**Checking types**

As mentioned in the "JavaScript basics" section, jQuery offers a few basic utility methods for determining the type of a specific value.

**Example 4.1. Checking the type of an arbitrary value**

var myValue = [1, 2, 3];

// Using JavaScript's typeof operator to test for primative types

typeof myValue == 'string'; // false

typeof myValue == 'number'; // false

typeof myValue == 'undefined'; // false

typeof myValue == 'boolean'; // false

// Using strict equality operator to check for null

myValue === null; // false

// Using jQuery's methods to check for non-primative types

jQuery.isFunction(myValue); // false

jQuery.isPlainObject(myValue); // false

jQuery.isArray(myValue); // true