JavaScript Primitive Data Types

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Topics to Cover:

- 1. null
- undefined
- 3. number
- 4. bigInt
- 5. symbol
- 6. NaN
- 7. boolean
- 8. string

1. Null

- **Definition**: null is a primitive data type in JavaScript. It represents the intentional absence of any object value.
- Use Case: null is used when a variable should explicitly have no value.

```
let user = null; // No user logged in yet
console.log(user); // null

user = "Pramod";
console.log(user); // "Pramod"
```

• **Real-life example**: You can set a currentUser as null when no one is logged into the system, and later update it when a user logs in.

2. Undefined

- **Definition**: undefined is a primitive data type used to denote a variable that has been declared but not assigned any value yet.
- Use Case: It commonly appears when a variable is declared but not initialized.

```
let dataFetched; // variable is declared but not initialized
console.log(dataFetched); // undefined
```

• **Real-life example**: When fetching data from an API, the variable dataFetched remains undefined until the data arrives.

3. Number

- **Definition**: number represents both integers and floating-point numbers in JavaScript.
- Use Case: It is used for any numeric calculations.

```
let age = 25;
console.log(age); // 25

let pi = 3.1416;
console.log(pi); // 3.1416
```

Mathematical Operations Task:

```
let num1 = 100;
let num2 = 200;

let addition_result = num1 + num2; // 300
let subtraction_result = num2 - num1; // 100
let multiplication_result = num1 * num2; // 20000
let division_result = num2 / num1; // 2
```

Task-1: Do the above task and upload it on GitHub, then share the link in the group.

4. BigInt

- Definition: BigInt is used to represent numbers larger than the maximum number type in JavaScript.
- **Use Case**: For scenarios where you need to handle very large integers, such as astronomical numbers.

```
let largeNumber = 123456789012345678901234567890n;
console.log(largeNumber); // BigInt value
```

• **Real-life example**: You might use BigInt to store the number of stars in the universe.

5. Symbol

- **Definition**: Symbol creates a unique and immutable identifier, mainly useful in object properties.
- **Use Case**: Prevent property name conflicts when working with objects.

```
let symbol1 = Symbol("test");
let symbol2 = Symbol("test");
console.log(symbol1 === symbol2); // false
```

 Real-life example: Adding unique metadata to objects without causing property name collisions.

```
const car = {
  brand: "Tesla"
};
const metadata = Symbol("metadata");
car[metadata] = { year: 2024 };
console.log(car); // "Tesla", with hidden metadata using Symbol
```

6. NaN (Not a Number)

• **Definition**: NaN is used to represent the result of a mathematical operation that cannot be performed.

```
let invalidNumber = 10 / "Pramod";
console.log(invalidNumber); // NaN
```

7. Boolean

- **Definition**: boolean represents a logical value: true or false.
- Use Case: It is essential for decision-making in programming.

```
let isLoggedIn = true;
console.log(isLoggedIn); // true
console.log(isLoggedIn ? "User is logged in" : "User is not logged
in"); // User is logged in
```

Real-life example: Using boolean to check if a user is logged in or not.

8. String

- **Definition**: string represents a sequence of characters. It can be created using single quotes, double quotes, or backticks (template literals).
- Use Case: It is used to handle text data.

```
let str1 = 'Hello, World!';
let str2 = "Hello, World!";
let str3 = `Hello, World!`; // template literal
console.log(str1, str2, str3);
```

Real-life Example: Personal Details

```
let name = "Pramod";
let age = 25;
let address = "Bangalore";
let contact = "1234567890";
```

```
console.log(`My name is ${name}, my age is ${age}, my address is
${address}, and my contact no is ${contact}`);
```

String Manipulation:

• Finding the length of a string:

```
let name_string = "Pablo";
console.log(name_string.length); // 5
```

• Replacing characters in a string:

```
let url = "pramodjena.github.io";
console.log(url.replace(".", "-")); // "pramodjena-github.io"
```

• Checking for a substring:

```
let email = "pramod@gmail.com";
console.log(email.includes(".com")); // true
```

Type Coercion:

```
let score1 = "100";
let score2 = 200;
let coercedAddition = score1 + score2;
console.log(coercedAddition); // "100200" (due to coercion)
```