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pH of Strong Acids

1. 0.5M HBr

a. Write the hydrolysis reaction and create an ISE table.

|          |                             |  |
|----------|-----------------------------|--|
|          | <b>HBr + H<sub>2</sub>O</b> | <b>H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> + Br<sup>-</sup></b> |
| <b>I</b> | <b>0.5</b>                  |  |
| <b>S</b> | <b>-0.5</b>                 | <b>+0.5 +0.5</b>                                   |
| <b>E</b> | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0.5 0.5</b>                                     |

b. What is the concentration of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ions at the end?

**0.5M H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>**

c. What is the pH of the solution?

**pH = -log[0.5] = 0.301**

2. 0.1M HCl

a. Write the hydrolysis reaction and create an ISE table.

|          |                             |  |
|----------|-----------------------------|--|
|          | <b>HCl + H<sub>2</sub>O</b> | <b>→ H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> + Cl<sup>-</sup></b> |
| <b>I</b> | <b>0.1</b>                  |  |
| <b>S</b> | <b>-0.1</b>                 | <b>+0.1 +0.1</b>                                     |
| <b>E</b> | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0.1 0.1</b>                                       |

b. What is the concentration of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ions at the end?

**0.1M**

c. What is the pH of the solution?

**pH=1**

3. 0.001M HX (strong acid)

a. Write the hydrolysis reaction and create an ISE table.

|          |                            |   |
|----------|----------------------------|---|
|          | <b>HX + H<sub>2</sub>O</b> | <b>→ H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> + X<sup>-</sup></b> |
| <b>I</b> | <b>0.001</b>               |   |
| <b>S</b> | <b>-0.001</b>              | <b>+0.001 +0.001</b>                                |
| <b>E</b> |                            | <b>0.001 0.001</b>                                  |

b. What is the concentration of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ions at the end?

**0.001M**

c. What is the pH of the solution?

**pH = -log[0.001] = 3**