

# [Obfuscator] Renaming constant variable in class static block (Summarized version)

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```
class x { static { const x = { x } = 0 ; } }
```

According to the JavaScript specification, running a JavaScript program `class x { static { const x = { x } = 0 ; } }` is expected to result in **ReferenceError**, but the output of Obfuscator is expected to result in **TypeError**.

The output of Obfuscator is as follows.

```
class x{static{const _0x4ecb98={x}=0x0;}}
```

In summary, the bug has arisen due to renaming constant variable in class static block.

1. Original code and obfuscated code both evaluates `{ x } = 0` and `{x}=0x0` to initialize `x` in `x = { x } = 0` and `_0x4ecb98` in `_0x4ecb98={x}=0x0`.
2. When resolving `x` in `{x}`, the original code resolves to `x` in `const x` and the obfuscated code resolves to `x` in `class x`.
3. The **ReferenceError** exception arises in original code because the algorithm tries to set binding for uninitialized `x`.
4. The **TypeError** exception arises in obfuscated code because the algorithm tries to change the value of an immutable binding `x` (class name).

Below is a detailed explanation using ECMAScript Specification. The first section is about how `class x { static { const x = { x } = 0 ; } }` result in **ReferenceError**. The second section is about how the evaluation step of obfuscated code is different from original code and why the exceptions are different.

Evaluation of `class x { static { const x = { x } = 0 ; } }` is done by following algorithms.

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## Evaluation of `class x { static { const x = { x } = 0 ; } }`

### #1. Evaluation of *ClassDeclaration* of ECMAScript Specification

*ClassDeclaration* : **class** *BindingIdentifier* *ClassTail*

### #2. Operation *BindingClassDeclarationEvaluation* of ECMAScript Specification

### #3. Operation *ClassDefinitionEvaluation* of ECMAScript Specification

In step 2 and 3, the algorithm creates a new declarative environment called **classEnv** and creates immutable binding of `x`.

*ClassTail* : *ClassHeritage*<sub>opt</sub> { *ClassBody*<sub>opt</sub> }

1. Let *env* be the LexicalEnvironment of the **running execution context**.
2. Let *classEnv* be **NewDeclarativeEnvironment**(*env*).
3. If *classBinding* is not **undefined**, then
  - a. Perform *classEnv*.CreateImmutableBinding(*classBinding*, **true**).

In step 27, the algorithm initializes the binding of *x* with *F*, which is the evaluation result of *ClassDefinition* of *x*.

27. If *classBinding* is not **undefined**, then
  - a. Perform ! *classEnv*.InitializeBinding(*classBinding*, *F*).

In step 31-b, the algorithm calls **Call** with arguments *elementRecord*.[[BodyFunction]] and *F*, where *elementRecord*.[[BodyFunction]] represents the **const x = { x } = 0** ; and *F* represents the evaluation result of *ClassDefinition* of *x*.

31. For each element *elementRecord* of *staticElements*, do
  - a. If *elementRecord* is a **ClassFieldDefinition Record**, then
    - i. Let *result* be **Completion**(**DefineField**(*F*, *elementRecord*)).
  - b. Else,
    - i. **Assert**: *elementRecord* is a **ClassStaticBlockDefinition Record**.
    - ii. Let *result* be **Completion**(**Call**(*elementRecord*.[[BodyFunction]], *F*)).

#### #4. Operation Call of the ECMAScript Specification

#### #5. Operation FunctionObject.[[Call]] of the ECMAScript specification.

#### #6. Operation OrdinaryCallEvaluateBody of the ECMAScript specification.

#### #7. Operation ClassStaticBlockBody.EvaluateBody of the ECMAScript specification.

#### #8. Operation ClassStaticBlockBody.EvaluateClassStaticBlockBody of the ECMAScript specification.

This step evaluates the ClassStaticBlockBody, which represents **const x = { x } = 0** ; and creates binding of variables in ClassStaticBlockBody in class environment.

In step 1, the algorithm calls **FunctionDeclarationInstantiation**(*functionObject*, <<>>), where *functionObject* represents the **const x = { x } = 0** ;. This step creates binding of *x*, which represents the constant variable name **const x**, which is **not initialized** at this point.

In step 2, the algorithm calls the evaluation of *ClassStaticBlockStatementList*, where *ClassStaticBlockStatementList* represents **const x = { x } = 0** ;

#### 15.7.12 Runtime Semantics: EvaluateClassStaticBlockBody

The syntax-directed operation **EvaluateClassStaticBlockBody** takes argument *functionObject* and returns either a **normal completion containing** an **ECMAScript language value** or an **abrupt completion**. It is defined piecewise over the following productions:

*ClassStaticBlockBody* : *ClassStaticBlockStatementList*

1. Perform ? **FunctionDeclarationInstantiation**(*functionObject*, <<>>).
2. Return the result of evaluating *ClassStaticBlockStatementList*.

## #9. Evaluation of *LexicalBinding* in ECMAScript specification.

*LexicalBinding* represents  $x = \{x\} = 0$ , and it can be divided into *BindingIdentifier*  $x$  and *Initializer*  $= \{x\} = 0$ .

This algorithm intends to resolve *bindingId* and evaluate *Initializer* to Initialize Binding (in step 5).

In step 4, the algorithm calls the evaluation of *Initializer*.

*LexicalBinding* : *BindingIdentifier* *Initializer*

1. Let *bindingId* be *StringValue* of *BindingIdentifier*.
2. Let *lhs* be *Completion*(*ResolveBinding*(*bindingId*)).
3. If *IsAnonymousFunctionDefinition*(*Initializer*) is **true**, then
  - a. Let *value* be ? *NamedEvaluation* of *Initializer* with argument *bindingId*.
4. Else,
  - a. Let *rhs* be the result of evaluating *Initializer*.
  - b. Let *value* be ? *GetValue*(*rhs*).
5. Perform ? *InitializeReferencedBinding*(*lhs*, *value*).
6. Return empty.

## #10. Evaluation of *AssignmentExpression* in ECMAScript specification.

*AssignmentExpression* represents  $\{x\} = 0$ , and it can be divided into *LeftHandSideExpression*  $\{x\}$  and *AssignmentExpression*  $0$ .

In step 5, the algorithm calls *DestructuringAssignmentEvaluation* of *assignmentPattern* with argument *rval*, where *rval* represents 0 and *assignmentPattern* represents  $\{x\}$ .

### 13.15.2 Runtime Semantics: Evaluation

*AssignmentExpression* : *LeftHandSideExpression* = *AssignmentExpression*

1. If *LeftHandSideExpression* is neither an *ObjectLiteral* nor an *ArrayLiteral*, then
  - a. Let *lref* be the result of evaluating *LeftHandSideExpression*.
  - b. **ReturnIfAbrupt**(*lref*).
  - c. If *IsAnonymousFunctionDefinition*(*AssignmentExpression*) and *IsIdentifierRef* of *LeftHandSideExpression* are both **true**, then
    - i. Let *rval* be ? *NamedEvaluation* of *AssignmentExpression* with argument *lref*.  
[[*ReferencedName*]].
  - d. Else,
    - i. Let *rref* be the result of evaluating *AssignmentExpression*.
    - ii. Let *rval* be ? *GetValue*(*rref*).
  - e. Perform ? *PutValue*(*lref*, *rval*).
  - f. Return *rval*.
2. Let *assignmentPattern* be the *AssignmentPattern* that is **covered** by *LeftHandSideExpression*.
3. Let *rref* be the result of evaluating *AssignmentExpression*.
4. Let *rval* be ? *GetValue*(*rref*).
5. Perform ? *DestructuringAssignmentEvaluation* of *assignmentPattern* with argument *rval*.
6. Return *rval*.

## #11. Operation *ObjectAssignmentPattern.DestructuringAssignment* in ECMAScript specification.

*ObjectAssignmentPattern* represents  $\{x\}$  and it can be interpreted into *AssignmentPropertyList*  $x$ .

In step 2, the algorithm calls *PropertyDestructuringAssignmentEvaluation* of *AssignmentPropertyList* with argument *value*, where *value* represents 0.

*ObjectAssignmentPattern* :

```
{ AssignmentPropertyList }
{ AssignmentPropertyList , }
```

1. Perform ? [RequireObjectCoercible](#)(*value*).
2. Perform ? [PropertyDestructuringAssignmentEvaluation](#) of *AssignmentPropertyList* with argument *value*.
3. Return unused.

## #12. Operation AssignmentProperty.PropertyDestructuringAssignmentEvaluation in ECMAScript specification.

In step 1, *P* refers to **x**.

In step 2, *lref* represents the constant variable **x**.

In step 5, the algorithm calls [PutValue](#)(*lref*, *v*), where *lref* represents a reference of constant variable **x** and *v* represents *undefined* value.

*AssignmentProperty* : *IdentifierReference* *Initializer*<sub>opt</sub>

1. Let *P* be [StringValue](#) of *IdentifierReference*.
2. Let *lref* be ? [ResolveBinding](#)(*P*).
3. Let *v* be ? [GetV](#)(*value*, *P*).
4. If *Initializer*<sub>opt</sub> is present and *v* is **undefined**, then
  - a. If [IsAnonymousFunctionDefinition](#)(*Initializer*) is **true**, then
    - i. Set *v* to ? [NamedEvaluation](#) of *Initializer* with argument *P*.
  - b. Else,
    - i. Let *defaultValue* be the result of evaluating *Initializer*.
    - ii. Set *v* to ? [GetValue](#)(*defaultValue*).
5. Perform ? [PutValue](#)(*lref*, *v*).
6. Return « *P* ».

## #13. Operation PutValue in ECMAScript specification.

The operation [PutValue](#) takes arguments *V* and *W*, where *V* represents a reference of constant variable **x** and *W* represents *undefined* value.

In step 6-c, the algorithm calls [SetMutableBinding](#) with arguments *base*, *V*.[[ReferencedName]], *W*, and *V*.[[Strict]], where *base* represents the environment that binding of constant variable **x** is stored.

6. Else,
  - a. Let *base* be *V*.[[Base]].
  - b. **Assert**: *base* is an [Environment Record](#).
  - c. Return ? *base*.[SetMutableBinding](#)(*V*.[[ReferencedName]], *W*, *V*.[[Strict]]) (see 9.1).

## #14. Operation SetMutableBinding in ECMAScript specification.

In step 3, the algorithm throws a **ReferenceError** exception, because the binding for *N*, which is **x** in *envRec* has not yet been initialized.

In detail, the **x** in *envRec* refers the **x** in `const x`. Therefore, it has not been initialized.

### 9.1.1.1.5 SetMutableBinding ( *N*, *V*, *S* )

The SetMutableBinding concrete method of a [declarative Environment Record](#) *envRec* takes arguments *N* (a String), *V* (an [ECMAScript language value](#)), and *S* (a Boolean) and returns either a [normal completion containing unused](#) or an [abrupt completion](#). It attempts to change the bound value of the current binding of the identifier whose name is the value of the argument *N* to the value of argument *V*. A binding for *N* normally already exists, but in rare cases it may not. If the binding is an immutable binding, a **TypeError** is thrown if *S* is **true**. It performs the following steps when called:

1. If *envRec* does not have a binding for *N*, then
  - a. If *S* is **true**, throw a **ReferenceError** exception.
  - b. Perform *envRec*.CreateMutableBinding(*N*, **true**).
  - c. Perform ! *envRec*.InitializeBinding(*N*, *V*).
  - d. Return unused.
2. If the binding for *N* in *envRec* is a strict binding, set *S* to **true**.
3. If the binding for *N* in *envRec* has not yet been initialized, throw a **ReferenceError** exception.
4. Else if the binding for *N* in *envRec* is a mutable binding, change its bound value to *V*.
5. Else,
  - a. **Assert**: This is an attempt to change the value of an immutable binding.
  - b. If *S* is **true**, throw a **TypeError** exception.
6. Return unused.

In short, in #9, the evaluation of LexicalBinding, the algorithm evaluates AssignmentExpression `{x}=0` to initialize the value of the constant variable `x`. However, while evaluating `{x}=0`, in #12, the algorithm resolves the `x` in the AssignmentExpression as the constant variable `x` and tries to assign value. Then, **ReferenceError** occurs in # 14, because the constant variable `x` has not been initialized yet.

## Evaluation of class `x{static{const _0x4ecb98={x}=0x0;}}`

In comparison, the evaluation of the obfuscated JavaScript program is similar but different in following steps.

#8(Obs). Operation ClassStaticBlockBody.EvaluateClassStaticBlockBody of the ECMAScript specification.

In step 1, the algorithm calls `FunctionDeclarationInstantiation(functionObject, <<>>)`, where functionObject represents the `const _0x4ecb98 = { x } = 0x0 ;`. This step creates an immutable binding of `_0x4ecb98` in class environment.

In step 2, the algorithm calls the evaluation of `ClassStaticBlockStatementList`, where `ClassStaticBlockStatementList` represents `const _0x4ecb98 = { x } = 0x0 ;`.

#12(Obs). Operation AssignmentProperty.PropertyDestructuringAssignmentEvaluation in ECMAScript specification.

In step 1, P refers to `x`.

There is a significant difference in step 2. In step 2, lref represents the class `x`.

In step 5, the algorithm calls `PutValue(lref, v)`, where lref represents a reference of the class `x` and v represents *undefined* value.

#14. Operation SetMutableBinding in ECMAScript specification.

In step 5-b, the algorithm throws a **TypeError** exception, because the binding for N, which is `x` in `envRec` is an immutable binding.

Since this is an attempt to change the value of an immutable binding, the algorithm throws **TypeError** exception.

In detail, the `x` in `envRec` refers the `x` in `class x`.