

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:

- ✓ 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?
isAdult: true	Create key-value pair	Object literal {}	✗ No	✗ No
isAdult = true	Assign value	Anywhere in JS	✓ Yes (mutates)	✓ Yes → returns true

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.