How to Master JavaScript String Format in 10 Minutes

Learn how to JavaScript format string, with variables, numbers, placeholders, and currency options. Improve readability & user experience.



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Format the JavaScript string using the plus (+) sign

Using the plus sign (+) to format the simple string is the traditional approach.

```
const customerName = "John";
const orderId = 10001;
console.log('Hello '+ customerName +',
   your order '+ orderId +' has been shipped.');
// Output: "Hello John, your order 10001 has been shipped."
```

This JavaScript code defines variables for a customer's name and order ID, then prints a message to the console confirming that the customer's order has been shipped, including their name and order ID.

JavaScript custom string format function with placeholder { }

JavaScript does not support built-in string formatting functions with placeholders { }, write custom code like this:

```
const formatString = (template, ...args) => {
  return template.replace(/{([0-9]+))/g, function (match, index) {
    return typeof args[index] === 'undefined' ? match : args[index];
  });
}
console.log(formatString('Hello {0}, your order {1}
    has been shipped.', 'John', 10001));
// Output: "Hello John, your order 10001 has been shipped."
```

Defines a function **formatString()** that takes a template string and variable number of arguments. It replaces placeholders in the template (e.g., {0}, {1}) with corresponding argument values.

Custom string format prototype method

You can write custom JavaScript string format prototype methods.

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  });
}
console.log(formatString('Hello {0}, your order
  {1} has been shipped.', 'John', 10001));
// Output: "Hello John, your order 10001 has been shipped."
```

This JavaScript code adds a **format()** method to all strings, allowing you to replace placeholders like {0}, {1}, etc. with corresponding values provided in the format function.

String format with variables using a template literal (Recommended)

One of the cleanest and most straightforward methods is to format a string using a template literal or string interpolation.

```
const customerName = "John";
const orderId = 10001;
console.log(`Hello ${customerName},
   your order ${orderId} has been shipped.`);
// Output: "Hello John, your order 10001 has been shipped."
```

This JavaScript code defines variables **customerName** and **orderId**, then logs a message using a template literal with the values of these variables.

JavaScript format number using toLocaleString()

You can format numbers with commas using the built-in **toLocaleString()** method. This method formats a number according to the user's locale settings.

```
const number = 12345.55;
console.log(number.toLocaleString());
// Output: "12,345.55"
```

This JavaScript code converts the number 12345.55 to a string with a locale-specific comma as a thousand separator and dot as a decimal separator, resulting in the output "12,345.55".

Format number using string interpolation

You can use string interpolation to format numbers using template literals and the \${ } syntax.

```
const number = 10;
const formattedString = `The number is: ${number}`;
console.log(formattedString);
// Output: The number is: 10
```

This JavaScript code declares a variable number with a value of 10, creates a formatted string using a template literal.

JavaScript string format money

To format money as a string in JavaScript, you can use the **toLocaleString()** method. This method converts a number to a string with a language-sensitive representation of the money.

```
const money = 1234.50;
let options = { style: 'currency', currency: 'USD' }
const formattedMoney = money.toLocaleString('en-US', options);
console.log(formattedMoney);
// Output: "$1,234.50"
```

This JavaScript code formats the value of the variable 'money' as a currency in USD using the 'toLocaleString' method with specified formatting options.

Thank you!

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