

# Instantiation Reform

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Thanks to Claude Pache

# Goals

Subclass exotics

Avoid un (or partially) initialized exotics

Full ES5 compat

ES6 class compat, aside from @@create

Reliable test for am-i-called-as-constructor?

Support base-creates-proxy scenario

# Simple Story

```
class Derived extends Base {  
  constructor(...args) {  
    // TDZ this, on “new Derived...” etc  
    super(...otherArgs); // this = what super returns  
    // this is initialized  
  }  
}  
function Base(...otherArgs)  
  // implicit this = Object.create(mostDerived.prototype, {});
```

# From Claude Pache

F.[[Construct]](args, rcvr)

Distinguish functions-which-call-super

Vanilla func at end of super-call-chain is base  
instantiation postponed to base-entry

# From Claude Pache *with mods*

F. [[Construct]](args, rcvr)

*mod: Only MOP signature change*

Distinguish functions-which-call-super

*mod: ...-call-super-as-a-function*

*super(..), but not super.foo(..)*

Vanilla func at end of super-call-chain is base

instantiation postponed to base-entry

# [[Call]] traps

$F(\dots\text{args}) \rightarrow F.[\text{Call}](\text{undefined}, \text{args})$

$\text{Derived}.[\text{Call}](\text{const this}, \text{args})$

$\text{super}(\dots\text{other}) \rightarrow \text{super.special\_name}(\dots\text{other})$

# [[Construct]] traps

`new F(...args) → F. [[Construct]](args, F)`

`Base. [[Construct]](rcvr, args)`

entry → `const this = [[Create]](rcvr.prototype)`

`Derived. [[Construct]](args, rcvr)`

entry → TDZ this

`super(...other) → const this = super. [[Construct]](other, rcvr)`

# Remaining Requirements

Am I called as a constructor?

What is the original's constructor's .prototype

How do I provide alternate instance to subclasses?



# Am I called as a Constructor?

```
F(...other) {  
    let constructing = false;  
    try { this; } catch(_) { constructing = true; }  
    super(..);  
    ..  
}
```

# Base instantiates proxy scenario

```
Base(...other) {  
    return new Proxy(... this.__proto__ ...);  
}
```

# Or, kill two birds with “new\*”

```
function Date() {  
    let now = $$GetSystemTime();  
    if (new* === void 0) {  
        let obj = Object.create(new*.prototype);  
        // obj@now = now; // private “now” state  
        return obj;  
    } else {  
        return ToTimeString(now);  
    }  
}
```

# Reflection and Proxies

Reflect.construct(F, args, rcvr) // throw on undefined

construct trap:

construct: function(target, args, rcvr)