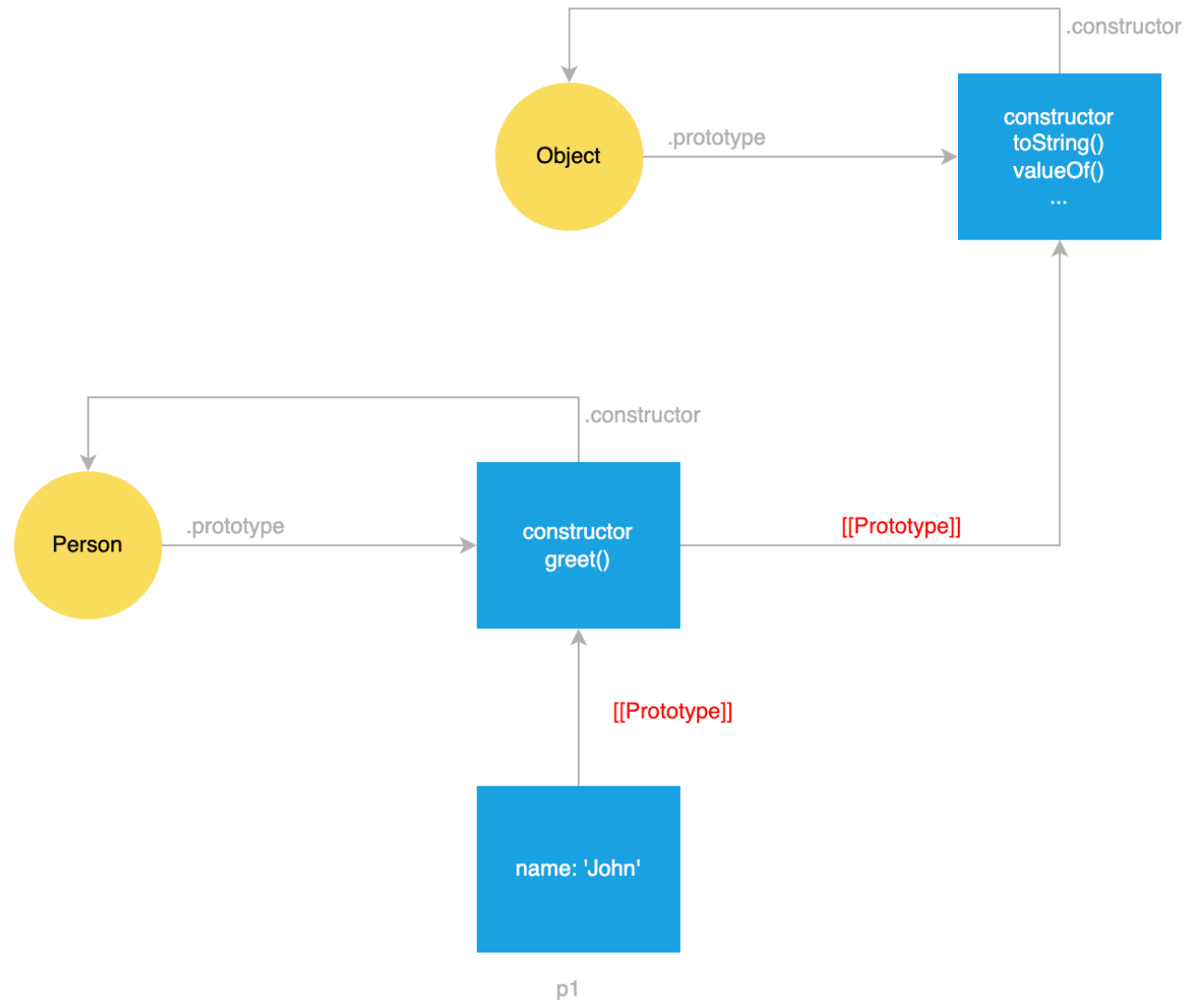
```
Person.prototype.greet = function() {  
  return "Hi, I'm " + this.name + "!";  
}
```



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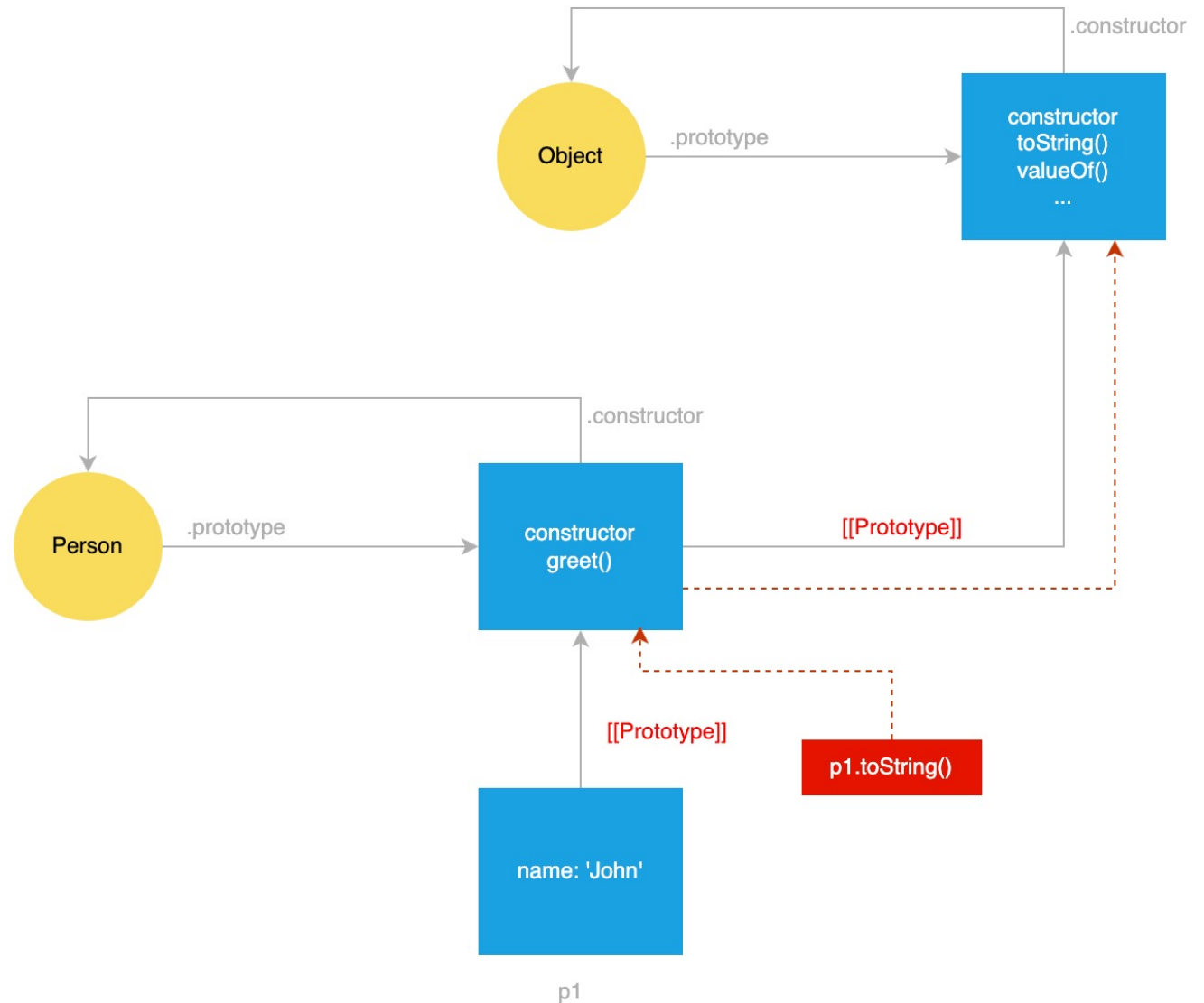
```
let p1 = new Person('John');
```

```
let greeting = p1.greet();  
console.log(greeting);
```



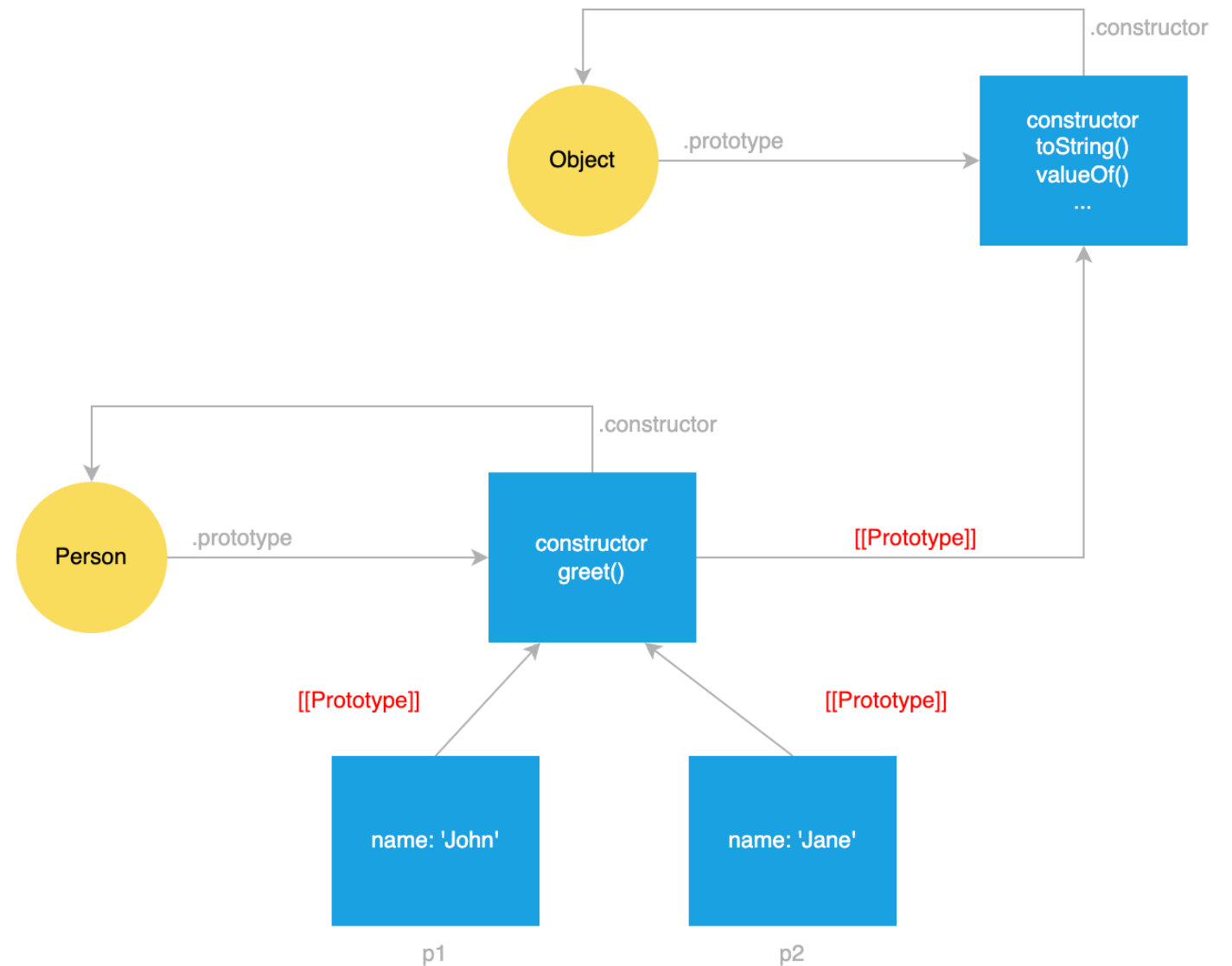
Defining methods in the JavaScript prototype object

```
let s = p1.toString();  
console.log(s);
```



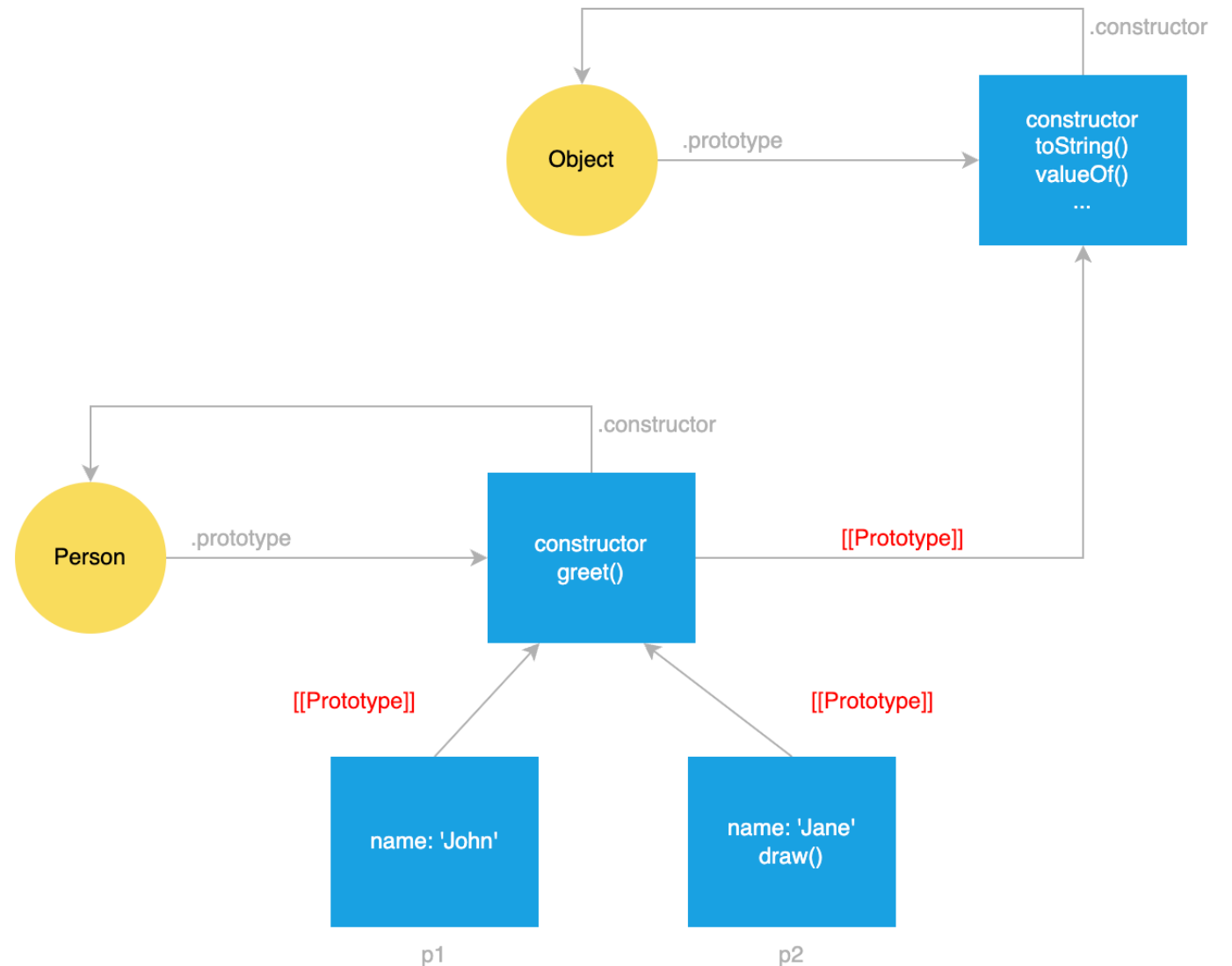
Defining methods in the JavaScript prototype object

```
let p2 = new Person('Jane');
```



Defining methods in an individual object

```
p2.draw = function () {  
    return "I can draw.";  
};
```



Getting prototype linkage

```
function Person(name){  
    this.name = name;  
}  
  
let p1 = new Person( name: 'a');  
let p2 = new Person( name: 'b');  
  
console.log(p1.__proto__ === p2.__proto__);  
console.log(p1.__proto__ === Person.prototype);  
console.log(p1.__proto__ === Object.getPrototypeOf(p1));  
console.log(p1.__proto__ === p1.constructor.prototype);
```

Exercise - 301

Requirement:

- Write a Car constructor that initializes “**model**” and “**kmPerLitre**” from arguments.
- All instances built with Car:
 - Should initialize with an “**tank**” at 0
 - Should initialize with an “**odometer**” at 0
- Give cars the ability to get fueled with a “**.fill(litres)**” method. Add the fuel to “**tank**”.
- Give cars ability to “**.drive(distance)**”. The distance driven:
 - Should cause the “**odometer**” to go up.
 - Should cause the the “**tank**” to go down taking “**kmPerLitre**” into account.
 - A car which runs out of fuel while driving can't drive any more distance and the “**.drive**” method should return a string “Vehicle ran out of gas after driving **x** km. Vehicle has gone **y** km and **z** litre(s) left”.

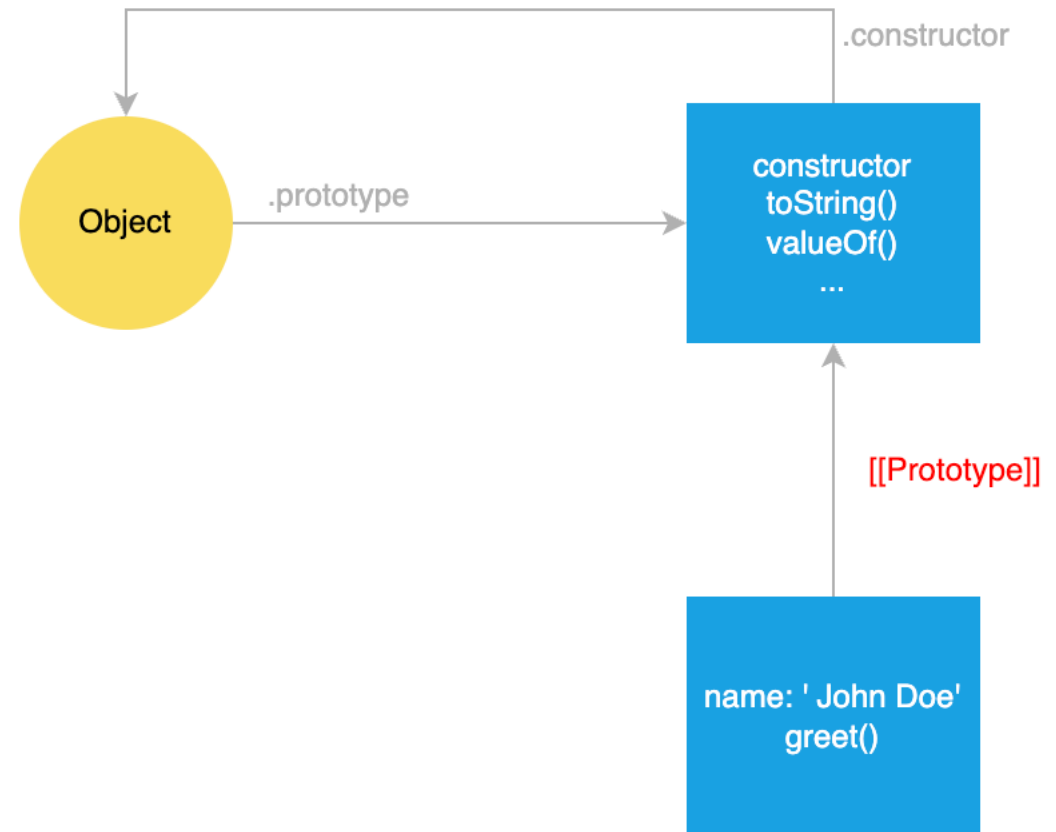
JavaScript Prototypal Inheritance

- Inheritance allows an object to use the properties and methods of another object without duplicating the code.
- Object-oriented programming languages such as Java or C++ use **classical inheritance**.
- JavaScript uses **prototypal inheritance**. In **prototypal inheritance**, an object “inherits” properties from another object via the **prototype linkage**.

JavaScript Prototypal Inheritance

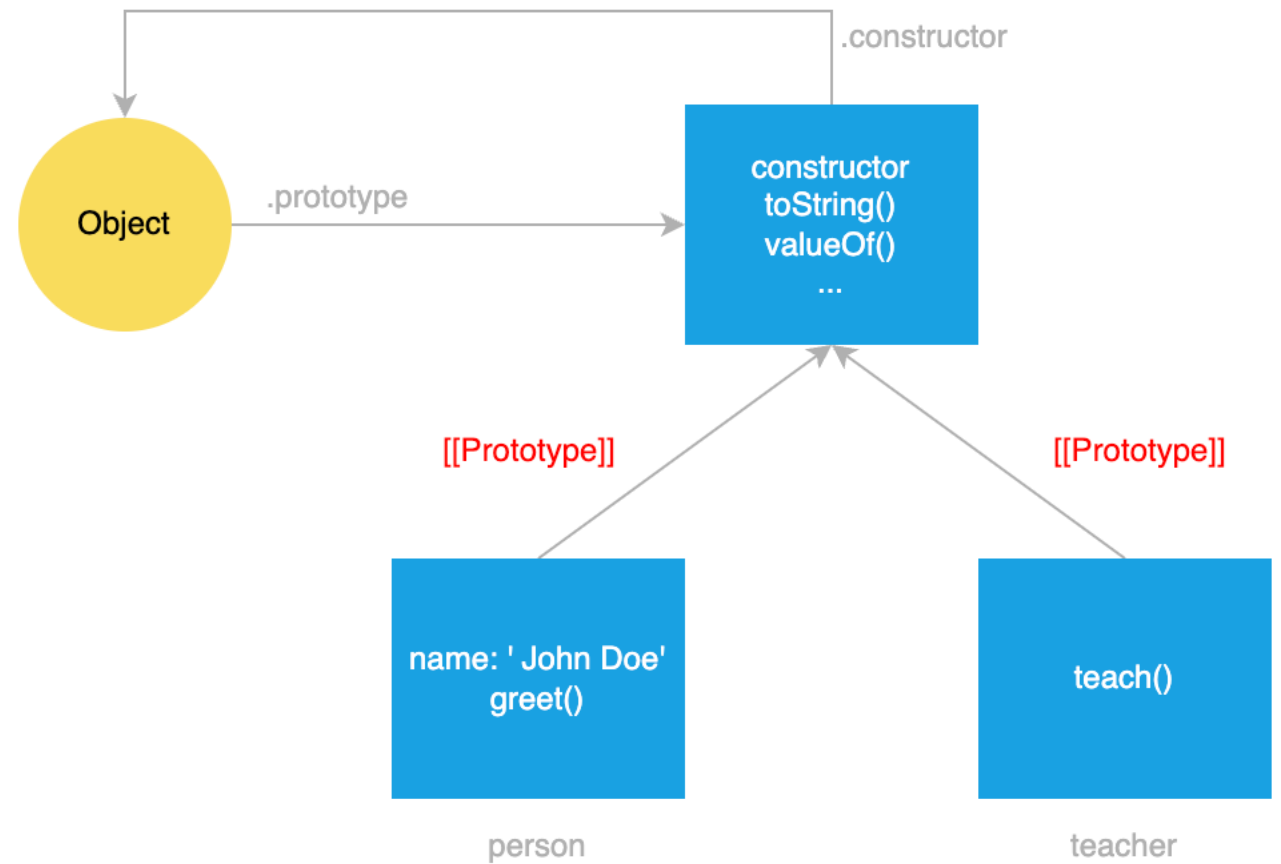
```
let person = {  
  name: "John Doe",  
  greet: function () {  
    return "Hi, I'm " + this.name;  
  }  
};
```

```
console.log(person.__proto__ === Object.prototype); // true
```



JavaScript Prototypal Inheritance

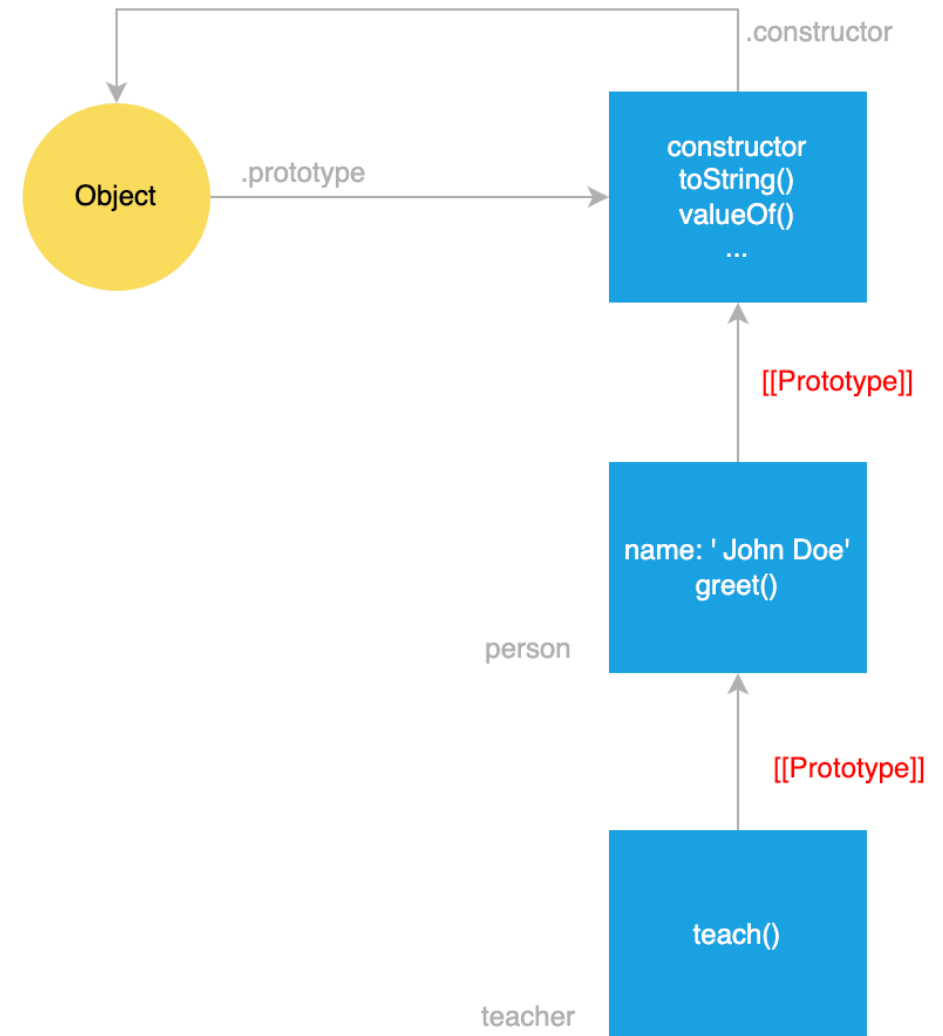
```
let teacher = {  
  teach: function (subject) {  
    return "I can teach " + subject;  
  }  
};
```



JavaScript Prototypal Inheritance

If you want the teacher object to access **all methods and properties** of the person object, you can set the **prototype** of teacher object to the person object

```
teacher.__proto__ = person;
```



JavaScript Prototypal Inheritance in ES5

- **ES5** provided a standard way to work with **prototypal inheritance** by using the **Object.create()** method. The **Object.create()** method accepts two arguments:
- The first argument (**proto**) is an object used as the prototype for the new object.
- The second argument (**propertiesObject**), if provided, is an optional object that defines additional properties for the new object.

```
Object.create(proto, [propertiesObject])
```

JavaScript Prototypal Inheritance in ES5

```
let person = {  
  name: "John Doe",  
  greet: function () {  
    return "Hi, I'm " + this.name;  
  }  
};
```

```
let teacher2 = Object.create(person);  
teacher2.name = "teacher 2";  
teacher2.teach = function (subject) {  
  return "I can teach " + subject;  
};
```

```
let teacher3 = Object.create(person, {  
  properties: {  
    name: {value: 'teacher 3'},  
    teach: {value: function(subject) {  
      return "I can teach " + subject;  
    }}  
  })  
});
```


JavaScript for...in Loop


The **for...in** allows you to access each property and value of an object without knowing the specific name of the property.

```
var person = {  
    firstName: 'John',  
    lastName: 'Doe',  
    ssn: '299-24-2351'  
};  
  
for(var prop in person) {  
    console.log(prop + ':' + person[prop]);  
}
```

JavaScript for...in Loop & Inheritance

When you loop over the properties of an object that inherits from another object, the **for...in** statement goes up in the prototype chain and enumerates over inherited properties.

```
var decoration = {  
  color: 'red'  
};  
  
var circle = Object.create(decoration);  
circle.radius = 10;  
  
for(const prop in circle) {  
  console.log(prop);  
}
```



radius
color

JavaScript Object.keys(), Object.values() , Object.entries()

- The **Object.keys()** accepts an object and returns its **own** property's names as an array.
- The **Object.values()** accepts an object and returns its **own** property's values as an array.
- The **Object.entries()** accepts an object and returns its **own** string-keyed property [key, value] pairs of the object.

```
const person = {  
  firstName: 'John',  
  lastName: 'Doe',  
  age: 25,  
};  
  
console.log(Object.keys(person));  
console.log(Object.values(person));  
console.log(Object.entries(person));
```

Exercise - 302

Requirement:

- Create an object named “**shape**” that has a property “**type**” and “**getType**” method.
- Write a **Triangle** constructor function whose prototype is **shape**. Objects created with **Triangle()** should have three own properties: **a**, **b**, and **c**, representing the lengths of the sides of a triangle.
- Add a new method to the prototype called “**.getPerimeter()**”.
- Loop over an instance of Triangle showing only own properties and methods (none of the prototype's)

JavaScript Object.assign()

The **Object.assign()** copies all enumerable and own properties from the source objects to the target object. It returns the target object

Using **Object.assign()** to clone an object

```
let widget = {  
  color: 'red',  
  size: 100  
};  
  
let clonedWidget = Object.assign( target: {}, widget);  
  
console.log(clonedWidget);
```

JavaScript Object.assign()

Using Object.assign() to merge objects

```
let box = {  
  height: 10,  
  width: 20,  
  color: 'Red'  
};  
  
let style = {  
  color: 'Blue',  
  borderStyle: 'solid'  
};  
  
let styleBox = Object.assign({}, box, style);  
  
console.log(styleBox);
```

JavaScript Object Destructuring

Object destructuring help us to assign properties of an object to individual variables

```
let person = {  
  firstName: 'John',  
  lastName: 'Doe'  
};
```

```
let firstName = person.firstName;  
let lastName = person.lastName;
```

```
let { firstName: fname, lastName: lname } = person;
```


```
let { firstName, lastName } = person;
```

```
let { firstName, lastName, midname = 'unknown', age = 20 } = person;
```

JavaScript optional chaining operator

The **optional chaining operator** (`?.`) allows you to access the value of a property located deep within a chain of objects without explicitly checking if each reference in the chain is **null** or **undefined** → If one of the references in the chain is **null** or **undefined**, the **optional chaining operator** (`?.`) will short circuit and return **undefined**

```
function getUser(id) {  
  if(id <= 0) {  
    return null;  
  }  
  // get the user from database  
  // and return null if id does not exist  
  // ...  
  return {  
    id: id,  
    username: 'admin',  
    profile: {  
      avatar: '/avatar.png',  
      language: 'English'  
    }  
  }  
}
```




```
let user = getUser( id: 0);  
let avatar = user?.profile?.avatar;  
let name = user?.profile?.name;
```


JavaScript optional chaining operator in Combining with the nullish coalescing operator

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    profile: {  
      avatar: '/avatar.png',  
      language: 'English'  
    }  
  }  
}
```



```
let defaultProfile = { default: '/default.png', language: 'English'};  
let user = getUser( id: 0);  
let profile = user ?. profile ?? defaultProfile;
```

JavaScript ES6 Class

```
class Person {  
    constructor(firstName, lastName) {  
        this.firstName = firstName;  
        this.lastName = lastName;  
    }  
    getFullName() {  
        return this.firstName + " " + this.lastName;  
    }  
}
```

JavaScript Class Inheritance Using extends & super

- Use the **extends** keyword to implement the **inheritance** in ES6. The class to be extended is called a **base class** or **parent class**. The class that extends the **base class** or **parent class** is called the **derived class** or **child class**.
- The **super(arguments)** must be called in the **child class's constructor** to invoke the **parent class's constructor**.

```
class Animal {  
  constructor(legs) {  
    this.legs = legs;  
  }  
  walk(){  
    console.log('walking on ' +  
      this.legs + ' legs');  
  }  
}
```

```
class Bird extends Animal {  
  constructor(color) {  
    super(legs: 2);  
    this.color = color;  
  }  
  
  fly() {  
    console.log('flying');  
  }  
  
  //Shadowing method of parent  
  walk() {  
    super.walk();  
    console.log(`bird go walking`);  
  }  
  
  getColor() {  
    return this.color;  
  }  
}
```

```
let bird = new Bird( color: 'red');  
console.log(bird);
```

Exercise - 303

Requirement:

- Create a Person class that initializes “**firstName**”, “**lastName**” and “**age**” from arguments.
 - Give Person ability to “**.getFullname()**”
- Create Student class that extend from Person.
 - All instances of Student should initialize with an empty “**bag**” .
 - Give students ability to “**.putItem(item)**” into the bag. If there’re 3 items in the bag, the method should have no effect.
 - Give students ability to “**.getItem(item)**” from the bag.
 - Give students ability to empty the bag.
- Create Baby class that extend from Person.
 - All instances of Baby should initialize with “**favoriteToy**”.
 - Give students ability to “**.play()**” the favoriteToy.