

CF Quick Tip: Destroying Variables

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You can effectively destroy a variable by setting it to an empty string such as...

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<cfset arrMyBooks = "" /> <!--- Set the array of Books to an empty string --->
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So why would you want to do this? You do it to free up memory when a variable/object is no longer needed, but you still have a bit of processing left to do on your page. Why? Because it is better to pro-actively release resources when not needed, than to not do so and run the risk of pushing memory usage past 90% of the allocated heap. And as you may know, when you push past that 90% memory utilization is where you start to see issues, especially if the JVM garbage collector is not keeping up.