

ASP Null, vbNull, Nothing, IsEmpty, and ""

vbNull

- vbNull is not to be used for setting things to null – only used for DataType – not a valid setting
 - vbNull <> Null

Null

- dbText and dbMemo fields are always Null when blank, so comparisons need to reflect that going forward
- temp <> "" is NOT valid for any empty db field, that is crossing data types
 - isNull(temp) is the proper check
 - temp <> "" is NOT valid because while it does return the proper result, you are crossing dataTypes, meaning temp = "" does not work either, because temp is not = to an empty string, temp is = to Null

Nothing

- This is for objects ONLY
 - set rs = nothing is the Null equivalent for objects

IsEmpty

- check if temp is Empty or not
 - returns False when temp is Null
- Empty = "" (Empty String)
- Only could be useful when checking a variable that was set earlier in the page
- can be swapped for if temp = ""

"" (Empty String)

- Can be used when “clearing” a database field or when setting a variable to Empty
 - When setting a db field this way, that field will return as Null if you query it
 - When setting a variable this way, that field will NOT return Null, it will return Empty