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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
```

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