Modifying a Date Object in JavaScript (Simplified Explanation)

JavaScript allows you to **change specific parts of a date** (year, month, day, hours, etc.) **without affecting the rest of the date**.

How to Modify Different Date Elements

☐Change the Year (setFullYear)

var d = new Date();
d.setFullYear(2001);

✓ This changes the year to 2001, but keeps the same month, day, and time.

□Change the Month (setMonth)

var d = new Date();

d.setMonth(11); // 11 = December (Months start from 0)

 \checkmark This changes the month to **December**, but keeps the same year, day, and time.

★ Important:

• JavaScript months **start from 0** (January = 0, February = 1, ..., December = 11).

⚠ Change the Day of the Month (setDate)

var d = new Date();

d.setDate(15);

✓ This sets the date to the 15th of the current month.

Change the Hours (setHours)

var d = new Date();

d.setHours(13); // 13 = 1 PM (24-hour format)

✓ This sets the time to 1 PM, keeping other elements unchanged.

□Change the Minutes (setMinutes)

var d = new Date();

d.setMinutes(5);

✓ This sets the minutes to 5 minutes past the hour.

©Change the Seconds (setSeconds)

var d = new Date();

d.setSeconds(55);

✓ This sets the seconds to 55 seconds past the minute.

□Change the Milliseconds (setMilliseconds)

var d = new Date();

d.setMilliseconds(867);

Summary

Method	Changes	Example
setFullYear(year)	Year	d.setFullYear(2001);
setMonth(month)	Month (0-11)	d.setMonth(11); // December

Method	Changes	Example
setDate(day)	Day of the month	d.setDate(15); // 15th day
setHours(hours)	Hours (0-23)	d.setHours(13); // 1 PM
setMinutes(minutes)	Minutes (0-59)	d.setMinutes(5); // 5 minutes
setSeconds(seconds)	Seconds (0-59)	d.setSeconds(55); // 55 seconds
setMilliseconds(ms)	Milliseconds (0-999)	d.setMilliseconds(867); // 867 ms