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Oh JavaScript!

The Weird Parts



JavaScript Mastery



1. Zero and Empty String



```
0 == false // true  
'' == false // true
```

Why does **0 == false** in JavaScript? It's due to **implicit type coercion** which happens when the loose equality operator (**==**) is used.

In the above example, **false** is coerced to **0**. So, since **0 is equal to 0**, the comparison returns **true**!

An **empty string** (") behaves similarly.

2. Null



```
null <= 0 // true  
null >= 0 // true
```

In Javascript, when the comparison operators such as '**>=, =, <, >, <**' are used, **null** is treated as **zero**.

So, the above examples are true.



```
0 <= 0 // true  
0 >= 0 // true
```

3. NaN



```
NaN === NaN // false
```

The NaN global property in JavaScript is a value representing **Not-A-Number**.

It represents the result of an operation that does not produce a **well-defined numerical result**.

It's behavior can be confusing as it is **not equal to any other value in JavaScript, including itself**.

4. Objects



```
let obj1 = { name: "Sarah", age: 30 }  
let obj2 = { name: "Sarah", age: 30 }  
obj1 == obj2 // false  
obj1 === obj2 // false
```

Even though **obj1** and **obj2** have the same **structure** and **content**, they are two separate objects **stored in different locations in memory**.

Primitive values like numbers, strings, and booleans are compared by **value**, whereas objects are compared by **reference**.

5. Subtraction of Strings



```
'ab' + 'cd' // 'abcd'  
'ab' - 'cd' // NaN
```

In JavaScript, when we add two strings, they get **concatenated** to form a single string.

But when we try to subtract one string from another, JavaScript attempts to **convert those strings to numbers**.

If either string cannot be converted to a number, **the result is NaN**.

6. Logical Operators



```
true || 'hello' // true  
true && 'hello' // 'hello'
```

Logical operators in JavaScript can be tricky 😊

The logical OR (||) operator returns the first truthy value it encounters **or the last value if none are truthy.**

The logical AND (&&) operator returns the first falsy value it encounters **or the last value if none are falsy.**

7. Arrays and Loose Equality



```
Array(3) == ",," // true
```

The above code may look a little strange, but let's break it down!

Array(3) in JavaScript creates a new array with a length of 3, but **without initializing the elements**.

This means it will look like this:



```
[undefined, undefined, undefined]
```


7. Arrays and Loose Equality

Now, we know that when **comparing values of different types using ==**, JavaScript attempts to convert the operands to a **common type** before making the comparison.

In this case, the array [**undefined, undefined, undefined**] is coerced to a **string** where the words 'undefined' are removed, leaving only the commas – **",,"** – which means that our comparison is indeed **true!**

Do you know of any other 'weird parts' of JavaScript? We'd love to hear them! 🔥