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# JS & DOM Reference JavaScript parse() Method

# 35 JavaScript Date Object

# Definition and Usage

The parse() method parses a date string and returns the number of milliseconds between the date string and midnight of January 1, 1970.

## Syntax

Date.parse(datestring)

Parameter	Description
datestring	Required. A string representing a date

### **Browser Support**









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

# Examples

### Example 1

Return the number of milliseconds from January 1, 1970 to July 8, 2005:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
var d = Date.parse("Jul 8, 2005");
document.write(d);
</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

1120773600000

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Convert example 1 into years:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
var t=Date.parse("Jul 8, 2005");
var minutes=1000*60;
var hours=minutes*60;
var days=hours*24;
var years=days*365;
var y=t/years;
document.write("It's been: " + y + " years from Jan 1, 1970");
document.write(" to Jul 8, 2005.");
</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

It's been: 35.53949771689498 years from Jan 1, 1970 to Jul 8, 2005.

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