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*CSCI3180 Principles of Programming Languages

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## 1.Example

I used dynamic scoping in \$flag\_defeat and \$flag\_rest to update fighters' properties and award coins to fighters in perl version.

In package AdvancedTournament, it has the following.

```
sub update_fighter_properties_and_award_coins {
    my $self = shift;
    my $fighter = shift;
    our $flag_defeat = shift;
    local $flag_defeat = $flag_defeat;
    our $flag_rest = shift;
    local $flag_rest = $flag_rest;
    $fighter->update_properties();
    $fighter->obtain_coins();
}
```

In package AdvancedFighter, it has the following.

```
sub update_properties {
    ...

if ($AdvancedTournament::flag_defeat) {
        $temp_att = $temp_att + 1;
}

if ($AdvancedTournament::flag_rest) {
        $temp_att = 1;
        $temp_def = 1;
        $temp_spe = 1;
}

...
}
```

In python version, when it has no dynamic scoping, I deliver these information by record\_fight and update fighters' properties accordingly.

```
def record_fight(self, fight_result):
    if fight_result == "defeat":
        self.history_record.append(fight_result)
        return
    if len(self.history_record) > 0 and self.history_record[-1] == "defeat":
        del self.history_record[-1]
    if len(self.history_record) > 0 and self.history_record[-1] == "rest":
        del self.history_record[-1]
```

...

Comparing two implementations, dynamic scoping makes it possible for a method to use a variable from where it was called directly, other than delivering the variable by attaching it with the method's name, like update\_fighter\_properties\_and\_award\_coins(fighter, flag\_defeat, flag\_rest).

Once a dynamic scoping variable is defined, it can be used in any methods it will call after that. A advantage is to let programme be more flexible.

You do not need to taking words to attach the variable with the method's name everytime. A advantage is make the method look more clean.

If you need to deliver a variable through multiple methods, taking words to attach the variable takes effort. A advantage is to reduce workload in some case.

## 2.Opinion

By using strict, I find that to use local variable, I need to initialize it as an our variable first. The origin of a local variable should be our. And our is visible in a static order while local is only visible a dynamic order. And local temporarily masks the our for all the methods it calls after.

```
package cook_a_fish;
our $state = "have fish today\n";
sub task {
   local $state = "fish\n";
    print $state;
    buy();
    print $state;
}
sub buy {
    $state = "fish bought\n";
    wash();
}
sub wash {
    $state = "fish washed\n";
    cook();
}
sub cook {
    $state = "fish cooked\n";
task();
print $state;
```

In my opinion, dynamic scoping has its property and it would show its advantages in some cases, like the above perl example to keep delivering the same variable. And I think a flexible language increases the cost of learning it, but that's the fun of programming.