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CHAP 9 : Block Scope and Shadowing in JS

• What is a Block?

→ So, the multiple JS statements ~~formed~~ in a group that is enclosed with curly brackets, is called a block.

Ex: {

var a = 10;

let b = 20;

const c = 30;

}

"Block Scope means all the variables or functions we can access inside the specified block.

** Block values are stored inside separate memory than global. They are stored in block. (the ~~scope~~ let and const are called block scope). [Summary points by Target Streamer]



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- Shadowing in JS: It occurs when a variable declared in a certain scope has the same name as a variable in an outer scope. When this happens, the outer variable is said to be shadowed by inner variable.

• For ex: (9.1)

```
var a = 100;  
{  
    var a = 200;  
    console.log(a);  
}  
console.log(a);
```

• Output:

200
200

(9.1) So, in this example, 'variable a of inner scope' ~~shadowed~~ the 'variable a of outer scope'.
shadowed

• Shadowing in let:

let a = 100; (9.2)

• Output

200

100

{

```
    let a = 200;  
    console.log(a);  
}
```

```
console.log(a);
```




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9.1 So, in this example, first 200 is printed 'let is block-scoped', and later 100 is printed as ~~not~~ now 'let a of outer scope' is global.

* The other shadowing is same in const as let *

* Shadowing is not just a concept of block, it shows the same behaviour in function *

Ex:

• Output:

```
const C = 100;  
function x () {  
  const c = 30;  
  console.log(c);  
}  
x();  
console.log(c);
```

30
100



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- Illegal shadowing in JS: Shadowing let with var is illegal shadowing and gives error.

Ex: `let a = 100;`
`{`

`var a = 20;`
`}`

* Block scope also follows lexical scope *

Ex 1

`const a = 100;`
`{`

`const a = 200;`
`{`

`const a = 300;`
`console.log(a);`
`}`

`}` • Output : 300

Ex 2

`const a = 100;`
`{`

`const a = 200;`
`{`

`console.log(a);`
`}`

`}` • Output : 200

* All the scope rules that follow on normal functions will work on arrow-functions too *