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## Syntax

```
var_stmt      ::= "var" (attributes identifier (":" type_expr [var_stmt_asgn]) | (var_stmt_asgn)) [","]  
var_stmt_asgn ::= " := " expression
```

## Description

Memory locations with specific types are explicitly named as **variables**. When values are assigned to variables, they are stored in the designated memory location for that variable. If a type cannot be converted and the variable is a class type that has an overloaded suitable operator, it will be converted using a custom operator defined by the programmer. Otherwise, an exception [TR007](#) is thrown.

There are two types of variables:

- Variables declared outside of functions and within a module are referred to as **global variables**. They are accessible for the duration of the program's execution and are kept in the global context.
- **Local variables** are defined within a block of code, such as a function, class, or extension. Their stackframe stores their value.

When a variable is needed, it must be declared explicitly. In the absence of a declared variable, no memory is allocated. The interpreter will indicate an error [TR005](#) if a variable identifier (such as a loop variable) is used without first being declared.

## Example

```
var a: Integer := 5, b := 'text';  
var c: UnicodeString;
```