

# JavaScript *for* Developers

*Comparison*

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5 == '5' True

5 === '5' False

10 < '8' False

'10' < '8' True

true == 1 True

null == undefined True

null === undefined False

```
const x = [];  
const y = [];
```

x == y False

```
const x = {};  
const y = {};
```

JSON.stringify(x) === JSON.stringify(y) True

===

1. If `Type(x)` is different from `Type(y)`, return **false**.
2. If `Type(x)` is Number, then
  - a. Return `! Number::equal(x, y)`.
3. If `Type(x)` is BigInt, then
  - a. Return `! BigInt::equal(x, y)`.
4. Return `! SameValueNonNumeric(x, y)`.

▪ <https://tc39.es/ecma262/#sec-isstrictlyequal>

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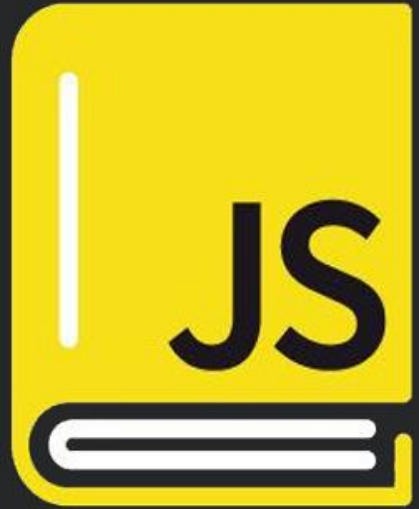
1. If `Type(x)` is the same as `Type(y)`, then
  - a. Return `IsStrictlyEqual(x, y)`.
2. If `x` is **null** and `y` is **undefined**, return **true**.
3. If `x` is **undefined** and `y` is **null**, return **true**.
4. NOTE: This step is replaced in section B.3.6.2.
5. If `Type(x)` is Number and `Type(y)` is String, return `IsLooselyEqual(x, ! ToNumber(y))`.
6. If `Type(x)` is String and `Type(y)` is Number, return `IsLooselyEqual(! ToNumber(x), y)`.
7. If `Type(x)` is BigInt and `Type(y)` is String, then
  - a. Let `n` be `! StringToBigInt(y)`.
  - b. If `n` is **undefined**, return **false**.
  - c. Return `IsLooselyEqual(x, n)`.
8. If `Type(x)` is String and `Type(y)` is BigInt, return `IsLooselyEqual(y, x)`.
9. If `Type(x)` is Boolean, return `IsLooselyEqual(! ToNumber(x), y)`.
10. If `Type(y)` is Boolean, return `IsLooselyEqual(x, ! ToNumber(y))`.
11. If `Type(x)` is either String, Number, BigInt, or Symbol and `Type(y)` is Object, return `IsLooselyEqual(x, ? ToPrimitive(y))`.
12. If `Type(x)` is Object and `Type(y)` is either String, Number, BigInt, or Symbol, return `IsLooselyEqual(? ToPrimitive(x), y)`.
13. If `Type(x)` is BigInt and `Type(y)` is Number, or if `Type(x)` is Number and `Type(y)` is BigInt, then
  - a. If `x` or `y` are any of NaN,  $+\infty$ , or  $-\infty$ , return **false**.
  - b. If  $\mathbb{R}(x) = \mathbb{R}(y)$ , return **true**; otherwise return **false**.
14. Return **false**.

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# Best Practice

Use `==` when checking `null` or `undefined`

Otherwise, use `===`



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