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# JS & DOM Reference JavaScript search() Method



# Definition and Usage

The search() method searches for a match between a regular expression and a string.

This method returns the position of the match, or -1 if no match is found.

# Syntax

string.search(regexp)

Parameter	Description
regexp	Required. A regular expression. Read more about the ReqExp object

# **Browser Support**











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

## Examples

### Example 1

Perform a case-sensitive search:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
var str="Visit W3Schools!";
document.write(str.search("W3SCHOOLS"));
</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

-1

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#### Example 2

Perform a case-insensitive search:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
var str="Visit W3Schools!";
document.write(str.search(/w3schools/i));
</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

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