

const



freeze



in JavaScript

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const

- Declares a variable that cannot be reassigned.
- Primarily used to define variables whose value should not change.
- While the reference to the variable cannot change, the contents of objects or arrays defined with const can still be modified.

```
const user = { name: "Alice", age: 30 };  
user.age = 31; // This is allowed  
// user = { name: "Bob", age: 25 };  
// This will throw an error
```



Object.freeze()

- Makes an object immutable, preventing any changes to its properties.
- Used to freeze an object so that its properties cannot be added, removed, or modified.
- It makes the entire object immutable, but does not affect nested objects unless they are also frozen.

```
JS
const user = { name: "Alice", age: 30 };
Object.freeze(user);
user.age = 31; // This will not change the age property
// user.name = "Bob";
// This will also not change the name property
```



Reassignment vs. Modification:

- `Object.freeze()` prevents any modification to the object's properties.



- `const` prevents reassignment of the variable itself, but allows modification of the contents if it's an object or array.

Practical Usage

- `const` is great for defining constants or variables that should not be reassigned.
- `Object.freeze()` is ideal for creating truly immutable objects where no changes should be allowed.



Deep Freeze

- For true immutability, nested objects need to be frozen as well.

```
JS

function deepFreeze(obj) {
  Object.keys(obj).forEach(name => {
    const prop = obj[name];
    if (typeof prop === 'object' && prop !== null)
      deepFreeze(prop);
  });
  return Object.freeze(obj);
}

const user = { name: "Alice", details: { age: 30 } };
deepFreeze(user);
user.details.age = 31;
// This will not change the age property
```



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