# [Obfuscator] Renaming constant variable in class static block

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class x \{ \text{ static } \{ \text{ const } x = \{ x \} = \emptyset ; \} \}
```

According to the JavaScript specification, running a JavaScript program class  $x \in \text{static} \in \text{const} x$  =  $\{x \} = 0$ ;  $\}$  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 arised due to renaming constant variable in class static block.

- 1. Original code and obfuscated code both evaluates  $\{x\} = 0$  and  $\{x\} = 0 \times 0$  to initalize x in  $x = \{x\} = 0$  and  $0 \times 4 = 0 \times 0$  in  $0 \times 4 = 0 \times 0$ .
- 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 immuatble binding x (class name).

Below is a detailed explanation using ECMAScript Specification. The first section is about how class  $x \in \{const \mid x = \{const \mid x \} = 0\}$  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.

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#1. Evaluation of ClassDeclaration of ECMAScript Specification

ClassDeclaration: class BindingIdentifier ClassTail

The algorithm calls BindingClassDeclarationEvaluation of this ClassDeclaration.

### 15.7.16 Runtime Semantics: Evaluation

ClassDeclaration: class BindingIdentifier ClassTail

- 1. Perform? BindingClassDeclarationEvaluation of this ClassDeclaration.
- 2. Return empty.

ClassDeclaration: class BindingIdentifier ClassTail

In step 2, the algorithm calls ClassDefinitionEvaluation of *ClassTail* with arguments className and className.

ClassDeclaration: class BindingIdentifier ClassTail

- 1. Let className be StringValue of BindingIdentifier.
- 2. Let value be? ClassDefinitionEvaluation of ClassTail with arguments className and className.
- 3. Set value.[[SourceText]] to the source text matched by ClassDeclaration.
- 4. Let *env* be the running execution context's LexicalEnvironment.
- 5. Perform? InitializeBoundName(className, value, env).
- 6. Return value.

### #3. Operation ClassDefinitionEvaluation of ECMAScript Speicification

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

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ClassTail: ClassHeritageopt { ClassBodyopt }
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- 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 x, which is the evaluation result of *ClassDefinition* of x.

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27. If classBinding is not undefined, then
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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  $x = \{x\} = \emptyset$ ; 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

In step 3, the algorithm calls F. [[Call]] (V, argumentsList), where F represents the const  $x = \{x \} = 0$ ; V represents the evaluation result of ClassDefintion of x, and argumentsList is an empty List.

- 1. If argumentsList is not present, set argumentsList to a new empty List.
- 2. If IsCallable(*F*) is **false**, throw a **TypeError** exception.
- 3. Return ? F.[[Call]](V, argumentsList).

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

In step 6, the algorithm calls OrdinaryCallEvaluateBody(F, argumentList), where F represents the const  $\times$  =  $\{x\}$  =  $\{x\}$  and argumentsList is an empty List.

### 10.2.1 [[Call]] (thisArgument, argumentsList)

The [[Call]] internal method of an ECMAScript function object *F* takes arguments *this Argument* (an ECMAScript language value) and *argumentsList* (a List of ECMAScript language values) and returns either a normal completion containing an ECMAScript language value or an abrupt completion. It performs the following steps when called:

- 1. Let *callerContext* be the running execution context.
- 2. Let *calleeContext* be PrepareForOrdinaryCall(*F*, **undefined**).
- 3. Assert: *calleeContext* is now the running execution context.
- 4. If *F*.[[IsClassConstructor]] is **true**, then
  - a. Let error be a newly created TypeError object.
  - b. NOTE: *error* is created in *calleeContext* with *F*'s associated Realm Record.
  - c. Remove *calleeContext* from the execution context stack and restore *callerContext* as the running execution context.
  - d. Return ThrowCompletion(error).
- 5. Perform OrdinaryCallBindThis(F, calleeContext, thisArgument).
- 6. Let result be Completion(OrdinaryCallEvaluateBody(F, argumentsList)).

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

The algorithm calls EvaluateBody of F.[[ECMAScriptCode]] with arguments F and argumentList, where F represents the const  $x = \{x\} = 0$ ; and argumentsList is an empty List.

### 10.2.1.4 OrdinaryCallEvaluateBody (F, argumentsList)

The abstract operation OrdinaryCallEvaluateBody takes arguments F (a function object) and argumentsList (a List) and returns either a normal completion containing an ECMAScript language value or an abrupt completion. It performs the following steps when called:

1. Return ? EvaluateBody of F.[[ECMAScriptCode]] with arguments F and argumentsList.

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

The algorithm calls EvaluateClassStaticBlockBody of ClassStaticBlockBody with argument functionObject, where functionObject represents the const  $x = \{x\} = \emptyset$ ;

ClassStaticBlockBody: ClassStaticBlockStatementList

- 1. Assert: argumentsList is empty.
- $2. \ \ Return\ ?\ Evaluate Class Static Block Body\ of\ Class Static Block Body\ with\ argument\ function Object.$

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

In step 1, the algorithm calls FunctionDeclarationInstantiation(functionObject, <<>>), where functionObject represents the const  $x = \{x\} = \emptyset$ ;. 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  $x = \{x \} = \emptyset$ ;

### 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:

 ${\it ClassStaticBlockBody: ClassStaticBlockStatementList}$ 

- 1. Perform ? FunctionDeclarationInstantiation(functionObject, « »).
- $2. \ \ Return\ the\ result\ of\ evaluating\ {\it ClassStaticBlockStatementList}.$

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

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

This algorithm intends to resolve bindingld 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.

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

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? Destructuring Assignment Evaluation of assignment Pattern with argument rval.
- 6. Return rval.

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

ObjectAssignemntPattern 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.

Object Assignment Pattern:

- { 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, Iref represents the constant variable x.

In step 5, the algorithm calls PutValue(Iref, v), where Iref represents a reference of constant variable x and v represents undefined value.

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    AssignmentProperty: IdentifierReference Initializeropt
    Let P be StringValue of IdentifierReference.
    Let Iref be? ResolveBinding(P).
    Let v be? GetV(value, P).
    If Initializeropt is present and v is undefined, 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).

    Perform? PutValue(lref, v).
    Return « P ».
```

### #13. Operation PutValue in ECMAScript specification.

The operation PutValue takes arguments V and W, where V represents a reference of constant variable  $\times$  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.

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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.

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9.1.1.1.5 SetMutableBinding (N, V, S)
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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  $\emph{envRec}$  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.
- Return unused.

In short, in #9, the evaluation of LexicalBinding, the algorithm evaluates AssignmentExpression  $\{x\}=0$  to initalize 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. Evaluate ClassStaticBlockBody of the ECMAScript specification.

In step 1, the algorithm calls FunctionDeclarationInstantiation(functionObject, <<>>), where functionObject represents the const  $_0$ x4ecb98 = { x } = 0x0 ;. This step creates an immutable binding of  $_0$ x4ecb98 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.

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

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            ii. Set v to? GetValue(defaultValue).

    Perform? PutValue(lref, v).
    Return « P ».
```

#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 immuable binding, the algorithm throws **TypeError** exception.

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

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  - 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.