JavaScript Crash Course

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JavaScript Syntax Overview: Variables

- `var name;` - creates variable `name` with value `undefined`.