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 2 of 2 **verb**

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concatenated; concatenating*transitive verb*

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... a theory is useful to *concatenate* facts ...

— John Pinkerton



Concatenate is a fancy word for a simple thing: it means “to link together in a series or chain.” It’s Latin in origin, formed from a word combining *con-*, meaning “with” or “together,” and *catena*, meaning “chain.” (The word *chain* is also linked directly to *catena*.) *Concatenate* can also function in English as an adjective meaning “linked together,” as in “concatenate strings of characters,” but it’s rare beyond technology contexts. More common than either *concatenate* is the noun *concatenation*, used for



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the movie actually ***concatenates*** into one extended narrative several episodes from various books in the series

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During the check, the implementation executes a command to **concatenate** it with the email domain, without any checks for malicious characters that may be contained in it.

– Dan Goodin, *Ars Technica*, 1 July 2024

The vehicle utilizes its unique roll mechanism design together with the switching control strategy to **concatenate** a series of steady wings-level and turning flights and accomplish behaviors comparable to air gliders.

– *IEEE Spectrum*, 8 Feb. 2019

Most importantly, smell matters because all our senses **concatenate** and build on each other.

– *Wired*, 2 Aug. 2022

Etymology

Adjective and Verb

Middle English, from Late Latin *concatenatus*, past participle of *concatenare* to link together, from Latin *com-* + *catena* chain

First Known Use

Adjective

15th century, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Verb

1598, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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