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JavaScript shift() Method

JavaScript Array Object

Definition and Usage

The shift() method removes the first element of an array, and returns that element.

Note: This method changes the length of an array!

Syntax

```
array.shift()
```

Browser Support

The shift() method is supported in all major browsers.

Tips and Notes

Tip: To remove the last element of an array, use the pop() method.

Example

Example

Remove the first element of an array (this will also change the length of the array):

```
<script type="text/javascript">

var fruits = ["Banana", "Orange", "Apple", "Mango"];
document.write(fruits.shift() + "<br />");
document.write(fruits + "<br />");
document.write(fruits.shift() + "<br />");
document.write(fruits);

</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

```
Banana
Orange,Apple,Mango
Orange
Apple,Mango
```

Try it yourself »

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