

Data Types in Javascript :

Following are the 7 primitive data types in javascript:

Numbers

BigInt

String

Boolean

Undefined

Null

Array

Object

Symbol

Javascript Dynamic Typing:

```
var variable = "Hello World!";
```

```
//lets print the data type of this variable  
console.log(typeof(variable)); //this will print 'string'
```

```
//Now let's update the value to a number  
variable = 2; //By this line, we update the value of variable to 2
```

```
//Now let's print the data type of updated variable  
console.log(typeof(variable)); //This will print: 'number', since 2 is a number
```

*We can put any type in a variable.

For example, a variable can at one moment be a string and then store a number:

```
// no error  
let message = "hello";  
message = 123456;
```

Number:

```
let n = 123;  
n = 12.345;
```

==>The number type represents both integer and floating point numbers.

=>There are many operations for numbers,

e.g. multiplication *, division /, addition +, subtraction -, and so on.

=>Besides regular numbers, there are so-called “special numeric values” which also belong to this data type:

Infinity, -Infinity and NaN.

=>Infinity represents the mathematical Infinity ∞ .

It is a special value that's greater than any number.

```
ex: alert( 1 / 0 ); // Infinity
ex: alert( Infinity ); // Infinity
ex: alert( "not a number" / 2 ); // NaN, such division is erroneous
```

NaN is sticky. Any further mathematical operation on NaN returns NaN:

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alert( NaN + 1 ); // NaN
alert( 3 * NaN ); // NaN
alert( "not a number" / 2 - 1 ); // NaN
```

BigInt:

*In JavaScript, the “number” type cannot safely represent integer values larger than (253-1) (that’s 9007199254740991), or less than -(253-1) for negatives.
*number” type can store larger integers (up to 1.7976931348623157 * 10308)

ex:

```
console.log(9007199254740991 + 1); // 9007199254740992
console.log(9007199254740991 + 2); // 9007199254740992
```

*So to say, all odd integers greater than (253-1) can’t be stored at all in the “number” type.

*BigInt type was recently added to the language to represent integers of arbitrary length.

A BigInt value is created by appending n to the end of an integer:

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ex:

```
// the "n" at the end means it's a BigInt
const bigInt = 1234567890123456789012345678901234567890n;
```

=>As BigInt numbers are rarely needed, we don’t cover them here,
but devoted them a separate chapter BigInt. Read it when you need such big numbers.

String:

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A string in JavaScript must be surrounded by quotes.

```
let str = "Hello";
let str2 = 'Single quotes are ok too';
let phrase = `can embed another ${str}`;
In JavaScript, there are 3 types of quotes.
```

Double quotes: "Hello".

Single quotes: 'Hello'.

Backticks: `Hello`.

=>Double and single quotes are “simple” quotes.

There's practically no difference between them in JavaScript.

Boolean (logical type):

The boolean type has only two values: true and false.

This type is commonly used to store yes/no values: true means "yes, correct", and false means "no, incorrect".

For instance:

let nameFieldChecked = true; // yes, name field is checked
let ageFieldChecked = false; // no, age field is not checked

eg:

let isGreater = 4 > 1;

alert(isGreater); // true (the comparison result is "yes")

Null:

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*The special null value does not belong to any of the types described above.

*It forms a separate type of its own which contains only the null value:

eg:

let age = null;

*In JavaScript, null is not a "reference to a non-existing object" or a "null pointer" like in some other languages.

*It's just a special value which represents "nothing", "empty" or "value unknown".

*The code above states that age is unknown.

undefined:

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=>The special value undefined also stands apart. It makes a type of its own, just like null.

=>The meaning of undefined is "value is not assigned".

=>If a variable is declared, but not assigned, then its value is undefined:

eg:

let age;

alert(age); // shows "undefined"

Technically, it is possible to explicitly assign undefined to a variable:

```
let age = 100;
```

```
// change the value to undefined  
age = undefined;
```

```
alert(age); // "undefined"
```

=> Normally,
one uses null to assign an “empty” or “unknown” value to a variable,
while undefined is reserved as a default initial value for unassigned things.

JavaScript typeof operator:

```
console.log(typeof 10); // 'number'  
console.log(typeof 'Hello'); // 'string'  
console.log(typeof []); // 'object'
```

```
console.log(typeof null); // 'object'  
console.log(typeof undefined); // 'undefined'  
console.log(typeof function(){}); // 'function'
```

===>

number: for numbers of any kind: integer or floating-point, integers are limited by $\pm(2^{53}-1)$.

bigint: for integer numbers of arbitrary length.

string: for strings. A string may have zero or more characters, there's no separate single-character type.

boolean :for true/false.

null: for unknown values – a standalone type that has a single value null.

undefined: for unassigned values – a standalone type that has a single value undefined.

symbol: for unique identifiers.

And one non-primitive data type:

object for more complex data structures