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SCOPE

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TOPIC IN JAVASCRIPT

BUT IT STARTS SIMPLE ENOUGH :-)

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# SCOPE

## GLOBAL

GLOBAL VARIABLES EXIST FOR AS LONG AS THE PAGE. THEY COME INTO EXISTENCE WHEN THE PAGE LOADS, AND CEASE TO EXIST WHEN THE PAGE UNLOADS

## LOCAL

LOCAL VARIABLES EXIST INSIDE A FUNCTION, OR SOME SPECIFIC SCOPE



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SCOPE IN JAVASCRIPT IS FASCINATING AND  
VERY DIFFERENT FROM JAVA/C++, WE WE  
WILL SEE WHEN WE GET TO CLOSURES

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**OUR JAVASCRIPT IS ENCLOSED  
BETWEEN SCRIPT TAGS, AS USUAL**

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