



Video 2.4

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Summary

- JavaScript supports conditional statements and loops
- Comparison operators can be used to compare by value and also by type