

**NAME**

vars - Perl pragma to predeclare global variable names

**SYNOPSIS**

```
use vars qw($frob @mung %seen);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

NOTE: For use with variables in the current package for a single scope, the functionality provided by this pragma has been superseded by `our` declarations, available in Perl v5.6.0 or later, and use of this pragma is discouraged. See “`our`” in `perlfunc`.

This will predeclare all the variables whose names are in the list, allowing you to use them under “`use strict`”, and disabling any typo warnings.

Unlike pragmas that affect the `$_H` hints variable, the `use vars` and `use subs` declarations are not BLOCK-scoped. They are thus effective for the entire file in which they appear. You may not rescind such declarations with `no vars` or `no subs`.

Packages such as the **AutoLoader** and **SelfLoader** that delay loading of subroutines within packages can create problems with package lexicals defined using `my()`. While the **vars** pragma cannot duplicate the effect of package lexicals (total transparency outside of the package), it can act as an acceptable substitute by pre-declaring global symbols, ensuring their availability to the later-loaded routines.

See “Pragmatic Modules” in `perlmodlib`.