

Comparison operators (==, ===, !=, !==, <, >, <=, >=)

Sure! Let's dive deep into **Comparison Operators** in JavaScript.

What Are Comparison Operators?

Comparison operators are used to **compare two values**. They return a **Boolean** result: `true` or `false`.

List of Comparison Operators

| Operator | Name | Description | Example |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <code>==</code> | Equal to | Compares values (ignores type) | <code>5 == "5" → true</code> |
| <code>===</code> | Strict equal to | Compares both value and type | <code>5 === "5" → false</code> |
| <code>!=</code> | Not equal to | Checks if values are not equal (ignores type) | <code>5 != "5" → false</code> |
| <code>!==</code> | Strict not equal to | Checks if values or types are not equal | <code>5 !== "5" → true</code> |
| <code>></code> | Greater than | Checks if left operand is greater than right | <code>6 > 4 → true</code> |
| <code><</code> | Less than | Checks if left operand is less than right | <code>3 < 5 → true</code> |
| <code>>=</code> | Greater than or equal to | Checks if left operand is greater than or equal to right | <code>5 >= 5 → true</code> |
| <code><=</code> | Less than or equal to | Checks if left operand is less than or equal to right | <code>4 <= 5 → true</code> |

Detailed Examples

`==` (Loose Equality)

Compares values **after type coercion**.

```
console.log(5 == "5"); // true (type is converted)
console.log(null == undefined); // true
```

`===` (Strict Equality)

Compares value **and** type — no type coercion.

```
console.log(5 === "5"); // false
console.log(5 === 5); // true
```

✓ **Always prefer** `===` to avoid unexpected bugs from type coercion.

`!=` (Loose Inequality)

```
console.log(5 != "5"); // false (because value is same)
```

`!==` (Strict Inequality)

```
console.log(5 !== "5"); // true (different type)
```

`>` (Greater Than)

```
console.log(10 > 5); // true
console.log(2 > 3); // false
```

`<` (Less Than)

```
console.log(3 < 7); // true
```

`>=` (Greater Than or Equal To)

```
console.log(6 >= 6); // true
console.log(7 >= 5); // true
```

<= (Less Than or Equal To)

```
console.log(3 <= 3); // true
```

Special Cases to Know

Comparing Strings

Lexicographical order (alphabetical):

```
console.log("apple" < "banana"); // true
console.log("2" < "10");          // false (string comparison)
```

Comparing `null`, `undefined`, `NaN`

```
console.log(null == undefined); // true
console.log(null === undefined); // false

console.log(NaN == NaN); // false
console.log(Number.isNaN(NaN)); // true
```

Summary

- Use `===` and `!==` for **safe comparisons**.
- Avoid `==` and `!=` unless you **understand type coercion**.
- Comparisons return `true` or `false`.

Let me know if you'd like a quick **cheat sheet** or want to continue with the next topic: [Logical Operators](#).