

✦ Increment (++) and Decrement (--) Operators in JavaScript

JavaScript provides **shortcuts** for increasing or decreasing a variable's value by 1.

▲ Incrementing a Variable (++)

Instead of writing:

```
num = num + 1;
```

You can simply write:

```
num++; // Increments num by 1
```

✓ Example:

```
var num = 5;  
num++;  
console.log(num); // Output: 6
```

▼ Decrementing a Variable (--)

Instead of writing:

```
num = num - 1;
```

You can simply write:

```
num--; // Decrements num by 1
```

✓ Example:

```
var num = 5;  
num--;  
console.log(num); // Output: 4
```

🔄 Postfix (num++) vs. Prefix (++num) Increment

- **Postfix (num++)** → Uses the original value first, then increments.
- **Prefix (++num)** → Increments first, then uses the new value.

⚡ *Postfix Example (num++)*

```
var num = 1;  
var newNum = num++;
```

```
console.log(num); // Output: 2 (num is incremented after assignment)  
console.log(newNum); // Output: 1 (original value of num is assigned first)
```

⚡ *Prefix Example (++num)*

```
var num = 1;  
var newNum = ++num;
```

```
console.log(num); // Output: 2 (num is incremented before assignment)  
console.log(newNum); // Output: 2 (updated value is assigned)
```

🔄 **Postfix (num--) vs. Prefix (--num) Decrement**

- **Postfix (num--)** → Uses the original value first, then decrements.
- **Prefix (--num)** → Decrements first, then uses the new value.

⚡ *Postfix Example (num--)*

```
var num = 1;  
var newNum = num--;
```

```
console.log(num); // Output: 0 (num is decremented after assignment)  
console.log(newNum); // Output: 1 (original value of num is assigned first)
```

⚡ *Prefix Example (--num)*

```
var num = 1;  
var newNum = --num;
```

```
console.log(num); // Output: 0 (num is decremented before assignment)  
console.log(newNum); // Output: 0 (updated value is assigned)
```

🚀 **Quick Summary**

- ✓ **Increment (++)** → Adds 1 to a variable.
 - ✓ **Decrement (--)** → Subtracts 1 from a variable.
 - ✓ **Postfix (num++, num--)** → Uses the **original value first**, then updates.
 - ✓ **Prefix (++num, --num)** → Updates **first**, then uses the new value.
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