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A yellow square containing the letters "JS" in a bold, dark grey, sans-serif font, representing JavaScript.

In most cases, you will want to format numbers in [JavaScript](#) with commas, especially when the numbers are large.

Reading large numbers is a lot easier when there are commas in them.

In this post, we'll learn how to format numbers in JavaScript with commas.

toLocaleString()

The best way to format numbers in JavaScript is to use the `toLocaleString()` method. This method exists on the `Number` object and will return a string with the number formatted with commas.

If you live in the US, you can pass the method a locale string of `en-US` to format the number with commas.

Let's look at how to format a number with commas in JavaScript:

```
const number = 123456789;

const formattedNumber = number.toLocaleString("en-US");

console.log(formattedNumber); // 1,234,567,890
```

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It even works for floating point numbers:

```
const number = 12345.6789;

const formattedNumber = number.toLocaleString("en-US");

console.log(formattedNumber); // 12,345.679
```

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The great thing about using `toLocaleString()` is that it will work for any locale. If you want to format a number with periods like in Germany, you can pass the method a locale string of `de-DE` to format the number with periods.

Here's an example of that:

```
const number = 123456789;  
  
const formattedNumber = number.toLocaleString("de-DE");  
  
console.log(formattedNumber); // 123.456.789
```

How cool is that? Now you can format numbers in JavaScript with commas or periods, depending on the locale.

Conclusion

In this post, we took a look at how to format numbers in JavaScript with commas. We also looked at how to format numbers with periods, by simply passing the `toLocaleString()` method a different locale string.

Hopefully, this has helped you understand how to format numbers in JavaScript.

Thanks for reading!



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