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The Big “Why equal doesn’t equal” Quiz

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Who am I?

- Self- employed independent consultant
- 15+ years in IT and web development
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"More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them."

~Harold J. Smith~

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Now give yourselves a round of applause !!!

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Some best practices (1)

- Know your **variable types** and how **type juggling** works ;-)
- Always use **strict checking** unless loose checking will avoid code duplication
- Auto-document your code

DON'T:

```
if ( strpos( $x, $y ) ) {}
```

DO:

```
if ( strpos( $x, $y ) !== false ) {}
```

Some best practices (2)

- Make it a habit to **test for type AND for what you want to know**
- Non-empty string:
```
if ( is_string( $x ) && $x !== '' ) {}
```
- Non-empty array:
```
if ( is_array( $x ) && count( $x ) > 0 ) {}
```
or
```
if ( is_array( $x ) && $x !== array() ) {}
```

Some best practices (3)

- Use function_exists(), method_exists() and extension_loaded() to write cross-server code
- Be aware of changes across PHP versions
- Never be stingy with parentheses ()
- Avoid $variable contamination
- isset() and it's brother are your friends

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And remember....

- ... that what you get from **$_POST**/**$_GET**/database are strings
- ... that ctype_ functions are locale() dependent
- ... that switch() does a loose type check
- ... that calculations with floats can only be done reliably by casting to string and using bcmath

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Contributions welcome:

https://github.com/jrfnl/PHP-cheat-sheet-extended

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Cheatsheets

Too much ?

Take a break and rest your eyes.

Numeric tests	is_numeric()	> 0	>= 0	== 0	=== 0	!= 0	!== 0	< 0	<= 0	is_nan()	is_finite()	is_infinite()	floor()	ceil()	round()	Numeric tests
$x = null : (= NULL)	false	false	true	true	false	false	true	false	true	false	true	false	0	0	0	$x = null : (= NULL)
$x = null : (= NULL)	false	false	true	true	false	false	true	false	true	false	true	false	0	0	0	$x = null : (= NULL)
$x = bool : (= false)	false	false	true	true	false	false	true	false	true	false	true	false	0	0	0	$x = bool : (= false)
$x = bool : 1 (= true)	false	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	1	1	1	$x = bool : 1 (= true)
$x = int : 1	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	1	1	1	$x = int : 1
$x = int : 0	true	false	true	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	true	false	0	0	0	$x = int : 0
$x = int : -1	true	false	false	false	false	true	true	true	true	false	true	false	-1	-1	-1	$x = int : -1
$x = int : 42	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	42	42	42	$x = int : 42
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$x = int : 57	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	57	57	57	$x = int : 57
$x = float : 1.3	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	1	2	1	$x = float : 1.3
$x = float : 0.005	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	0	1	0	$x = float : 0.005
$x = float : 0	true	false	true	true	false	false	true	false	true	false	true	false	0	0	0	$x = float : 0
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$x = float : 123450000 †f7	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	123450000	123450000	123450000	$x = float : 123450000 †f7
$x = string[0] : ''	false	false	true	true	false	false	true	false	true	null (#2)	null (#3)	null (#4)	0	0	0	$x = string[0] : ''
$x = string[1] : ' '	false	false	true	true	false	false	true	false	true	null (#2)	null (#3)	null (#4)	0	0	0	$x = string[1] : ' '
$x = string[2] : ' 1'	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	1	1	1	$x = string[2] : ' 1'
$x = string[3] : ' 3 '	false	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false (#5)	true (#5)	false (#5)	3	3	3	$x = string[3] : ' 3 '
$x = string[1] : '1'	true	true	true	false	false	true	true	false	false	false	true	false	1	1	1	$x = string[1] : '1'

Keep in touch!

(I'm self-employed, you can hire me ;-))

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