

JavaScript Objects, Prototypes and Classes

CREATING AND USING JAVASCRIPT OBJECTS



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Creating and Using JavaScript Objects

Object Literals

Constructor
Functions

Classes

Object
Equality

Merging
Properties

Immutability



JavaScript Equality Operators

`==`

Should be avoided. Useful only in rare cases.

`===`

Most common. Should be used in almost all cases.

`Object.is()`

Less common. Like `===` except for a few mathematical differences

`Object.is(person1, person2)`



Equality Operator: ==

Not type-safe

`"42" == 42`

`0 == false`

`null == undefined`

`" " == 0`

`[1,2] == "1,2"`



Equality: === vs. Object.is()

===

✓ Type-safe

Convenient / Concise

NaN not equal to NaN

1 / "a" = NaN
+0 equals -0

Object.is()

Type-safe ✓

Verbose

NaN equals NaN

+0 does not equal -0



Summary



```
let person = {  
  firstName: 'Jim',  
  lastName: 'Cooper'  
};
```



Summary



```
let person = {  
  isAdult: function() {  
    ...  
  }  
};
```



Summary



```
let firstName = 'Jim';  
let lastName = 'Cooper';  
  
let person = {  
  firstname,  
  lastName  
};
```



Summary



```
let propertyNames = Object.keys(Person);
```

```
for (let propertyName in person) {  
    ...  
}
```



Summary



```
function Person(firstName, lastName) {  
  this.firstName = firstName;  
  this.lastName = lastName;  
  this.age = 0;  
  this.isAdult = function () { ... }  
}  
  
let jim = new Person('Jim', 'Cooper');
```



Summary



`==` Should be avoided

`===` and `Object.is()` are identical except when:

- Comparing NaN

- Comparing `-0`

