

The Julia Language

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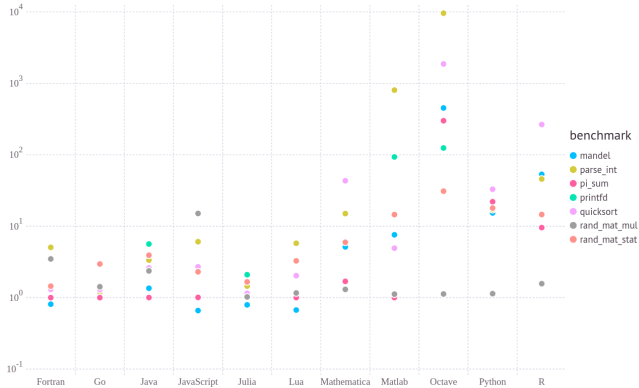


Why I use Julia

- Fast
- Plays nice with shell, C/C++ and Python
- Vectors or loops
- Read/Evaluate/Print/Loop (REPL)
- Growing ecosystem



Speed



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Calling C

- `ccall`((symbol, library) or function_pointer, ReturnType, (ArgumentType1, ...), ArgumentValue1, ...)
- `cfunction`(function::Function, ReturnType::Type, (ArgumentTypes...))
- <https://github.com/timholly/Cpp.jl>
- <https://github.com/Keno/Cxx.jl>



Calling C

```
[d9w@noise julia]$ export FOO=BAR
[d9w@noise julia]$ julia

julia> function getenv(var::AbstractString)
    val = ccall(:getenv, "libc",
                Cstring, (Cstring,), var)
    if val == C_NULL
        error("getenv: undefined variable: ", var)
    end
    unsafe_string(val)
end
getenv (generic function with 1 method)

julia> getenv("FOO")
"BAR"
```



Cpp.jl

```
int timestwo(int x) {  
    return 2*x;  
}
```

```
double timestwo(double x) {  
    return 2*x;  
}
```

```
julia> x = 3.5  
julia> x2 = @cpp ccall(::timestwo, libdemo), Float64, (Float64,), x)  
julia> y = 3  
julia> y2 = @cpp ccall(::timestwo, libdemo), Int, (Int,), y)
```



Cxx.jl

```
julia> using Cxx
julia> cxx"""#include <iostream>
class Hello
{
    public:
        void hello_world(const char *now){
            std::string snow = now;
            std::cout << "Hello World! Now is " << snow << std::endl;
        }
};"""
julia> hello_class = @cxxnew Hello()
julia> tstamp = string(Dates.now())
julia> @cxx hello_class -> hello_world(pointer(tstamp))
Hello World! Now is 2015-06-19T11:20:31
```



Calling Julia in C

```
#include <julia.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    /* required: setup the Julia context */
    jl_init(NULL);

    /* run Julia commands */
    jl_eval_string("print(sqrt(2.0))");

    /* strongly recommended: notify Julia that the
       program is about to terminate. this allows
       Julia time to cleanup pending write requests
       and run all finalizers
    */
    jl_atexit_hook(0);
    return 0;
}
```



Calling Python

```

@pyimport numpy.polynomial as P
@pydef type Doubler <: P.Polynomial
    __init__(self, x=10) = (self[:x] = x)
    my_method(self, arg1::Number) = arg1 + 20
    x2.get(self) = self[:x] * 2
    x2.set!(self, new_val) = (self[:x] = new_val / 2)
end
Doubler()[:x2]

```

```

import numpy.polynomial
class Doubler(numpy.polynomial.Polynomial):
    def __init__(self, x=10):
        self.x = x
    def my_method(self, arg1): return arg1 + 20
    @property
    def x2(self): return self.x * 2
    @x2.setter
    def x2(self, new_val):
        self.x = new_val / 2
Doubler().x2

```

<https://github.com/JuliaPy/PyCall.jl>



Vectors and loops

```
function vectorized()
    a = [1.0, 1.0]
    b = [2.0, 2.0]
    x = [NaN, NaN]

    for i in 1:1000000
        x = a + b
    end

    return
end

function devectorized()
    a = [1.0, 1.0]
    b = [2.0, 2.0]
    x = [NaN, NaN]

    for i in 1:1000000
        for index in 1:2
            x[index] = a[index] + b[index]
        end
    end

    return
end
```



Vectors and loops

Approach	Language	Average Time
Vectorized	R	0.49
Devectorized	R	4.72
Vectorized	Julia	0.24
Devectorized	Julia	0.0035



Vectors and loops

```
julia> X .= f.(2 .* X.^2 .+ 6 .* X.^3 .- sqrt.(X))
```

```
julia> for i in eachindex(X)
    x = X[i]
    X[i] = f(2x^2 + 6x^3 - sqrt(x))
end
```

```
julia> [1 2 3] .+ [10,20,30]
3×3 Array{Int64,2}:
 11  12  13
 21  22  23
 31  32  33
```

```
julia> s = ["The QUICK Brown", "fox      jumped", "over the LAZY dog.];
```

```
julia> s .= replace.(lowercase.(s), r"\s+", "-")
3-element Array{String,1}:
 "the-quick-brown"
 "fox-jumped"
 "over-the-lazy-dog."
```

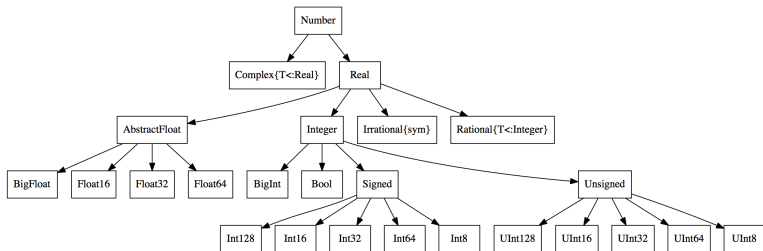


A brief Julia tutorial

- A small taste of Julia's cool features
- Personal introduction to Julia assuming background in programming
- Many other resources online
- <http://docs.julialang.org/>
- <https://learnxinyminutes.com/docs/julia/>
- <https://github.com/chrisvoncsefalvay/learn-julia-the-hard-way>
- <https://juliabyexample.helpmanual.io/>



Types



Modules

```
module MyModule
using Lib

using BigLib: thing1, thing2

import Base.show

importall OtherLib

export MyType, foo

type MyType
    x
end

bar(x) = 2x
foo(a::MyType) = bar(a.x) + 1

show(io::IO, a::MyType) = print(io, "MyType $(a.x)")
end
```



Modules

```
module Normal
include("mycode.jl")
end

module Testing
include("safe_operators.jl")
include("mycode.jl")
end
```



Testing

```
julia> using Base.Test

julia> foo(x) = length(x)^2
foo (generic function with 1 method)

julia> @test foo("bar") == 9
Test Passed
Expression: foo("bar") == 9
Evaluated: 9 == 9

julia> @testset "Foo Tests" begin
    @test foo("a") == 1
    @test foo("ab") == 4
    @test foo("abc") == 9
end
Test Summary: | Pass  Total
Foo Tests    |    3    3
```



The real world

```
using DifferentialEquations

srand(100)

prob = prob_sde_additive
sol = solve(prob, dt=1/2^(3))
@test typeof(sol.alg) == SRIW1

sol = solve(prob, dt=1/2^(3), alg_hints=[:additive])
@test typeof(sol.alg) == SRA1
```

<https://github.com/JuliaDiffEq/DifferentialEquations.jl>



The Julia Ecosystem

- Packages and people
- <http://juliacon.org/> in Berkeley in 2017
- <https://discourse.julialang.org/>
- <https://juliaobserver.com/>
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/Julia/>
- Repository gitters
- #julia on Freenode



Package management

```
julia> Pkg.status()  
No packages installed.
```

```
julia> Pkg.add("Distributions")  
INFO: Cloning cache of Distributions from git://github.com/JuliaStats/Distributions.jl.git  
INFO: Cloning cache of NumericExtensions from git://github.com/lindahua/NumericExtensions.jl.git  
INFO: Cloning cache of Stats from git://github.com/JuliaStats/Stats.jl.git  
INFO: Installing Distributions v0.2.7  
INFO: Installing NumericExtensions v0.2.17  
INFO: Installing Stats v0.2.6  
INFO: REQUIRE updated.
```

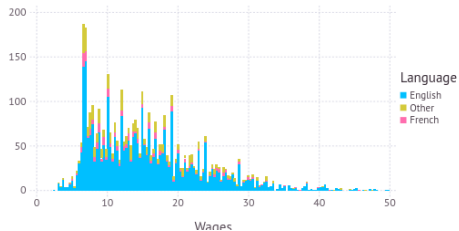
```
julia> Pkg.status()  
Required packages:  
 - Distributions                0.2.7  
Additional packages:  
 - NumericExtensions           0.2.17  
 - Stats                       0.2.6
```



Gadfly

```
using Gadfly  
using RDatasets
```

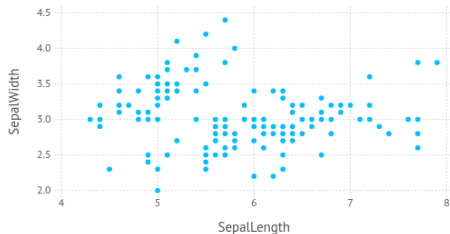
```
plot(dataset("car", "SLID"), x="Wages", color="Language", Geom.histogram)
```



Gadfly

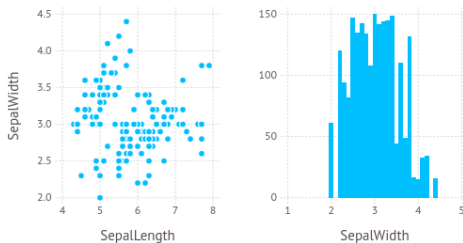
```
using Gadfly
using RDatasets

iris = dataset("datasets", "iris")
p = plot(iris, x=:SepalLength, y=:SepalWidth, Geom.point);
img = SVG("iris_plot.svg", 6inch, 4inch)
draw(img, p)
```



Gadfly

```
fig1a = plot(iris, x="SepalLength", y="SepalWidth", Geom.point)  
fig1b = plot(iris, x="SepalWidth", Geom.bar)  
fig1 = hstack(fig1a, fig1b)
```



Gadfly

```
using DataFrames
```

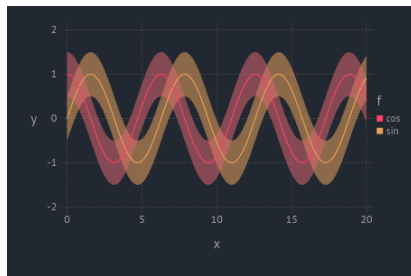
```
xs = 0:0.1:20
```

```
df_cos = DataFrame(x=xs,y=cos(xs),ymin=cos(xs) .- 0.5,ymax=cos(xs) .+ 0.5,f="cos")
```

```
df_sin = DataFrame(x=xs,y=sin(xs),ymin=sin(xs) .- 0.5,ymax=sin(xs) .+ 0.5,f="sin")
```

```
df = vcat(df_cos, df_sin)
```

```
p = plot(df, x=:x, y=:y, ymin=:ymin, ymax=:ymax, color=:f, Geom.line, Geom.ribbon)
```



Mocha

```
using Mocha
```

```
data = HDF5DataLayer(name="train-data",source="train-data-list.txt",batch_size=64)
conv = ConvolutionLayer(name="conv1",n_filter=20,kernel=(5,5),bottoms=[:data],tops=[:conv])
pool = PoolingLayer(name="pool1",kernel=(2,2),stride=(2,2),bottoms=[:conv],tops=[:pool])
conv2 = ConvolutionLayer(name="conv2",n_filter=50,kernel=(5,5),bottoms=[:pool],tops=[:conv2])
pool2 = PoolingLayer(name="pool2",kernel=(2,2),stride=(2,2),bottoms=[:conv2],tops=[:pool2])
fc1 = InnerProductLayer(name="ip1",output_dim=500,neuron=Neurons.ReLU(),bottoms=[:pool2],
                        tops=[:ip1])
fc2 = InnerProductLayer(name="ip2",output_dim=10,bottoms=[:ip1],tops=[:ip2])
loss = SoftmaxLossLayer(name="loss",bottoms=[:ip2,:label])

backend = DefaultBackend()
init(backend)

common_layers = [conv, pool, conv2, pool2, fc1, fc2]
net = Net("MNIST-train", backend, [data, common_layers..., loss])

exp_dir = "snapshots"
solver_method = SGD()
params = make_solver_parameters(solver_method, max_iter=10000, regu_coef=0.0005,
                               mom_policy=MomPolicy.Fixed(0.9),
                               lr_policy=LRPolicy.Inv(0.01, 0.0001, 0.75),
                               load_from=exp_dir)
solver = Solver(solver_method, params)
```



Mocha

```
setup_coffee_lounge(solver, save_into="$exp_dir/statistics.jld", every_n_iter=1000)

# report training progress every 100 iterations
add_coffee_break(solver, TrainingSummary(), every_n_iter=100)

# save snapshots every 5000 iterations
add_coffee_break(solver, Snapshot(exp_dir), every_n_iter=5000)

# show performance on test data every 1000 iterations
data_test = HDF5DataLayer(name="test-data",source="test-data-list.txt",batch_size=100)
accuracy = AccuracyLayer(name="test-accuracy",bottoms=[:ip2, :label])
test_net = Net("MNIST-test", backend, [data_test, common_layers..., accuracy])
add_coffee_break(solver, ValidationPerformance(test_net), every_n_iter=1000)

solve(solver, net)

destroy(net)
destroy(test_net)
shutdown(backend)
```



Where to go from here

- Read the official Julia manual
- Accept the speedbumps
- Join the community
- Questions?
- <https://github.com/d9w/julia-present>

