# Understanding console.log() in JavaScript

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In JavaScript, console.log() is a powerful tool for developers to output information to the browser console.

## 1. Basic Usage:

- Syntax: console.log(value1, value2, ..., valueN)
- **Description:** The console.log() method accepts one or more arguments, which can be strings, variables, objects, or any other JavaScript values. It outputs these values to the browser console.

#### • Example:

```
let name = "Claudio";
let age = 20;
console.log("Name:", name, "Age:", age);
// Output: Name: Claudio Age: 20
```

2. **String Substitution (%s):** You can use %s as a placeholder in the log message string, and provide the corresponding values as additional arguments to console.log(). This is particularly useful when logging variables.

## Example:

```
let name = "Claudio";
console.log("Hello, %s!", name);
// Output: Hello, Claudio!
```

3. **Numeric Substitution (%d):** Similar to <code>%s</code> , you can use <code>%d</code> as a placeholder for numeric values.

# Example:

```
let age = 20;
console.log("Age: %d", age);
// Output: Age: 20
```

4. Object Substitution (%o or %O): You can use ‰ or ‰ as a placeholder to log an object. ‰ will display the object in a collapsed format, while ‰ will display it in an expanded format.

## Example:

```
let person = { name: "Claudio", age: 20 };
console.log("Person: %o", person);
// Output: Person: { name: "Claudio", age: 20 }
```

5. **Styling (%c):** You can apply CSS styling to log messages using <code>%c</code> . This can be useful for highlighting specific messages or adding emphasis. Example:

```
console.log("%cError: Something went wrong!", "color: red; font-weight: bold;");
// Output: Error: Something went wrong! (in red and bold)
```

6. **Grouping (%c):** You can group related log messages together using console.group() and console.groupEnd(). This helps in organizing the console output, especially for complex debugging scenarios.

## Example:

```
console.group("User Details");
console.log("Name: Claudio");
console.log("Age: 20");
console.groupEnd();
```

#### Output:

```
User Details
Name: Claudio
Age: 20
```