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takeOut: function ( name ){
  this[name].name = name;
  var temp = this[name];
  delete this[name];
  return temp;
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```
aquarium.length;
```

→ undefined

Hmm, uh oh. Generic Objects don't have a native `length` like Arrays and Strings do, so we can't use that in a loop format in order to get to each property.

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```
for ( var key in aquarium ) {  
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The `in` keyword looks "in" the Object to its right and finds each enumerable property in turn. Think of it like accessing each index of an Array.

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for ( var key in aquarium ) {
    if ( aquarium[key].type == "fish" ) {
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Since **key** contains the string name of a property, we can use it in a set of brackets as an expression.

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Once we've accessed the Object that `key` refers to, we can seek its own `type` property, and check to see if the current Object is a fish.

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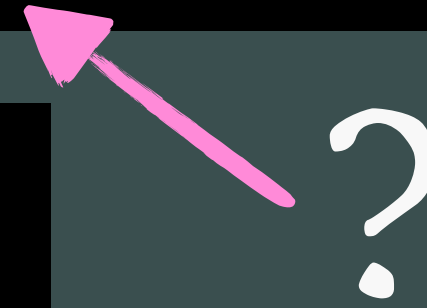
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var numFish = 0;
for ( var key in aquarium ) {
    if ( aquarium[key].type == "fish" ) {
        numFish++;
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```
aquarium["addCritter"].type;
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```
undefined == "fish";
```

→ false



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console.log(numFish);
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→ 3

Current Property	aquarium[property]	has .type?	aquarium[property].type	type == fish?	numFish
Nemo	aquarium["Nemo"]	YES	"fish"	TRUE	1
Dory	aquarium["Dory"]	YES	"fish"	TRUE	2
Bubbles	aquarium["Bubbles"]	YES	"fish"	TRUE	3
Peach	aquarium["Peach"]	YES	"echinoderm"	FALSE	3
Coral	aquarium["Coral Castle"]	YES	"environment"	FALSE	3
addCritter	aquarium["addCritter"]	no	undefined	FALSE	3
takeOut	aquarium["takeOut"]	no	undefined	FALSE	3

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Remember, since `countFish` will be "owned" by `aquarium`, it will use the `this` keyword to refer to it as an owner Object.

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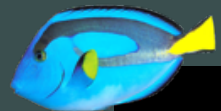
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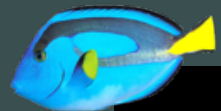
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→ true

```
aquarium.countFish();
```

→ 2



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