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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]
```

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!

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