

new.target

using new.target inside constructors

After the introduction of `new.target` for classes in [Chapter 4](#), you will now understand it more deeply by using the same language construct for functions.

You can retrieve the constructor function of an object inside the constructor by using `new.target`.

```
function MyConstructor() {  
  console.log( new.target === MyConstructor, typeof new.target );  
  if ( typeof new.target === 'function' ) {  
    console.log( new.target.name );  
  }  
}  
  
new MyConstructor();  
//> true "function"  
//> MyConstructor  
  
MyConstructor();  
//> false "undefined"
```



Whenever you call a constructor **with** the `new` operator, `new.target` contains a reference to the constructor. Whenever you call a constructor **without** the `new` operator, `new.target` will be `undefined`.

In order to understand `new.target` on a deeper level, check out the last exercise in the next lesson.