

# CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS: SWITCH

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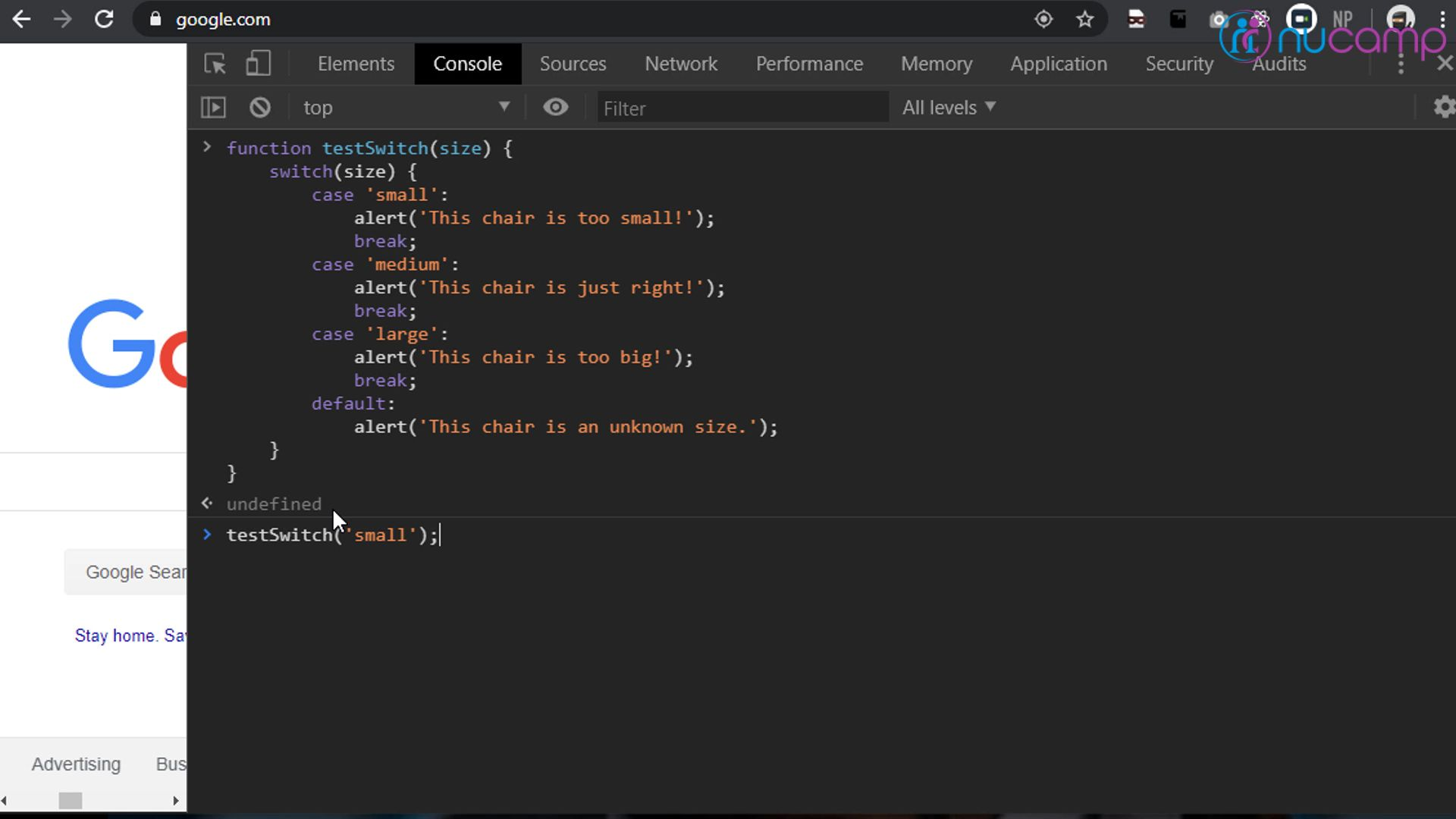
# THE SWITCH SYNTAX

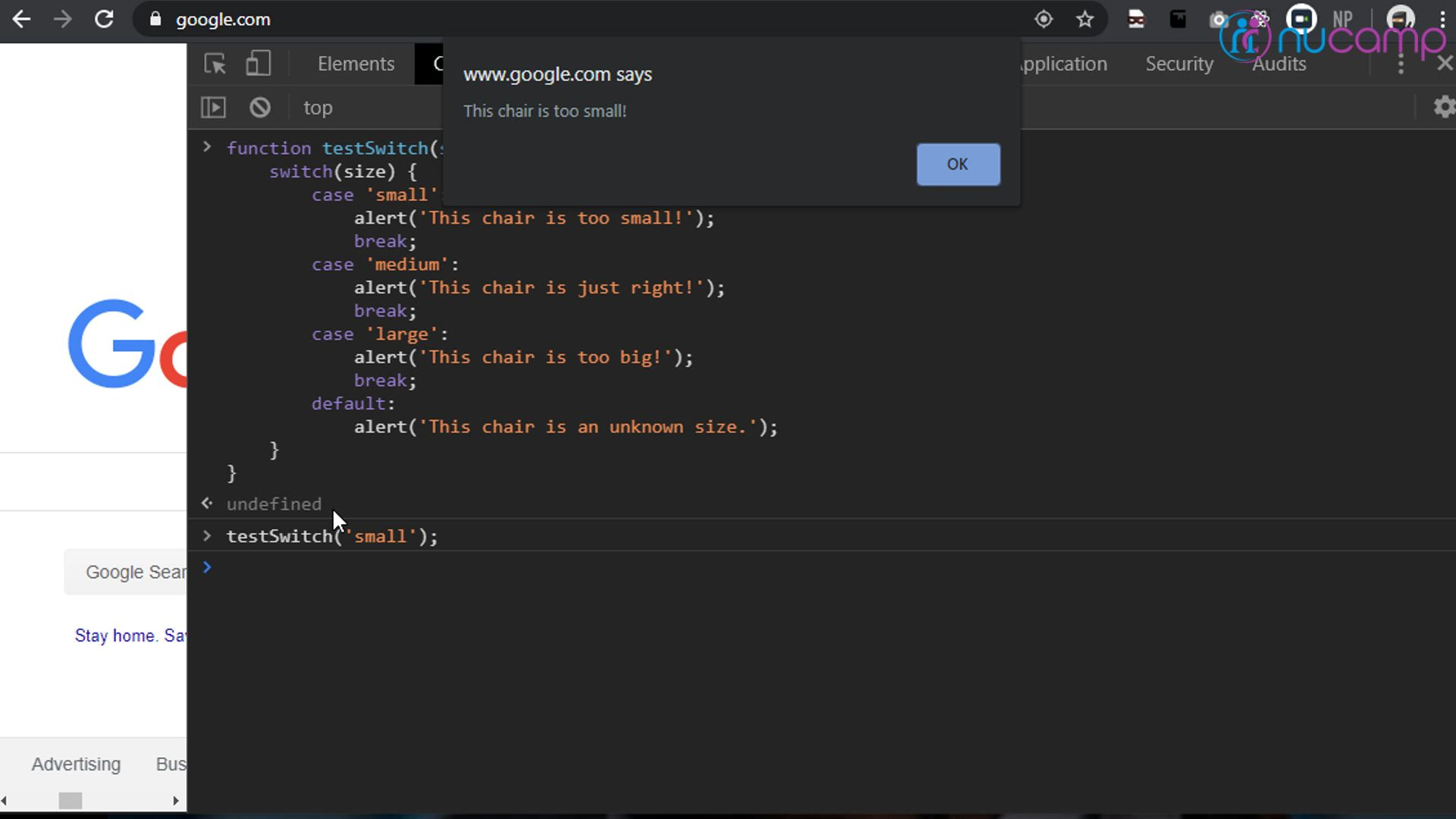
```
switch(expression) {  
  case value:  
    ... statement(s) to begin execution at if expression matches this value ...  
    break;  
  case value:  
    ... statement(s) to begin execution at if expression matches this value ...  
    break;  
  case value:  
    ... statement(s) to begin execution at if expression matches this value ...  
    break;  
  default:  
    ... statement(s) to execute if expression matches no case value ...  
}
```

## SWITCH EXAMPLE

```
switch(size) {  
  case 'small':  
    alert('This chair is too small!');  
    break;  
  case 'medium':  
    alert('This chair is just right!');  
    break;  
  case 'large':  
    alert('This chair is too big!');  
    break;  
  default:  
    alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

}





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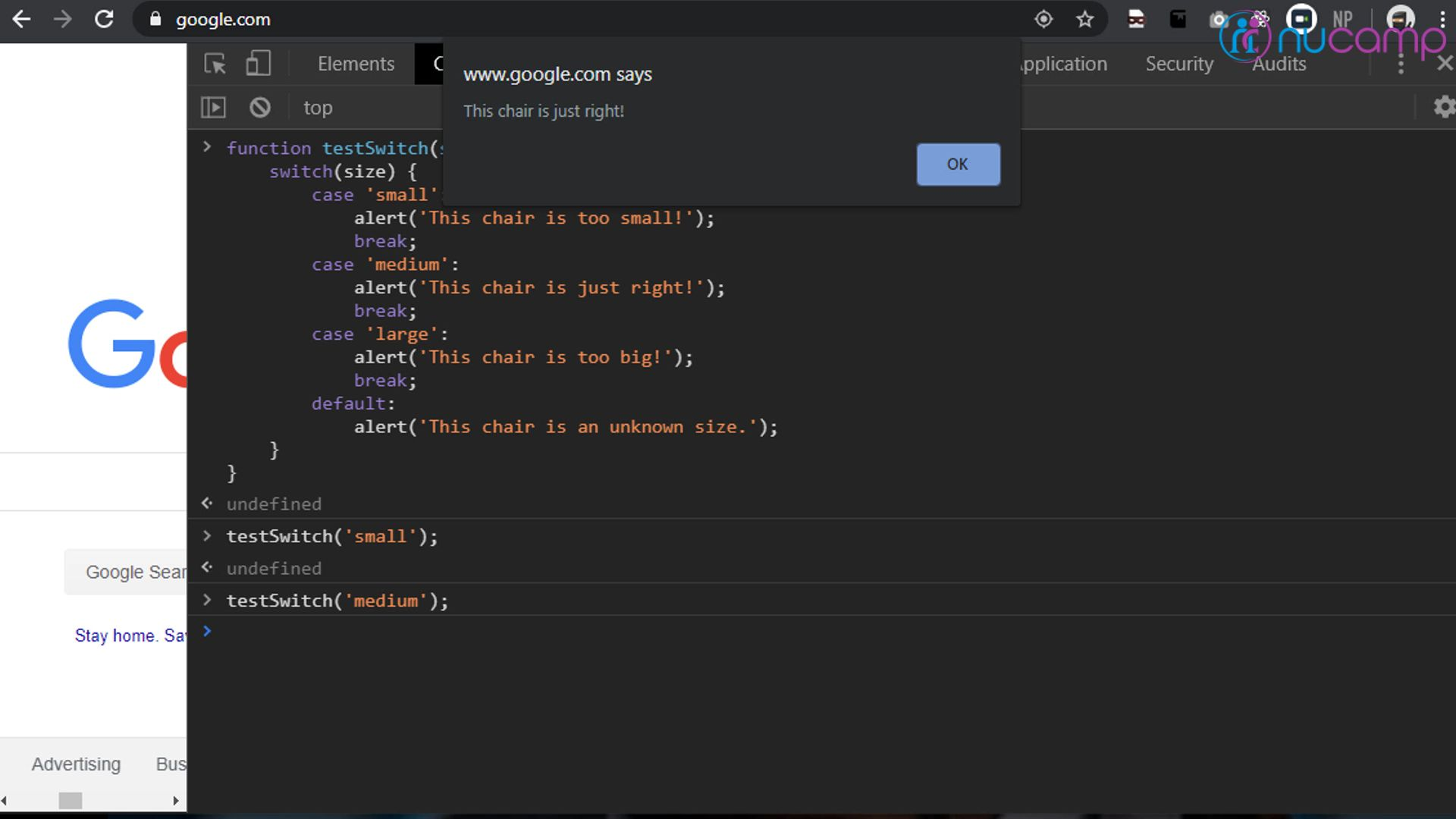
This chair is too small!

OK

```
> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
      break;  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
      break;  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
      break;  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

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```
> testSwitch('small');
```



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OK

```
> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
      break;  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
      break;  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
      break;  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

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&gt; testSwitch('small');

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&gt; testSwitch('medium');

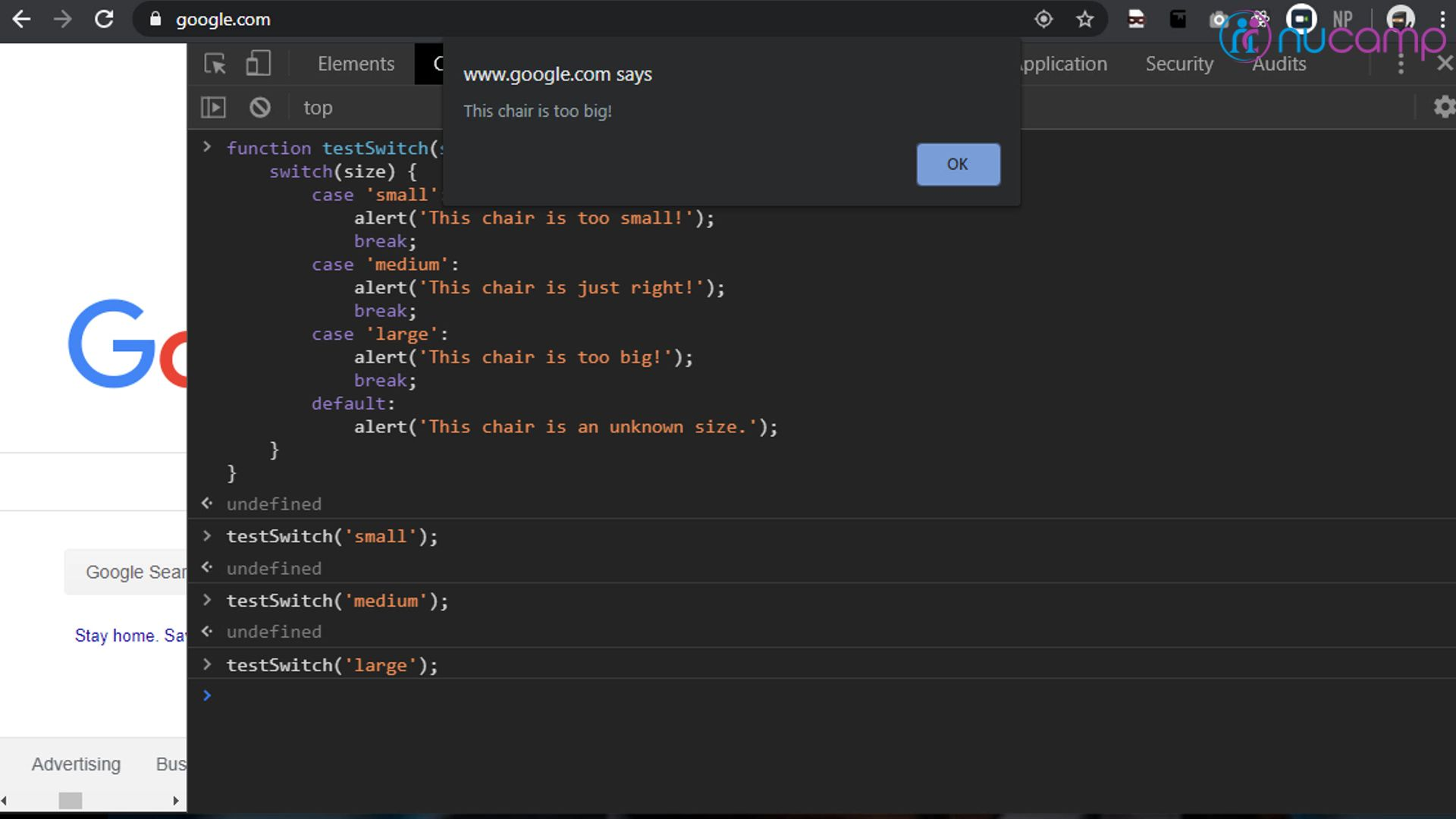
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OK

```
> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
      break;  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
      break;  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
      break;  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

```
  }  
}
```

```
> testSwitch('small');
```

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```
> testSwitch('medium');
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```
> testSwitch('large');
```

```
>
```

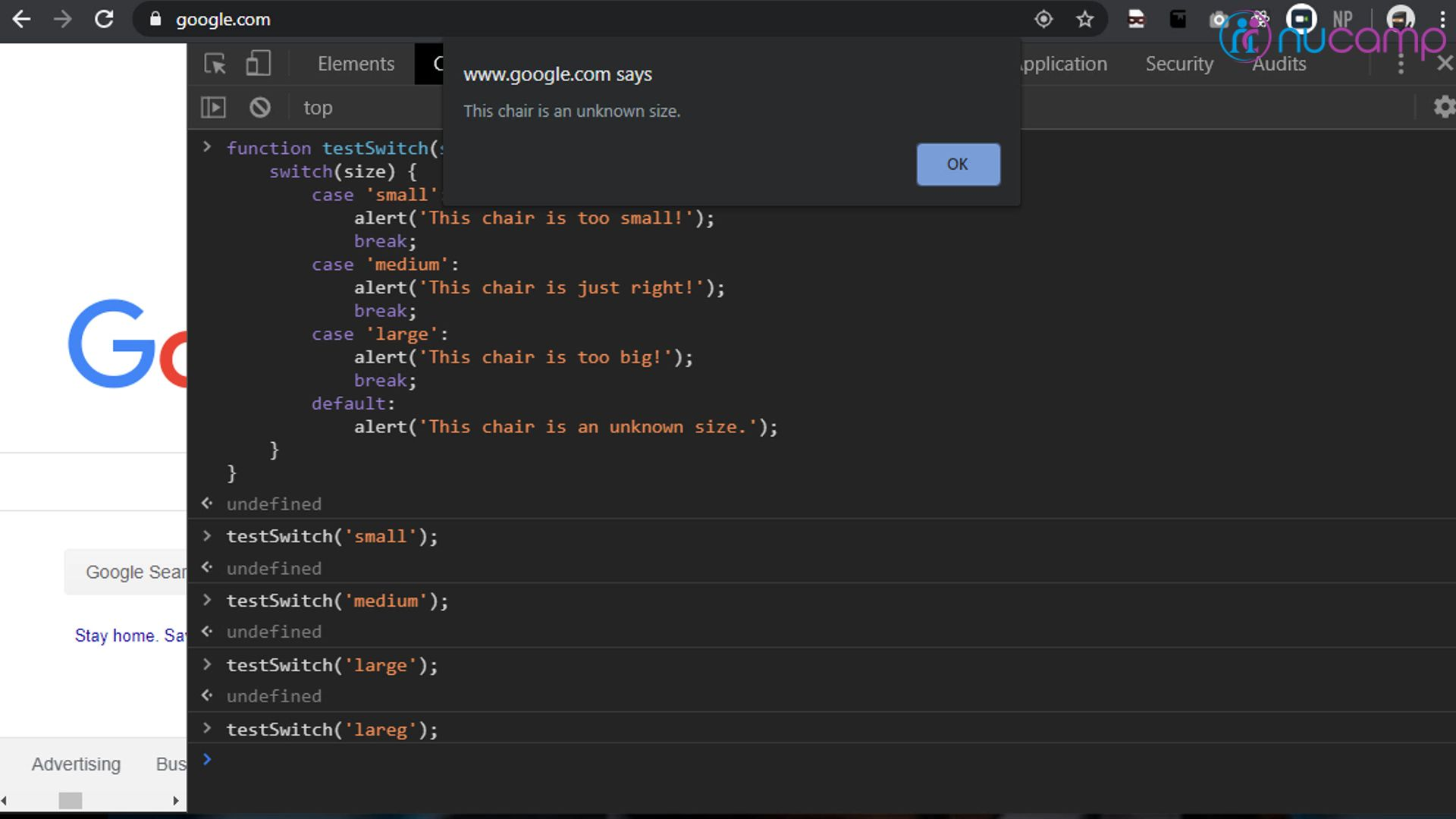
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OK

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> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
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      break;  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
      break;  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
      break;  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

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&gt; testSwitch('small');

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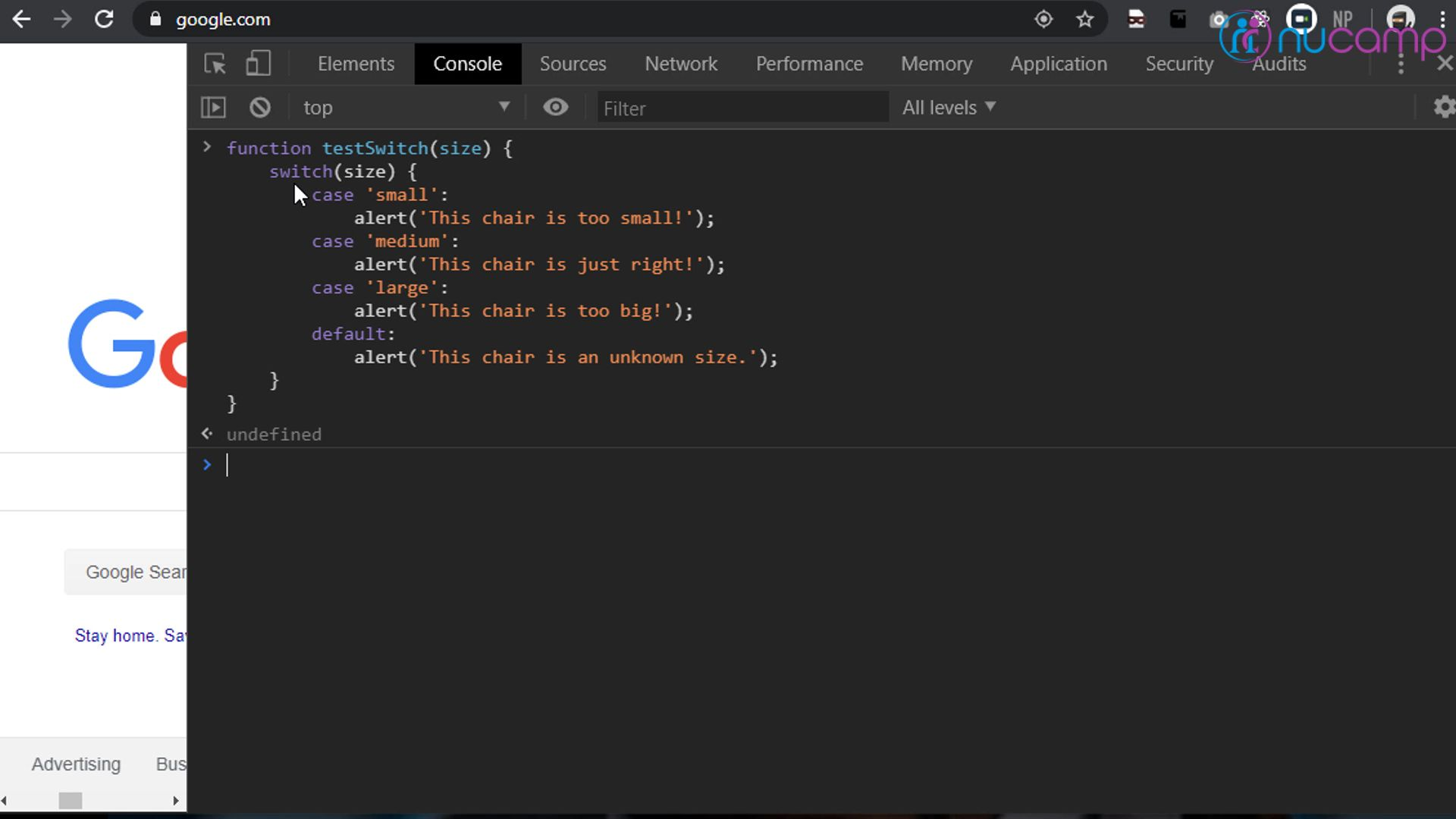
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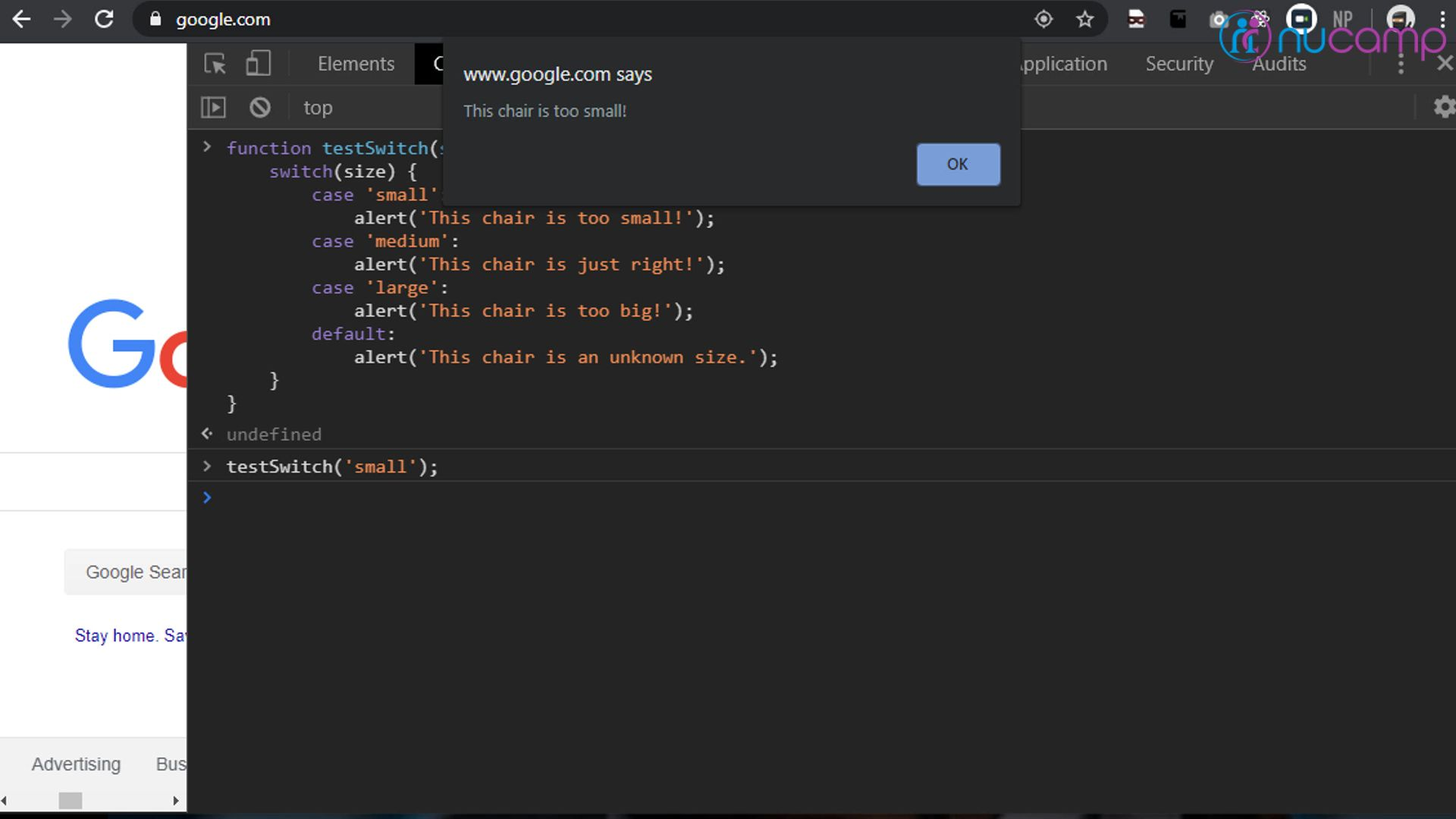
**BREAK**



```
> function testSwitch(size) {  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

```
  }  
}
```

```
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```



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> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

< undefined

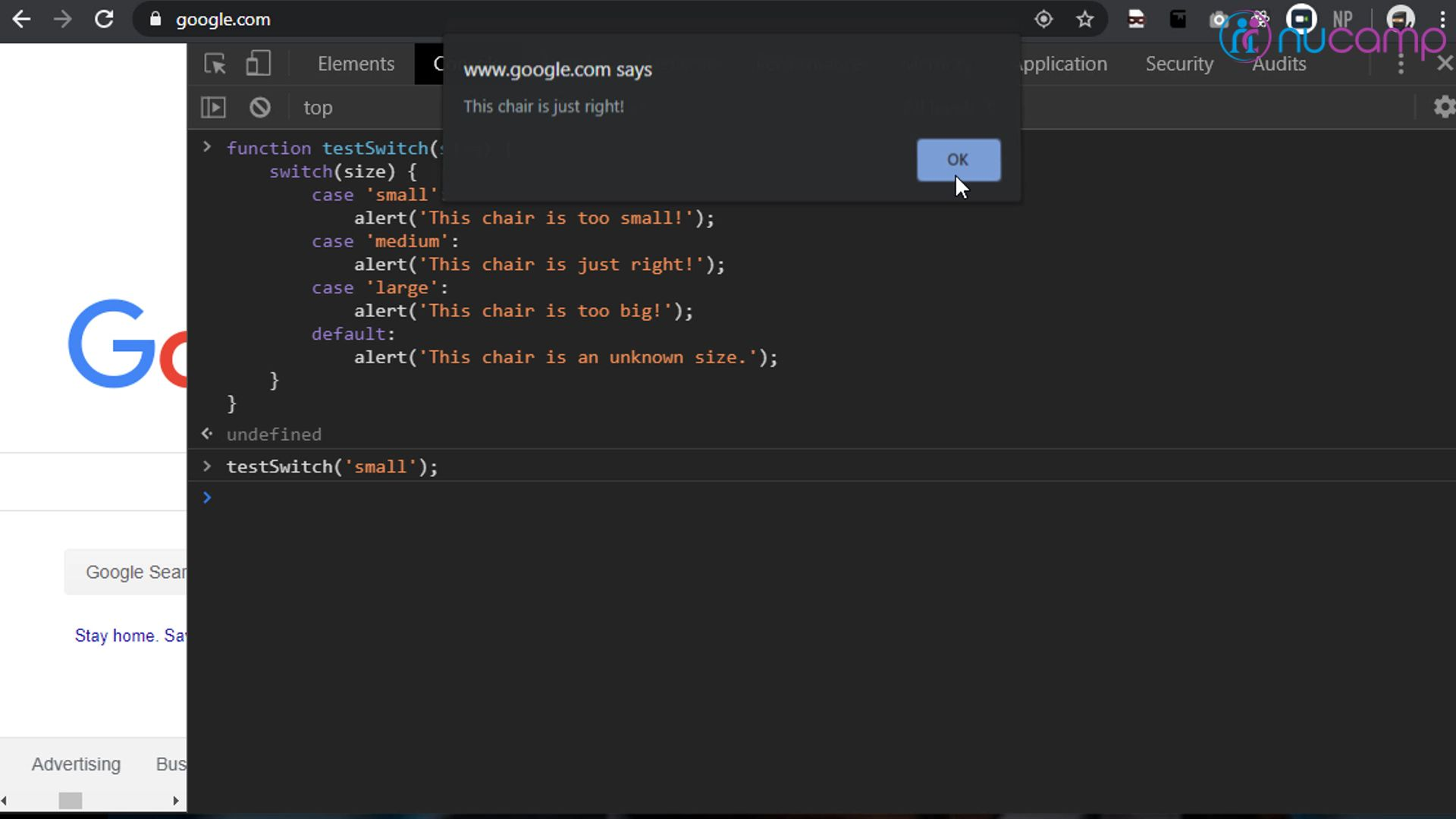
```
> testSwitch('small');
```

>

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```
> function testSwitch(size) {  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

OK

&lt; undefined

&gt; testSwitch('small');

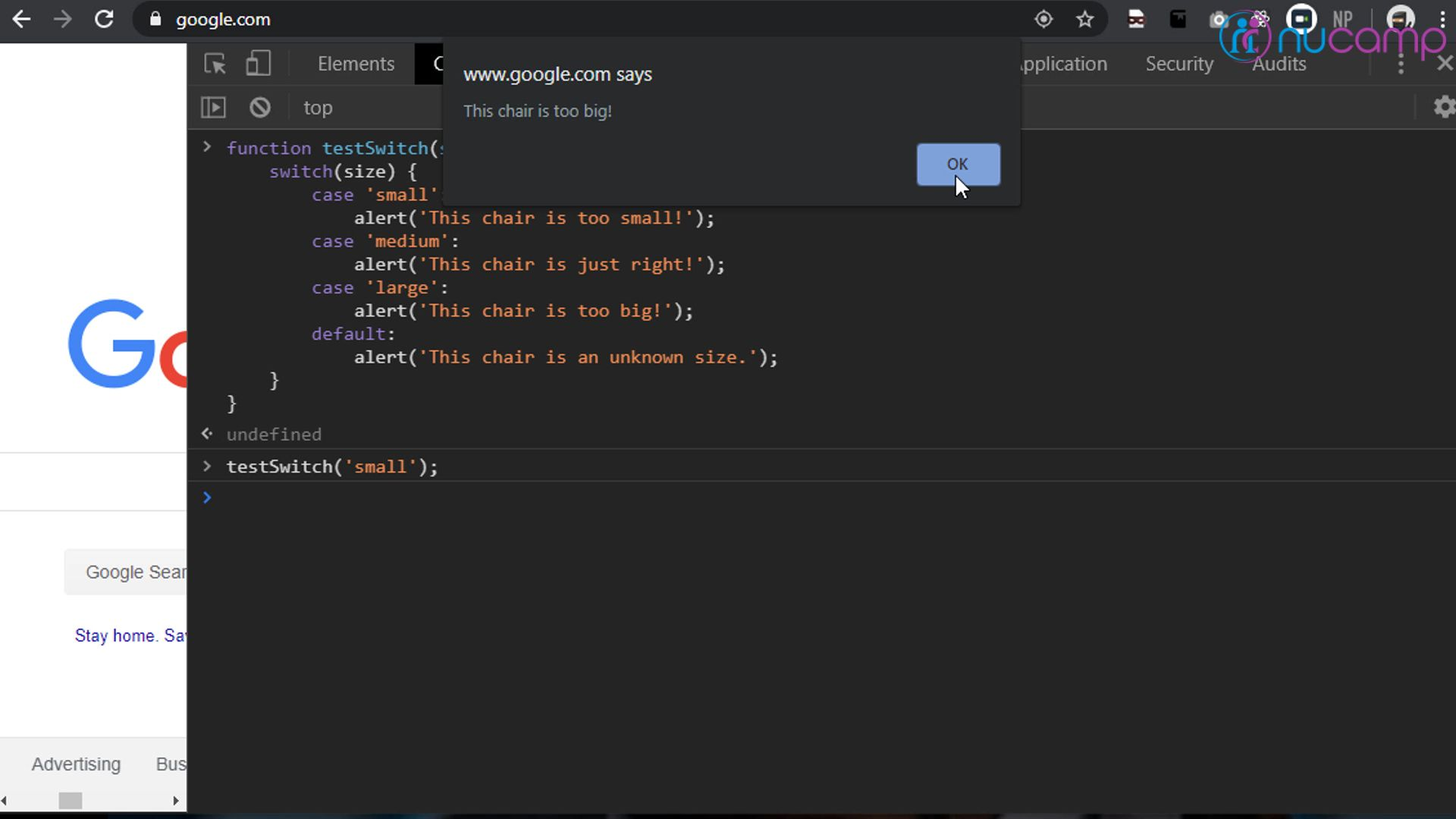
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OK

```
> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

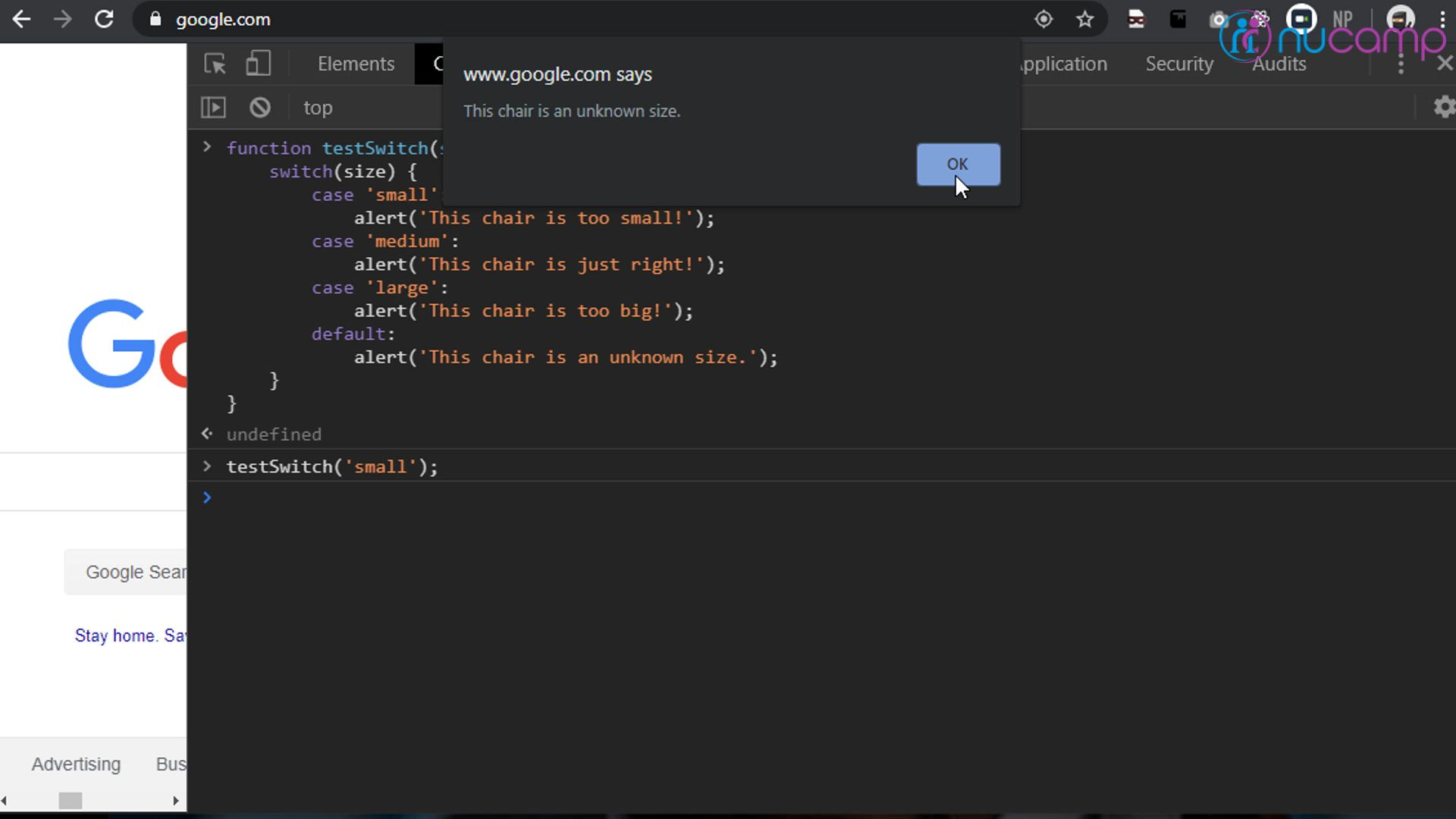
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```
> testSwitch('small');  
>
```

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OK

```
> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

```
  }  
}
```

```
< undefined  
> testSwitch('small');
```

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>
```

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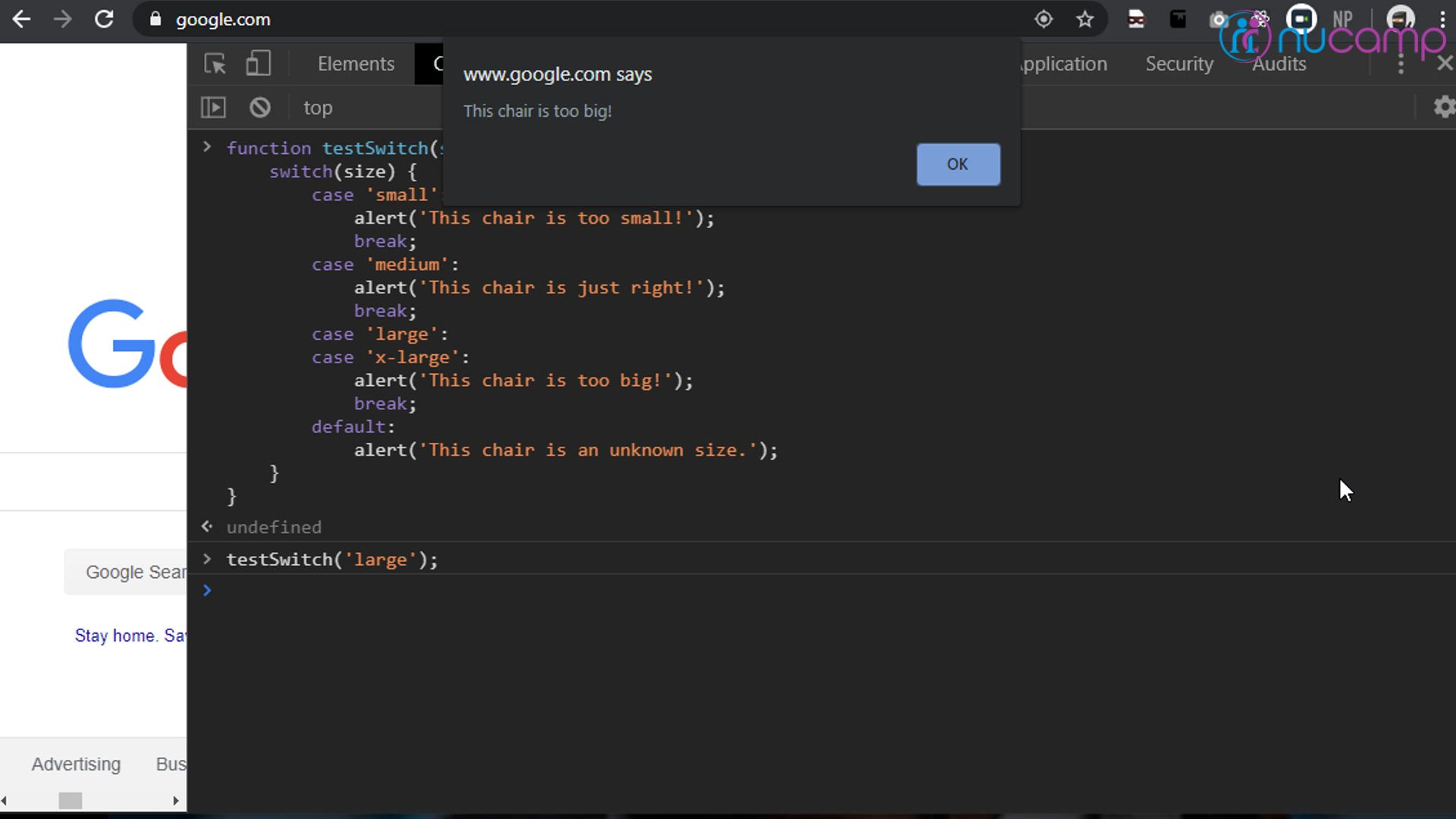
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OK

```
> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
      break;  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
      break;  
    case 'large':  
    case 'x-large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
      break;  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

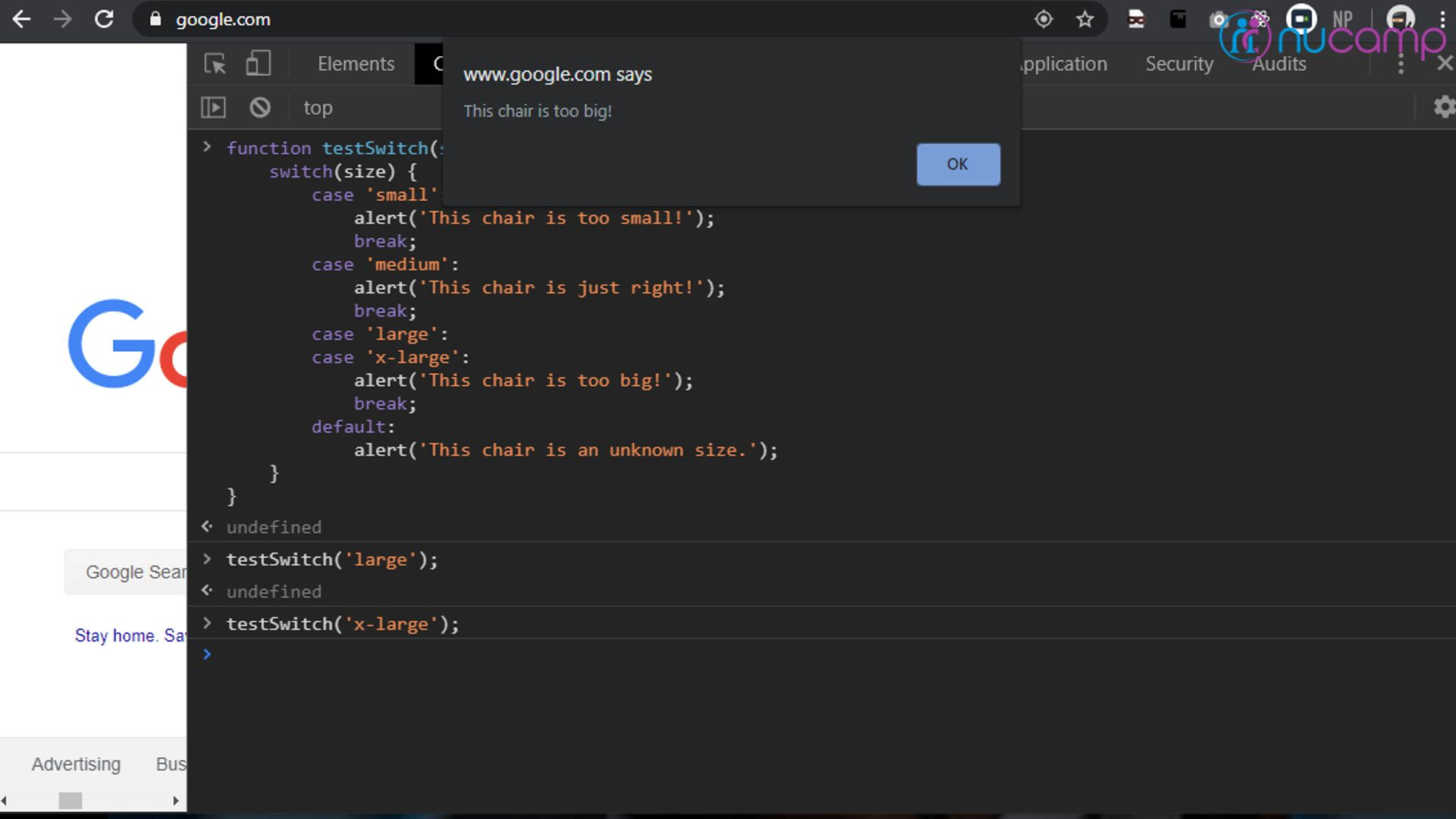
&lt; undefined

&gt; testSwitch('large');

&gt;

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```
> function testSwitch(  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
      break;  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is just right!');  
      break;  
    case 'large':  
    case 'x-large':  
      alert('This chair is too big!');  
      break;  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is an unknown size.');
```

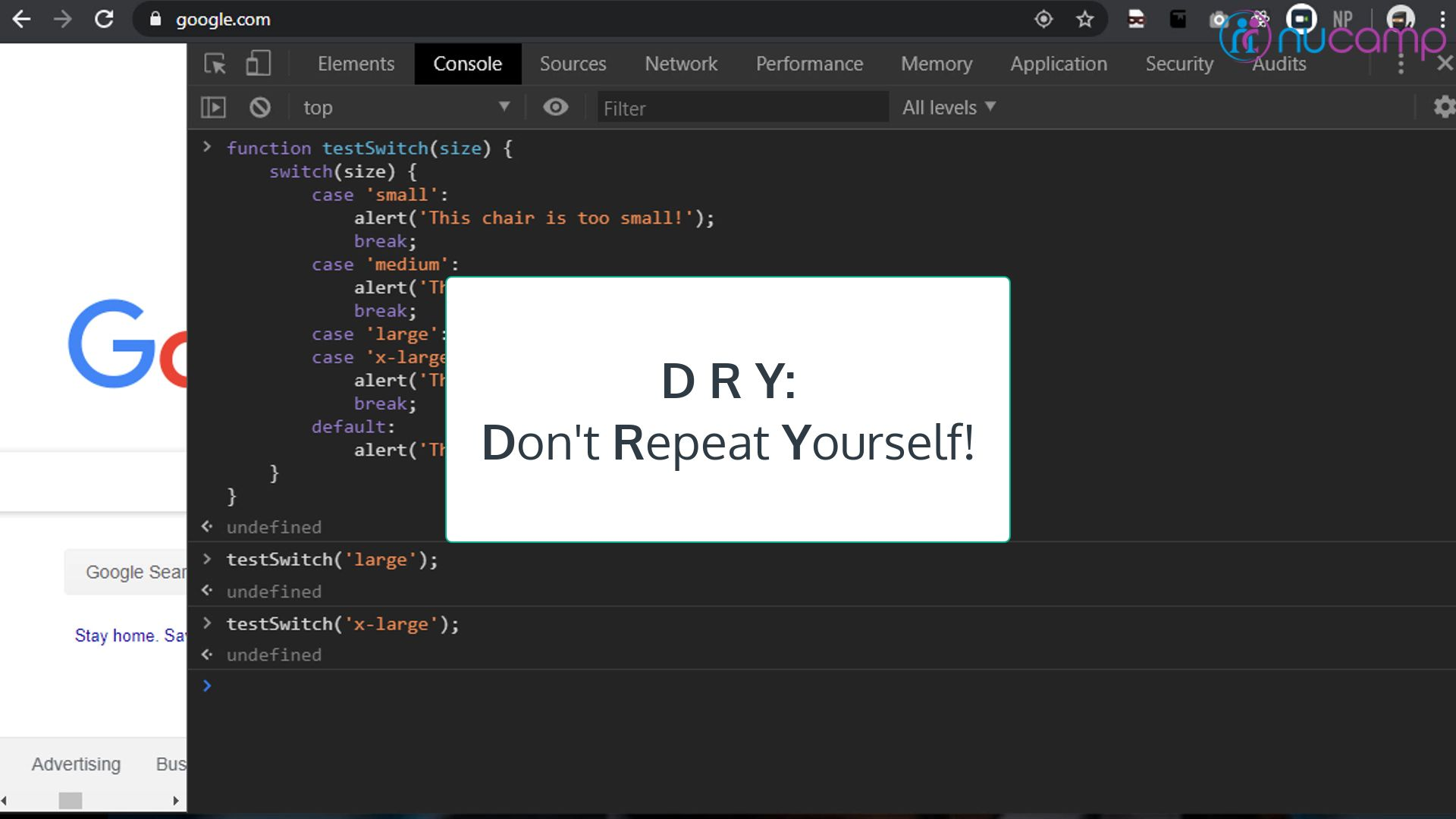
```
  }  
}
```

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> testSwitch('large');
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```
> testSwitch('x-large');
```

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>
```



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```
> function testSwitch(size) {  
  switch(size) {  
    case 'small':  
      alert('This chair is too small!');  
      break;  
    case 'medium':  
      alert('This chair is medium sized!');  
      break;  
    case 'large':  
      alert('This chair is large!');  
      break;  
    case 'x-large':  
      alert('This chair is x-large!');  
      break;  
    default:  
      alert('This chair is not a valid size!');  
  }  
}
```

< undefined

```
> testSwitch('large');
```

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```
> testSwitch('x-large');
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