

# CHAPTER 2 – VARIABLES & OPERATORS

## What are Variables?

Variables are containers for storing data values.

There are three types of variables:-

1. var → *var x = 2;*
2. let → *let y = 3;*
3. const → *const z = 4;*

**Note** : The values of var & let can be changed further, but the value of const can't be changed once declared.

## When to use JavaScript const?

Use const when you declare:

- A new Array
- A new Object
- A new Function

**Note** : These are mutable which means that we can change the elements of constant array & change the properties of constant object.

## **JavaScript Keywords**

Keywords are reserved words that are part of the syntax in the programming language like var, const, let etc..

## **JavaScript Identifiers**

All JavaScript variables must be identified with unique names. These unique names are called identifiers.

Rules for constructing names for Variables (unique identifiers) are:

- Names can contain letters, digits, underscores, & dollar signs.
- Names must begin with a letter.
- Names can also begin with \$ and \_ .
- Names are case-sensitive.
- JavaScript Keywords cannot be used as names.

## **JavaScript Operators**

1. Arithmetic Operators → +, -, \*, \*\*, /, %, ++, -- .
2. Assignment Operators → =, +=, -=, \*=, /=, % =, \*\*= .
3. Comparison Operators → ==, ===, !=, !==, <, >, <=, >=, ? .
4. Logical Operators → &&, ||, ! .
5. Bitwise Operators → &, |, ~, ^, <<, >>, >>> .
6. Type Operators → typeof, instanceof .

# Precedence Table of JavaScript Operators

Precedence	Type	Operators	<u>Associativity</u>
1	Postfix	() [] -> . ++ --	Left to right
2	Unary	+ - ! ~ ++ -- (type)* & sizeof	Right to left
3	Multiplicative	* / %	Left to right
4	Additive	+ -	Left to right
5	Shift	<<, >>	Left to right
6	Relational	< <= > >=	Left to right
7	Equality	== !=	Left to right
8	Bitwise AND	&	Left to right
9	Bitwise XOR	^	Left to right
10	Bitwise OR		Left to right
11	Logical AND	&&	Left to right
12	Logical OR		Left to right
13	Conditional	?:	Right to left
14	Assignment	= += -= *= /= %= >>= <<= &= ^=  =	Right to left
15	Comma	,	Left to right

## JavaScript Datatypes

JS datatypes means which type of data we are storing in our variables.

