**indexOf() method**

* The indexOf() method returns the first index (position) of a specified value.
* The indexOf() method returns -1 if the value is not found.
* The indexOf() method starts at a specified index and searches from left to right.
* By default the search starts at the first element and ends at the last.
* Negative start values counts from the last element (but still searches from left to right).

**syntax**

array.indexOf(item, start)

**Parameters**

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| **Parameter** | **Description** |
| **item** | Required. The value to search for. |
| **start** | Optional. Start position. Default is 0. |

**Return Value**

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| **Type** | **Description** |
| **A number** | The index (position) of the first item found. -1 if the item is not found. |

**Example 1**

<p>Search for "Apple", starting at position 3:</p>

<script>

const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango", "Apple"];

let index = fruits.indexOf("Apple", 3);

document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = index;

</script>

**Output:** 4

**Example 2**

<script>

const fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];

let index = fruits.indexOf("Apple");

document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = index;

</script>

**Output:** 2