

TOPIC: JavaScript Data Types (Internal + Memory Model)

NOTE 1: JavaScript is dynamically typed

- Variables do **not** have fixed types
- **Values** have types
- Type is decided **at runtime**, not compile time

CODE 1: Dynamic typing

```
js

let x = 10;    // number
x = "hello";  // string
x = true;     // boolean
```

NOTE 2: JavaScript type categories (core model)

JavaScript types are divided into **two internal categories**:

1. **Primitive types** → stored by value
2. **Non-primitive types (Objects)** → stored by reference

This division is **fundamental to memory behavior**.

NOTE 3: Primitive data types (7 total)

Primitive types are:

1. Number
2. String
3. Boolean
4. Undefined
5. Null
6. BigInt
7. Symbol

Properties of primitives:

- Immutable
- Stored directly in stack
- Compared by value

CODE 2: Primitive examples

```
js
```

```
let n = 10;      // Number
let s = "JS";    // String
let b = true;    // Boolean
let u;          // Undefined
let z = null;   // Null
let big = 123n; // BigInt
let sym = Symbol(); // Symbol
```

■ NOTE 4: Number (internal details)

- JavaScript has **only one numeric type**
- No int / float separation
- Uses **IEEE-754 floating-point**

This explains precision issues.

■ CODE 3: Number quirks

```
js

0.1 + 0.2;    // 0.30000000000000004
typeof NaN;   // "number"
```

■ NOTE 5: String (immutability)

- Strings are immutable
- Any “change” creates a **new string in memory**

■ CODE 4: String immutability

```
js

let s = "Hi";
s[0] = "h";    // no effect
s = s + " JS"; // new string created
```

■ NOTE 6: Boolean

- Only two values: `true`, `false`
- Extensively used in control flow
- Result of comparisons and logical operations

■ CODE 5: Boolean usage

```
js

let isLoggedIn = true;
```

```
let result = 10 > 5; // true
```

■ NOTE 7: Undefined

- Means: declared but **not initialized**
- Automatically assigned by JS engine

■ CODE 6: Undefined example

js

```
let a;  
console.log(a); // undefined
```

■ NOTE 8: Null (intentional absence)

- `null` means “no value intentionally”
- Used by developers, not engine

⚠ Historical bug:

```
typeof null === "object"
```

■ CODE 7: Null quirks

js

```
let x = null;  
typeof x; // "object" (bug)
```

■ NOTE 9: BigInt

- Used for very large integers
- Ends with `n`
- Cannot mix with Number directly

■ CODE 8: BigInt rules

js

```
let big = 1000000000000000000n;  
// big + 10; // TypeError  
big + 10n; // OK
```

■ NOTE 10: Symbol

- Always unique
- Used as object keys
- Prevents naming collisions

■ CODE 9: Symbol uniqueness

js

```
let a = Symbol("id");
let b = Symbol("id");

a === b; // false
```

NOTE 11: Non-primitive type (Object)

- Objects include:
 - Object
 - Array
 - Function
 - Date, Map, Set, etc.
- Stored in **heap**
- Variables store **reference (address)**

CODE 10: Object reference behavior

js

```
let obj1 = { x: 10 };
let obj2 = obj1;

obj2.x = 20;
console.log(obj1.x); // 20
```

NOTE 12: Primitive vs Object (core difference)

Aspect	Primitive	Object
Storage	Stack	Heap
Copy	Value	Reference
Mutability	Immutable	Mutable
Comparison	By value	By reference

CODE 11: Comparison difference

js

```
let a = 10;
let b = 10;
```

```
a === b; // true
```

```
let o1 = {};  
let o2 = {};  
o1 === o2; // false
```

■ NOTE 13: `typeof` operator (important)

- Returns type as string
- Has known edge cases

■ CODE 12: `typeof` results

js

```
typeof 10;      // "number"  
typeof "hi";    // "string"  
typeof true;    // "boolean"  
typeof undefined; // "undefined"  
typeof null;    // "object" (bug)  
typeof {};      // "object"  
typeof [];      // "object"  
typeof function(){}; // "function"
```

■ NOTE 14: Why arrays are objects

- Arrays are specialized objects
- Indexed keys + length property
- Stored in heap

■ CODE 13: Array proof

js

```
Array.isArray([]); // true  
typeof [];       // "object"
```

■ NOTE 15: Memory mental model (important)

- Primitive → value copied
- Object → reference copied
- Explains side effects and bugs

■ FINAL MENTAL MODEL

- JS is dynamically typed
- Primitives = value semantics
- Objects = reference semantics

- `typeof null` is a bug
- Arrays & functions are objects

 **STOP HERE**

Next **logical continuation** (same format, recommended order):

- 1** Type Conversion & Coercion (VERY important)
- 2** Truthy / Falsy values
- 3** Comparison operators (`==` vs `===`)
- 4** Control flow (`if`, `switch`)

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