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String Functions: The VAL Function

The ?TYPE MISMATCH ERROR listed for the VAL function does not occur; instead:

1. If the string begins with a non-numeric (except leading spaces) the value returned is 0.
2. If the string begins with a number but contains non-numeric characters then the value returned is the value of the beginning number.

The VAL of a null string is UNDEFINED! Because of the hard coding, Applesoft returns 0. But the RAM-based Business Basic returns whatever value happens to be in RAM memory at the time.

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