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function addCritter( container, name, type, species, length ){  
  container[name] = {type: type, species: species, length: length};  
}
```

```
function addToy( container, name, type, material, moves ){  
  container[name] = {type: type, material: material, moves: moves};  
}
```

Wouldn't it be nice if these functions belonged only to the aquarium instead of an entire program? Let's try adding one.

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We add a new property to our aquarium that takes the name of our addCritter function. Then we build an anonymous function.

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Our container parameter now disappears, since we are making the function BELONG TO that very container.

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# THE VERY USEFUL “THIS” KEYWORD

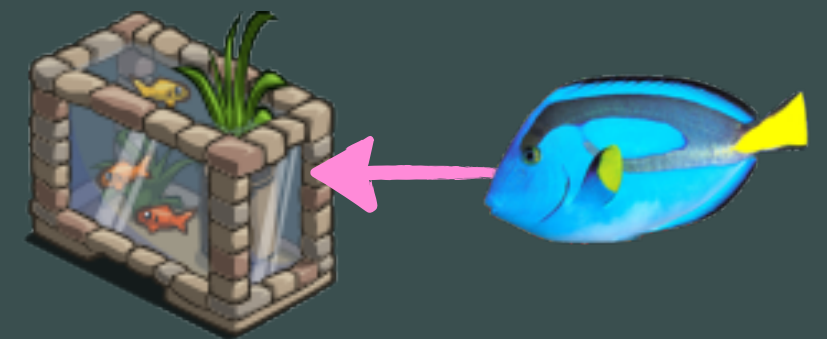
“This” always refers to the owner Object of the function in which the “this” is used.



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When called with `this`, `addCritter` says: Hey, aquarium! Make a new property called `name` and assign to it a new Object with these properties!

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Let's add a creature!

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aquarium.addCritter("Bubbles", "fish", "yellow tang", 5.6);
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We call the function just like referencing any other property in `aquarium`, but we also pass it a set of appropriate parameters.



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aquarium.takeOut = function ( name ) {  
  
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All we will need to delete any property, whether creature or toy, is its name.

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A temp variable will help us hold on to the Object that we remove. This way we'll still have access to it outside the aquarium.

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Next we remove the property from the Owner object, in this case, the aquarium.



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Finally we return the `temp` variable, so that we can still have a reference to the removed Object.

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Uh oh! Notice that we lost Marlin's name! Let's fix that problem with some property trickery.

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  delete this[name];  
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```
var fishOutOfWater = aquarium.takeOut("Marlin");  
console.log( fishOutOfWater );
```

➡ Object {type: "fish", species: "clownfish", length: 4.1}

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  this[name].name = name;  
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The first name in this line of code finds the desired Object in the `aquarium` using the parameter as a property name.

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Coming after a dot, the second `name` creates a new property IN the Object we want to remove! Notice that this is NOT the same as the function's parameter!

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The third `name` assigns the old property name to the newly created `name` property in the removed Object. Sneaky!

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Woohoo, no identity crisis for Marlin!

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```
var fishOutOfWater = aquarium.takeOut("Marlin");  
console.log( fishOutOfWater );
```

➡ Object {type: "fish", species: "clownfish", length: 4.1, name: "Marlin"}

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*See the Shimmering*

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