



PART 1

LAB SESSION

✓ **Variables and Scopes**

Lab 2 - Variables and Scopes

- The purpose for this lab is to illustrate the unintended consequences of using *var* or variables without keywords. This can create very elusive errors that is difficult to troubleshoot. Since Javascript compiler accepts variables declared using *var* and without keywords as valid, therefore the developer must make it a habit to declare variables explicitly using *let* and *const* .



Lab 2a: Using var to declare local variable



1. Create the following in *2a-local-variable.js* then run using node *2a-local-variable.js*

```
let func = ()=>{  
  var a = 456;  
}  
func();  
console.log(a);
```

This will throw an error *ReferenceError: a is not defined*. Why?

Lab 2b: Using var to unintentionally declare global variable



1. Create the following in *2b-global-variable.js* then run using *node 2b-global-variable.js*

```
if (true) {  
  var a = 456;  
}  
console.log(a);
```

This returns *456*. Why not an error?

Lab 2c: Uncaught errors when using undefined global variable



1. Create the following in *2c-hoisting.js* then run using *node 2c-hoisting.js*

```
console.log(b);
```

This should throw an exception *ReferenceError: b is not defined*

Change the file to the following then save and run again.

```
console.log(b);  
var b = 567;
```

This did not throw an exception even though *b* is only declared after *console.log()*. Why?