

Web Programming 2x1

JavaScript Operators

Outcomes

Students should understand the following outcomes, upon successful completion of this module:

- Operators' precedence
- Assignment Operators
- Comparison Operators
- Arithmetic operators
- Concatenation Operators
- Logical Operators
- Combining Operators

Operators in JavaScript

- Operators are symbols that perform operations on operands (values and variables).
- They are categorized into different types based on their functionality
- Operators precedence is essential for writing efficient and correct code.
- JavaScript contains:

Binary Operator

A binary operator operates on two operands. It appears between two operands, which can be variables, literals, or expressions.

- Arithmetic Operators: `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `%`
- Comparison Operators: `==`, `!=`, `>`, `<`, `>=`, `<=`

Equality Operators

- Both `==` and `===` are used for comparison, but they differ in terms of strictness and type coercion.

Loose Equality Operator `==`

- The `==` operator checks for equality between two operands after performing type coercion if necessary.
- It tries to convert the operands to the same type before making the comparison.

```
console.log(11 == "11");           // true (string "11" is converted to number 11)
console.log(0 == false);           // true (boolean false is converted to number 0)
console.log(null == undefined);    // true (null and undefined are considered equal)
```

Comparison Operators

Strict Equality Operator ===

- The `===` operator checks for equality between two operands without performing type coercion. It compares both the values and the types of the operands.

```
console.log(7 === "7");           // false (string "7" is not equal to number 7)
console.log(0 === false);         // false (number 0 is not equal to boolean false)
console.log(null === undefined);  // false (null and undefined are not strictly equal)
```

Key Differences

- **Type Coercion:** `==` performs type coercion, meaning it may convert operands to a common type before comparison.
- **Strictness:** `===` checks both value and type, ensuring both operands are exactly the same.
- `===` does not perform type coercion.

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Unary Operator

A unary operator operates on a single operand. It appears before or after its operand.

- Increment and Decrement Operators: `++`, `--`
- Logical NOT Operator: `!`

Ternary Conditional Operator

The ternary conditional operator (`? :`) is unique in JavaScript as it takes three operands.

It evaluates a condition and returns one of two expressions, depending on whether the condition is true or false.

Syntax:

```
condition ? expressionIfTrue : expressionIfFalse
```

Operator Precedence

- Operator precedence in JavaScript determines the order in which operators are evaluated when multiple operators are used in an expression.
- Operators with higher precedence are evaluated first.
- If operators have the same precedence, they are evaluated from left to right.

```
let result = 5 + 10 * 2 - 56 / 8 * 2;  
console.log(result);
```

```
let result1 = (5 + 10) * 2 + 8 * (5 - 2);  
console.log(result1);
```

```
let x = 10;  
x += 5 * 2;  
console.log(x);
```

```
let a = true;  
let b = false;  
let c = true;  
let result3 = a && b || c && a;  
console.log(result3);
```

```
let val1 = 5;  
let val2 = 10;  
let val3 = 15;  
let result4 = val1 < val2 && val2 <= val3;  
console.log(result4);
```

Thank You!

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