

# Filter falsy values explanation



```
const arr = ["hello", "", null, "react", undefined, "js"];
```

```
const cleaned = arr.filter(x => x);
```

explain this code what is happening and why and how it is removing "", null, undefined

Here is a **very simple, beginner-friendly explanation** of what is happening.

## ✓ Code

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js

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## ✓ Step-by-step Explanation

### 1. filter() keeps only values where the callback returns true.

`arr.filter(x => x)`

means:

- For every element `x` in the array
- Return `x` itself
- If `x` is **truthy**, it will be kept
- If `x` is **falsy**, it will be removed

## ✓ 2. What is truthy and falsy?

JavaScript automatically converts values to `true` or `false` when used in conditions.

### Falsy values (removed by filter here):

- `""` (empty string)
- `null`
- `undefined`
- `0`

- `false`
- `NaN`

### Truthy values (kept):

- Non-empty strings → "hello", "react", "js"
- Any object
- Any array
- Any number except 0

## ✓ 3. Why does `filter(x => x)` remove "", null, undefined?

Because:

Value	<code>Boolean(x)</code>	Kept?	Reason
"hello"	true	Yes	Non-empty string is truthy
""	false	No	Empty string is falsy
<code>null</code>	false	No	Falsy
"react"	true	Yes	Truthy
<code>undefined</code>	false	No	Falsy
"js"	true	Yes	Truthy

## ✓ Final Output

```
js
["hello", "react", "js"]
```

## ★ Why do people use `filter(Boolean)`?

Because:

```
js
filter(x => x)
```

and

```
js
filter(Boolean)
```

are the same.

**Boolean** is a function that converts a value to true/false.

So it is a cleaner shortcut.

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**If you want, I can also explain this using diagrams or animations.**