

# JavaScript Intersection of Two Arrays

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## Challenge

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Given two integer arrays `nums1` and `nums2`, return an array of their intersection. Each element in the result must be unique and you may return the result in any order.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Example

Input: `nums1 = [1,2,2,1]`, `nums2 = [2,2]`  
Output: `[2]`



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Example

Input: `nums1 = [4,9,5]`, `nums2 = [9,4,9,8,4]`  
Output: `[9,4]`  
**Explanation:** `[4,9]` is also accepted.



## Constraints

- `1 <= nums1.length, nums2.length <= 1000`
- `0 <= nums1[i], nums2[i] <= 1000`

# Solution

```
const intersection = (nums1, nums2) => {  
  const output = [],  
        hashmap = new Map();  
  
  for (let i = 0; i < nums1.length; i++) {  
    hashmap.set(nums1[i], i);  
  }  
  
  for (let i = 0; i < nums2.length; i++) {  
    const num = nums2[i];  
  
    if (hashmap.has(num)) {  
      output.push(num);  
  
      hashmap.delete(num);  
    }  
  }  
  
  return output;  
};
```



## Explanation

I've built a function called `intersection` that takes in two arrays, `nums1` and `nums2`, as parameters. Its purpose is to find the common elements between the two arrays and return them in a new array called `output`.

Inside the function, an empty array called `output` is created to

store the common elements. Additionally, a new `Map` object called `hashmap` is initialized.

The function then iterates through each element in `nums1` using a for loop. For each element, it uses the `set()` method of the `Map` object to store the element as the key and its index as the value.

Next, the function iterates through each element in `nums2` using another for loop. For each element, it assigns it to a variable called `num`. It then checks if the `hashmap` contains the `num` as a key using the `has()` method.

If the `hashmap` contains the `num`, it means that it is a common element between `nums1` and `nums2`. The function then pushes the `num` into the `output` array using the `push()` method and removes the `num` from the `hashmap` using the `delete()` method.

Finally, after iterating through all elements in `nums2`, the function returns the `output` array, which contains the common elements between `nums1` and `nums2`.

In summary, the `intersection` function finds the common elements between two arrays (`nums1` and `nums2`) by utilizing a `Map` object. It stores the elements of the first array in the map and then checks for common elements in the second array, pushing them into an output array.