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How to remove the last character of a string in Javascript

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Using slice

The most efficient way is to use the `slice(startIndex, no of items)` method of [String](#) in javascript which takes 2 parameters.

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First, the start index from where the character has to be removed and second number of items which has to be removed.

Passing -1 in the second parameter will remove the characters from the end.

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-1 for last character, -2 for last two characters and so on.

```
const str = 'prashant';  
const editedStr = str.slice(0, -1); // 'prashan'
```

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One thing you should take note of here is that, `slice` method does not mutate the original string, it returns a copy of the modified string.

Using substring.

Another way is using the `substring(start, end)` method which returns all the characters of the string between the start and the end index.

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```
const str = 'prashant';
const editedStr = str.substring(0, str.length - 1); // 'prashan'
```

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It also does not modifies the original string.

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