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JS & DOM Reference JavaScript substr() Method

JavaScript String Object

Definition and Usage

The substr() method extracts the characters from a string, beginning at "start" and through the specified number of character, and returns the new sub string.

Syntax

string.substr(start,length)

Parameter	Description
start	Required. The index where to start the extraction. First character is at index 0
length	Optional. The number of characters to extract. If omitted, it extracts the rest of the string

Browser Support









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

Tips and Notes

Tip: To extract characters from the end of the string, use a negative start number (This does not work in IE).

Example

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Extract characters from a string:

<script type="text/javascript"> var str="Hello world!"; document.write(str.substr(3)+"
");

</script>

The output of the code above will be:

document.write(str.substr(3,4));

lo world! lo w

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