JS Arrays and Strings

Arrays and Strings





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Working with Arrays of Elements

Arrays in JavaScript

What is an Array?



Arrays are list-like objects



Array of 5 elements 0 1 2 3 4 Element index

... Array element

- Elements are numbered from 0 to length 1
- Creating an array using an array literal

```
let numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
```



What is an Array?



- Neither the length of a JavaScript array nor the types of its elements are fixed
- An array's length can be changed at any time
- Data can be stored at non-contiguous locations in the array
- JavaScript arrays are not guaranteed to be dense



Arrays of Different Types





```
// Array holding numbers
let numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
```

```
// Array holding strings
let weekDays = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',
    'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'];
```

```
// Array holding mixed data (not a good practice)
let mixedArr = [20, new Date(), 'hello', {x:5, y:8}];
```

Accessing Elements



Array elements are accessed using their index

```
let cars = ['BMW', 'Audi', 'Opel'];
let firstCar = cars[0]; // BMW
let lastCar = cars[cars.length - 1]; // Opel
```

Accessing indexes that do not exist in the array returns undefined

```
console.log(cars[3]); // undefined
console.log(cars[-1]); // undefined
```

Destructuring Syntax



 Expression that unpacks values from arrays or objects, into distinct variables

 The rest operator can also be used to collect function parameters into an array



For-of Loop



Iterates through all elements in a collection

Cannot access the current index

```
for (let el of collection) {
    // Process the value here
}
```

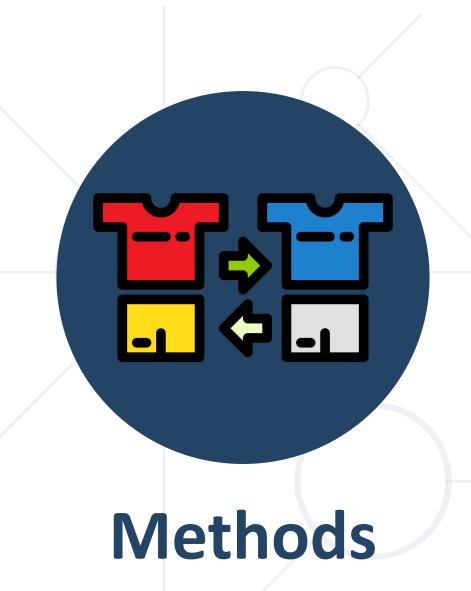


Print an Array with For-of



```
let numbers = [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
let output = '';
for (let number of numbers)
  output += `${number} `;
console.log(output);
```

12345



Modify the Array

Pop



- Removes the last element from an array and returns that element
- This method changes the length of the array



```
let nums = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70];
console.log(nums.length); // 7
console.log(nums.pop()); // 70
console.log(nums.length); // 6
console.log(nums); // [ 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 ]
```

Push



 The push() method adds one or more elements to the end of an array and returns the new length of the array



```
let nums = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70];
console.log(nums.length); // 7
console.log(nums.push(80)); // 8 (nums.Length)
console.log(nums); // [ 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 ]
```

Shift



- The shift() method removes the first element from an array and returns that removed element
- This method changes the length of the array

```
let nums = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70];
console.log(nums.length); // 7
console.log(nums.shift()); // 10 (removed element)
console.log(nums); // [ 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 ]
```

Unshift



 The unshift() method adds one or more elements to the beginning of an array and returns the new length of the array



```
let nums = [40, 50, 60];
console.log(nums.length);  // 3
console.log(nums.unshift(30)); // 4 (nums.length)
console.log(nums.unshift(10,20)); // 6 (nums.length)
console.log(nums); // [ 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 ]
```

Splice



 Changes the contents of an array by removing or replacing existing elements and / or adding new elements

```
let nums = [1, 3, 4, 5, 6];
nums.splice(1, 0, 2); // inserts at index 1
console.log(nums); // [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ]
nums.splice(4, 1, 19); // replaces 1 element at index 4
console.log(nums); // [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 19, 6 ]
let el = nums.splice(2, 1); // removes 1 element at index 2
console.log(nums); // [ 1, 2, 4, 19, 6 ]
console.log(el); // [ 3 ]
```



Reverse



- Reverses the array
 - The first array element becomes the last, and the last array element becomes the first

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 4];
arr.reverse();
console.log(arr); // [ 4, 3, 2, 1 ]
```



Join



 Creates and returns a new string by concatenating all of the elements in an array (or an array-like object),
 separated by commas or a specified separator string



```
let elements = ['Fire', 'Air', 'Water'];
console.log(elements.join()); // "Fire,Air,Water"
console.log(elements.join('')); // "FireAirWater"
console.log(elements.join('-')); // "Fire-Air-Water"
console.log(['Fire'].join(".")); // Fire
```

Slice



- The slice() method returns a shallow copy of a portion of an array into a new array object selected from begin to end (end not included)
- The original array will not be modified

```
let fruits = ['Banana', 'Orange', 'Lemon', 'Apple'];
let citrus = fruits.slice(1, 3);
let fruitsCopy = fruits.slice();
// fruits contains ['Banana', 'Orange', 'Lemon', 'Apple']
// citrus contains ['Orange', 'Lemon']
```

Includes



 Determines whether an array contains a certain element, returning true or false as appropriate

```
// array length is 3
// fromIndex is -100
// computed index is 3 + (-100) = -97
let arr = ['a', 'b', 'c'];
arr.includes('a', -100); // true
arr.includes('b', -100); // true
arr.includes('c', -100); // true
arr.includes('a', -2); // false
```





IndexOf



- The indexOf() method returns the first index at which a given element can be found in the array
 - Output is -1 if element is not present

```
const beasts = ['ant', 'bison', 'camel', 'duck', 'bison'];

console.log(beasts.indexOf('bison')); // 1
// start from index 2
console.log(beasts.indexOf('bison', 2)); // 4
console.log(beasts.indexOf('giraffe')); // -1
```

ForEach



- The forEach() method executes a provided function once for each array element
- Converting a for loop to forEach

```
const items = ['item1', 'item2', 'item3'];
const copy = [];
// For Loop
for (let i = 0; i < items.length; i++) {
  copy.push(items[i]);
// ForEach
items.forEach(item => { copy.push(item); });
```

Map



 Creates a new array with the results of calling a provided function on every element in the calling array

```
let numbers = [1, 4, 9];
let roots = numbers.map(function(num, i, arr) {
  return Math.sqrt(num)
});
// roots is now [1, 2, 3]
// numbers is still [1, 4, 9]
```

Find



Returns the first found value in the array, if an element in the array satisfies the provided testing function or undefined if not found



```
let array1 = [5, 12, 8, 130, 44];
let found = array1.find(function(element) {
    return element > 10;
});
console.log(found); // 12
```

Filter



- Creates a new array with filtered elements only
- Calls a provided callback function once for each element in an array
- Does not mutate the array on which it is called

```
let fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'grapes', 'mango', 'orange'];
// Filter array items based on search criteria (query)
function filterItems(arr, query) {
   return arr.filter(function(el) {
      return el.toLowerCase().indexOf(query.toLowerCase()) !== -1;
   });
};
console.log(filterItems(fruits, 'ap')); // ['apple', 'grapes']
```



Problem: Match Full Name



- You are given a list of names
 - Match all full names

Ivan Ivanov, Ivan ivanov, ivan Ivanov, IVan Ivanov, Test Testov, Ivan Ivanov



Ivan Ivanov Test Testov

Solution: Match Full Name



```
function solve(input) {
  let pattern = / b[A-Z][a-z]+[ ][A-Z][a-z]+ b/g;
 let validNames = [];
  let validName = null;
 while((validName = pattern.exec(input)) !== null){
   validNames.push(validName[0]);
  console.log(validNames.join(' '));
```

Problem: Match Phone Number



- Match a valid phone number from Sofia. After you find all valid phones, print them on the console, separated by ", "
- A valid number has the following characteristics:
 - Starts with "+359"
 - Followed by the area code (always 2).
 - Followed by the number itself, which consists of 7 digits (separated into two groups of 3 and 4 digits respectively)
 - The different parts are separated by either a space or a hyphen ('-')

Solution: Match Phone Number



```
function regExPhones(input) {
 let validNames = [];
 let pattern = /(?<!\d)[+]359([-])2\1\d{3}\1\d{4}\b/g;
 while ((validName = pattern.exec(input)) !== null) {
   validNames.push(validName[0]);
  console.log(validNames.join(', '));
```



Concatenating



Use the "+" or the "+=" operators

```
let text = "Hello" + ", ";
// Expected output: "Hello, "
text += "JS!"; // "Hello, JS!"
```

Use the concat() method

```
let greet = "Hello, ";
let name = "John";
let result = greet.concat(name);
console.log(result); // Expected output: "Hello, John"
```

Searching for Substrings



indexOf(substr)

```
let str = "I am JavaScript developer";
console.log(str.indexOf("Java")); // Expected output: 5
console.log(str.indexOf("java")); // Expected output: -1
```

lastIndexOf(substr)

```
let str = "Intro to programming";
let last = str.lastIndexOf("o");
console.log(last); // Expected output: 11
```

Extracting Substrings



substring(startIndex, endIndex)

```
let str = "I am JavaScript developer";
let sub = str.substring(5, 10);
console.log(sub); // Expected output: JavaS
```

String Operations



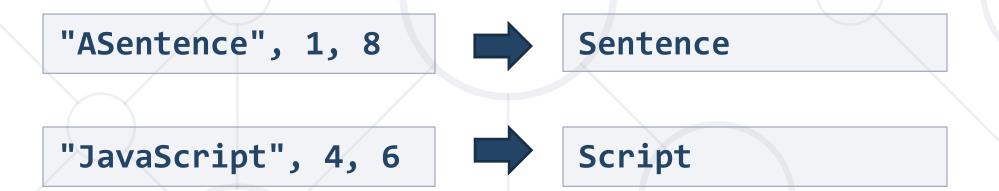
replace(search, replacement)

```
let text = "Hello, john@softuni.bg, you have been
using john@softuni.bg in your registration.";
let replacedText = text.replace(".bg", ".com");
console.log(replacedText);
// Hello, john@softuni.com, you have been using
john@softuni.bg in your registration.
```

Problem: Substring



- Receives a string, a start index, and count characters
- Print the substring of the received string



Solution: Substring



```
function solve(text, startIndex, count) {
  let substring = text
    .substring(startIndex, startIndex + count);

console.log(substring);
}
```

Splitting and Finding



split(separator)

```
let text = "I love fruits";
let words = text.split(' ');
console.log(words); // Expected output: ['I', 'Love', 'fruits']
```

includes(substr)

```
let text = "I love fruits.";
console.log(text.includes("fruits")); // Expected output: True
console.log(text.includes("banana")); // Expected output: False
```

Repeating Strings



repeat(count) - Creates a new string repeated count times

```
let n = 3;
for(let i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
  console.log('*'.repeat(i));
}</pre>
```



Problem: Censored Words



- Receives a text and a single word
- Find all occurrences of that word in the text and replace them with the corresponding amount of '*'

A small sentence with some words, small



A ***** sentence with some words

Solution: Censored Words



```
function solve(text, word) {
  while (text.includes(word)) {
    text = text.replace(word, '*'.repeat(word.length));
  }
  console.log(text);
}
```

Trimming Strings



Use trim() method to remove whitespaces (spaces, tabs, no-break space, etc.) from both ends of a string

```
let text = " Annoying spaces ";
console.log(text.trim()); // Expected output: "Annoying spaces"
```

 Use trimStart() or trimEnd() to remove whitespaces only at the beginning or at the end

```
let text = " Annoying spaces ";
text = text.trimStart(); text = text.trimEnd();
console.log(text); // Expected output: "Annoying spaces"
```

Starts With/Ends with



 Use startsWith() to determine whether a string begins with the characters of a specified substring

```
let text = "My name is John";
console.log(text.startsWith('My')); // Expected output: true
```

 Use endsWith() to determine whether a string ends with the characters of a specified substring

```
let text = "My name is John";
console.log(text.endsWith('John')); // Expected output: true
```

Padding at the Start and End



Use padStart() to add to the current string another substring at the start until a length is reached

```
let text = "010";
console.log(text.padStart(8, '0')); // Expected output: 00000010
```

 Use padEnd() to add to the current string another substring at the end until a length is reached

```
let sentence = "He passed away";
console.log(sentence.padEnd(20, '.'));
// Expected output: He passed away.....
```



RegExp in JS



- In JS you construct a regular expression in one of two ways:
 - Regular Expression Literal
 - The constructor function RegExp

```
// Provides compilation when the script is loaded
let regLiteral = /[A-Za-z]+/g

// Provides runtime compilation
// Used when the pattern is from another source
let regExp = new RegExp('[A-Za-z]+', 'g');
```

Validating String by Pattern



- The method test(string)
 - Determines whether there is a match

```
let text = 'Today is 2015-05-11';
let regexp = /\d{4}-\d{2}-\d{2}/g;

let containsValidDate = regexp.test(text);
console.log(containsValidDate); // true
```

Checking for Matches



- The method match(regexp)
 - Returns an array of all matches (strings)

```
let text = 'Peter: 123 Mark: 456';
let regexp = /([A-Z][a-z]+): (\d+)/g;
let matches = text.match(regexp);
console.log(matches.length); // 2
console.log(matches[0]); // Peter: 123
console.log(matches[1]); // Mark: 456
```

Using the Exec() Method



- The method exec(string, text)
 - Works with a pointer & returns the groups

```
let text = 'Peter: 123 Mark: 456';
let regexp = /([A-Z][a-z]+): (d+)/g;
let firstMatch = regexp.exec(text);
let secondMatch = regexp.exec(text);
console.log(firstMatch[0]) // Peter: 123
console.log(firstMatch[1]); // Peter
console.log(firstMatch[2]); // 123
```

Replacing with RegExp



- The method replace(regexp, stringReplacement)
 - Replaces all strings that match the pattern with the provided replacement

```
let text = 'Peter: 123 Mark: 456';
let replacement = '999';
let regexp = /\d{3}/g;
let result = text.replace(regexp, replacement);
// Peter: 999 Mark: 999
```

MatchAll



- The method matchAll(regexp)
 - returns an iterator of all results matching a string against a regular expression, including capturing groups

```
const regexp = /t(e)(st(\d?))/g;
const str = 'test1test2';
const array = [...str.matchAll(regexp)];
console.log(array[0]);
// ['test1', 'e', 'st1', '1', index: 0, input:'test1test2', length: 4]
```

Splitting with RegExp



- The method split(regexp)
 - Splits the text by the pattern
 - Returns an array of strings

Problem: Count String Occurrences



- Receive a text and a word that you need to search
- Find the number of all occurrences of that word and print it

"This is a word and it also is a sentence",
"is"
2

Solution: Count String Occurrences



```
function solve(text, search) {
  let words = text.split(' ');
  let counter = 0;
  for (let w of words) {
    if (w === search) {
      counter++;
  console.log(counter);
```



Summary



- Array
 - Methods
- Associative Array
- Text Processing
 - Regular expressions describe patterns for searching through text.





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