

# Evaluating Empty Fields using Field Level Scripting - Null vs Empty

## Description

It may be necessary to perform an operation if a field is empty. An example would be to set the print attribute of a label field to false if the corresponding value is not passed in the data. Below are two examples of how this can be accomplished and some issues that can be encountered.

## Examples

Normally you would assume that if the value is not passed in the data that you could use the following conditional:

### conditional evaluating null

```
var fieldName =
String(label.fields.field.@name ==
'INPUT').@data); // INPUT is not given a value
at print time
if (fieldName == null)
{label.fields.field.@name=='LABELFIELD').@printingField=false;}
```

The above conditional would evaluate as false and 'LABELFIELD' would still print.

However, when the Java script engine is run, and all the variables are created as "empty", the following conditional would evaluate as true and 'LABELFIELD' would not print.

### conditional evaluating empty

```
var fieldName =
String(label.fields.field.@name ==
'INPUT').@data); // INPUT is not given a value
at print time
if (fieldName == "")
{label.fields.field.@name=='LABELFIELD').@printingField=false;}
```

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## Versions

All supported LLM/LPS versions.

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All supported installation environments.

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