Return void(0); vs return; interrupting functions [duplicate]

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What does "javascript:void(0)" mean? *15 answers*

I ran across some code that interrupts a function `return void(0); `.

I believe that is being used to return `undefined` but that can be done simply by writing `return; `.

Does `return void(0); ` serve an additional purpose, or is this just two different ways to interrupt a function?

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asked Apr 19 '13 at 22:58

Chris Bier
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marked as duplicate by Jon, ronalchn, 0x499602D2, Peter O., akond Apr 20 '13 at 18:01

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4   not a duplicate for I already understand the meaning of `void(0); ` and that it returns `undefined `. – Chris Bier Apr 19 '13 at 23:01

1   Well, if you understand that `void(0) ` evaluates to `undefined ` what are you asking? – Jon Apr 19 '13 at 23:02

@JonathanLonowski: The answer in the disputed dupe has a link to the MDN docs that explain exactly how that works. – Jon Apr 19 '13 at 23:05

3   @Jon his question is almost litteraly: Does it serve an *additional purpose* ? – Stephane Rolland Apr 19 '13 at 23:23

2 Answers

`return void(0);` doesn't do anything special. It simply returns `undefined`, albeit in a very silly way. It's probably a case of the original developer not understanding JavaScript fully.

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answered Apr 19 '13 at 23:06

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It's just another way to return `undefined`. See https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/void

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answered Apr 19 '13 at 23:01

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