

Below is a **clean, simplified, internally explained, and NoteLM-friendly** version of `var` in JavaScript, written in the **same depth + format** you've been following.

I've corrected language, removed redundancy, and added **internal behavior explanations** where needed (important for exams + interviews).

◆ `var` Keyword in JavaScript

The `var` keyword is used to declare variables in JavaScript.

Before **ES6 (2015)**, `var` was the **only way** to declare variables.

After ES6, `let` and `const` were introduced to fix many problems of `var`.

📌 Modern JavaScript Recommendation

- Prefer `let` and `const`
- Use `var` only for legacy browser support or old codebases

📌 What is a Variable?

A **variable** is a container used to store data in memory.

JavaScript variables can store:

- Number
- String
- Boolean
- Object
- Array
- Function

📘 Syntax of `var`

js

```
var identifier;  
var identifier = value;
```

- `identifier` must follow valid variable naming rules
- Initialization is optional

✍️ Basic Example

html

```
<script>  
var num = 30;  
var text = "Hello World";
```

```
var flag = true;

console.log(num);
console.log(text);
console.log(flag);
</script>
```

Output

```
arduino

30
Hello World
true
```

Scope of `var`

A variable declared with `var` has **function scope**, not block scope.

Types of Scope with `var`

1. Global Scope
2. Function Scope

✗ `var` does NOT have block scope

◆ Function Scope (Very Important)

If a variable is declared **anywhere inside a function**, it is accessible **throughout the function**, even outside blocks like `if`, `for`, `{ }`.

Example: Function Scope

```
html

<script>
function demo() {
  var x = 10;

  {
    var y = 20;
  }

  console.log(x); // 10
  console.log(y); // 20
}
```

```
demo();  
</script>
```

📌 Reason (Internal Explanation)

JavaScript ignores blocks `{ }` for `var` .

Only functions create scope boundaries for `var` .

❌ Contrast with `let`

```
js  
  
{  
  let a = 10;  
}  
  
console.log(a); // ❌ ReferenceError
```

🌐 Global Scope with `var`

If `var` is declared **outside any function**, it becomes a **global variable**.

Global `var` variables:

- Attach to the `window` object (in browsers)
- Can be accessed anywhere

Example

```
html  
  
<script>  
var num1 = 10;  
  
function sum(num2) {  
  console.log(num1 + num2);  
  console.log(window.num1 + num2);  
}  
  
sum(20);  
</script>
```

Output

30

30


 `var` pollutes the global scope → **dangerous**

Hoisting Behavior of `var`

Variables declared with `var` are **hoisted** to the top of their scope.

What is Hoisting?

JavaScript moves variable declarations to the top of the scope **before execution**

 Only the **declaration** is hoisted, **not the value**

Example: Hoisting

html

```
<script>
function test() {
  a = 98;
  console.log(a);
  var a;
}
test();
</script>
```

Output

98

Internally, JavaScript reads it as:

js

```
function test() {
  var a;
  a = 98;
  console.log(a);
}
```

 **Dangerous Example**

```
js
```

```
console.log(x);  
var x = 10;
```

Output:

```
javascript
```

```
undefined
```

✗ This causes bugs

✓ `let` and `const` fix this using Temporal Dead Zone (TDZ)

🔄 Redeclaration with `var`

`var` allows **multiple redeclarations** of the same variable.

Example

```
html
```

```
<script>  
var a = 10;  
var a = 20;  
var a;  
  
console.log(a);  
</script>
```

Output

```
20
```

📌 Redeclaration does **not** reset value

📌 This is **not allowed** with `let` or `const`

🔍 Shadowing with `var`

```
html
```

```
<script>  
var num = 10;
```

```
function show() {  
  var num = 20;  
  console.log(num); // 20  
}  
  
show();  
console.log(num); // 10  
</script>
```

✓ Inner `var` hides outer `var`

✓ Both exist in different scopes

1 2 3 4 Multiple Declarations in One Statement

```
js  
  
var a, b, c;  
a = 10;  
b = 20;  
c = 30;
```

Or:

```
js  
  
var a = 10, b = 20, c = 30;
```

✓ Valid

✓ Common in old JavaScript code

`var` in Loops (Classic Trap)

```
html  
  
<script>  
for (var i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
  console.log(i);  
}  
console.log(i);  
</script>
```

Output

0
1
2
3

📌 `i` is accessible **outside loop**

📌 This causes bugs in async code

✓ `let` fixes this by block scoping

📦 Destructuring with `var`

html

```
<script>
var arr = [4, 5, 6];
var [a, b, c] = arr;

console.log(a, b, c);
</script>
```

Output

4 5 6

✓ Works

✗ Still function-scoped

⚠ Major Problems with `var`

Problem	Explanation
No block scope	Leaks outside <code>{}</code>
Hoisting bugs	Access before declaration
Global pollution	Attaches to <code>window</code>
Redeclaration allowed	Silent overwrites
Loop issues	Breaks async logic

Comparison Summary

Feature	var	let	const
Scope	Function	Block	Block
Hoisted	Yes	Yes (TDZ)	Yes (TDZ)
Redeclare	✓	✗	✗
Reassign	✓	✓	✗
Global object	Yes	No	No

Final Takeaway (Exam Ready)

`var` declares function-scoped variables that are hoisted and can be redeclared, which often leads to bugs. Modern JavaScript prefers `let` and `const`.

If you want, next we can do:

- `let` in same depth
- `const` internals
- `var` vs `let` vs `const` traps
- Interview MCQs
- Memory & execution context view

Just say **next** 