Variables in Ruby

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Naming Convention

Name beginning with	Variable Scope
$	A global variable
[a-z] or _	A local variable
@	An instance variable
@@	A class variable
[A-Z]	A constant

Summary

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- To declare a variable
  eg. var1=10
- Changing variable type using to_f, to_s methods
- Different Variable scope

Assignment

- Declare a variable and convert it to octal and hexadecimal form

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