CS472: Web Programming Modules and Objects in JavaScript

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How about classes and objects?

- small programs are easily written without objects
- JavaScript has first-class functions
- larger programs become cluttered with disorganized functions
- objects group related data and behavior
 - helps manage size and complexity, promotes code reuse
- You have already used many types of JavaScript objects
 - Strings, arrays, HTML / XML DOM nodes
 - global DOM objects
 - The jQuery object (following lessons)

Creating objects via object literal

```
const name = {
  'fieldName': value,
    ...
  'fieldName': value
};
const pt = {
  'x': 4,
  'y': 3
};
alert(pt.x + ", " + pt.y);
```

- in JavaScript, you can create a new object without creating a class
- the above is like a Point object; it has fields named x and y
- the object does not belong to any class; it is the only one of its kind, a singleton
 - typeof(pt) === "object"

JavaScript objects

- objects in JavaScript are like associative arrays
- the keys can be any string
- you do not need quotes if the key is a valid JavaScript identifier
- values can be anything, including functions
- you can add keys dynamically using associative array or the . syntax
- object properties that have functions as their value are called 'methods'

```
const x = {
 'a': 97,
 'b': 98,
 'c': 99,
 'd': 199,
 'mult': function(a, b)
      return a * b;
```

Common examples of using object literals

```
$.ajax("http://example.com/app.php", {
   'method': "post", //an object with a field named method
   'timeout': 2000 //and a field name timeout
});

$("<div>", {
   'css': {'color': red }, //a css field
   'id': 'myid', //an id field
   'click': myClickHandler //and a method called click
});
```

- the parameters in {} passed to jQuery functions and methods are object literals
- object literals are the basis of JSON



Objects that have behavior

```
const name = {
    ...
    methodName: function(parameters) { statements; }
};

const pt = {
    x: 4,
    y: 3,
    distanceFromOrigin: function() {
      return Math.sqrt(this.x * this.x + this.y * this.y);
    }
};
alert(pt.distanceFromOrigin()); // 5
```

- like in Java, objects' methods run "inside" that object
 - inside an object's method, the object refers to itself as this
 - unlike Java, this keyword is mandatory inside JS objects

Keyword: this

- In Java, every method has an implicit variable 'this' which is a reference to the object that contains the method
 - Java, in contrast to JavaScript, has no functions, only methods
 - ▶ So, in Java, it is always obvious what 'this' is referring to
- In JavaScript, 'this', usually follows the same principle
 - If in a method, refers to a property of the object, just like Java
 - If in a function, then the containing object is 'window'
 - in "use strict" mode → undefined
 - Methods and functions can be passed to other objects!!
 - 'this' is then a portable reference to an arbitrary object

this inside a function refer to global object



```
function sam() {
 this.newvar = "hello";
console.log(newvar); // Uncaught ReferenceError: newvar is
  not defined
sam(); // this = window
console.log(newvar); //hello
If strict mode is enabled for any function then the value of "this" will be "undefined" as in strict
  mode, global object refers to undefined in place of windows object.
"use strict":
function sam() {
    this.newvar = "hello"; //Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set property 'newvar' of undefined
sam(); // this = undefined
console.log(newvar);
```

'this' inside vs outside object



- "this" refers to invoker object (parent object)
- In Javascript, property of an object can be a method or a simple value. When an Object's method is invoked then "this" refers to the object which contains the method being invoked.

```
// "use strict":
   function a() {
      console.log(this);
   const b = {
      log: function() {
        console.log(this);
   console.log(this); // this generally is window object
   a(); // a() is called by global window object in non-strict mode
   b.log(); // log() is called by a object
   let mylog = b.log;
   mylog(); //mylog() is called by global window object in non-strict mode
```

this inside event handler

▶ When using this inside an event handler, it will always refer to the invoker. (event.target)

```
<button id="btn | ">Click Me</button>

window.onload = function () {
    document.getElementById("btn | ").onclick = function () {
        this.style.color = "red";
    }
}
```

Self Pattern – problem with inner functions



```
var a = {
  name: "",
  log: function() {
    this.name = "Hello";
    console.log(this.name); //Hello
    var setFrench = function(newname) {
      this.name = newname;
    setFrench("Bonjour");
    console.log(this.name); //Hello
a.log();
```

- Line 10: why not Bonjour?
- JavaScript functions treat 'this' as 'window' (even inner functions)
 - "bad part of JS"
- Line 9: calling setFrench from window!
- Line 7: creating variable
 window.name =
 newname;



Self Pattern – Legacy Solution

```
var a = {
 name: "",
 log: function() {
   var self = this;
   self.name = "Hello";
   console.log(self.name); //Hello
   var setFrench = function(newname) {
          self.name = newname;
   };
   setFrench("Bonjour");
   console.log(self.name); //Bonjour
};
a.log();
```

- Self Pattern: Inside objects, always create a "self" variable and assign "this" to it. Use "Self" anywhere else
- JavaScript functions (versus methods) always use 'window' as 'this', even inner functions in methods

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this inside arrow function (ES6)

- Also solves the Self Pattern problem
- When a fat arrow is used then it doesn't create a new value for "this". "this" keeps on referring to the same object it is referring, outside the function (surrounding lexical scope inside arrow function).

```
const a = {
    name: "",
    log: function () {
        this.name = "Hello";
        console.log(this.name); //Hello
        const setFrench = newname => {this.name = newname};
        setFrench("Bonjour");
        console.log(this.name); //Bonjour
    }
};
a.log();
```

.call() .apply() .bind()

- There are many helper methods on the Function object in JavaScript
 - .bind() when you want that function to be called back later with a certain context, useful in events. (ES5)
 - .call() or .apply() when you want to invoke the function immediately, and modify the context.
 - http://stackoverflow.com/questions/15455009/javascript-call-apply-vs-bind

```
func.call(anObject, arg1, arg2...);
func.apply(anObject, [arg1, arg2...]);

var func2 = func.bind(anObject , arg1, arg2, ...)//
   creates a copy of func using anObject as 'this' and
   its first 2 arguments bound to arg1 and arg2 values
```

.bind() values without invoking function (ES5)

- Recall closure example for event handling from previous lesson
- needed to pass a parameter without executing the function
- returned an inner function with closure over the bound parameter
- can have same effect by binding a null context value with the required parameter

```
<a href="#" id="size-12">Size 12</a>
<a href="#" id="size-16">Size 16</a>
<a href="#" id="size-18">Size 18</a>
function makeSizer(size) {
   return function () {
      document.body.style.fontSize = size + "px";
function makeSizerSimple(size) { //can use this version with .bind()
   document.body.style.fontSize = size + "px";
document.getElementById("size-12").onclick = makeSizer(12);
document.getElementById("size-16").onclick = makeSizer(16);
document.getElementById("size-18").onclick = makeSizerSimple.bind(null, 18); //null ok if not
using 'this'
```

'Borrow' a method that uses 'this'



```
const me = {
 first: 'Josh',
 last: 'Splinter',
getFullName: function() {
    return this.first + ' ' + this.last;
const log = function(height, weight) { // 'this' refers to
  the invoker
console.log(this.getFullName() + height + ' ' + weight);
const logMe = log.bind(me);
logMe('180cm', '70kg'); // Josh Splinter 180cm 70kg
log.call(me, '180cm', '70kg'); // Josh Splinter 180cm 70kg
log.apply(me, ['180cm', '70kg']); // Josh Splinter 180cm
  70kg
```

Function (method) Borrowing with 'apply'



```
var me = {
 first: 'Josh',
 last: 'Splinter',
 getFullName: function() {
   return this.first + ' ' + this.last;
};
var you = {
 first: 'William',
 last: 'Smith'
};
console.log(me.getFullName.apply(you)); // William Smith
//would it work with call? How about bind?
```



Function Currying with 'bind'

```
function multiply(a, b) {
  return a * b; //no usage of 'this'
}

const multipleByTwo = multiply.bind(null, 2); // set a = 2
  console.log(multipleByTwo(4)); // 8

const multipleByThree = multiply.bind(null, 3); // set a = 3
  console.log(multipleByThree(4)); // 12
```

Summary - this

- Figure out the value of "this" by following these simple rules:
 - By default, "this" refers to global object which is window object in case of browser
 - When a method is called as a property of object, then "this" refers to the parent object
 - When a function is called using call and apply method then "this" refers to the value passed as first argument of call or apply method.
 - When a function is called with "new" operator then "this" refers to the newly created instance. (Later slides, Soon)

Main Point the keyword 'this'

In JavaScript, like Java, the keyword 'this' refers to the containing object. However, in JavaScript the same 'this' can refer to many different types of objects depending on the context.

Science of Consciousness: The keyword 'this' is an important form of self-referral and understanding this self-referral is critical to writing successful JavaScript. Experiencing and understanding self-referral consciousness is critical to living a successful life.

Encapsulation and namespace protection with closures

- Languages such as Java provide private methods
 - can only be called by other methods in the same class
- JavaScript does not provide this, but possible to emulate with closures
- also provide powerful way of managing global namespace
- Here's how to define public functions that access private functions and variables, using closures
 - module pattern:
- "Every real JavaScript programmer should know this if he or she wants to become great" Joe Zim

Module pattern - IIFE

```
(function(params) {
    statements;
}) (params);

(function(params) {
    statements;
} (params));
```

- declares and immediately calls an anonymous function
 - parens around function are a special syntax that means this is a function expression that will be immediately invoked
 - "immediately invoked function expression (IIFE)"
 - used to create a new scope and closure around it
 - can help to avoid declaring global variables/functions
 - used by JavaScript libraries to keep global namespace clean



Module Pattern Example

```
// new: 0 globals
// old: 3 globals
var count = 0;
                             (function() {
                                var count = 0;
function incr(n) {
                                function incr(n) {
 count += n;
                                  count += n;
function reset() {
                                function reset() {
 count = 0;
                                  count = 0;
incr(4);
                                incr(4);
incr(2);
                                incr(2);
console.log("count: " +
                                console.log("count: "
 count);
                                 + count);
                             })();
```

- •Declare-and-call protects your code and avoid globals
 - •Avoids common problem with namespace/name collisions



IIFE and ES6

```
(function() {
var count = 0;
function incr(n) {
  count += n;
function reset() {
  count = 0;
incr(4);
incr(2);
console.log("count: " +
 count);
}) ();
```

```
let count = 0;
 const incr = function(n)
   count += n;
 const reset =
  function(n) {
   count = 0;
 incr(4);
 incr(2);
 console.log(count);
//block scope can replace IIFE for
  //namespace encapsulation
```

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RECALL: Common closure bug with fix

```
var funcs = [];
                                   var funcs = [];
for (var i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
                                   for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
                                    funcs[i] = function() {
 funcs[i] = function() {
   return i;
                                       return i;
 };
                                    };
console.log(funcs[0]());
                                   console.log(funcs[0]());
console.log(funcs[1]());
                                   console.log(funcs[1]());
console.log(funcs[2]());
                                   console.log(funcs[2]());
console.log(funcs[3]());
                                   console.log(funcs[3]());
console.log(funcs[4]());
                                   console.log(funcs[4]());
```

- Closures that bind a loop variable often have this bug.
- Why do all of the functions return 5?

Fix Closure bug with Module Pattern

```
var funcs = [];
var funcs = [];
for (var i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
                             for (var i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
 funcs[i] = function() {
                                funcs[i]=(function(n) {
   return i;
                                   return function() {
 };
                                        return n;
console.log(funcs[0]());
                                 (i));
console.log(funcs[1]());
                             };
console.log(funcs[2]());
console.log(funcs[3]());
                             console.log(funcs[0]());
console.log(funcs[4]());
                             console.log(funcs[1]());
                             console.log(funcs[2]());
                             console.log(funcs[3]());
                             console.log(funcs[4]());
```

Revealing Module Pattern

```
/* widely used in single page web apps */
const Module = (function() {
 const privateMethod = function() {
 // private
 };
 const someMethod = function() {
 // public
 };
 const anotherMethod = function() {
 // public
 };
 return {
   someMethod: someMethod,
   anotherMethod: anotherMethod
 };
})();
```

Accessing Private Methods

```
const Module = (function() {
 const privateMethod = function(message) {
  console.log(message);
 };
 const publicMethod = function(text) {
  privateMethod(text);
 return {
  publicMethod: publicMethod
 };
}) ();
// Example of passing data into a private method
// Private method will console.log() 'Hello!'
Module.publicMethod('Hello!');
```



Access Private Variables

```
const Module = (function() {
 const privateArray = [];
 const publicMethod = function(something) {
  privateArray.push(something);
 };
 return {
  publicMethod: publicMethod
 };
}) ();
```

Extending Modules

```
/* very easy due to dynamic nature of JavaScript—can dynamically add
  properties to objects */
const Module = (function() {
 const privateMethod = function() {
 // private
 };
 const someMethod = function() {
 // public
 };
 const anotherMethod = function() {
 // public
 };
 return { someMethod: someMethod, anotherMethod: anotherMethod };
}) ();
Module.extension = function() {
 // another method! (Q: public or private?)
};
```



Example (revealing module pattern)

```
const counter = (function() {
 let privateCounter = 0; //private data
 function changeBy (val) { //private inner function
  privateCounter += val;
 return {
   increment: function() { // three public functions are closures that
     share the same environment.
      changeBy (1);
   },
                                         alert(counter.value()); /*
   decrement: function() {
                                         Alerts 0 */
      changeBy(-1);
                                         counter.increment();
   },
                                         counter.increment();
   value: function() {
                                         alert(counter.value()); /*
                                         Alerts 2 */
      return privateCounter;
                                         counter.decrement();
                                         alert(counter.value()); /*
                                         Alerts 1 */
}) ();
```



Module factory example

```
const makeCounter = function() {
 let privateCounter = 0;
 function changeBy(val) {
   privateCounter += val;
 return {
  increment: function() {
   changeBy(1);
  },
  decrement: function() {
   changeBy(-1);
  },
  value: function() {
   return privateCounter;
```

We could store this function in a separate variable and use it to create several counters.

```
const counter1 = makeCounter();
const counter2 = makeCounter();
alert(counter1.value()); /*
   Alerts 0 */
counter1.increment();
counter1.increment();
alert(counter1.value()); /*
   Alerts 2 */
counter1.decrement();
alert(counter1.value()); /*
   Alerts 1 */
alert(counter2.value()); /*
   Alerts 0 */
```

Main Point Revealing Module Pattern

The revealing module pattern is widely used to provide a public API to an underlying implementation of private methods and properties.

Science of Consciousness: The Transcendental Meditation program is a sort of API to access the support of all the laws of nature through the experience of pure consciousness, the source of all the laws of nature.

Prototype inheritance

- If use the immediate evaluation syntax to make different instances of the module, have to duplicate all of the module code every time create a new module instance
- ▶ The makeCounter function is an object factory
 - allows reuse of the module pattern functionality
- Problem: Why is an object factory inefficient when the methods become nontrivial?
- Solution: use Object.create() to inherit shared properties

Inheritance

- JavaScript supports prototype inheritance.
- objects get access to properties and methods of their prototype objects.
- Object is the end of the prototype chain.
- xyz underline notation meant to indicate this is not to be used by programmers, only the compiler

```
const a = {};
// a.__proto__ is Object

const b = function() {};
// b.__proto__ is function
// b.__proto__._proto__ is Object

const c = [];
// c.__proto__ is array
// c._proto__ is Object
```



Creating Objects via Object.create

- ES5 way to create objects is: Object.create(object)
- It sets __proto__ property to the passed object for inheritance.

```
const person = {
 first: 'John',
 last: 'Doe',
 greet: function() { return 'Hi' + this.first; } //use
  this in methods to access properties
const p1 = Object.create(person);
console.log(p1.first); // John - Inheritance
console.log(p1.hasOwnProperty('first')); // false
pl.first = 'Eric';
console.log(p1.hasOwnProperty('first')); // true
console.log(p1); // {first: 'Eric'} - No last & greet()
pl.greet(); // Hi Eric
```



Object.create example of course object

```
// An Object
const course = {
 coursename: 'Default',
 register: function() {
     return 'Register ' + this.coursename;
const mwp = Object.create(course);
mwp.coursename = 'MWP';
console.log(mwp); // Object {coursename: "MWP"}
console.log(mwp. proto ); // course Object
console.log(mwp.register()); // Register MWP
```

Function Constructors ("Classical" Inheritance)

- A constructor is a function that creates and *automatically* returns an object
 - Implicit (automatic) return of the constructed object
 - i.e., does not have an explicit return statement
- By convention function constructors start with a capital letter.
- To create new object from a function constructor *must* use the **new** keyword.
- new keyword does the following:
 - create an empty Object
 - set value of __proto__ property of new object to point to prototype object of the constructor function
 - every function object automatically has a prototype property
 - create **this variable** (implicitly) that points to the new object
 - Execute constructor function with the new object wherever 'this' is used
 - return **this** (implicitly)
- The 'prototype' property is used to add new functionality to any objects created from the constructor function
- new X() is Object.create(X.prototype) plus run constructor function
- "Bad" part of JavaScript: easy to forget the new
 - Function will run, but not behave as expected
 - ES6-'class'-syntax-intended to remedy-



Create objects via Function Constructors

```
function Person() {
  console.log(this);
  this.university = 'MUM';
  year = '2016';
}

const faculty1 = new Person(); // Person {university: "MUM"} - no year!

Person.prototype.greet = function() {
  return 'Hi ' + this.university;
}

const greeting = faculty1.greet();
  console.log(greeting); // "Hi MUM"
```

Why this is awesome? Because we can create thousands of objects from the original function constructor with less memory space. And we can extend the functionality of all objects at runtime by adding methods and properties to the **prototype property**. (not to mix it up with __proto__ which is used by the JSengine)

Create course objects via function constructors



```
// By convention we use capital first letter for function constructor
function Course (coursename) {
this.coursename = coursename;
console.log('Function Constructor Invoked!');
  //implicit return of 'this' when called via 'new'
}
//add function register to prototype of all course objects (created from
  //Course constructor)
Course.prototype.register = function() {
return 'Register ' + this.coursename;
const wap = new Course('WAP'); // Function Constructor Invoked!
console.log(wap); // Course {coursename: "WAP"}
console.log(wap. proto ); // Course.prototype
console.log(wap instanceof Course); // true
console.log(Course.prototype.register); // function() { ... }
console.log(wap.register()); // Register WAP
```

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Function constructors prototype diagram

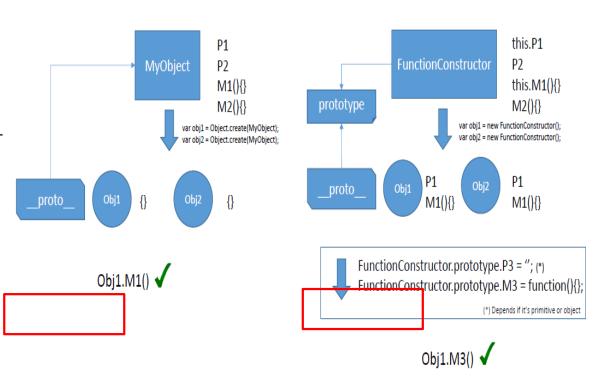
```
// a constructor function
function Foo(x) {
                                                                 Foo
   this.y = x;
                                                           <other properties>
                                        b
                                                           _proto_
/*
                                                         prototype
                                            20
   proto___ property of new objects
point to prototype object of the
                                                                                      Function.prototype
constructor function so we may use it
                                                             Foo.prototype
to define shared/inherited properties
                                                                                         <bul><built-ins>
                                                         constructor
or methods "x" and "calculate"
                                                                                     proto
                                                                       10
                                                             Х
                                            30
                                                         calculate
                                                                   <function>
Foo.prototype.x = 10;
                                 proto
                                                           proto
Foo.prototype.calculate = function (z)
   return this.x + this.y + z;
                                                            Object.prototype
                                                              <bul><built-ins>
                                                                      null
                                                           proto
// now create our "b" and "c" objects
using "pattern" Foo
var b = new Foo(20);
var c = new Foo(30);
```

Built-in Function Constructors

```
const a = new Number(12);
const b = new String("Hello");
const c = new Date (2016, 03, 01);
/* Number.prototype, String.prototype,
 Date.prototype
 are objects with helper methods
 available because objects were created
 using new() keyword */
a.toString(); // "12"
b.italics(); // "<i>Hello</i>"
c.getMonth(); // 3
```

Creating Objects Comparison

- Obj1 and Obj2 __proto__ properties point to
 - MyObject for Object.create
 - FunctionConstructor.protot ype for FunctionConstructor
- Extensions are made by adding new properties to
 - the prototype object with Object.create
 - FunctionConstructor.protot ype with function constructors.
- new X() is Object.create(X.prototype)) plus run constructor function



Review – How to create Objects in JS

Object.create();

- The prototype chain (__proto__) will refer to object passed to create(someObj)
- Have to explicitly add any nonprototype ("own") fields to each new object
 - Could be done in a factory function

Function Constructors: new FunctionConstructor();

- properties and methods in the constructor with this become "own" fields on each new object
 - Do not have to explicitly add own fields to each new instance outside constructor
- The prototype chain(__proto__) will refer to the function constructor's prototype property

to extend functionality must have

- if use Object.create, you need to work on the parent object itself
- If use function constructor then need the function constructor
 - Use its prototype property, which will reference the prototype
- "Bad" part of JavaScript: easy to forget the new
 - Function will run, but not behave as expected
 - ▶ ES6 'class' syntax intended to remedy

Inheritance hierarchy via prototype object vs function constructor



```
const Mammal = {
  name: "unknown",
  saySomething:function () {
     console.log('phi, my name is ' + this.name)
  doSomething() {
     console.log(this.name + ' is walking
about.');
//create subclass—prototype object that has
// Mammal prototype object as its proto
const Dog = Object.create(Mammal);
Dog.saySomething = function () {
  console.log('Woof, my name is ' + this.name);
let snoopy = Object.create(Dog);
snoopy.name = 'Snoopy';
snoopy.saySomething();
snoopy.doSomething();
```

```
const Mammal = function (name) {
  this.name = name;
Mammal.prototype.saySomething = function () {
  console.log('my name is ' + this.name);
Mammal.prototype.doSomething = function () {
  console.log(this.name + ' is walking about.');
//create subclass—constructor function whose
prototype //object has its ___proto___ point to
prototype object of the //Mammal constructor
function
const Dog = function (name) {
  Mammal.call(this, name);
Dog.prototype =
Object.create(Mammal.prototype);
Dog prototype saySomething = function () {
  console.log('Woof, my name is ' + this.name);
//create an object
const snoopy = new Dog('Snoopy ');
snoopy.saySomething();
snoopy.doSomething();
```

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Inheritance hierarchy via ES6 Syntax

```
class Mammal {
  constructor(name) {
     this.name = name;
  saySomething() {
     console.log('Hi, my name
is' + this.name);
  doSomething() {
     console.log(this.name + '
is walking about.');
```

```
//create a sub class
class Dog extends Mammal {
  constructor(name) {
     super(name);
  saySomething() {
     console.log('Woof, my
name is ' + this.name);
//create an object of type Dog
const lassie = new
Dog('Lassie');
lassie.saySomething();
lassie.doSomething();
```

Main Point Inheritance

JavaScript supports prototype inheritance so that objects can inherit common functionality from a single 'prototype' object.

Science of Consciousness:

Pure consciousness is a level of awareness that is a common experience shared by everyone.

CONNECTING THE PARTS OF KNOWLEDGE WITH THE WHOLENESS OF KNOWLEDGE

Life Is Structured in Layers

- 1. JavaScript is a functional OO language with objects but no classes.
- 2. Closures and objects are fundamental to JavaScript best coding practices, particularly for promoting encapsulation, layering, and abstractions in code.
- 3. **Transcendental consciousness** is the experience of the most fundamental layer of all existence, pure consciousness, the experience of one's own Self.
- 4. **Impulses within the transcendental field:** The many layers of abstraction required for sophisticated JavaScript implementations will be most successful if they arise from a solid basis of thought that is supported by all the laws of nature.
- 5. Wholeness moving within itself: In unity consciousness, one appreciates that all complex systems are ultimately compositions of pure consciousness, one's own Self.

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