

Here's the Julia version of a script we saw a while ago in Python:

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function writerule(selector; options...)
    println("$selector {")
    for (prop, value) in options
        println("  $(replace(string(prop), "_", "-")): $value;")
    end
    println("}")
end

writerule("h1", font_family="Helvetica", size="20px")
writerule("p.error", color="red", margin="16px", padding="0")
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Rather than having only global or function scopes, Julia's scoping regions coincide with the following constructs: function bodies, **while** and **for** loops, and blocks introduced with **try**, **catch**, **finally**, **let**, and **type**. Variables introduced in a scope are visible to nested scopes, and shadowing is permitted. We introduce new variables into the current scope with **local** or **const**; function parameters are automatically made part of the function body scope. If you assign to a variable without marking it local, a new local is introduced in the current scope *unless* it has been marked **local** or **global** in an enclosing scope. Marking a variable **global** is required to allow writing to a global variable in an “inner” (non-global) scope.

```
a, b, c = 1, 2, 3      # three globals
(function ()
    a = 10              # introduces local and shadows
    global b = 20       # overwrites global
    d = 10c + 10        # new local, reading global
    local e = 5
    while true
        e = 50          # outer e because marked local
        f = 60          # local to while loop!
        break
    end
    @assert (a,b,c,d,e) == (10,20,3,40,50)
    @assert (try f catch -1 end) == -1
end)()
@assert (a,b,c) == (1,20,3)
```

Finally, Julia has a special rule for variables in comprehensions: new variables are created for each iteration. CoffeeScript, in contrast, iterates with existing variables! Let's compare:

<pre># Julia julia> x = 0 julia> [x^2 for x in 0:9] 10-element Array{Int64,1} julia> x 0</pre>	<pre># CoffeeScript coffee> x = 0 coffee> (x**2 for x in [0..9]) [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81] coffee> x 10</pre>
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That's it for the basics. Julia's type system goes well beyond anything we've seen up to this point, so we'll devote the next section to it.