

1. Merging Arrays

Using Spread (...)

javascript

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

With .concat() (older way)

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```
const merged = a.concat(b);
```

2. Merging Objects

Using Spread (...)

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```
const user = { name: "Alice", age: 25 }; const update = { age: 26, city: "New York" }; const mergedUser = { ...user, ...update }; console.log(mergedUser); // { name: "Alice", age: 26, city: "New York" }
```

 If both objects have the same key, the last one wins (`update.age` overwrites `user.age`).

Using `Object.assign()`

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```
const mergedUser = Object.assign({}, user, update);
```

Both `Object.assign()` and spread do the same thing — the spread operator is just cleaner.

In React

Merging is super useful when updating **state** that's an array or object.

+ Merge Objects in State

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```
setUser(prev => ({ ...prev, city: "New York" }));
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+ Merge Arrays in State

jsx

```
setItems(prev => [ ...prev, "new item" ]);
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When to Use Merging

Task	Method	Example
Combine two arrays	[...] or .concat()	[...a, ...b]
Merge object updates	... or Object.assign()	{...a, ...b}
Update part of state (React)	...	setState(prev => ({...prev, key: val}))