

Mistakes

Overview

This module covers some basic and common mistakes that most programmers make in their early stages of programming.

Using Assignment Operator

It is a common mistake of using an **assignment operator**(`=`) in place of the **comparison operator**(`==` / `===`) that gives unexpected results

```
Example : let temp = 5 ;  
          if( temp = 6 ) {  
            console.log("true");  
          }else{  
            console.log("false");  
          }
```

Expected output: false

Current output: true

0 - > false

Else all values except 0 - > true

Confusing Addition & Concatenation

Addition: Adding numbers

Concatenation: Adding strings

Both operations use the same `+` operator.

Because of this, adding a number as a number will produce a different result from adding a number as a string.

Example :

```
let x = 2 ;  
let y = 3 ;  
let z = x + y ;    // z = 5  
  
let x = 2 ;  
let y = "3" ;  
let z = x + y ;    // z = "23"(String)
```

Mistake with Floats

Number with decimals are called floating values or floats

All numbers in JavaScript are stored as **64-bits Floating point numbers** (Floats).

All programming languages, including JavaScript, have difficulties with precise floating-point values:

Example :

```
let x = 0.1 ;  
let y = 0.2 ;  
console.log( x + y ) ;
```

Output : 0.30000000000000004

Solution :

```
let z = (x * 10 + y * 10) / 10 ;  
console.log( z ) ;
```

Output : 0.3

Misplacing Semicolon

Because of a misplaced semicolon, this code block will execute regardless of the value of x

```
let x = 10 ;  
if (x == 20) ;  
{  
    console.log("Hello") ;  
}
```

Output: Hello (Not expected)

Misplaced Comma in Definitions

Trailing commas in object and array definition are legal after ECMAScript 5.

Object :

Example : `person = { name : "Sam ", institute : "Coding Ninjas" , age : 20 , }`

Array :

Example : `var arr = { 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , };`