

JavaScript Array Notes along with **examples** to explain the key concepts.

1. Creating an Array

Arrays in JavaScript can be created in multiple ways:

- **Using array literal syntax:**

```
javascript
Copy code
let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
```

- **Using the `Array` constructor:**

```
javascript
Copy code
let numbers = new Array(1, 2, 3);
console.log(numbers); // [1, 2, 3]
```

- **Creating an empty array:**

```
javascript
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let emptyArray = [];
console.log(emptyArray); // []
```

2. Accessing Array Elements

Arrays are **zero-indexed**, meaning the first element has an index of 0.

- **Accessing an element by its index:**

```
javascript
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let colors = ["red", "green", "blue"];
console.log(colors[0]); // "red"
console.log(colors[2]); // "blue"
```

- **Accessing the last element:**

You can use the `length` property to get the last element:

```
javascript
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let animals = ["dog", "cat", "elephant"];
console.log(animals[animals.length - 1]); // "elephant"
```

3. Modifying Array Elements

You can change the value of an element in an array by directly assigning a new value to its index.

```
javascript
Copy code
let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
fruits[1] = "blueberry"; // Modify the second element
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "blueberry", "cherry"]
```

4. Array Methods

- **push ()** - Adds an element to the end of the array.

```
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let fruits = ["apple", "banana"];
fruits.push("cherry");
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
```

- **pop ()** - Removes the last element from the array and returns it.

```
javascript
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let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
let lastFruit = fruits.pop();
console.log(lastFruit); // "cherry"
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "banana"]
```

- **shift ()** - Removes the first element from the array and returns it.

```
javascript
Copy code
let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
let firstFruit = fruits.shift();
console.log(firstFruit); // "apple"
console.log(fruits); // ["banana", "cherry"]
```

- **unshift ()** - Adds one or more elements to the beginning of the array.

```
javascript
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let fruits = ["banana", "cherry"];
fruits.unshift("apple");
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
```

- **concat ()** - Combines two or more arrays.

```
javascript
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let fruits = ["apple", "banana"];
let moreFruits = ["cherry", "date"];
let combinedFruits = fruits.concat(moreFruits);
```

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console.log(combinedFruits); // ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"]
```

- **slice()** - Returns a shallow copy of a portion of an array into a new array object.

```
javascript  
Copy code  
let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"];  
let slicedFruits = fruits.slice(1, 3);  
console.log(slicedFruits); // ["banana", "cherry"]
```

- **splice()** - Changes the contents of an array by removing or replacing existing elements.

```
javascript  
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let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"];  
fruits.splice(1, 2, "blueberry", "grape");  
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "blueberry", "grape", "date"]
```

5. Array Iteration

- **Using for loop:**

```
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let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];  
for (let i = 0; i < fruits.length; i++) {  
  console.log(fruits[i]);  
}  
// Output: apple, banana, cherry
```

- **Using forEach()** (higher-order function):

```
javascript  
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let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];  
fruits.forEach(function(fruit, index) {  
  console.log(index, fruit);  
});  
// Output: 0 apple  
//          1 banana  
//          2 cherry
```

- **Using map()** (returns a new array with the result of the function applied to each element):

```
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let numbers = [1, 2, 3];  
let doubled = numbers.map(function(num) {  
  return num * 2;  
});  
console.log(doubled); // [2, 4, 6]
```

- Using `filter()` (returns a new array with elements that pass the test):

```
javascript
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let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
let evenNumbers = numbers.filter(function(num) {
  return num % 2 === 0;
});
console.log(evenNumbers); // [2, 4]
```

6. Array Properties

- `length` - Returns the number of elements in the array.

```
javascript
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let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
console.log(fruits.length); // 3
```

- `indexOf()` - Returns the first index of the element in the array, or -1 if not found.

```
javascript
Copy code
let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
console.log(fruits.indexOf("banana")); // 1
console.log(fruits.indexOf("orange")); // -1
```

- `includes()` - Returns `true` if the array contains the specified element, otherwise `false`.

```
javascript
Copy code
let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"];
console.log(fruits.includes("banana")); // true
console.log(fruits.includes("orange")); // false
```

7. Multi-Dimensional Arrays

Arrays can contain other arrays, creating multi-dimensional arrays (arrays of arrays).

```
javascript
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let matrix = [
  [1, 2, 3],
  [4, 5, 6],
  [7, 8, 9]
];

console.log(matrix[0][1]); // 2 (Accessing element in the first row, second column)
```

8. Array Destructuring

You can extract values from arrays using destructuring syntax.

```
javascript
Copy code
let colors = ["red", "green", "blue"];
let [first, second, third] = colors;

console.log(first); // "red"
console.log(second); // "green"
console.log(third); // "blue"
```

9. Flattening an Array

To flatten a nested array (e.g., array of arrays) into a single array, you can use `flat()`.

```
javascript
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let nestedArray = [1, [2, 3], [4, 5]];
let flatArray = nestedArray.flat();
console.log(flatArray); // [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

10. Array Searching

- **`find()`** - Returns the first element that satisfies the provided testing function.

```
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let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
let found = numbers.find(num => num > 3);
console.log(found); // 4
```

- **`findIndex()`** - Returns the index of the first element that satisfies the provided testing function.

```
javascript
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let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
let index = numbers.findIndex(num => num > 3);
console.log(index); // 3 (The index of the first number greater than 3)
```

These are some of the essential notes and examples to understand **arrays in JavaScript**. Arrays are versatile data structures in JavaScript, and mastering these methods and properties is crucial for handling collections of data effectively.

Here's an example of a JavaScript array along with an explanation of how it works:

Example Code:

```
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// Create an array containing various types of elements
let fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", 42, true, null];

// Access elements in the array using index
console.log(fruits[0]); // "apple"
console.log(fruits[3]); // 42

// Modify an element in the array
fruits[1] = "blueberry";
console.log(fruits[1]); // "blueberry"

// Add a new element to the end of the array
fruits.push("orange");
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "blueberry", "cherry", 42, true, null,
"orange"]

// Remove the last element from the array
let lastElement = fruits.pop();
console.log(lastElement); // "orange"
console.log(fruits); // ["apple", "blueberry", "cherry", 42, true, null]

// Get the length of the array
console.log(fruits.length); // 6

// Iterate over the array using a loop
for (let i = 0; i < fruits.length; i++) {
  console.log(fruits[i]);
}

```

Explanation:

1. Array Definition:

- In JavaScript, an array is a collection of elements, which can be of different data types (e.g., strings, numbers, booleans, or even other arrays and objects).
- In the example, the array `fruits` contains a mix of strings ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "blueberry", "orange"), a number (42), a boolean (`true`), and a `null` value.
- Arrays are ordered, meaning each element has an index (starting from 0) that can be used to access or modify the element.

2. Accessing Elements:

- You access array elements by their index, for example, `fruits[0]` accesses the first element "apple". Similarly, `fruits[3]` gives you the value 42.

3. Modifying Elements:

- You can modify an element at a specific index by directly assigning a new value to it. For example, `fruits[1] = "blueberry";` changes the second element from "banana" to "blueberry".

4. Adding/Removing Elements:

- The `push()` method adds a new element to the end of the array. In the example, `fruits.push("orange")` adds "orange" to the array.

- The `pop()` method removes the last element from the array and returns it. Here, `fruits.pop()` removes "orange".
- 5. Array Length:**
- The `length` property of an array returns the number of elements in the array. In this case, `fruits.length` returns 6, as there are six elements in the `fruits` array.
- 6. Iterating Over Arrays:**
- You can loop through the elements of an array using a `for` loop. The `for` loop in this example prints each element of the array on a new line.

Output of the above code:

```
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apple
42
blueberry
["apple", "blueberry", "cherry", 42, true, null, "orange"]
orange
["apple", "blueberry", "cherry", 42, true, null]
6
apple
blueberry
cherry
42
true
null
```

This code demonstrates basic operations you can perform on arrays in JavaScript. You can add, remove, modify, and access elements, as well as loop through the array.