// Removes an item from a given array

function removeArrayItem(arr, item) {

var i = 0;

while (i < arr.length) {

if (arr[i] == item) {

arr.splice(i, 1);

} else {

i++;

}

}

};

// Does a given array contain an item

function contains(a, obj) {

var i = a.length;

while (i--) {

if (a[i] === obj) {

return true;

}

}

return false;

};

// The index of an item - Javascript 1.6+

['glenn','john'].indexOf('john') returns 2