Reflection for Assignment 6

I encountered bugs with failing to type check and confirm the types of my variables in my functions. This tended to occur a lot when I lost track of how my variables were changing, and was particularly problematic when I neglected the types as there is no strict typing. I used typeof() rather frequently to address this problem. Another problem was ensuring that each page had the correctly updated item count, as well as preventing the default HTML of Cart - 0 (when the cart was empty) from triggering upon reload. This was impossible to fix until I changed not only the cart in the localStorage but also the global cart variable for the file.

Programming Concepts/Lessons:

- 1. Ensuring that every function and variable was clearly typed and that parameters satisfied those type requirements and preconditions.
- 2. Poorly named variables can be confusing to keep track of. Following conventional style and using informative variables reduces the difficulty of debugging and improving existing code.
- 3. I made use of the Application tool in Inspect Element to keep track of the local storage, which at times can serve as a more convenient alternative to choosing to console.log() every variable.
- 4. There were functions I created, such as getcartstr() and setcartstr(newcartstr), which were initially not very useful, but saw greater use later on. I found it useful to create general getter and setter functions for important variables, which were likely to be used in other applications.
- 5. I became a lot more comfortable with looking up functions as well as using w3schools and other resources to learn more about the options I had with implementing the website with JavaScript. I didn't rely as much as I expected on notes and instead learned a lot just by finding examples of implementations (for example, button groups) online.