



Definition

The spread operator (...) in React (and JavaScript) is used to spread out elements of an iterable (like an array or object). It is commonly used for working with props, state updates, and component rendering in React.

Spread Operator with Arrays



const arr1 = [1, 2, 3]; const arr2 = [...arr1, 4, 5]; // Combines arr1 and additional values console.log(arr2); // Output: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Spread Operator with Objects



```
const obj1 = { a: 1, b: 2 };
const obj2 = { ...obj1, c: 3 }; // Adds a new
key-value pair
console.log(obj2); // Output: { a: 1, b: 2, c: 3 }
```





The spread operator is widely used to pass all properties of an object as props to a component.

```
const user = { name: 'John', age: 25 };
function UserProfile(props) {
  return <h1>{props.name} is {props.age} years old.</h1>;
}
```

<UserProfile name="John" age={25} />

Updating State with Spread Operator

Example: Adding to an Array in State

```
const [items, setItems] = React.useState([1, 2, 3]);

const addItem = () => {
   setItems([...items, 4]);
};
```

Example: Updating an Object in State

```
const [user, setUser] = React.useState({ name: 'John', age: 25 });

const updateUser = () => {
   setUser({ ...user, age: 26 });
};
```

When updating state in React, we often use the spread operator to ensure immutability (create a new object or array rather than modifying the original one).

Combining Multiple Objects



You can merge multiple objects, which is useful when combining props or configurations.

```
const defaultSettings = { theme: 'light', layout: 'grid' };
const userSettings = { layout: 'list', showSidebar: true };
const settings = { ...defaultSettings, ...userSettings };
```