



Difference between Optional.of() and Optional.ofNullable()

The primary difference lies in how they handle `null` values passed to them.

1. `Optional.of(T value)`:

- **Strict behavior:** It expects a **non-null** value.
- **Result:** If you pass `null`, it immediately throws a `NullPointerException`.^{[1] [2]}
- **Use Case:** Use this when your logic guarantees the value *must* be present, and a `null` value would indicate a serious bug in your code that you want to catch immediately (Fail-fast).^[3]

2. `Optional.ofNullable(T value)`:

- **Safe behavior:** It accepts **both** null and non-null values.
- **Result:** If you pass `null`, it returns `Optional.empty()`. If non-null, it wraps the value.^{[4] [5]}
- **Use Case:** Use this when working with external data (like DB results or API responses) where `null` is a valid possibility representing "nothing found."^{[6] [3]}

Code Comparison:

```
String name = null;

// Throws NullPointerException
Optional<String> opt1 = Optional.of(name);

// Returns Optional.empty() - Safe
Optional<String> opt2 = Optional.ofNullable(name);
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