



# JAVASCRIPT ARRAYS

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# Arrays

- The array is a **collection** of data items of the **same type**.
- In simple terms, it is a variable that contains multiple values.

## Declaration:

There are **two** syntaxes for creating an empty array:



```
1 let arr = new Array();  
2 let arr = [];
```

- Array elements are numbered, starting with **zero**.
- We can get an element by its number in square brackets:



```
1 let fruits = ["Apple", "Orange", "Plum"];  
2  
3 alert(fruits[0]); // Apple  
4 alert(fruits[1]); // Orange  
5 alert(fruits[2]); // Plum
```

We can **replace** an element or add a **new one** to the array:




```
1 fruits[2] = "Pear"; // now ["Apple", "Orange", "Pear"]  
2 fruits[3] = "Lemon"; // now ["Apple", "Orange", "Pear", "Lemon"]
```

**Methods** that work with the **end** of the array:

## **pop**

**Extracts** the **last element** of the array and returns it:



```
1 let fruits = ["Apple", "Orange", "Pear"];
2
3 alert(fruits.pop()); // remove "Pear" and alert it
4
5 alert(fruits); // Apple, Orange
```

Both **fruits.pop()** and **fruits.at(-1)** return the **last** element of the array, but **fruits.pop()** also modifies the array by removing it.

## push

**Append** the element to the **end** of the array:



```
1 let fruits = ["Apple", "Orange"];  
2  
3 fruits.push("Pear");  
4  
5 alert(fruits); // Apple, Orange, Pear
```

**Methods** that work with the **beginning** of the array:

## shift

**Extracts** the **first** element of the array and returns it:



```
1 let fruits = ["Apple", "Orange", "Pear"];  
2  
3 alert(fruits.shift()); // remove Apple and alert it  
4  
5 alert(fruits); // Orange, Pear
```

## unshift

**Add** the element to the **beginning** of the array:



```
1 let fruits = ["Orange", "Pear"];  
2  
3 fruits.unshift("Apple");  
4  
5 alert(fruits); // Apple, Orange, Pear
```

## concat

The method **arr.concat** creates a new array that includes values from other arrays and additional items.



```
1 let arr = [1, 2];  
2  
3 // create an array from: arr and [3,4]  
4 alert(arr.concat([3, 4])); // 1,2,3,4
```

## Iterate: forEach

The **arr.forEach** method allows to **run a function for every element** of the array.

## The syntax:



```
1 arr.forEach(function (item, index, array) {  
2     // ... do something with item  
3 });
```

A **cheat sheet** of array methods:

- **slice(start, end)** – creates a new array, copies elements from index start till end (not inclusive) into it.
- **indexOf/lastIndexOf(item, pos)** – look for item starting from position pos, return the index or -1 if not found.



- **map(func)** – creates a new array from results of calling func for every element.
- **sort(func)** – sorts the array in-place, then returns it.
- **reverse()** – reverses the array in-place, then returns it.
- **split/join** – convert a string to array and back.
- **reduce/reduceRight(func, initial)** – calculate a single value over the array by calling func for each element and passing an intermediate result between the calls.

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