

# Code mutation issue



```
const user = [
  { name: "Vipul", age: 31 },
  { name: "Arun", age: 28 },
  { name: "Mohan", age: 17}
];

const newUser = user?.map((item) => {
  if(item?.age >= 18) {
    return item.isAdult = true;
  } else {
    return item;
  }
})

console.log("user:", user);
console.log("newUser:", newUser);
```

Let's break this down **clearly and slowly** so you understand exactly what is happening.

## ✓ Your Code

```
js

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## ✗ Problem 1: You are MUTATING the original array

`item.isAdult = true` adds a new key on the original object inside `user`.

So after running this:

`user` becomes:

```
js
[
  { name: "Vipul", age: 31, isAdult: true },
  { name: "Arun", age: 28, isAdult: true },
  { name: "Mohan", age: 17 }
]
```

## ❌ Problem 2: Your map returns WRONG VALUES

Look at this part:

```
js
return item.isAdult = true;
```

### 🔍 What does assignment return in JS?

Assignment (=) returns the **assigned value**, not the object.

So `item.isAdult = true` returns:

```
arduino
true
```

Therefore your `newUser` array becomes:

```
js
[ true, true, { name: "Mohan", age: 17 } ]
```

- ✓ Two elements are `true`
- ✓ One element is an object

This is **not what you want**.

## ★ OUTPUT

👉 user (mutated):

```
yaml
[
  { name: 'Vipul', age: 31, isAdult: true },
  { name: 'Arun', age: 28, isAdult: true },
  { name: 'Mohan', age: 17 }
]
```

👉 newUser:

```
yaml

[ true, true, { name: 'Mohan', age: 17 } ]
```

## ✓ Correct Way (No mutation + Proper Return)

If you want a new array with new values:

```
js

const newUser = user.map(item => {
  return {
    ...item,
    isAdult: item.age >= 18
  };
});
```

### Output:

```
js

[
  { name: "Vipul", age: 31, isAdult: true },
  { name: "Arun", age: 28, isAdult: true },
  { name: "Mohan", age: 17, isAdult: false }
]
```

## ✓ Correct Way (Mutate but don't return wrong values)

If you WANT to mutate (not recommended):

```
js

const newUser = user.map(item => {
  item.isAdult = item.age >= 18;
  return item;
});
```

### Output:

`newUser` and `user` will be same.

## Final Summary

Concept	What happened?
Mutation	✓ Your original array got modified
Return value	✗ You returned <code>true</code> , not the object
Best practice	! Never mutate inside map; always return a new object

If you want, I can explain with diagrams also.



What does assignment return in JS?

Assignment (=) returns the assigned value, not the object.

explain this unable to undersatnd this part

Let's explain this in **the simplest, most beginner-friendly way**, with **very clear examples** so you fully understand.

## 🌟 Key Idea

When you do assignment (=) in JavaScript:

🔥 **It returns the value you assigned — NOT the object.**

## 💡 Example 1 — Easiest Example

**Code:**

```
js
let x;
let y = (x = 10);

console.log("x =", x);
console.log("y =", y);
```

**Output:**

```
ini
x = 10
y = 10
```

Why?

- **(x = 10) assigns** 10 to x
- And the **result of the assignment expression** is **also 10**
- So y receives the value 10

## 🧠 Why doesn't it return the variable/object?

Because in JavaScript:

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- ✓ Assignment is an expression
- ✓ An expression always evaluates to a VALUE
- ✓ The value returned is the one you assigned

So:

```
js
item.isAdult = true
```

returns:

```
arduino
true
```

Not the updated object.

## ★ Example 2 — Your exact case

Code:

```
js
const user = { name: "Vipul" };
const result = (user.isAdult = true);
console.log("result:", result);
console.log("user:", user);
```

Output:

```
yaml
result: true
user: { name: "Vipul", isAdult: true }
```

Explanation:

- **user.isAdult = true**
  - adds **isAdult: true** inside the object
  - **but still RETURNS true**, not the object.

## ★ Example 3 — Map example

```
js

const arr = [{ age: 20 }, { age: 17 }];

const result = arr.map(item => item.isAdult = true);

console.log(result);
```

## Output:

```
arduino

[ true, true ]
```

Because:

- first item → `item.isAdult = true` → returns `true`
- second item → `item.isAdult = true` → returns `true`

But the original array becomes:

```
yaml

[{ age: 20, isAdult: true }, { age: 17, isAdult: true }]
```

## ★ Visual Diagram (Very Simple)

```
vbnet

item.isAdult = true
|
| performs assignment → adds isAdult property
|
returns the value TRUE (not the object)
```

## ✓ Final Summary (Super Simple)

When you write:

```
ini

a = b
```

Three things happen:

- 1 Assign `b` to `a`
- 2 Update the variable/object
- 3 **Return the value `b`**

It never returns `a`.

If you want, I can also explain with internal JS steps or memory diagrams — just tell me!



and difference between this `isAdult: true` vs `isAdult = true`

Let's explain this **very clearly** because this is one of the most confusing things for beginners.

## ✓ Difference Between:

1 `isAdult: true`

2 `isAdult = true`

They look similar...

But they are **completely different things** in JavaScript.

## 1 `isAdult: true` — Used INSIDE an OBJECT

This is **object property creation**.

Example:

```
js

const user = {
  name: "Vipul",
  isAdult: true
};
```

Here:

- `isAdult` is a **key/property name**
- `true` is the **value**
- It does NOT execute any code
- It does NOT return anything
- It is only used inside an object `{ ... }`

- ✓ Pure object property
- ✓ No mutation outside
- ✓ No assignment operator is used
- ✓ No return value

## 2 `isAdult = true` — Assignment Expression

This is **assignment**, not object creation.

It **executes at runtime** and:

- ✓ **Assigns value**
- ✓ **Mutates the object**
- ✓ **And RETURNS the value assigned**

Example:

```
js
item.isAdult = true;
```

What happens?

1. Adds/Updates the property **isAdult**
2. Mutates the original object
3. Expression returns **true**

## Side-by-Side Comparison

Code	Meaning	Used in	Mutates?	Returns something?
<b>isAdult: true</b>	Create key-value pair	Object literal {}	✗ No	✗ No
<b>isAdult = true</b>	Assign value	Anywhere in JS	✓ Yes (mutates)	✓ Yes → returns <b>true</b>

## Example to make it 100% clear

### Using **isAdult: true**

```
js
const user = { name: "Vipul", isAdult: true };
```

Output:

```
yaml
{ name: "Vipul", isAdult: true }
```

Nothing is mutated. No value returned.

### Using **isAdult = true**



```
js

const user = { name: "Vipul" };

const result = (user.isAdult = true);

console.log(result); // ?
console.log(user);   // ?
```

Output:

```
pgsql

result → true      (assignment returns the assigned value)
user → { name: "Vipul", isAdult: true }
```

## SUPER SIMPLE SUMMARY

**isAdult: true**

- Only used inside { }
- Just defines a property
- Does NOT run code
- Does NOT return a value

**isAdult = true**

- Assignment statement
- Mutates object
- **Returns the assigned value (true)**
- Can be used anywhere

## Final Example in Map to show difference

### Wrong (uses assignment)

```
js

const result = users.map(u => u.isAdult = true);
console.log(result); // [true, true, true]
```

### Right (uses object literal)

```
js

const result = users.map(u => ({ ...u, isAdult: true }));
console.log(result);
// returns actual objects
```

If you want, I can create a **diagram** that shows how JS treats both internally.