

## Hearts of Iron 4 Wiki

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**Scopes** select entities in order to check for [triggers](#) or apply [effects](#).

Scopes are contained by brackets on each side, telling what to include within the scope:

```
<scope_name> = {
    #Stuff to execute in the scope.
}
```

For instance, `ENG = { add_political_power = 100 }`, if put within an effect block, will add 100 political power to the  [United Kingdom](#), while `123 = { is_owned_by = MEX }` will check if the state with the ID of 123 is owned by  [Mexico](#), if put within a trigger block.

Scopes in particular change the currently-evaluated triggers or for whom the effects will be executed. Some scopes can also serve another purpose as targets of effects or triggers: e.g.

`transfer_state_to = ROOT` or `owns_state = 123`.

However, not every scope can be used in this way: only [some dual scopes](#) can be used as a target in such a manner. This means that, for example, `add_to_faction = random_country` **is not valid syntax** since `random_country` is an effect scope rather than a dual scope. Instead, [PREV](#) or [Event targets](#) can be used to replicate the intent behind that, such as the following serving the same intent as the previous `add_to_faction = random_country`, but instead being valid syntax:

```
random_country = {
    PREV = { add_to_faction = PREV }
}
```

### General information[\[编辑 | 编辑源代码\]](#)

#### Types[\[编辑 | 编辑源代码\]](#)

Scopes can be thought of as divided into 3 types by purpose:

Trigger scopes - those that can only be used in trigger blocks, failing when put within an effect block.

Effect scopes - those that can only be used in effect blocks, failing when put within an trigger block.

Dual scopes - those that can be put in both trigger and effect blocks without issues.

It is to be noted that trigger or effect scopes cannot ever be used as targets. That is strictly limited to [some dual scopes](#).

Most of the non-dual scopes follow one of these following patterns:

Prefix	Description
<code>all_&lt;name&gt;</code>	Trigger scope, evaluated for each contained scope. Returns false when encountering at least one scope that is false, returns true otherwise.
<code>any_&lt;name&gt;</code>	Trigger scope, evaluated for each contained scope. Returns true when encountering at least one scope that is true, returns false otherwise.
<code>every_&lt;name&gt;</code>	Effect scope, executes the effects on each contained scope <a href="#">that meets the limit</a> in order.
<code>random_&lt;name&gt;</code>	Effect scope, executes the effects on a random contained scope <a href="#">that meets the limit</a> .

Only some scopes that follow this pattern have equivalents with a different pattern. For example, `random_owned_controlled_state` exists, but `every_owned_controlled_state` does not. **Each of these non-dual scopes cannot select a country that does not exist**, with the exception of [every possible country](#).

By using `tooltip = loc_key` within a non-dual scope, pointing towards a [localisation](#) key, the tooltip shown to the player can be changed. This will look like the following:

```
any_neighbor_country = {
    tooltip = my_loc_string #custom title text
    ... #other triggers to check
}
```

Additionally, scopes can be divided into 3 types by the targets of the scope for which effects are executed or triggers are checked:

Country scopes - Executed for countries.

State scopes - Executed for states.

Character scopes - Executed for characters. Some subsets exist, such as unit leaders and country leaders.

Division scopes - Executed for divisions.

Only [effects](#) or [triggers](#) of the same target type can be used. For example, `add_building_construction` can only be used in a state scope such as `random_owned_controlled_state = { ... }`, as you can only construct buildings in states. For countries, [offsite buildings are used instead](#).

#### Limits[\[编辑 | 编辑源代码\]](#)

Within **only** effect scopes, `limit = { }` can be used as a trigger block, evaluated for each possible target contained by the scope. In case of the `every_<name>` pattern, this will ensure that the tooltip will function properly, which may not be the case when using `if` directly. In case of the `random_<name>` pattern, this will remove the possibility of scopes not meeting the triggers being chosen, limiting the selection. An example of limiting the selection is the following:

```
every_neighbor_country = { #Targets every neighbor country
    limit = {
        num_of_military_factories > 5 #Limit the scope to neighbor countries with more than 5 (at least 6) military factories
    }
    give_military_access = ROOT #Neighbor countries with more than 5 military factories give military access to the ROOT country
}
```

In case of multiple triggers, `limit` acts like an AND block, requiring each one to be true. To reiterate, **this cannot be used within trigger or dual scopes**, only in effect scopes.

#### Priority[\[编辑 | 编辑源代码\]](#)

Within effect scopes of the `random_` type, if it is aimed at states, it is possible to prioritize a certain state if possible, by using `prioritize` as such:

```
random_owned_controlled_state = {
    prioritize = { 123 321 }
    limit = {
        is_core_of = PREV
    }
}
```

```
<...>
}
```

In this case, the limit will first be evaluated for states 123 and 321. Only if neither of the states 123 or 321 meets the conditions of being owned, controlled, and cored by the country will the `random_owned_controlled_state` scope be able to select a state that isn't 123 or 321. States 123 and 321, in this case, have the same priority: if both have conditions fulfilled, which one will be picked is random. This only applies at scopes of the `random_type` which target states, this cannot be done with countries or characters.

Dual scopes[[编辑](#) | [编辑源代码](#)]

The following scopes can be used either as effect or trigger scopes; some can also be used as the right side of some effects and triggers as a target. If usage as a target is possible, it's marked within the table.

Several dual scopes may have a scope that varies depending on where it's used, such as variables, which can be set to anything.

Dual scopes: <span>折叠</span>						
Name	Usage	Target type	Example	Description	Usable as target	Version Added
TAG	Always usable	Country scope	<code>SOV = {   country_event = my_event.1 }</code>	The country defined by the tag or tag alias. Tag aliases are defined in <code>/Hearts of Iron IV/common/country_tag_aliases</code> , as a way to refer to a specific country (such as a side in a civil war) in addition to its actual tag.	✓	1.0
<state_id>	Always usable	State scope	<code>123 = {   transfer_state_to = SCO }</code>	The state defined by this id.	✓	1.0
<character>	Always usable	Character scope	<code>ENG.theodore_makhno = {   set_nationality = UKR }</code>	On game versions prior to 1.12.8, the character must be already recruited by the country this is scoped from.	✓	1.11
ROOT	Always usable	Depends on usage	<code>ENG = {   FRA = {     GER = {       declare_war_on = {         target = ROOT         type = annex_everything       }     }   } } #GER declares war on ENG (if there is no scope before ENG)</code>	Targets the root node of the block, an inherent property of each block. Most commonly, this is the default scope: for example, <code>ROOT</code> <a href="#">within a national focus</a> will always refer to the country doing the focus and <code>ROOT</code> <a href="#">within a event</a> will always refer to the country getting the event. However, some blocks do distinguish between the default scope and <code>ROOT</code> , such as <a href="#">certain scripted GUI contexts</a> or <a href="#">certain on actions</a> . If a block doesn't have <code>ROOT</code> defined (such as <a href="#">on_startup in on actions</a> ), then it is impossible to use it.	✓	1.0
THIS	Always usable	Depends on usage	<code>set_temp_variable = {   target_country = THIS.id }</code>	Targets the current scope where it's used. For example, when used in <a href="#">every_state</a> , it will refer to the state that's currently being evaluated. Primarily useful for <a href="#">variables</a> or for <a href="#">built-in localisation commands</a> . There is little to no usage outside of these two cases.	✓	1.0
PREV	Always usable	Depends on usage	<code>FRA = {   random_country = {     GER = {       declare_war_on = {         target = PREV         type = annex_everything       }     }   } } #Germany declares war on random_country</code>	Targets the scope that the current scope is contained in. Can have additional applications where the assumed default scope differs from the <code>ROOT</code> , such as in state events or some <code>on_actions</code> . Can be chained indefinitely as <code>PREV.PREV</code> . <b>Commonly results in broken-looking tooltips:</b> what's shown to the player doesn't always correlate with reality.	✓	1.0
FROM	Always usable	Depends on usage	<code>declare_war_on = {   target = FROM   type = annex_everything }  FROM = {   load_oob = defend_ourselves }</code>	Can be chained indefinitely as <code>FROM.FROM</code> . Used to target various hardcoded scopes inherent to the block, often a secondary scope in addition to <code>ROOT</code> . For example: <a href="#">In events</a> , this refers to the country that sent the event (i.e. if the event was fired <a href="#">using an effect</a> , then it's the <code>ROOT</code> scope where it was fired). <a href="#">In targeted decisions</a> or <a href="#">diplomacy scripted triggers</a> , this refers to the scope that is targeted.	✓	1.0
overlord	Within country scope only	Country scope	<code>overlord = {   ... }</code>	The overlord of the country if it is a subject. <a href="#">Subject to the 'invalid event target' error.</a>	X	1.3
faction_leader	Within country scope only	Country scope	<code>faction_leader = {   add_to_faction = FROM }</code>	Faction leader of the faction the country is a part of. <a href="#">Subject to the 'invalid event target' error.</a>	X	1.10.1
owner	Within state or combatant scope only	Country scope	<code>owner = {   add_ideas = owns_this_state }</code>	In state scope, the country that owns the state. In combatant scope, the country that owns the divisions. In character scope, the country that has recruited the character. <a href="#">Subject to the 'invalid event target' error</a> when used for a state.	X	1.0
controller	Within state scope only	Country scope	<code>controller = {   ROOT = {     create_wargoal = {       target = PREV       type = take_state_focus       generator = { 123 }     }   } }</code>	The controller of the current state. <a href="#">Subject to the 'invalid event target' error.</a>	X	1.0
capital_scope	Within country scope only	State scope	<code>capital_scope = {   ... }</code>	The state where the capital of the current country is located in. <a href="#">Subject to the 'invalid event target' error</a> in rare cases.	X	1.0
event_target: <event_target_key>	Always usable	Depends on usage	<code>event_target:my_event_target = {   ... }</code>	Saved <a href="#">event target or global event target</a> , with no space after the colon. <a href="#">Subject to the 'invalid event target' error.</a>	✓	1.0
var:<variable>	Always usable	Depends on usage	<code>var:my_variable = {   ... } add_to_faction = my_variable OR add_to_faction = var:my_variable</code>	<a href="#">Variable</a> set to a scope. When used as a target rather than a scope, the <code>var:</code> can be omitted in most cases.	✓	1.5

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See also: [Event targets](#)

In regards to some dual scopes, a possible logged error to get while using them is "Invalid event target", as in `common/national_focus/generic.txt:690: controller: invalid event target: controller`, while the scope being used is not necessarily an event target. This refers to the scope not having any defined target in the context that it is used, i.e. it is impossible to select any single target when it is used. In case of `controller = { ... }` as in the example,

this means that the scope is checked or executed in a state that isn't controlled by any country. Such states are rather unstable and can cause crashes easily (such as if evaluated for an air mission by AI or if doing almost any effect on them), so this error occurring should never happen.

In practice, this gets skipped over entirely when evaluating the effects or triggers: none of the effects would be executed; as a trigger it'll not come up as either true or false. However, since this can be checked every tick, leaving it as is can result in cluttering the error log. To avoid this, it's possible to use the if statement in [effects](#) or [triggers](#) in such a manner that the dual scope would only be generated when needed, such as by checking that the country is indeed a subject before checking the overlord.

Trigger scopes[[编辑](#) | [编辑源代码](#)]

Trigger scopes: 折叠					
Name	Usage	Target type	Example	Description	Version Added
all_country	Always usable	Country	all_country = { ... }	Checks if all countries meet the triggers.	1.0
any_country	Always usable	Country	any_country = { ... }	Checks if any country meets the triggers.	1.0
all_other_country	Within country scope only	Country	all_other_country = { ... }	Checks if all countries other than the one where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.0
any_other_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_other_country = { ... }	Checks if any country other than the one where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.0
all_country_with_original_tag	Always usable	Country	all_country_with_original_tag = { original_tag_to_check = TAG #required       #triggers to check ... }	Checks if all countries originating from the specified country, including the dynamic countries created for civil wars and other purposes, meet the triggers. original_tag_to_check = TAG is used to specify the original tag.	1.9
any_country_with_original_tag	Always usable	Country	any_country_with_original_tag = { original_tag_to_check = TAG #required       #triggers to check ... }	Checks if any country originating from the specified country, including the dynamic countries created for civil wars and other purposes, meets the triggers. original_tag_to_check = TAG is used to specify the original tag.	1.9
all_neighbor_country	Within country scope only	Country	all_neighbor_country = { ... }	Checks if all countries that border the one where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.0
any_neighbor_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_neighbor_country = { ... }	Checks if any country that borders the one where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.0
any_home_area_neighbor_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_home_area_neighbor_country = { ... }	Checks if any country that borders the one where this scope is located, as well as being in its home area - meaning a direct land connection between the capitals of countries - meets the triggers.	1.0
all_guaranteed_country	Within country scope only	Country	all_guaranteed_country = { ... }	Checks if all countries that are guaranteed by the one where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.9
any_guaranteed_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_guaranteed_country = { ... }	Checks if any country that is guaranteed by the one where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.9
all_allied_country	Within country scope only	Country	all_allied_country = { ... }	Checks if all countries that are allied with the one where this scope is located - meaning that they are either a subject of the country, its overlord, or that they share a faction - meet the triggers. Does not include the country itself.	1.9
any_allied_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_allied_country = { ... }	Checks if any country that is allied with the one where this scope is located - meaning that they are either a subject of the country, its overlord, or that they share a faction - meets the triggers. Does not include the country itself.	1.9
all_occupied_country	Within country scope only	Country	all_occupied_country = { ... }	Checks if all countries that are occupied by the one where this scope is located - meaning that the occupied country has core states controlled by the occupier country - meet the triggers.	1.9
any_occupied_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_occupied_country = { ... }	Checks if any country that is occupied by the one where this scope is located - meaning that the occupied country has core states controlled by the occupier country - meets the triggers.	1.9
all_enemy_country	Within country scope only	Country	all_enemy_country = { ... }	Checks if all countries that are at war with the one where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.9
any_enemy_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_enemy_country = { ... }	Checks if any country that are at war with the one where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.9
all_subject_countries	Within country scope only	Country	all_subject_countries = { ... }	Checks if all countries that are a subject of the one where this scope is located meet the triggers. Notice the plural spelling in the scope.	1.11
any_subject_country	Within country scope only	Country	any_subject_country = { ... }	Checks if any country that is a subject of the one where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.11
any_country_with_core	Within state scope only	Country	any_country_with_core = { ... }	Checks if any country that has the current scope as a core state meets the triggers. <b>Does not have an equivalent for other effect/trigger scope types.</b>	1.12
all_state	Always usable	State	all_state = { ... }	Check if all states meet the triggers.	1.0
any_state	Always usable	State	any_state = { ... }	Check if any state meets the triggers.	1.0
all_neighbor_state	Within state scope only	State	all_neighbor_state = { ... }	Check if all states that are neighbour to the one where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.0
any_neighbor_state	Within state scope only	State	any_neighbor_state = { ... }	Check if any state that is neighbour to the one where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.0
all_owned_state	Within country scope only	State	all_owned_state = { ... }	Check if all states that are owned by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.0
any_owned_state	Within country scope only	State	any_owned_state = { ... }	Check if any state that is owned by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.0
all_core_state	Within country scope only	State	all_core_state = { ... }	Check if any state that is cored by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.11
any_core_state	Within country scope only	State	any_core_state = { ... }	Check if all states that are cored by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.11
all_controlled_state	Within country scope only	State	all_controlled_state = { ... }	Check if all states that are controlled by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.9
any_controlled_state	Within country scope only	State	any_controlled_state = { ... }	Check if any state that is controlled by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.9
all_unit_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	all_unit_leader = { ... }	Checks if all unit leaders (corps commanders, field marshals, admirals) that are employed by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.5

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any_unit_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>any_unit_leader = { ... }</code>	Checks if any unit leader (corps commander, field marshal, admiral) that is employed by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.5
all_army_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>all_army_leader = { ... }</code>	Checks if all army leaders that are employed by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.5
any_army_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>any_army_leader = { ... }</code>	Checks if any army leader that is employed by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.5
all_navy_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>all_navy_leader = { ... }</code>	Checks if all navy leaders that are employed by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.5
any_navy_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>any_navy_leader = { ... }</code>	Checks if any navy leader that is employed by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.5
all_operative_leader	Within country scope or operations only	Operative	<code>all_operative_leader = { ... }</code>	Checks if all operatives that are employed by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.9
any_operative_leader	Within country scope or operations only	Operative	<code>any_operative_leader = { ... }</code>	Checks if any operative that is employed by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.9
all_character	Within country scope only	Character	<code>all_character = { ... }</code>	Checks if all characters that are recruited by the country where this scope is located meet the triggers.	1.11
any_character	Within country scope only	Character	<code>any_character = { ... }</code>	Checks if any character that is recruited by the country where this scope is located meets the triggers.	1.11
any_country_division	Within country scope only	Division	<code>any_country_division = { ... }</code>	Checks if any division owned by the current country meets the triggers.	1.12
any_state_division	Within state scope only	Division	<code>any_state_division = { ... }</code>	Checks if any division within the current state meets the triggers.	1.12

Effect scopes[[编辑](#) | [编辑源代码](#)]

Effect scopes: 折叠					
Name	Usage	Target type	Example	Description	Version Added
every_possible_country	Always usable	Country	<code>every_possible_country = { ... }</code>	Executes children effects on every country that meets the limit, including those that do not exist.	1.11
every_country	Always usable	Country	<code>every_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every country that meets the limit.	1.0
random_country	Always usable	Country	<code>random_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random country that meets the limit.	1.0
every_other_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>every_other_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every country that meets the limit and is not the same country as the one this is contained in.	1.0
random_other_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>random_other_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random country that meets the limit and is not the same country as the one this is contained in.	1.0
every_country_with_original_tag	Always usable	Country	<code>every_country_with_original_tag = {   original_tag_to_check = TAG   #required   ...       #effects to run }</code>	Executes contained effects on every country that meets the limit and has the specified original tag.	1.9
random_country_with_original_tag	Always usable	Country	<code>random_country_with_original_tag = {   original_tag_to_check = TAG   #required   ...       #effects to run }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random country that meets the limit and has the specified original tag.	
every_neighbor_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>every_neighbor_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every country that meets the limit and borders the country this is contained in.	1.0
random_neighbor_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>random_neighbor_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random country that meets the limit and borders the country this is contained in.	1.0
every_occupied_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>every_occupied_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every country that meets the limit and has any core states controlled by the country this is contained in.	1.9
random_occupied_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>random_occupied_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random country that meets the limit and has any core states controlled by the country this is contained in.	1.9
every_enemy_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>every_enemy_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every country that meets the limit and is at war with the country this is contained in.	1.0
random_enemy_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>random_enemy_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random country that meets the limit and is at war with the country this is contained in.	1.0
every_subject_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>every_subject_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every country that meets the limit and is a subject of the country this is contained in.	1.11
random_subject_country	Within country scope only	Country	<code>random_subject_country = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random country that meets the limit and is a subject of the country this is contained in.	1.11
every_state	Always usable	State/s	<code>every_state = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every state that meets the limit.	1.0
random_state	Always usable	State	<code>random_state = {   prioritize = { 123 321 } #optional   ...       #effects to run }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random state that meets the limit.	1.0
every_neighbor_state	Within state scope only	State	<code>every_neighbor_state = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every state that meets the limit and neighbours the state this is contained in.	1.0
random_neighbor_state	Within state scope only	State	<code>random_neighbor_state = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random state that meets the limit and neighbours the state this is contained in. Does not support <a href="#">prioritizing</a> .	1.0
every_owned_state	Within country scope only	State	<code>every_owned_state = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every state that meets the limit and is owned by the country this is contained in.	1.0
random_owned_state	Within country scope only	State	<code>random_owned_state = {   prioritize = { 123 321 } #optional   ...       #effects to run }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random state that meets the limit and is owned by the country this is contained in.	1.0

Name	Usage	Target type	Example	Description	Version Added
every_core_state	Within country scope only	State	<code>every_core_state = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every state that meets the limit and is a core of the country this is contained in.	1.11
random_core_state	Within country scope only	State	<code>random_core_state = {   prioritize = { 123 321 } #optional   ...   #effects to run }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random state that meets the limit and is a core of the country this is contained in.	1.11
every_controlled_state	Within country scope only	State	<code>every_controlled_state = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every state that meets the limit and is controlled by the country this is contained in.	1.9
random_controlled_state	Within country scope only	State	<code>random_controlled_state = {   prioritize = { 123 321 } #optional   ...   #effects to run }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random state that meets the limit and is controlled by the country this is contained in.	1.9
random_owned_controlled_state	Within country scope only	State	<code>random_owned_controlled_state = {   prioritize = { 123 321 } #optional   ...   #effects to run }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random state that meets the limit and is owned and controlled by the country this is contained in.	1.3
every_unit_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>every_unit_leader = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every unit leader (corps commanders, field marshals, admirals) that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.5
random_unit_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>random_unit_leader = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random unit leader (corps commanders, field marshals, admirals) that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.5
every_army_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>every_unit_leader = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every army leader that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.5
random_army_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>random_army_leader = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random army leader that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.5
global_every_army_leader	Always usable	Unit Leader	<code>global_every_army_leader = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every army leader that meets the limit. Preferable to use <code>every_army_leader</code> unless necessary to use <code>global_every_army_leader</code> .	1.5
every_navy_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>every_navy_leader = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every navy leader that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.5
random_navy_leader	Within country scope only	Unit Leader	<code>random_navy_leader = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random navy leader that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.5
every_operative	Within country scope or operations only	Operative	<code>every_operative = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every operative that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.9
random_operative	Within country scope or operations only	Operative	<code>random_operative = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random operative that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.9
every_character	Within country scope only	Character	<code>every_character = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every character that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.11
random_character	Within country scope only	Character	<code>random_character = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random character that meets the limit and is recruited by the country this is contained in.	1.11
every_country_division	Within country scope only	Division	<code>every_country_division = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every division that meets the limit and is owned by the current country.	1.12
random_country_division	Within country scope only	Division	<code>random_country_division = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random division that meets the limit and is owned by the current country.	1.12
every_state_division	Within state scope only	Division	<code>every_state_division = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on every division that meets the limit and is located within the current state.	1.12
random_state_division	Within state scope only	Division	<code>random_state_division = { ... }</code>	Executes contained effects on a random division that meets the limit and is located within the current state.	1.12

**NOTE:** Some of these scopes may have no countries/states that match the criteria

**Effects with scopes**[\[编辑\]](#) [\[编辑源代码\]](#)

There are the following [effects](#) that also change the currently-selected scope:

Effects changing the scope:  
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Name	Parameters	Examples	Description	Notes	Version Added
start_civil_war	<code>ideology = &lt;ideology&gt;</code> The ideology of the breakaway country. <code>ruling_party = &lt;ideology&gt;</code> The ruling party of the <b>original, player-led</b> country. Optional. <code>size = &lt;float&gt;</code> The size of the breakaway country and the fraction of the original stockpile and military units it will receive by default. Optional, defaults to 0.5. <code>army_ratio = &lt;float&gt;</code> The size of the land army that the breakaway country gets. Optional, defaults to being the same as size. <code>navy_ratio = &lt;float&gt;</code> The size of the naval forces that the breakaway country gets. Optional, defaults to being the same as size. <code>air_ratio = &lt;float&gt;</code> The size of the airforce that the breakaway country gets. Optional, defaults to being the same as size. <code>capital = &lt;state&gt;</code> The capital state of the breakaway country. Optional. <code>states = { &lt;state&gt; }</code> The states included in the breakway country. Optional, defaults to random states based off size. <code>all</code> will result in all states that meet the filter going to the breakaway. <code>states_filter = { &lt;triggers&gt; }</code> A trigger block checked for the state that	<code>start_civil_war = {   ruling_party = communism   # Original country's ideology changes to communism   ideology = ROOT   # Breakaway gets old ideology of ROOT   size = 0.8   capital = 282   states = {     282 533 536 555 529 530 528   }   keep_unit_leaders = {     750 751 752   }   keep_political_leader = yes   keep_political_party_members = yes }  start_civil_war = {   ideology = democratic   size = 0.1   states = all   states_filter = {     is_on_continent = europe     is_capital = no   }   set_country_flag = TAG_my_country_tag_alias_trigger   # Sets a country flag that gets used in a country tag alias. }</code>	<b>Within country scope:</b> starts a civil war for the current scope with the specified parameters, changing the scope to the dynamic country.	<code>states = all</code> would include every single state controlled by the country. <b>If the country's current capital state is set as one of the states that the revolt can gain, it won't fire.</b> <code>set_capital</code> can be used to change the capital beforehand, with <code>On_actions#on_civil_war_end</code> being used to set it back to the default after the civil war ends.	1.0

Name	Parameters	Examples	Description	Notes	Version Added
	must be met to be transferred to the breakaway. Optional. keep_unit_leaders = { <unit leader id> } List of unit leaders to be kept by their legacy_id. Optional. keep_unit_leaders_trigger = { <triggers> } Trigger block checked for every unit leader that forces them to be kept if they meet the triggers. Optional. keep_political_leader = <bool> Controls if the promoted party leader (i.e. the one that'd take power if the country were to be switched to that ideology group) of the revolting ideology group will be kept by the country or join the revolt, yes resulting in the former. Optional, defaults to false. keep_political_party_members = <bool> Controls if non-promoted party leaders of the revolting ideology group will be kept by the country or join the revolt, yes resulting in the former. Optional, defaults to false. keep_all_characters = yes If true, the revolter will have no characters from the original country transferred to them. Optional, defaults to false. <effects> An effect block executed for the breakaway country.	( <a href="#">See country tag aliases</a> )  start_civil_war = { ideology = neutrality size = 0.1 army_ratio = 0.5 navy_ratio = 0 air_ratio = 1 keep_unit_leaders_trigger = { has_trait = my_trait_name } keep_all_characters = yes PREV = { # Original country TAG_airforce_leader = { # Character set_nationality = PREV.PREV # Transfers to breakaway } } promote_character = TAG_airforce_leader }  ( <a href="#">See usage for PREV and PREV.PREV</a> )			
create_dynamic_country	original_tag = <tag> The original tag to be used by the country. copy_tag = <tag> If specified, copies stuff from this tag rather than the original tag. <effects> Effects that will be executed on the new dynamic country.	create_dynamic_country = { original_tag = POL copy_tag = SOV add_political_power = 100 transfer_state = 123 }	<b>Within country scope:</b> Creates a new dynamic country, akin to ones used in civil wars, adding every core of the original tag as core and changing the scope to the dynamic country.	The <a href="#">reserve_dynamic_country</a> effect can be used if the dynamic country does not yet exist in order to ensure that it does not get overwritten by other creations of dynamic countries.	1.9

Array scopes[\[编辑 | 编辑源代码\]](#)

See also: [Arrays](#)

[Arrays](#) can be used to create a generic selection of scopes meeting the criteria. These scopes exist for checking conditions on elements of an array or executing effects on them:

Array-related scopes: 折叠					
Name	Type	Parameters	Examples	Description	Notes
any_of_scopes	Trigger	array = <array> The array to check. tooltip = <localisation key> The localisation key used for the trigger. <triggers> An AND trigger block.	any_of_scopes = { array = global.majors tooltip = has_more_states_than_any_other_major_tt NOT = { tag = PREV } check_variable = { num_owned_controlled_states > PREV.num_owned_controlled_states } }	Checks if any value within the array fulfills the triggers, halting and returning true if that's the case, scoping into each element in the array.	Appending <code>NOT</code> to the tooltip's key (such as <code>has_more_states_than_any_other_major_tt_NOT</code> in the example) results in the localisation key used if this <code>any_of_scopes</code> is put inside of <code>NOT = { ... }</code> .
all_of_scopes	Trigger	array = <array> The array to check. tooltip = <localisation key> The localisation key used for the trigger. <triggers> An AND trigger block.	all_of_scopes = { array = global.majors tooltip = has_more_states_than_every_other_major_tt OR = { tag = PREV check_variable = { num_owned_controlled_states < PREV.num_owned_controlled_states } } } }	Checks if every value within the array fulfills the triggers, halting and returning false if any one doesn't, scoping into each element in the array.	Appending <code>NOT</code> to the tooltip's key (such as <code>has_more_states_than_every_other_major_tt_NOT</code> in the example) results in the localisation key used if this <code>any_of_scopes</code> is put inside of <code>NOT = { ... }</code> .
for_each_scope_loop	Effect	array = <array> The array to check. break = <variable> The temporary variable that can be set to be not 0 to instantly break the loop. <effects> An effect block.	for_each_scope_loop = { array = global.majors if = { limit = { NOT = { tag = ROOT } } random_owned_controlled_state = { transfer_state_to = ROOT } } }	Runs the effects for every scope within the array.	Equivalent to a <code>every&lt;...&gt;</code> effect scope type, with additional <code>break</code> .
random_scope_in_array	Effect	array = <array> The array to check. break = <variable> The temporary variable that can be set to be not 0 to instantly break the loop. limit = { <triggers> } An AND trigger block deciding which scopes can be picked. <effects> An effect block.	random_scope_in_array = { array = global.countries break = break limit = { is_dynamic_country = no exists = no any_state = { is_core_of = PREV # Is core of the currently-checked country } } random_core_state = { transfer_state_to = PREV # Transfers to the currently-selected country. } }	Runs the effects for a random scope within the array.	Equivalent to a <code>random&lt;...&gt;</code> effect scope type, with additional <code>break</code> .



PREV usage[编辑 | 编辑源代码]

In order to understand PREV, it can be helpful to think back to the trigger/effect scopes such as every\_controlled\_state. In this case, if put inside directly, PREV can be used as the controller of the state. In fact, every\_controlled\_state is equivalent to every\_state with a limit of is\_controlled\_by = PREV in most ways, although it is recommended to use every\_controlled\_state instead as it is better for optimisation. For example, the following will transfer every state to its controller, changing the owner:

```
every_country = {
    every_controlled_state = {
        transfer_state_to = PREV
    }
}
```

If thinking of it as a tree, the scopes are in the order of [every\_country,every\_controlled\_state]. Using it within every\_controlled\_state will refer back to the parent node, or every\_country, specifically the country in the every\_country list this is currently being executed for. This can be used in other ways, such as obtaining a wargoes against the owner of a state:

```
123 = {
    owner = {
        ROOT = {
            create_wargoes = {
                target = PREV
                type = take_state_focus
                generator = { 123 }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

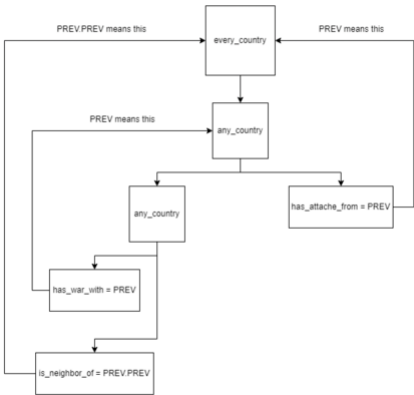


Diagram showing how PREV and PREV.PREV connect to other entries in the code example.

In this case, the tree is constructed with [123,owner,ROOT]. Using PREV within ROOT will refer to the previously-defined owner.

Chaining PREV can be done by separating them with a dot as PREV.PREV.PREV. This can be useful if the needed scope is more than 1 scope back.

This is an another example of PREV usage with an attached diagram showing how they connect to other scopes:

```
every_country = {
    limit = {
        any_country = {
            any_country = {
                has_war_with = PREV
                is_neighbor_of = PREV.PREV
            }
            has_attache_from = PREV
        }
    }
}
country_event = my_event.o
}
```

In this case, an event will be sent to every country that has sent an [attaché](#) to a country that's at war with a neighbour of the original country (i.e. the country that would receive the event). Using PREV.PREV is necessary in this case as all 3 countries don't have single defined tags or pointers and all interact with each other.

In many cases, using PREV can result in seemingly broken tooltips which'll work fine regardless when executing the effects in-game. This typically happens when using it pointing to scopes of the every\_<...>/all\_<...> types. A single effect or trigger's tooltip can only show one scope as a target at once, and the game would only pick the first possible scope in the tooltip. This can look like the following:

(Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily):

 [Switzerland](#):

Becomes owner and controller of **Sardinia**

This can not be avoided with traditional means while still using PREV. Instead, it's possible to use [hidden\\_effect\\_and\\_custom\\_effect\\_tooltip](#) or [custom\\_trigger\\_tooltip](#) in order to completely replace the tooltip in this case.

Flow control tools[编辑 | 编辑源代码]

While these aren't scopes, not changing where the effects are run or triggers are checked, they still function as blocks of code that can be used within any trigger and/or effect.

Flow control tools:  
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Script	Usage	Example	Description	Notes
AND	Within triggers	AND = { original_tag = GER has_stability > 0.5	Returns false if any sub-trigger returns false, true otherwise. Evaluation stops at the first false sub-trigger. Nearly all trigger blocks (including scopes) use AND by	Usually modifies trigger tooltips to include "All of the following must be true"

Script	Usage	Example	Description	Notes
		<pre>}</pre>	defaults, so its primary use is with OR and NOT, which affects their function.	
OR	Within triggers	<pre>OR = {   original_tag = ENG   original_tag = USA }</pre>	Returns true if any sub-trigger returns true, false otherwise. Evaluation stops at the first true sub-trigger. By default, OR checks each contained trigger separately, AND can be used in order to check between groups of triggers.	Usually modifies trigger tooltips to include "One of the following must be true"
NOT	Within triggers	<pre>NOT = {   has_stability &gt; 0.5   has_war_support &gt; 0.5 }</pre>	Returns false if any sub-trigger returns true, true otherwise. Evaluation stops at the first true sub-trigger. This is equivalent to logical NOR, as it returns true only if all contained triggers are false. There is no direct form of logical NAND (true if any contained trigger is false), however <code>NOT = { AND = { _ } }</code> emulates NAND, as does <code>OR = { NOT = { _ } NOT = { _ } }</code> , with each contained trigger in a separate NOT block.	NOT also allows emulating greater/less than or equals in comparisons that are normally strictly greater or less than. NOT usually inverts trigger tooltips, though not always predictably or neatly. The inverted tooltip for scopes or <code>custom_trigger_tooltip</code> can be defined by appending <code>_NOT</code> to the localisation key of the tooltip.
count_triggers	Within triggers	<pre>count_triggers = {   amount = 2   10 = { state_population_k &gt; 100 }   11 = { state_population_k &gt; 100 }   12 = { state_population_k &gt; 100 } }</pre>	Returns true if the number of contained triggers which return true is greater than or equal to the value of <code>amount</code>	
hidden_trigger	Within triggers	<pre>hidden_trigger = {   country_exists = GER }</pre>	Hides the tooltips from all contained triggers	
custom_trigger_tooltip	Within triggers	<pre>custom_trigger_tooltip = {   tooltip = sunrise_invasion_tt   any_state = {     is_owned_by = JAP     is_on_continent = europe     is_coastal = yes   } }</pre>	Replaces the tooltips from all contained triggers with the custom localisation set by <code>tooltip</code>	If the <code>custom_trigger_tooltip</code> is negated (within NOT or a <code>&lt;scripted_trigger&gt; = no</code> , the negated tooltip can be customized by appending <code>_not</code> to the localisation key of the tooltip (e.g. <code>sunrise_invasion_tt_NOT</code> ).
hidden_effect	Within effects	<pre>hidden_effect = {   declare_war_on = {     target = PREV     type = annex_everything   } }</pre>	Hides the tooltips from all contained effects	Commonly used alongside <code>custom_effect_tooltip</code> , to avoid messy effect tooltips or hide precise effects from the player.
effect_tooltip	Within effects	<pre>effect_tooltip = {   declare_war_on = {     target = FROM     type = annex_everything   } }</pre>	Shows the tooltips of the contained effects, but does not execute them.	Most often useful with event chains, where the actual effect is done in a follow-up event.
if	Always usable	<pre>if = {   limit = {     original_tag = GER   }   has_political_power &gt; 100 } else_if = {   limit = {     original_tag = ENG   }   has_stability &gt; 0.5 } else = {   has_war_support &gt; 0.5 }</pre>	If statements allow to conditionally check triggers or run effects. The <code>limit</code> block is used to define triggers that must be fulfilled for the effects to be run or triggers to be checked. The triggers in <code>limit</code> are <i>never</i> shown to the player: if they are unfulfilled, the if statement will have no tooltip, while, if fulfilled, the player will see the effects/triggers inside the if statement itself. In addition, <code>else_if</code> and <code>else</code> can be optionally defined to run if the limit is considered false. They can be defined as both nested (i.e. directly inside of the previous <code>if</code> or <code>else_if</code> ) or unnested (i.e. directly after, but not inside of the previous <code>if</code> or <code>else_if</code> ). In case of overlap, the game will prefer the unnested variant, so using that is preferred.	<code>else_if</code> is optional and can be used as many times as desired. <code>else</code> is also optional, but can only be used once per <code>if</code> . The main <code>if</code> as well as any <code>else_if</code> must have a <code>limit</code> , and <code>else</code> cannot use a <code>limit</code> . If statements can be used to clean up tooltips on triggers: the limit can check if the country has a specific tag, while the if statement can contain an always false custom trigger tooltip. This will restrict it from being true for that country, while other countries will not see anything in the tooltip.
for_loop_effect	Within effects	<pre>for_loop_effect = {   start = -3   end = 9   compare_type = less_than_or_equals   add = 3   value = value_name   break = break_name   add_political_power = value_name # Adds -3, then 0, then 3, then 6, then 9, after which the loop breaks for 15 total political power. }</pre>	Runs the effect in a typical <a href="#">for loop</a> , with the current value of the variable kept with the <a href="#">temp variable</a> specified with <code>value</code> . <code>break</code> defines a <a href="#">temp variable</a> that can be set to 1 to break the loop instantly.	If unspecified, <code>start</code> and <code>end</code> are 0, <code>compare_type</code> is <code>less_than</code> , <code>add</code> is 1, <code>value</code> is <code>v</code> , and <code>break</code> is <code>break</code> . Can run for up to 1000 times before stopping automatically.
while_loop_effect	Within effects	<pre>while_loop_effect = {   break = temp_break   limit = {     country_exists = GER   }   random_state = {     limit = {       is_owned_by = GER     }     random_country = {       limit = {         NOT = { tag = GER }       }       transfer_state = PREV     }   } }</pre>	Runs the effect as long as the trigger is true. <code>break</code> defines a <a href="#">temp variable</a> that can be set to 1 to break the loop instantly.	The trigger is checked at the start of each loop only. Can run for up to 1000 times before stopping automatically. If <code>break</code> is unspecified, assumes to be a temp variable with the name of <code>break</code> .
random	Within effects	<pre>random = {   chance = 80   add_stability = 0.8 }</pre>	Simulates a random chance to either execute the effect or do nothing, with the <code>chance</code> used to define the chance.	Chance is defined on the scale from 0 to 100.



Script	Usage	Example	Description	Notes
random_list	Within effects	<pre>random_list = {   10 = {     modifier = {       factor = 0       has_stability &gt; 0.9     }     add_stability = 0.1   }   20 = {     add_stability = -0.1   } }</pre>	Simulates a random chance to pick one of the listed effects.	Chance for each section is proportional, doesn't have to add up to 100. Can use a variable as a chance. Modifiers can be used in the same way as in <a href="#">ai will do blocks</a> .