

# What is the Spread Operator ( ... )

The spread operator allows you to expand or copy elements from arrays or properties from objects.

## Syntax:

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```
const newArray = [...oldArray]; const newObject = { ...oldObject };
```

## ◆ 1. Spreading in Arrays

### ✓ Copying an Array

javascript

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```
const fruits = ["apple", "banana"]; const moreFruits = [...fruits, "orange"];
console.log(moreFruits); // ["apple", "banana", "orange"]
```

### ✓ Combining Arrays

javascript

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```
const a = [1, 2]; const b = [3, 4]; const combined = [...a, ...b]; console.log(combined); // [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

## ◆ 2. Spreading in Objects

### ✓ Copying an Object

javascript

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```
const person = { name: "Alice", age: 25 }; const copy = { ...person };
```

### ✓ Updating an Object

```
const updated = { ...person, age: 26 }; // age is updated
```

 Order matters: properties on the right overwrite ones on the left.

## ◆ 3. Using Spread in React

### ✓ Updating State (Arrays)

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```
const [items, setItems] = useState([1, 2, 3]); const addItem = () => { setItems(prev => [...prev, 4]); };
```

### ✓ Updating State (Objects)

jsx

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```
const [user, setUser] = useState({ name: "John", age: 30 }); const updateName = () => { setUser(prev => ({ ...prev, name: "Jane" })); };
```

### ✓ Passing Props to Components

jsx

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```
const user = { name: "Alice", age: 25 }; <MyComponent {...user} /> // same as: <MyComponent name="Alice" age="25" />
```

## TL;DR - When to Use Spread

#### Use Case

Copy an array

#### Code Example

```
const copy = [...arr]
```

Use Case	Code Example
Copy an object	<pre>const copy = { ...obj }</pre>
Add items to array	<pre>[...arr, newItem]</pre>
Merge objects	<pre>{ ...obj1, ...obj2 }</pre>
Update part of an object	<pre>{ ...old, key: newValue }</pre>
Pass props into a component	<pre>&lt;Comp {...props} /&gt;</pre>