

Question #1 (Hard)

Description:

Write a JavaScript function named `mergeAndFormat` that takes two parameters: an array of objects representing books, where each book has a title, author, and year properties, and a string representing a format type ("string" or "object"). The function should merge books with the same title and author but different years into a single entry. The way the books are merged should depend on the format type specified:

- If the format type is "string", the function should return an array of strings formatted as "Title by Author (Years)", where "Years" is a comma-separated list of years when the book was published.
- If the format type is "object", the function should return an array of objects, each object containing title, author, and a new property `years` which is an array of years.

Starting Code

```
function mergeAndFormat(books, format) {  
    // Your code here  
}
```

Sample Input 1

```
const books = [  
    { title: "The Great Gatsby", author: "F. Scott Fitzgerald", year: 1925 },  
    { title: "The Great Gatsby", author: "F. Scott Fitzgerald", year: 2020 },  
    { title: "1984", author: "George Orwell", year: 1949 },  
    { title: "1984", author: "George Orwell", year: 1983 }  
];  
const format = "string";  
mergeAndFormat(books, format)
```

Sample Output 1

```
[  
  "The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald (1925, 2020)",  
  "1984 by George Orwell (1949, 1983)"  
]
```

Sample Input 2

```
const books = [  
  { title: "To Kill a Mockingbird", author: "Harper Lee", year:  
1960 },  
  { title: "To Kill a Mockingbird", author: "Harper Lee", year:  
2015 },  
  { title: "Brave New World", author: "Aldous Huxley", year: 1932  
},  
  { title: "The Catcher in the Rye", author: "J.D. Salinger", year:  
1951 }  
];  
const format = "object";  
mergeAndFormat(books, format)
```

Sample Output 2

```
[  
  { title: "To Kill a Mockingbird", author: "Harper Lee", years:  
[1960, 2015] },  
  { title: "Brave New World", author: "Aldous Huxley", years:  
[1932] },  
  { title: "The Catcher in the Rye", author: "J.D. Salinger",  
years: [1951] }  
]
```