

# nb-l03-julia-types

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## 1 Additional Info on Julia installation

- There is [Julia Pro](#), a Julia distribution with an additional registry of curated packages It comes bundled with Juno for the Atom editor
- All info on installation is collected on the course homepage

Thanks Obin Sturm for the hint...

## 2 Recap

- General info
- Adding packages
- Assignments, simple data types
- Vectors and matrices
- Basic control structures

## 3 Julia type system

- Julia is a strongly typed language
- Knowledge about the layout of a value in memory is encoded in its type
- Prerequisite for performance
- There are concrete types and abstract types
- See [WikiBook](#) for more

### 3.1 Concrete types

- Every value in Julia has a concrete type
- Concrete types correspond to computer representations of objects
- Inquire type info using `typeof()`
- One can initialize a variable with an explicitly given fixed type
  - Currently possible only in the body of functions and for return values, not in the global context of Jupyter, REPL

```
[1]: function sometypes()
      i::Int8=10
      @show i,typeof(i)
      x::Float16=5.0
      @show x,typeof(x)
      z::Complex{Float32}=15+3im
      @show z,typeof(z)
      return z
end
z1=sometypes()
@show z1,typeof(z1);
```

```
(i, typeof(i)) = (10, Int8)
(x, typeof(x)) = (Float16(5.0), Float16)
(z, typeof(z)) = (15.0f0 + 3.0f0im, Complex{Float32})
(z1, typeof(z1)) = (15.0f0 + 3.0f0im, Complex{Float32})
```

Vectors and Matrices have concrete types as well:

```
[2]: function sometypesv()
      iv=zeros(Int8, 10)
      @show iv,typeof(iv)
      xv=[Float16(sin(x)) for x in 0:0.1:1]
      @show xv,typeof(xv)
      return xv
end
x1=sometypesv()
@show x1,typeof(x1);
```

```
(iv, typeof(iv)) = (Int8[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], Array{Int8,1})
(xv, typeof(xv)) = (Float16[0.0, 0.09985, 0.1986, 0.2954, 0.3894, 0.4795,
0.5645, 0.644, 0.7173, 0.783, 0.8413], Array{Float16,1})
(x1, typeof(x1)) = (Float16[0.0, 0.09985, 0.1986, 0.2954, 0.3894, 0.4795,
0.5645, 0.644, 0.7173, 0.783, 0.8413], Array{Float16,1})
```

Structs allow to define user defined concrete types

```
[3]: struct Color64
      r::Float64
      g::Float64
      b::Float64
end
c=Color64(0.5,0.5,0.1)
@show c,typeof(c);
```

```
(c, typeof(c)) = (Color64(0.5, 0.5, 0.1), Color64)
```

Types can be parametrized (similar to array)

```
[4]: struct TColor{T}
      r::T
      g::T
      b::T
end
c=TColor{Float16}(0.5,0.5,0.1)
@show c,typeof(c);
```

```
(c, typeof(c)) = (TColor{Float16}(Float16(0.5), Float16(0.5), Float16(0.1)),
TColor{Float16})
```

### 3.2 Functions, Methods and Multiple Dispatch

- Functions can have different variants of their implementation depending on the types of parameters passed to them
- These variants are called **methods**
- All methods of a function `f` can be listed calling `methods(f)`
- The act of figuring out which method of a function to call depending on the type of parameters is called **multiple dispatch**

```
[5]: function test_dispatch(x::Float64)
      println("dispatch: Float64, x=$(x)")
end
function test_dispatch(i::Int64)
      println("dispatch: Int64, i=$(i)")
end
test_dispatch(1.0)
test_dispatch(10)
methods(test_dispatch)
```

```
dispatch: Float64, x=1.0
dispatch: Int64, i=10
```

```
[5]: # 2 methods for generic function "test_dispatch":
[1] test_dispatch(i::Int64) in Main at In[5]:5
[2] test_dispatch(x::Float64) in Main at In[5]:2
```

- Typically, Julia functions have lots of possible methods
- Each method is compiled to different machine code and can be optimized for the particular parameter types

```
[6]: using LinearAlgebra
methods(det)
```

```
[6]: # 23 methods for generic function "det":
[1] det(lu::SuiteSparse.UMFPACK.UmfpackLU{Float64,Int32}) in SuiteSparse.UMFPACK
at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/SuiteSparse/src/umfpack.jl:324
```

[2] `det(lu::SuiteSparse.UMFPACK.UmfpackLU{Complex{Float64},Int32})` in SuiteSparse.UMFPACK at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/SuiteSparse/src/umfpack.jl:331

[3] `det(lu::SuiteSparse.UMFPACK.UmfpackLU{Float64,Int64})` in SuiteSparse.UMFPACK at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/SuiteSparse/src/umfpack.jl:324

[4] `det(lu::SuiteSparse.UMFPACK.UmfpackLU{Complex{Float64},Int64})` in SuiteSparse.UMFPACK at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/SuiteSparse/src/umfpack.jl:331

[5] `det(A::SymTridiagonal)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/tridiag.jl:347

[6] `det(A::Tridiagonal)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/tridiag.jl:627

[7] `det(A::UnitUpperTriangular{T,S} where S<:AbstractArray{T,2})` where T in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/triangular.jl:2492

[8] `det(A::UnitLowerTriangular{T,S} where S<:AbstractArray{T,2})` where T in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/triangular.jl:2493

[9] `det(A::UpperTriangular)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/triangular.jl:2498

[10] `det(A::LowerTriangular)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/triangular.jl:2499

[11] `det(A::Symmetric{#s617,S} where S<:(AbstractArray{#s617,2} where #s617<:#s617) where #s617<:Real)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/symmetric.jl:499

[12] `det(A::Union{Hermitian{T,S}, Hermitian{Complex{T},S}, Symmetric{T,S}} where S where T<:Real)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/symmetric.jl:498

[13] `det(A::Symmetric)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/symmetric.jl:500

[14] `det(D::Diagonal)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/diagonal.jl:455

[15] `det(A::AbstractArray{T,2})` where T in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/generic.jl:1341

[16] `det(x::Number)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/generic.jl:1347

[17] `det(A::Eigen)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/eigen.jl:326

[18] `det(C::Cholesky)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/cholesky.jl:456

[19] `det(C::CholeskyPivoted)` in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/cholesky.jl:472

[20] `det(F::LU{T,S} where S<:AbstractArray{T,2})` where T in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/lu.jl:378

```
[21] det(L::SuiteSparse.CHOLMOD.Factor) in SuiteSparse.CHOLMOD at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/SuiteSparse/src/cholmod.jl:1773
[22] det(F::Factorization) in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/factorization.jl:39
[23] det(J::UniformScaling{T}) where T in LinearAlgebra at /home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/julia-1.2.0/usr/share/julia/stdlib/v1.2/LinearAlgebra/src/uniformscaling.jl:185
```

The function/method concept somehow corresponds to [C++14 generic lambdas](#)

```
auto myfunc=[](auto &y, auto &y)
{
    y=sin(x);
};
```

is equivalent to

```
[7]: function myfunc!(y,x)
      y=sin(x)
      end
```

[7]: myfunc! (generic function with 1 method)

Many [generic programming](#) approaches possible in C++ also work in Julia,

If not specified otherwise via parameter types, Julia functions are generic: “automatic auto”

### 3.3 Abstract types

- Abstract types label concepts which work for a several concrete types without regard to their memory layout etc.
- All variables with concrete types corresponding to a given abstract type (must) share a common interface
- A common interface consists of a set of methods working for all types exhibiting this interface
- The functionality of an abstract type is implicitly characterized by the methods working on it
- “[duck typing](#)”: use the “duck test” — “If it walks like a duck and it quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck” — to determine if an object can be used for a particular purpose

Examples of abstract types

```
[8]: function sometypesa()
      i::Integer=10
      @show i,typeof(i)
      x::Real=5.0
      @show x,typeof(x)
      z::Any=15+3im
      @show z,typeof(z)
      return z
```

```
end  
sometypesa()
```

```
(i, typeof(i)) = (10, Int64)  
(x, typeof(x)) = (5.0, Float64)  
(z, typeof(z)) = (15 + 3im, Complex{Int64})
```

[8]: 15 + 3im

Though we try to force the variables to have an abstract type, they end up with having a concrete type which is compatible with the abstract type

### 3.3.1 The type tree

- Types can have subtypes and a supertype
- Concrete types are the leaves of the resulting type tree
- Supertypes are necessarily abstract
- There is only one supertype for every (abstract or concrete) type:

```
[9]: supertype(Float64)
```

[9]: AbstractFloat

- Abstract types can have several subtypes

```
[10]: using InteractiveUtils  
subtypes(AbstractFloat)
```

```
[10]: 4-element Array{Any,1}:  
  BigFloat  
  Float16  
  Float32  
  Float64
```

- Concrete types have no subtypes

```
[11]: subtypes(Float64)
```

```
[11]: 0-element Array{Type,1}
```

- “Any” is the root of the type tree and has itself as supertype

```
[12]: supertype(Any)
```

[12]: Any

Walking the the type tree

```
[13]: function showtypetree(T, level=0)
println(" " ^ level, T)
for t in subtypes(T)
showtypetree(t, level+1)
end
end
showtypetree(Number)
```

```
Number
  Complex
  Real
    AbstractFloat
    BigFloat
    Float16
    Float32
    Float64
  AbstractIrrational
    Irrational
  Integer
    Bool
    Signed
    BigInt
    Int128
    Int16
    Int32
    Int64
    Int8
    Unsigned
    UInt128
    UInt16
    UInt32
    UInt64
    UInt8
  Rational
```

We can have a nicer walk through the type tree by implementing an interface method `AbstractTrees.children` for types:

```
[14]: using Pkg
Pkg.add("AbstractTrees")
```

```
Updating registry at `~/.julia/registries/General`
Updating git-repo
`https://github.com/JuliaRegistries/General.git`
Resolving package versions...
Updating `~/.julia/environments/v1.2/Project.toml`
[1520ce14] + AbstractTrees v0.2.1
Updating `~/.julia/environments/v1.2/Manifest.toml`
```

[1520ce14] + AbstractTrees v0.2.1

```
[15]: using AbstractTrees
```

```
[16]: AbstractTrees.children(x::Type) = subtypes(x)
      AbstractTrees.print_tree(Number)
```

```
Number
  Complex
  Real
    AbstractFloat
      BigFloat
      Float16
      Float32
      Float64
    AbstractIrrational
      Irrational
  Integer
    Bool
    Signed
      BigInt
      Int128
      Int16
      Int32
      Int64
      Int8
    Unsigned
      UInt128
      UInt16
      UInt32
      UInt64
      UInt8
  Rational
```

Abstract types are used to dispatch between methods as well

```
[17]: function test_dispatch(x::AbstractFloat)
      println("dispatch: $(typeof(x)) <:AbstractFloat, x=$(x)")
    end
    function test_dispatch(i::Integer)
      println("dispatch: $(typeof(i)) <:Integer, i=$(i)")
    end
    test_dispatch(one(Float16))
    test_dispatch(10)
    methods(test_dispatch)
```

```
dispatch: Float16 <:AbstractFloat, x=1.0
dispatch: Int64, i=10
```



```
[17]: # 4 methods for generic function "test_dispatch":
      [1] test_dispatch(i::Int64) in Main at In[5]:5
      [2] test_dispatch(x::Float64) in Main at In[5]:2
      [3] test_dispatch(x::AbstractFloat) in Main at In[17]:2
      [4] test_dispatch(i::Integer) in Main at In[17]:5
```

Now, depending on the input type for `test_dispatch`, a generic or a specific method is called

Testing of type relationships

```
[18]: @show Float64<: AbstractFloat
      @show Float64<: Integer
      @show Int16<: AbstractFloat;
```

```
Float64 <: AbstractFloat = true
Float64 <: Integer = false
Int16 <: AbstractFloat = false
```

### 3.4 The power of multiple dispatch

- Multiple dispatch is one of the defining features of Julia
- Combined with the hierarchical type system it allows for powerful generic program design
- New datatypes (different kinds of numbers, differently stored arrays/matrices) work with existing code once they implement the same interface as existent ones.
- In some respects C++ comes close to it, but for the price of more and less obvious code

## 4 Just-in-time compilation and Performance

- Just-in-time compilation is another feature setting Julia apart
- Use the tools from the [The LLVM Compiler Infrastructure Project](#) to organize on-the-fly compilation of Julia code to machine code
- Tradeoff: startup time for code execution in interactive situations
- Multiple steps: Parse the code, analyze data types etc.
- Intermediate results can be inspected using a number of macros

From [Introduction to Writing High Performance Julia](#) by D. Robinson

### 4.1 Inspecting the code transformation

Define a function

```
[19]: g(x)=x+x
      @show g(2)
      methods(g)
```

```
g(2) = 4
```

```
[19]: # 1 method for generic function "g":
      [1] g(x) in Main at In[19]:1
```

Parse into abstract syntax tree

```
[20]: @code_lowered g(2)
println("-----")
@code_lowered g(2.0)
```

-----

```
[20]: CodeInfo(
  1  %1 = x + x
      return %1
)
```

Type inference according to input

```
[21]: @code_warntype g(2)
println("-----")
@code_warntype g(2.0)
```

Variables

```
#self#::Core.Compiler.Const(g, false)
x::Int64
```

Body::Int64

```
1  %1 = (x + x)::Int64
      return %1
```

-----

Variables

```
#self#::Core.Compiler.Const(g, false)
x::Float64
```

Body::Float64

```
1  %1 = (x + x)::Float64
      return %1
```

LLVM Bytecode

```
[22]: @code_llvm g(2)
println("-----")
@code_llvm g(2.0)
```

```
; @ In[19]:1 within `g'
define i64 @julia_g_17078(i64) {
top:
; @ int.jl:53 within `+'
  %1 = shl i64 %0, 1
;
  ret i64 %1
```

```

}
-----

; @ In[19]:1 within `g'
define double @julia_g_17217(double) {
top:
; @ float.jl:395 within `+'
    %1 = fadd double %0, %0
;
    ret double %1
}

```

Native assembler code

```
[23]: @code_native g(2)
println("-----")
@code_native g(2.0)
```

```

    .text
; @ In[19]:1 within `g'
; @ In[19]:1 within `+'
    leaq    (%rdi,%rdi), %rax
;
    retq
    nopw    %cs:(%rax,%rax)
;
-----

    .text
; @ In[19]:1 within `g'
; @ In[19]:1 within `+'
    vaddsd  %xmm0, %xmm0, %xmm0
;
    retq
    nopw    %cs:(%rax,%rax)
;

```

## 4.2 Performance

Macros for performance testing: - @elapsed: wall clock time used - @allocated: number of allocations - @time: @elapsed and @allocated together - @benchmark: Benchmarking small pieces of code

## 4.3 Time twice in order to skip compilation time

```
[24]: function ftest(v::AbstractVector)
    result=0
    for i=1:length(v)
        result=result+v[i]^2
    end
end
```

```
    return result
end
@time ftest(ones(Float64,100000))
@time ftest(ones(Float64,100000))
```

```
0.012650 seconds (33.90 k allocations: 2.623 MiB)
0.000274 seconds (7 allocations: 781.500 KiB)
```

[24]: 100000.0

Run for a different type

```
[25]: @time ftest(ones(Int64,100000))
@time ftest(ones(Int64,100000))
```

```
0.009524 seconds (24.03 k allocations: 2.071 MiB)
0.000098 seconds (7 allocations: 781.500 KiB)
```

[25]: 100000

## 4.4 Julia performance gotchas:

- Variables changing types
  - Type change assumed to be always possible in global context (outside of a function)
  - Type change due to inconsequential programming
- Memory allocations for intermediate results

### 4.4.1 Performance in global context

As an exception, for this example we use the CPUTime package which works without macro expansion.

```
[26]: Pkg.add("CPUTime")
using CPUTime
```

```
Resolving package versions...
Updating `~/julia/environments/v1.2/Project.toml`
[no changes]
Updating `~/julia/environments/v1.2/Manifest.toml`
[no changes]
```

Declare a long vector

```
[27]: myvec=ones(Float64,1000000);
```

Sum up its values

```
[28]: CPUtic()
begin
    x=0.0
```

```

    for i=1:length(myvec)
        global x
        x=x+myvec[i]
    end
    @show x
end
CPUtoc();

```

x = 1.0e6  
elapsed CPU time: 0.229591 seconds

Alternatively, put the sum into a function

```
[29]: function mysum(v)
        x=0.0
        for i=1:length(v)
            x=x+v[i]
        end
        return x
    end
end

```

[29]: mysum (generic function with 1 method)

Run again

```
[30]: CPUtic()
        begin
            @show mysum(myvec)
        end
        CPUtoc();

```

mysum(myvec) = 1.0e6  
elapsed CPU time: 0.008118 seconds

## 4.5 What happened ?

[Julia Gotcha #1](#): The REPL (terminal) is the Global Scope. - So is the Jupyter notebook - Julia is unable to dispatch on variable types in the global scope as they can change their type anytime - In the global context it has to put all variables into “boxes” allowing to dispatch on their type at runtime - Avoid this situation by always wrapping your critical code into functions

## 4.6 Type stability

Use @benchmark for testing small functions

```
[31]: Pkg.add("BenchmarkTools")
        using BenchmarkTools

```

```

Resolving package versions...
Updating `~/julia/environments/v1.2/Project.toml`

```

```
[no changes]
Updating `~/julia/environments/v1.2/Manifest.toml`
[no changes]
```

```
[32]: function g()
      x=1
      for i = 1:10
          x = x/2
      end
      return x
    end
    @benchmark g()
```

```
[32]: BenchmarkTools.Trial:
      memory estimate: 0 bytes
      allocs estimate: 0
      -----
      minimum time:      6.181 ns (0.00% GC)
      median time:      6.265 ns (0.00% GC)
      mean time:        6.572 ns (0.00% GC)
      maximum time:     40.099 ns (0.00% GC)
      -----
      samples:          10000
      evals/sample:    1000
```

```
[33]: function h()
      x=1.0
      for i = 1:10
          x = x/2
      end
      return x
    end
    @benchmark h()
```

```
[33]: BenchmarkTools.Trial:
      memory estimate: 0 bytes
      allocs estimate: 0
      -----
      minimum time:      1.152 ns (0.00% GC)
      median time:      1.157 ns (0.00% GC)
      mean time:        1.181 ns (0.00% GC)
      maximum time:     29.943 ns (0.00% GC)
      -----
      samples:          10000
      evals/sample:    1000
```

## 4.7 What happened ?

Gotcha #2: Type instabilities

```
[34]: @code_native g()
```

```
    .text
;   @ In[32]:2 within `g'
    pushq   %rax
    movb    $2, %dl
    movl    $1, %ecx
    movabsq $139985165224504, %rax # imm = 0x7F50D60C0A38
    vmovsd  (%rax), %xmm0         # xmm0 = mem[0],zero
    movl    $9, %eax
    movabsq $139985165224512, %rsi # imm = 0x7F50D60C0A40
    vmovsd  (%rsi), %xmm1         # xmm1 = mem[0],zero
    andb    $3, %dl
;   @ In[32]:4 within `g'
    cmpb    $1, %dl
    jne     L83
    jmp     L93
    nopw    %cs:(%rax,%rax)
L64:
    vmovq   %xmm0, %rcx
    addq    $-1, %rax
    movb    $1, %dl
    andb    $3, %dl
    cmpb    $1, %dl
    je     L93
L83:
    cmpb    $2, %dl
    jne     L104
;   @ int.jl:59 within `/'
;   @ float.jl:271 within `float'
;   @ float.jl:256 within `Type' @ float.jl:60
    vcvtsi2sdq   %rcx, %xmm2, %xmm0
;
;   @ float.jl:401 within `/'
L93:
    vmulsd  %xmm1, %xmm0, %xmm0
;
;   @ range.jl:595 within `iterate'
;   @ promotion.jl:403 within `=='
    testq   %rax, %rax
;
    jne     L64
;   @ In[32]:6 within `g'
    popq    %rax
```

```

    retq
; @ In[32]:4 within `g'
L104:
    movabsq $jl_throw, %rax
    movabsq $jl_system_image_data, %rdi
    callq   *%rax
    nop
;

```

[35]: `@code_native h()`

```

    .text
; @ In[33]:2 within `h'
    movabsq $139985165224624, %rax # imm = 0x7F50D60C0AB0
; @ In[33]:6 within `h'
    vmovsd (%rax), %xmm0          # xmm0 = mem[0],zero
    retq
    nop
;

```

Once again, “boxing” occurs to handle x: in g() it changes its type from Int64 to Float64:

[36]: `@code_warntype g()`

Variables

```

#self#::Core.Compiler.Const(g, false)
x::Union{Float64, Int64}
@_3::Union{Nothing, Tuple{Int64,Int64}}
i::Int64

```

Body::Float64

```

1      (x = 1)
      %2 = (1:10)::Core.Compiler.Const(1:10, false)
          (@_3 = Base.iterate(%2))
      %4 = (@_3::Core.Compiler.Const((1, 1), false) ===
nothing)::Core.Compiler.Const(false, false)
      %5 = Base.not_int(%4)::Core.Compiler.Const(true, false)
          goto #4 if not %5
2      %7 = @_3::Tuple{Int64,Int64}::Tuple{Int64,Int64}
          (i = Core.getfield(%7, 1))
      %9 = Core.getfield(%7, 2)::Int64
          (x = x / 2)
          (@_3 = Base.iterate(%2, %9))
      %12 = (@_3 === nothing)::Bool
      %13 = Base.not_int(%12)::Bool
          goto #4 if not %13
3      goto #2
4      return x::Float64

```



```
[37]: @code_warntype h()
```

Variables

```
#self#::Core.Compiler.Const(h, false)
x::Float64
@_3::Union{Nothing, Tuple{Int64,Int64}}
i::Int64
```

Body::Float64

```
1      (x = 1.0)
      %2 = (1:10)::Core.Compiler.Const(1:10, false)
          (@_3 = Base.iterate(%2))
      %4 = (@_3::Core.Compiler.Const((1, 1), false) ===
nothing)::Core.Compiler.Const(false, false)
      %5 = Base.not_int(%4)::Core.Compiler.Const(true, false)
          goto #4 if not %5
2  %7 = @_3::Tuple{Int64,Int64}::Tuple{Int64,Int64}
          (i = Core.getfield(%7, 1))
      %9 = Core.getfield(%7, 2)::Int64
          (x = x / 2)
          (@_3 = Base.iterate(%2, %9))
      %12 = (@_3 === nothing)::Bool
      %13 = Base.not_int(%12)::Bool
          goto #4 if not %13
3      goto #2
4      return x
```

So, when in doubt, explicitly declare types of variables

## 5 Structuring your code: modules, files and packages

- Complex code is split up into several files
- Avoid name clashes for code from different places
- Organize the way to use third party code

### 5.1 Modules

- Modules allow to encapsulate implementation into different namespaces

```
[38]: module TestModule
function mtest(x)
    println("mtest: x=$(x)")
end
export mtest
end
```

```
[38]: Main.TestModule
```

- Module content can be accessed via qualified names

```
[39]: TestModule.mtest(13)
```

```
mtest: x=13
```

- “using” makes all exported content of a module available without prefixing
- The ‘.’ before the module name refers to local modules defined in the same file

```
[40]: using .TestModule
mtest(23)
```

```
mtest: x=23
```

### 5.1.1 Finding modules in the file system

- Put single file modules having the same name as the module into a directory which is on the LOAD\_PATH
- Call “using” or “import” with the module
- You can modify your LOAD\_PATH by adding e.g. the actual directory

```
[41]: push!(LOAD_PATH, pwd())
```

```
[41]: 5-element Array{String,1}:
"@#
"@v#.#"
"@stdlib"
"/home/fuhrmann/Wias/teach/scicomp/course"
"/home/fuhrmann/Wias/teach/scicomp/course"
```

Do this e.g. in the startup file `.julia/config/startup.jl`

- Create a module in the file system (normally, use your editor...) (yes, we can have multiline strings and “\n” in them with “\n” ...)

```
[42]: open("TestModule1.jl", "w") do io
write(io, """
module TestModule1
function mtest1(x)
println("mtest1: x=",x)
end
export mtest1
end
""")
end
```

```
[42]: 88
```

- Import, enabling qualified access

```
[43]: using TestModule1
      TestModule1.mtest1(23)
```

```
Info: Recompiling stale cache file
/home/fuhrmann/.julia/compiled/v1.2/TestModule1.ji for TestModule1 [top-level]
@ Base loading.jl:1240
```

```
mtest1: x=23
```

- Import, enabling unqualified access of

```
[44]: using TestModule1
      mtest1(23)
```

```
mtest1: x=23
```

### 5.1.2 Packages in the file system

- Packages are found via the same mechanism
- Part of the load path are the directory with downloaded packages and the directory with packages under development
- Each package is a directory named `Package` with a subdirectory `src`
- The file `Package/src/Package.jl` defines a module named `Package`
- More structures in a package:
  - Documentation build recipes
  - Test code
  - Dependency description
  - UUID (Universal unique identifier)
- Default packages (e.g. the package manager `Pkg`) are always available
- Use the package manager to checkout a new package via the registry

### 5.1.3 Including code from files

- The include statement allows just to include the code in a given file

```
[45]: open("myfile.jl", "w") do io
      write(io, """myfiletest(x)=println("myfiletest: x=",x)""")
      end
```

```
[45]: 41
```

```
[46]: include("myfile.jl")
      myfiletest(23)
```

```
myfiletest: x=23
```

### 5.1.4 How to return homework

- For homework assignments I want you to write single file modules with a standard structure

```
[47]: module MyHomework
      function main(;optional_parameter)
          println("Hello World")
      end
      end
```

[47]: Main.MyHomework

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