**ES6 Variable Declarations**

ES6 (ECMAScript 2015) introduced significant improvements to how variables are declared in JavaScript, addressing some of the limitations of the older var keyword. Here's a breakdown of the key declarations:

**1. let**

* **Block Scope:** Variables declared with let have **block scope**. This means they are only accessible within the block (e.g., if, for, while) where they are declared.
* **No Hoisting:** Unlike var, let variables are not hoisted. Attempting to use a let variable before its declaration will result in a ReferenceError.
* **Reassignment:** let variables can be reassigned after their declaration.

**Example:**

JavaScript

if (true) {

let x = 10;

}

console.log(x); // ReferenceError: x is not defined

**2. const**

* **Block Scope:** Similar to let, const variables also have block scope.
* **No Hoisting:** const variables are also not hoisted.
* **Immutable:** const variables cannot be reassigned after their initial assignment.

**Example:**

JavaScript

const PI = 3.14159;

PI = 3.15; // TypeError: Assignment to constant variable

* **Important Note:** While const prevents reassignment of the variable itself, if the variable holds an object or array, the properties of that object or array can still be modified.

**Key Differences:**

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| Feature | var | let | const |
| Scope | Function Scope | Block Scope | Block Scope |
| Hoisting | Hoisted (declaration only) | Not Hoisted | Not Hoisted |
| Reassignment | Allowed | Allowed | Not Allowed |
| Immutability | Not Immutable | Mutable | Immutable (value itself cannot be reassigned) |

**Benefits of let and const:**

* **Improved Code Clarity:** Block scoping helps prevent accidental variable overwrites and makes code more predictable.
* **Reduced Errors:** Avoiding hoisting-related issues and preventing unintended reassignments leads to fewer bugs.
* **Better Performance:** In some cases, using let and const can result in slight performance improvements due to optimizations by the JavaScript engine.

By using let and const judiciously, you can write more robust, maintainable, and efficient JavaScript code.