

var const let and variables scopes

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- var, let and const
- Variable Scopes:
 - Global scope
 - Local scope
 - Block scope



var const and let

- We can use these reserved words to declare a variable in JS
- Let and const introduced in ES6
- var is available since from JS inception
- Variable declared within a JS function are known as local variable

var let const

Quick overview for

- Variable declaration
- variable initialization
- Modification or update
- Variable re-declaration

Variable declaration

```
var score;  
let college;
```

Variable decl.& init.

```
var score = 85;  
let college = "COEP";  
const PIN = 431202;
```

Variable Modification or update

```
score = 90;      --> Allowed  
college = "REP"; --> Allowed  
PIN = 431202;   --> Not allowed
```

Variable Re-declaration

```
var score = 90;      --> Allowed  
let college = "REP"; --> Not Allowed  
const PIN = 431202; --> Not allowed
```

var and let

We can use var and let keywords in order to define variables.

- 'let' is introduced in ES6
- 'let' has block scope
- For 'let' variable re-declaration is not allowed
- For var 'variable re-declaration is allowed
- Modification or updation is allowed

const

- const keyword used to define constants
- It cannot be declared w/t initialization.
- Ex. `const PI = 3.14;`
- 'const' has the block scope
- For 'const' re-declaration is not allowed
- Modification is not allowed

What is block ?

Anything written inside open and close curly brackets { } is called as block

Example:

- if block
- else block
- for loop block

Variable Scopes.

Scope in JS determines the accessibility where a variable can be used.

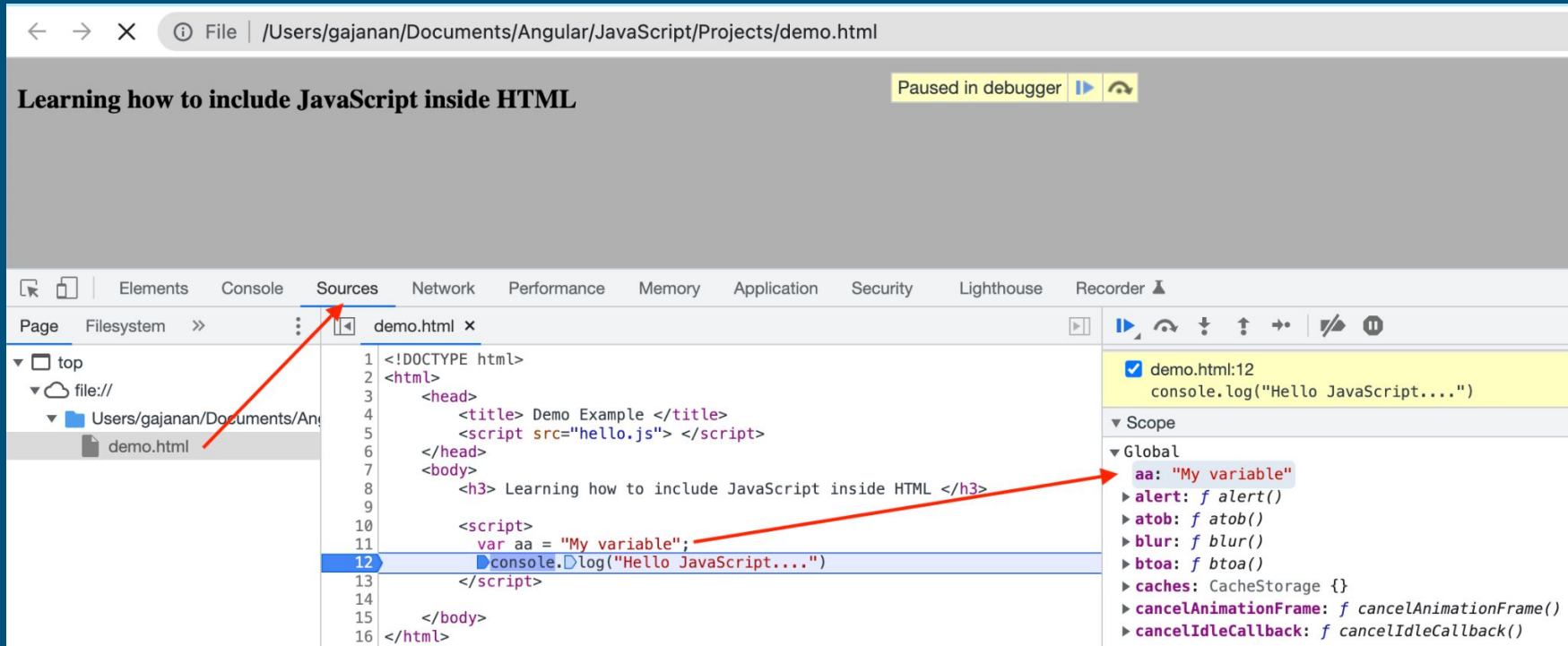
There are three types of scopes in JS

- Global Scope
- Function Scope
- Block Scope

Global Scope

Global scope means a variable declared outside any curly brackets { } that variable has a global scope and can be used anywhere in the file

Example. → `var aa = "My Variable";`



Function Scope

Function scope means a variable defined inside a function are not accessible from outside the function

→ 'message' variable defined inside function `display()` and It has the function scope hence, It is not allowed to access outside of function.

In case, will try to access will get the error : `ReferenceError: message is not defined`

Note: Instead of 'var' keyword in case will use 'let' to define message variable (line no. 14) Will get the same error message.

```
13  function display() {  
14      |    var message = "Hello";  
15  }  
16  console.log(message); // 'message' variable not allowed to access outside function  
17  display();|
```

Block Scope

- Block scope means declaring a variable inside the block or curly brackets can not be accessible from outside the block.
- Variable declared using let and const has the block scope

```
if(true) {  
    let message = "Hello";  
    const PI = 3.1413;  
}  
  
console.log(message); // Not allowed as variable 'message' and 'PI' defined  
                        // using let and const keyword hence it has block scope  
  
if(true) {  
    var greet = "Good Morning";  
}  
  
console.log(greet); // Allowed as variable 'greet' defined  
                    // using var keyword hence it has function scope
```

Block Scope

ES6 provides the **let** and **const** keywords that allow you to declare variables in block scope.

It can be the area within the if, else,

switch conditions or

for, do while, and while loops.

```
function say(message) {  
  if(!message) {  
    let greeting = 'Hello'; // block scope  
    console.log(greeting);  
  }  
  // say it again ?  
  console.log(greeting); // ReferenceError  
}  
  
say();
```

Diff. between var, let, const

	BASIS	VAR	LET	CONST
SCOPE		FUNCTIONAL SCOPE	BLOCK SCOPE	BLOCK SCOPE
MODIFICATION		UPDATED & RE-DECLARED IN SCOPE	ONLY UPDATABLE	No MODIFICATION POSSIBLE
DECLARATION WITHOUT INITIALISATION		✓	✓	✗
ACCESSING WITHOUT INITIALIASING		✓ (UNDEFINED VALUE)	✓ (UNDEFINED VALUE)	✗