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undefined

INDICATE THAT A
VALUE DOES NOT EXIST

null

A SPECIFIC VALUE THAT
DOES EXIST, BUT IS NULL

NaN

"NOT A NUMBER" (BUT
STILL A NUMBER,

Infinity

A SPECIAL VALUE, BIGGER
THAN ANY NUMBER

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`undefined` IS A SPECIAL VALUE FOR VALUES THAT DO NOT EXIST.

`undefined` IS NOT AN ERROR OR EXCEPTION, IT IS AN ACTUAL VALUE THAT YOU CAN TEST FOR

```
if (someVariable == undefined)
```

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CASE #1: A VARIABLE HAS BEEN **DECLARED, BUT
NOT INITIALISED, ITS VALUE IS** **undefined**

```
var someVariable;    //undefined
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CASE #5: YOU ATTEMPT TO ACCESS A NON-
EXISTENT PROPERTY OF AN OBJECT - **undefined**

```
console.log(rectangle.radius);
```

**BTW, THIS IS TRUE WHETHER THE PROPERTY NEVER
EXISTED, OR EVEN IF IT DID EXIST, BUT WAS DELETED.**

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CASE #6: YOU CALL THE `typeof` OPERATOR ON SOMETHING THAT IS `undefined` ALSO - `undefined`
`console.log("Type of undefined is ... wait for it.. " + (typeof unInitialisedVariable))`

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