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Variables and constants in Lisp

Global variables and constants

Variables:

```
>(defparameter *global* 17)
>(defvar *global* 17)
```

global variables are conventionally written enclosed in *

Constants:

> (defconstant glob-const 11)

Local variables

Local variables are created in functions:

```
> (defun foo (x y z) (+ x y z))
```

and in statements of cycles, etc...:

```
> (dotimes (x 10) (format t "\simd " x))
```

Local variables - example

```
(defun foo (x)
 (format t "Parameter: a^{y}" x); |<---- x is arg
 (let ((x 2))
   (format t "Outer LET: a^{y} x); | | < --- x is 2
   (let ((x 3))
    (format t "Inner LET: a^{y} x)); | | |<--x=3
  (format t "Outer LET: ~a~%" x)) ; | |
  (format t "Parameter: ~a~%" x)) ; |
  CL-USER> (foo 1)
  Parameter: 1
  Outer LET: 2
  Inner LET: 3
  Outer LET: 2
  Parameter: 1
  NIL
```

Assignment

```
Macro setf:
(setf x 1)
(setf y 2)
(setf x 1 y 2)
(incf x) === (setf x (+ x 1))
(\text{decf } x) = = (\text{setf } x (-x 1))
(incf x 10) === (setf x (+ x 10))
```

More on functions - parameters

Optional arguments of functions

> Optional parameters & optional:

Rest and keywords parameters

Rest parameters as a list &rest:

```
(defun + (&rest numbers) ...)
```

Optional keywords parameters &keyword:

Function Return Values

> return-from:

Note. RETURN-FROMs are used much less frequently in Lisp than return statements in C-derived languages

Blocks

Simple sequencing

block		returns
(prog1	form-1 form-2 form-n)	form-1
(prog2	form-1 form-2 form-n)	form-2
(progn	form-1 form-2 form-n)	form-n

block and return-from once more

```
(block name form-1 form-2 ... form-n)
               (return-from name val)
Block is like progn, returning the last value
> (block test 1 2 3 4 5)
5
> (block test 1 2 (return-from test 33) 4 5)
33
> (block nil 1 2 (return 33) 4 5)
33
> (block a (+ (block b 1 2 (return-from b 33) 4)
              (block c 5 6 (return-from a 77) 8)))
77
```

Introducing semestral work follows...