

## Conical

Conical is a work-in-progress systems language that uses set-theoretic principals to make most invariants unrepresentable. It will also use scope based lifetime resolution to handle resource management.

There are currently 3 operating principles that are being used in the design process:

1. If a specific feature can be implemented using a more general one, the general one should be used.
2. Its better for something to have more granular control with incremental defaults than have it be based on a assumed use-case.
3. The compiler is much better at enforcing assumptions than humans are.

Examples of each principle, in-order, are:

1. Since async functions are essentially just generators + global state, and generators are just compiler-led transformation of a function into a state-machine, both of these should be implemented using macros instead of being a builtin compiler feature.
2. There is no “unsafe” keyword in Conical that just turns off all safety checks. Rather safety should be implemented using the type system; so only the safety mechanisms that are required are used. This makes safety much more granular and controlled than rust which has a single safe/unsafe distinction.
3. If you have a number that is required to be in a non-standard range (e.g. 5-370), in most languages you would have to rely on runtime checks and documentation, in Conical you can exactly define every value allowed and - except in things like external functions or intrinsics - that assumption is guaranteed.
  - This also means that Conical could be partially formally provable.

## Documentation

Currently there is no official documentation for the language as it is still very early in design and implementation. However, there is a design ideas / general syntax overview here (N.B. Everything in that document is subject to change).