



Strings and its properties





Strings:

In JavaScript, the string is a primitive data type that represents a sequence of characters. It is used to store and manipulate textual data. Strings are immutable, which means they cannot be changed once they are created. However, you can perform various operations on strings to create new strings or extract information from existing strings.



```
var str = "Hello World";  
str[0]="h";  
console.log(str); // will be "Hello World"
```



In JavaScript, strings can be created using single quotes ('), double quotes ("), or backticks (`). Here are some examples of string literals:

```
let str1 = 'Hello';           // Using single quotes
let str2 = "World";           // Using double quotes
let str3 = `JavaScript`;      // Using backticks
```

Strings in JavaScript have many built-in properties and methods that allow you to manipulate and work with them. Some commonly used string methods include `charAt`, `substring`, `toUpperCase`, `toLowerCase`, `split`, `concat`, and `replace`, among others.



charAt()

In JavaScript, the `charAt()` method is used to retrieve the character at a specific index within a string. It returns the character at the specified index as a new string.

Here's the syntax of the `charAt()` method:



```
string.charAt(index)
```

Here's an example that demonstrates the usage of `charAt()`:



```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
console.log(str.charAt(0)); // Output: "H"  
console.log(str.charAt(7)); // Output: "W"  
console.log(str.charAt(13)); // Output: "d"  
console.log(str.charAt(20)); // Output: ""
```



String search

The `search()` method searches a string for a specified value and returns the index of the first occurrence of the value, or `-1` if the value is not found.



```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
let searchString = 'World';  
let index = str.search(searchString);  
console.log(index); // Output: 7
```



String literals

In JavaScript, string literals are sequences of characters enclosed in single quotes (') or double quotes ("). String literals are used to represent text and can contain any combination of letters, numbers, symbols, and whitespace.



```
let str1 = 'Hello, World!';  
let str2 = "JavaScript is awesome."  
let str3 = '12345';  
let str4 = "Special characters: !@#$%^&*()";  
let str5 = "Whitespace characters: \t\t\n";
```



JavaScript provides template literals (also known as template strings), which are enclosed in backticks (`). Template literals allow for embedded expressions using `\${}` that are evaluated and replaced with their corresponding values. This provides a more convenient way to create strings with dynamic content. For example:

```
const name = "John";  
const age = 30;  
  
const templateString = `My name is ${name} and I am  
${age} years old.`;  
// Result: "My name is John and I am 30 years old."
```



Slice() , substring() and substr()

In JavaScript, there are several methods available to extract parts of a string: `slice()`, `substring()`, and `substr()`. These methods are used to retrieve substrings from a given string based on specified start and end positions or lengths. Here's a brief explanation of each method:



1) slice(startIndex, endIndex):

Extracts a portion of a string and returns a new string.

The startIndex is inclusive, and the endIndex is exclusive (up to, but not including).

If the endIndex is omitted, the slice extends to the end of the string.

Negative values for startIndex and endIndex are treated as offsets from the end of the string.

Example usage:



```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
let sliced = str.slice(7, 12); // "World"
```



2) `substring(startIndex, endIndex)`:

Extracts a portion of a string and returns a new string.

The `startIndex` is inclusive, and the `endIndex` is exclusive (up to, but not including).

If the `endIndex` is omitted, the substring extends to the end of the string.

Negative values for `startIndex` and `endIndex` are treated as 0.

Example usage:



```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
let sub = str.substring(7, 12); // "World"
```



3) substr(startIndex, length):

Extracts a specified number of characters from a string, starting at the specified index, and returns a new string.

The `startIndex` is the starting index for the extraction.

The `length` is the number of characters to extract.

If the `length` is omitted, `substr` extracts characters to the end of the string.

Negative values for `startIndex` are treated as offsets from the end of the string.

Example usage:

```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
let substr = str.substr(7, 5); // "World"
```



It's important to note that `slice()`, `substring()`, and `substr()` all return a new string without modifying the original string. These methods provide flexibility when working with strings and allow you to extract substrings based on different requirements.



StartsWith()

The `startsWith()` method is a built-in JavaScript string method that allows you to check if a string starts with a specified substring. It returns a boolean value indicating whether the string begins with the specified characters.

The syntax of the `startsWith()` method is as follows:



```
string.startsWith(searchString[, position])
```

searchString: This parameter specifies the substring to search for at the beginning of the string.

position (optional): This parameter denotes the position within the string at which to start the search. If omitted, the default value is 0.



The `startsWith()` method performs a case-sensitive comparison. It returns `true` if the string starts with the specified substring, and `false` otherwise.

Here are a few examples to illustrate the usage of `startsWith()`:

```
let str = 'Hello, world!';

console.log(str.startsWith('Hello')); // true
console.log(str.startsWith('Hello, ')); // true
console.log(str.startsWith('hello')); // false (case-sensitive)
console.log(str.startsWith('world', 7)); // true
(start searching from position 7)
```



toUpperCase() and toLowerCase()

1) toUpperCase():

The toUpperCase() method is used to convert all characters in a string to uppercase.

It does not modify the original string, but instead returns a new string with all uppercase characters.

Syntax: string.toUpperCase()

Example:



```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
let upperCaseStr = str.toUpperCase();  
console.log(upperCaseStr); // Output: "HELLO, WORLD!"
```



2) toLowerCase():

The toLowerCase() method is used to convert all characters in a string to lowercase.

Like toUpperCase(), it also returns a new string with all lowercase characters and does not modify the original string.

Syntax: string.toLowerCase()

Example:



```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
let lowerCaseStr = str.toLowerCase();  
console.log(lowerCaseStr); // Output: "hello, world!"
```




replace()

In JavaScript, the `replace()` method is used to replace occurrences of a specified substring or pattern within a string with a new substring. It returns a new string with the replacements made, while the original string remains unchanged.



```
let str = 'Hello, World!';  
let newStr = str.replace('Hello', 'Hi');  
console.log(newStr); // Output: "Hi, World!"
```

we replace the substring "Hello" with "Hi" in the string `str` using the `replace()` method. The resulting string is stored in the `newStr` variable



concat()

In JavaScript, the `concat()` method is used to combine two or more strings and return a new concatenated string. This method does not modify the original strings but instead creates a new string that contains the concatenated values. It is particularly useful when you want to combine multiple strings without altering the originals.

Here's the syntax of the `concat()` method:

```
const newString = string1.concat(string2, string3,  
..., stringN);
```



Example:

```
const firstName = "John";  
const lastName = "Doe";  
  
const fullName = firstName.concat(" ", lastName);  
console.log(fullName); // Output: "John Doe"
```

trim()

In JavaScript, the `trim()` method is used to remove leading and trailing whitespace (spaces, tabs, and newline characters) from a string. It does not modify the original string but instead returns a new string with the whitespace removed.



Here's the syntax of the trim() method:



```
const trimmedString = originalString.trim();
```

Example:



```
const textWithWhitespace = "  Hello, world!  ";  
const trimmedText = textWithWhitespace.trim();  
console.log(trimmedText); // Output: "Hello, world!"
```



IndexOf()

In JavaScript, the `indexOf()` method is used to find the index of the first occurrence of a specified value within a string. If the value is found, the method returns the index (a non-negative integer). If the value is not found, the method returns `-1`.

Here's the syntax of the `indexOf()` method:



```
const index = originalString.indexOf(searchValue);
```



Example:



```
const sentence = "The quick brown fox jumps over the  
lazy dog.";
```

```
const index1 = sentence.indexOf("quick");  
console.log(index1); // Output: 4
```

```
const index2 = sentence.indexOf("cat");  
console.log(index2); // Output: -1 (not found)
```