

- In the previous code, to access variables / functions in the global space, we can do:

console.log(window.a)

console.log(a)

console.log(this.a) (this points to window in global level)

Output: All 3 is same, 10

- If we do,  
console.log(x)

⇒ Error: x is not defined. (x is not in global level)

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\* undefined vs. not defined in JS

→ "undefined" keyword indicates the absence of a value or the uninitialized state of a variable.

→ In Memory Creation Phase, all variables are assigned to "undefined" before the code execution starts.



→ e.g. `var a`  
`console.log(a)`

⇒ undefined

→ "not defined" refers to a situation where a variable has not been declared or is not accessible in the current scope.

→ e.g. `var a`  
`console.log(a)`  
`console.log(x)`

⇒ undefined

Error: x is not defined.

→ JS is a loosely typed language or a weakly typed language, i.e. it does not depend on data type declarations.

→ e.g. `var a`  
`c.l(a)`  
`a = 10`  
`c.l(a)`  
`a = "hello world"`  
`c.l(a)`

⇒ undefined

10

hello world

i.e. we can assign it to a number, string etc.

→ `a = undefined`

It is not a good practise to assign a variable `undefined`.

The purpose of `undefined` is that it shows that the variable has not been assigned a value.

★ Extra ( `undefined` vs. `null` )

→ `Undefined` means a variable has been declared but has ~~not~~ yet not been assigned a value.

→ It is a global property.

→ `Null` is an assignment value. It can be assigned to a variable as a representation of no value.

→ `null == undefined`  $\Rightarrow$  `true`  
`null === undefined`  $\Rightarrow$  `false`

→ e.g. `var a = null` (we can do this)  
`typeof a`  $\Rightarrow$  `object`

→ `var a`  
`typeof a`  $\Rightarrow$  `undefined`



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### \* The Scope Chain, Scope & Lexical Environment

→ **Scope**: Where you can access a specific variable or a function in our code.

→ **Lexical Environment**: Whenever a EC is created, a lexical Env is created.

Lexical Env is the local memory along with the Lexical Env. of its parent.

→ lexical means in a hierarchy or in a sequence.

e.g.

```
function a() {
  var b = 10
  function c() {
    :
  }
}
```

c lexical parent is a  
a lexical parent is  
global EC.

Global EC parent is  
null.

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

It makes a chain  
and is known as  
scope chain.



→ The outer reference checks the parents lexical environment and make it accessible for its own scope.

→ The scope of a code block can reach all its parents lexical environment.

→ In this way, we have a chain actually, chain of all parent's scope, known as scope chain.

e.g Code: Tries to find b in its own LE. If not found, it searches it in parent, then its parent and so on, until it is found or reaches null.

```

function a() {
  function c() {
    console.log(b)
  }
  c()
}
a()
  
```

⇒ Output: 10

