

JavaScript Day 8 Notes – Arrays and Their Methods

1. Introduction to Arrays

An **Array** in JavaScript is a collection of items stored at **contiguous memory locations**. They can store multiple values in a **single variable**.

Creating Arrays

```
const myArr = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
```

```
const myHero = ["IronMan", "Batman"];
```

```
const myArr2 = new Array(1, 2, 3, 4); // Using Array constructor
```

Accessing Array Elements

```
console.log(myHero[1]); // Batman
```

```
console.log(myArr2[1]); // 2
```

2. Array Methods

Adding and Removing Elements

- `push()`: Adds elements to the **end** of the array
- `pop()`: Removes the **last** element
- `unshift()`: Adds elements to the **start** of the array
- `shift()`: Removes the **first** element

Example:

```
myArr.push(6); // Adds 6 to the end
```

```
myArr.pop(); // Removes the last element
```

```
myArr.unshift(7); // Adds 7 to the start
```

```
myArr.shift(); // Removes the first element
```

Searching in Arrays

- `includes(value)`: Checks if the value exists in the array
- `indexOf(value)`: Returns the **index** of the value (or -1 if not found)

Example:

```
console.log(myArr.includes(9)); // false
```

```
console.log(myArr.indexOf(3)); // 3
```

Joining Elements

- `join()`: Joins all elements into a **single string**

Slice and Splice

- `slice(start, end)`: Extracts a portion of the array **without modifying the original array**
- `splice(start, deleteCount)`: Changes the array by removing/replacing items

Example:

```
const myn1 = myArr.slice(1, 3); // Doesn't change original array
```

```
const myn2 = myArr.splice(1, 3); // Modifies original array
```

Combining Arrays

Concatenation

- `concat()`: Combines two arrays
- spread operator (`...`): Combines arrays more flexibly

Example:

```
const marvel = ["thor", "Ironman", "Spiderman"];
```

```
const dc = ["superman", "batman", "flash"];
```

```
const heroes = [...marvel, ...dc];
```

```
console.log(heroes);
```

Advanced Array Methods

- `flat()`: Flattens a nested array
- `Array.isArray()`: Checks if a variable is an array
- `Array.from()`: Creates an array from a string or iterable
- `Array.of()`: Creates an array from given arguments

Example:

```
const another_array = [1, 2, 3, [4, 5, 6], 7, [8, 9, [2, 1]]];
```

```
const new_array = another_array.flat(Infinity);
```

```
console.log(new_array); // Flattens all nested arrays
```

```
console.log(Array.from("pranay")); // ["p", "r", "a", "n", "a", "y"]
```

```
console.log(Array.of(100, 200, 300)); // [100, 200, 300]
```
