

# 1. WHY DO WE NEED DATA TYPES?

## Definition:

Data types define what kind of value a variable can hold — for example, text, number, boolean, object, etc.

## Why needed:

JavaScript needs to know how to store and operate on your data.

Without data types, it wouldn't know if  $10 + 5$  means adding numbers or joining strings.

# 2. DATA TYPES IN JAVASCRIPT

- ◆ Two main categories:

- Primitive Data Types – simple, immutable values
- Non-Primitive (Reference) Data Types – complex structures like objects, arrays, functions

## PRIMITIVE DATA TYPES (7 TOTAL)

Type	Example	Description
Number	<code>let age = 25;</code>	Represents integers and floating-point numbers
String	<code>let name = "John";</code>	Represents text (sequence of characters)
Boolean	<code>let isOnline = true;</code>	Logical true or false
Undefined	<code>let city;</code>	Variable declared but not assigned a value
Null	<code>let car = null;</code>	Represents intentional empty value
Symbol	<code>let id = Symbol("id");</code>	Unique and immutable identifier
BigInt	<code>let big = 123456789012345678901234567890n;</code>	Large integers beyond Number limit

## NON-PRIMITIVE DATA TYPES

Type	Example	Description
Object	<code>let person = { name: "Alice", age: 25 };</code>	Collection of key-value pairs
Array	<code>let colors = ["red", "green", "blue"];</code>	Ordered list of values
Function	<code>function greet() { console.log("Hi!"); }</code>	Reusable block of code

## EXAMPLES OF DATA TYPES

```
let age = 25; // Number
let price = 99.99; // Number
let name = "John Doe"; // String
let isStudent = true; // Boolean
let phone; // Undefined
let car = null; // Null
let id = Symbol('userID'); // Symbol
let bigNum = 12345678901234567890n; // BigInt
let user = { name: "Alice", age: 22 }; // Object
let numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4]; // Array
function sayHello() { console.log("Hello JS!"); } // Function
```

## 3. VARIABLES IN JAVASCRIPT

### Definition:

A variable is like a container that stores a value in memory.

### Syntax:

```
let variableName = value;
```

## TYPES OF VARIABLE DECLARATIONS

Keyword	Scope	Reassignable	Redeclarable	Example
<code>var</code>	Function-scoped	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	<code>var x = 10;</code>
<code>let</code>	Block-scoped	✓ Yes	✗ No	<code>let y = 20;</code>

Keyword	Scope	Reassignable	Redeclarable	Example
const	Block-scoped	✗ No	✗ No	const z = 30;

## EXAMPLE OF VARIABLES

```
var name = "John"; // function-scoped
let age = 25; // block-scoped
const country = "USA"; // cannot change

age = 30; // ✓ allowed
// country = "UK"; // ✗ error: const cannot be reassigned
```

- ✓ Use let when you know value might change.
- ✓ Use const for fixed values.
- ✗ Avoid var (older JS) — use let or const.

## 4. OPERATORS IN JAVASCRIPT

Operators perform actions on variables and values.

### ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

Operator	Description	Example	Result
+	Addition	5 + 2	7
-	Subtraction	5 - 2	3
*	Multiplication	5 * 2	10
/	Division	10 / 2	5
%	Modulus (remainder)	10 % 3	1
**	Exponentiation	2 ** 3	8
++	Increment	let x=1; x++	2
--	Decrement	let y=2; y--	1

## COMPARISON OPERATORS

Operator	Description	Example	Result
<code>==</code>	Equal to (value only)	<code>5 == "5"</code>	true
<code>===</code>	Strict equal (value + type)	<code>5 === "5"</code>	false
<code>!=</code>	Not equal (value only)	<code>5 != 6</code>	true
<code>!==</code>	Strict not equal	<code>5 !== "5"</code>	true
<code>&gt;</code>	Greater than	<code>10 &gt; 5</code>	true
<code>&lt;</code>	Less than	<code>5 &lt; 10</code>	true
<code>&gt;=</code>	Greater or equal	<code>10 &gt;= 10</code>	true
<code>&lt;=</code>	Less or equal	<code>8 &lt;= 10</code>	true

## LOGICAL OPERATORS

Operator	Description	Example	Result
<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	Logical AND	<code>true &amp;&amp; false</code>	false
<code>  </code>	Logical OR	<code>true    false</code>	true
<code>!</code>	Logical NOT	<code>!true</code>	false

## ASSIGNMENT OPERATORS

Operator	Example	Meaning
<code>=</code>	<code>x = 10</code>	Assigns value
<code>+=</code>	<code>x += 5</code>	Adds and assigns
<code>-=</code>	<code>x -= 5</code>	Subtracts and assigns
<code>*=</code>	<code>x *= 2</code>	Multiplies and assigns

Operator	Example	Meaning
/=	x /= 2	Divides and assigns
%=	x %= 2	Remainder and assigns

## TYPE OPERATORS

Operator	Description	Example	Result
typeof	Returns data type	typeof "hello"	"string"
instanceof	Checks instance of object	arr instanceof Array	true

## 5. TYPE CONVERSION IN JAVASCRIPT

Converting values between data types is called Type Conversion.

- ◆ **Implicit Conversion (Type Coercion)**

JavaScript automatically converts types.

```
console.log("5" + 2); // "52" (string + number → string)
```

```
console.log("5" - 2); // 3 (string - number → number)
```

```
console.log(true + 1); // 2 (true → 1)
```

- ◆ **Explicit Conversion**

You convert manually.

- **String Conversion**

```
let num = 123;
console.log(String(num)); // "123"
```

- **Number Conversion**

```
let str = "123";
console.log(Number(str)); // 123
```

- **Boolean Conversion**

```
console.log(Boolean(0)); // false
console.log(Boolean("hi")); // true
```

## 6. BONUS: TYPEOF OPERATOR EXAMPLES

```
typeof 123; // "number"
typeof "Hello"; // "string"
typeof true; // "boolean"
typeof undefined; // "undefined"
typeof null; // "object" <- known JS quirk
typeof {}; // "object"
typeof []; // "object"
typeof function(){}; // "function"
typeof 123n; // "bigint"
```

## 7. PRACTICE EXAMPLES (10+)

```
let x = 5;
let y = "10";

console.log(x + y); // "510" (string)
console.log(Number(y) + x); // 15 (number)
console.log(typeof x); // "number"
console.log(typeof y); // "string"

let isAdult = x > 3 && y == 10; // true
console.log(isAdult);

let name = "Alice";
console.log(`Hello ${name}, your age is ${x}`);

let count = 0;
count++; // increment
console.log(count); // 1
count--;
console.log(count); // 0

let result = null;
console.log(Boolean(result)); // false

let total = 10;
total += 5; // 15
console.log(total);
```