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# JavaScript Date Reference

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## **Date Object**

The Date object is used to work with dates and times.

Date objects are created with **new Date()**.

There are four ways of instantiating a date:

```
var d = new Date();
var d = new Date(milliseconds);
var d = new Date(dateString);
var d = new Date(year, month, day, hours, minutes, seconds, milliseconds);
```

For a tutorial about date and times, read our <u>JavaScript Date Tutorial</u>.

## **Date Object Properties**

Property	Description
<u>constructor</u>	Returns the function that created the Date object's prototype
prototype	Allows you to add properties and methods to an object

## **Date Object Methods**

Method	Description
getDate()	Returns the day of the month (from 1-31)
getDay()	Returns the day of the week (from 0-6)
getFullYear()	Returns the year

getHours()	Returns the hour (from 0-23)
getMilliseconds()	Returns the milliseconds (from 0-999)
<pre>getMinutes()</pre>	Returns the minutes (from 0-59)
getMonth()	Returns the month (from 0-11)
getSeconds()	Returns the seconds (from 0-59)
getTime()	Returns the number of milliseconds since midnight Jan 1 1970, and a specified date
<pre>getTimezoneOffset()</pre>	Returns the time difference between UTC time and local time, in minutes
getUTCDate()	Returns the day of the month, according to universal time (from 1-31)
getUTCDay()	Returns the day of the week, according to universal time (from 0-6)
getUTCFullYear()	Returns the year, according to universal time
getUTCHours()	Returns the hour, according to universal time (from 0-23)
getUTCMilliseconds()	Returns the milliseconds, according to universal time (from 0-999)
getUTCMinutes()	Returns the minutes, according to universal time (from 0-59)
getUTCMonth()	Returns the month, according to universal time (from 0-11)
getUTCSeconds()	Returns the seconds, according to universal time (from 0-59)

getYear()	Deprecated. Use the getFullYear() method instead
now()	Returns the number of milliseconds since midnight Jan 1, 1970
parse()	Parses a date string and returns the number of milliseconds since January 1, 1970
setDate()	Sets the day of the month of a date object
setFullYear()	Sets the year of a date object
setHours()	Sets the hour of a date object
setMilliseconds()	Sets the milliseconds of a date object
setMinutes()	Set the minutes of a date object
setMonth()	Sets the month of a date object
setSeconds()	Sets the seconds of a date object
setTime()	Sets a date to a specified number of milliseconds after/before January 1, 1970
setUTCDate()	Sets the day of the month of a date object, according to universal time
setUTCFullYear()	Sets the year of a date object, according to universal time
setUTCHours()	Sets the hour of a date object, according to universal time
setUTCMilliseconds()	Sets the milliseconds of a date object, according to universal time
setUTCMinutes()	Set the minutes of a date object, according to universal time

setUTCMonth()	Sets the month of a date object, according to universal time
setUTCSeconds()	Set the seconds of a date object, according to universal time
setYear()	Deprecated. Use the setFullYear() method instead
toDateString()	Converts the date portion of a Date object into a readable string
toGMTString()	Deprecated. Use the toUTCString() method instead
toISOString()	Returns the date as a string, using the ISO standard
toJSON()	Returns the date as a string, formatted as a JSON date
toLocaleDateString()	Returns the date portion of a Date object as a string, using locale conventions
toLocaleTimeString()	Returns the time portion of a Date object as a string, using locale conventions
toLocaleString()	Converts a Date object to a string, using locale conventions
toString()	Converts a Date object to a string
toTimeString()	Converts the time portion of a Date object to a string
toUTCString()	Converts a Date object to a string, according to universal time
UTC()	Returns the number of milliseconds in a date since midnight of January 1, 1970, according to UTC time
valueOf()	Returns the primitive value of a Date object

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