

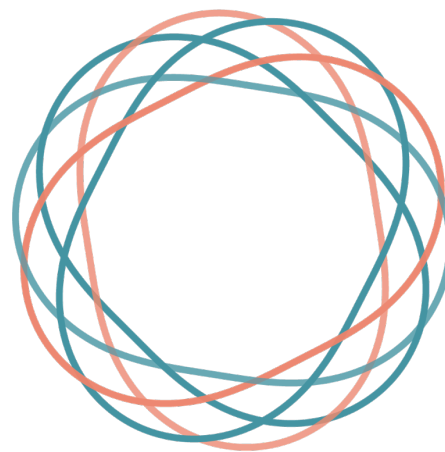


EMERGING PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

A TOUR OF THE HORIZON

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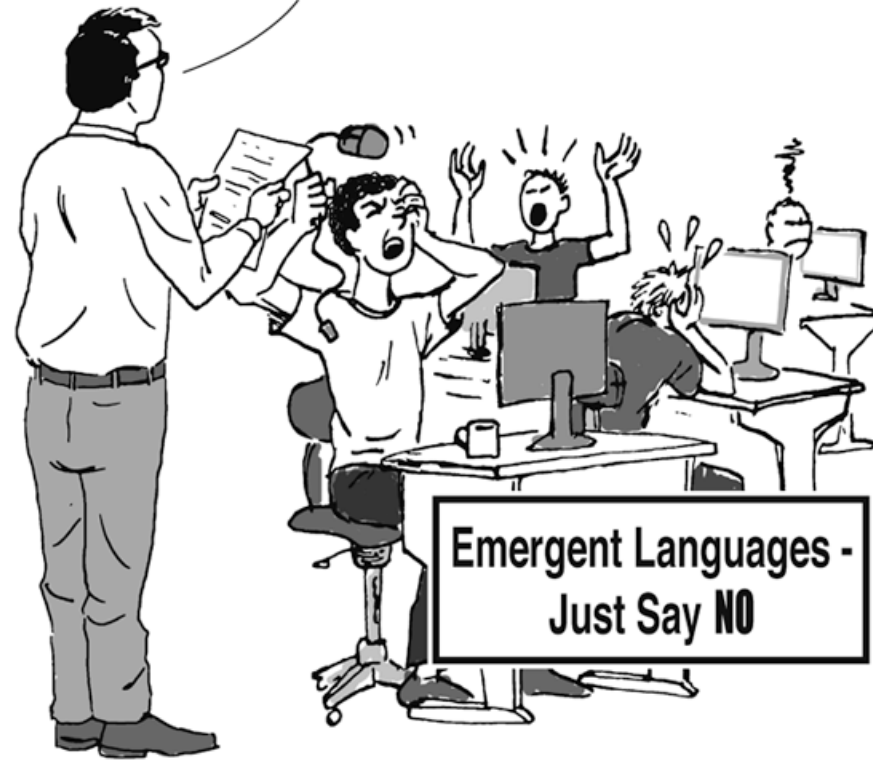
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**WHY
NEW
LANGUAGES**

I KNOW THAT WE ALL DECIDED TO GO WITH SCALA
LAST WEEK, BUT WE'VE CHANGED OUR MIND AND WE'RE
GOING TO CONVERT EVERYTHING TO
RUN ON ERLANG INSTEAD.



**Emergent Languages -
Just Say NO**

Anyway, I am giving a Stinky to the entire computer industry for its poor performance in standardizing the various languages it uses.

Why do we need another language?

This is gonna be the... almost feels like Google is so confident on their "moving the... they kind of ready to loose some of their good old friends. This might sound... the truth. If you think of a website with some life on it (dynamism), it is most likely... provided by JavaScript. Obviously, there are other things like Flash, Applets, Silverlight etc. But, they are... much lesser in the grand scheme of "web" in general.

Yet Another Programming Language?

By Kurt Cagle, January 18, 2002

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Could this be the next Java?

Does the world need yet another programming language? After reviewing Curl, I'm still not sure. Most languages start out as an attempt to simplify overly complex and craft-filled older languages. But as they develop, these new kids on the block are beset by many of the same ills that plague their older siblings.

No thanks. Who needs yet another programming language, when they have LISP?

Can someone please explain to me why this is better than we have now, and what will require it? There is no move whatsoever to move from C++ in the console world, and there is no mention of Visual Studio integration. In fact, there is no mention of Java-the most powerful and widely used language on the planet.

Google could have used all this effort to actually integrate it's existing product line *with each other* and won many, many more hearts & minds. Doing that would have actually been useful. This, unfortunately, is not.

So again, "Why Do We Need Another Programming Language?"

Does the world need another programming language?

BOO! A new programming language

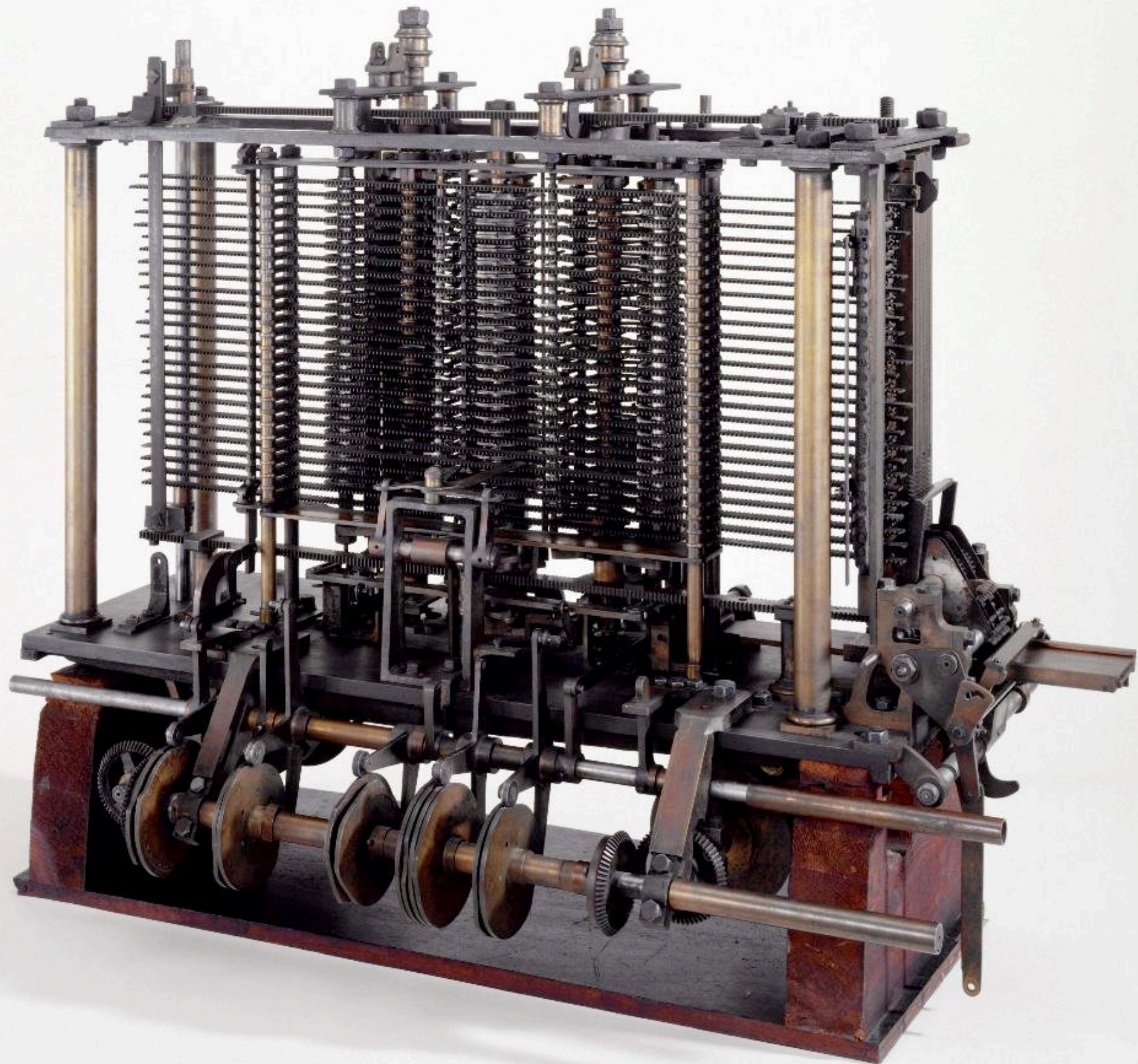
Why do we need another programming language? Especially if it brings nothing new, or it's not revolutionary in any way. Maybe because Rodrigo B. de Oliveira like to play God and believes he's created something while actually just reinventing the wheel. Why don't implement a .NET with Ruby.

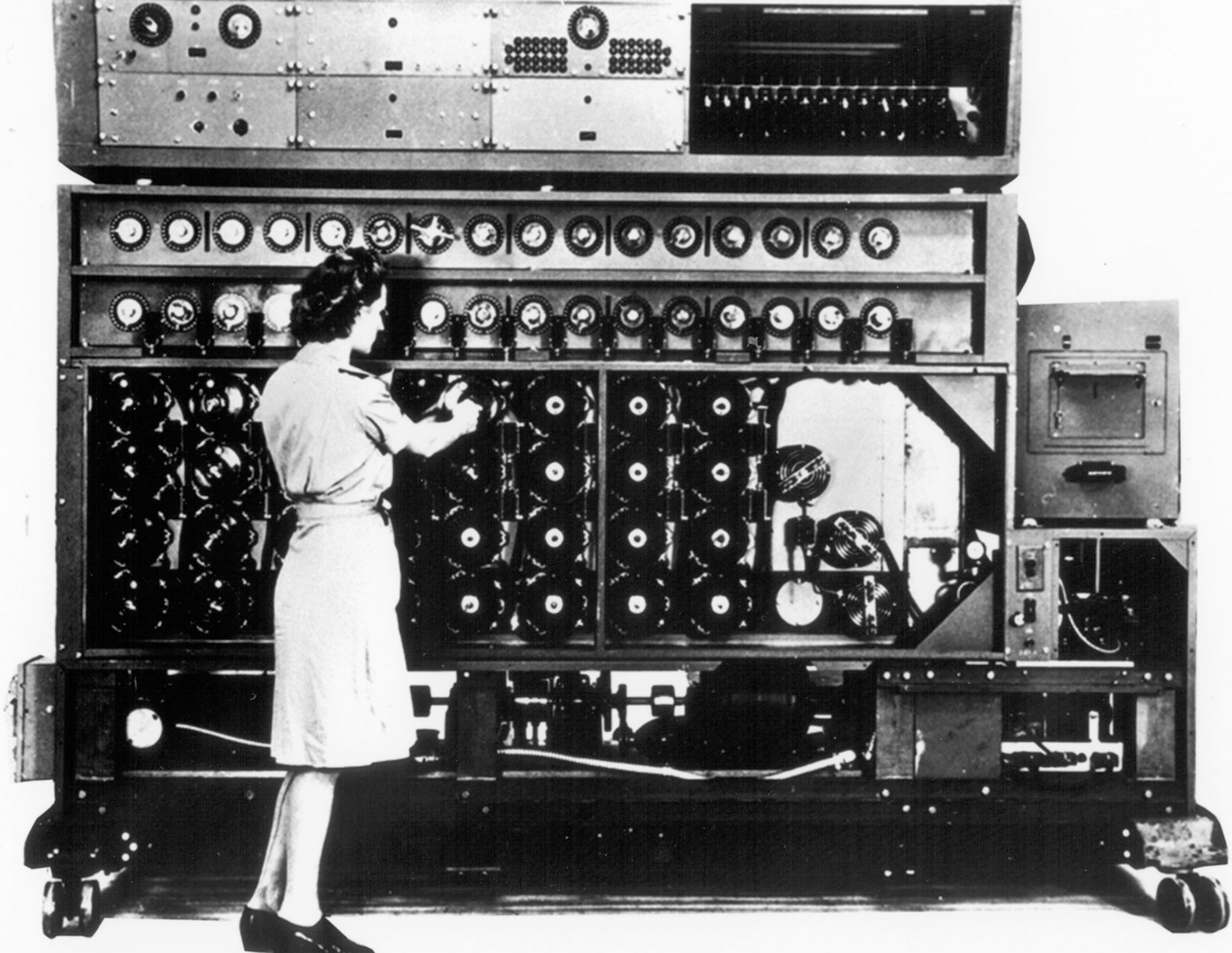
The number of developer years wasted coming up with yet another programming language or syntax is staggering.

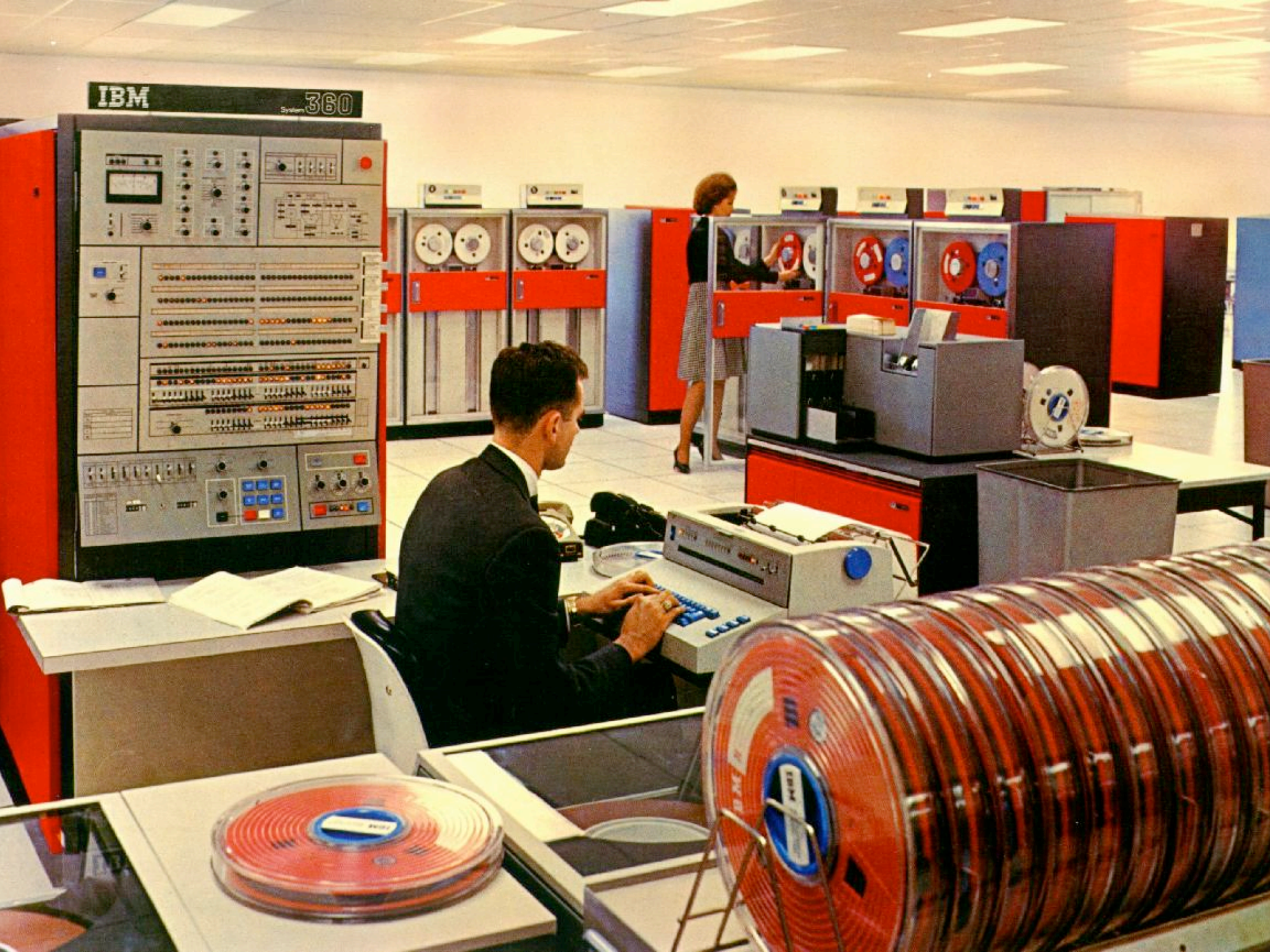
I don't really need another programming language, let alone a closed-source one.

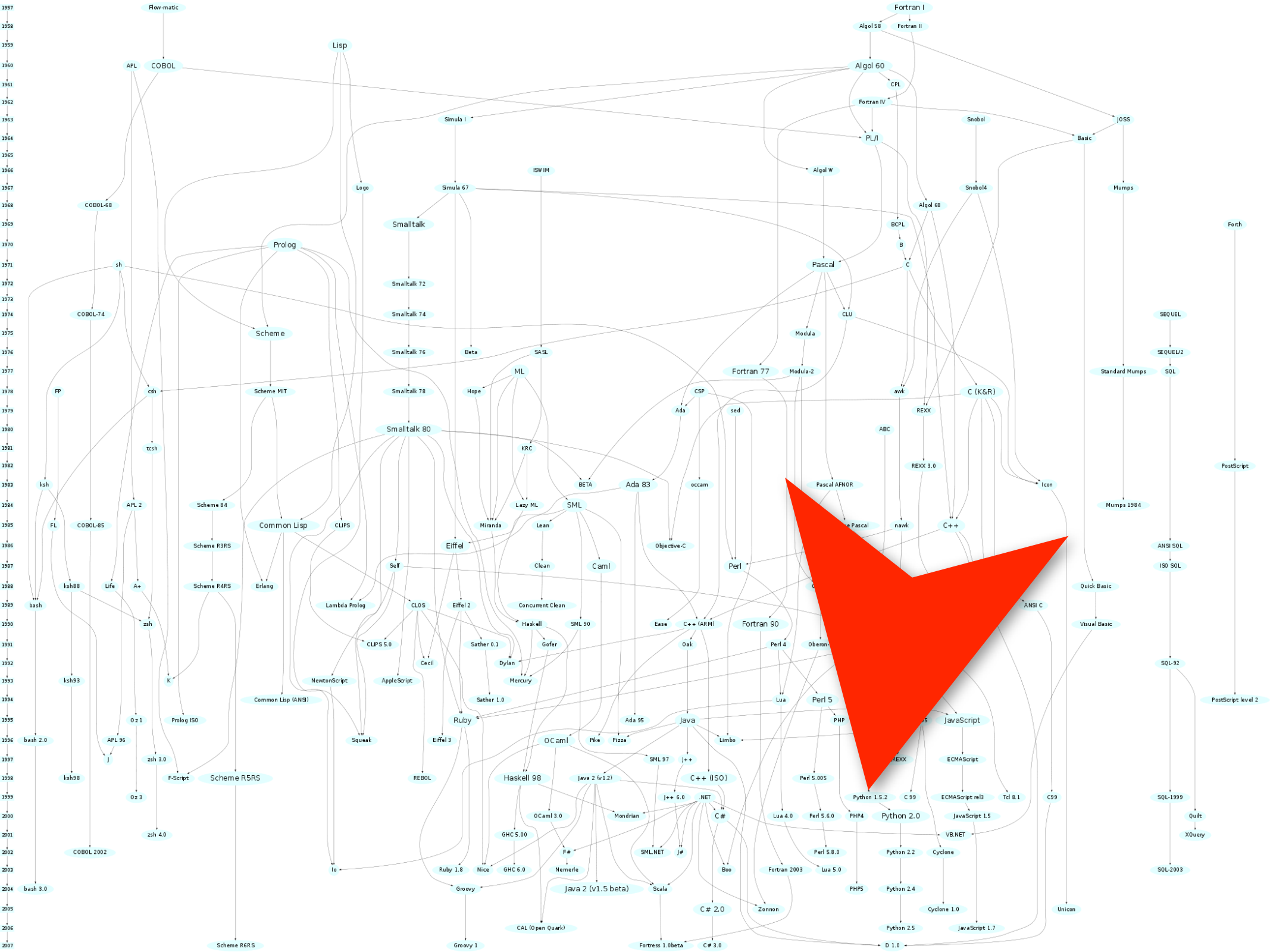
Oh great - just what we need - yet another programming language.













**WHAT'S
NEXT**

~~SCALA~~

~~CLOJURE~~

~~F#~~

~~HASKELL~~

~~ERLANG~~

...

R

~~GROOVY~~

D

~~FANTOM~~

~~LUA~~

...

**DIFFERENT
LANGUAGES
FOR
DIFFERENT
JOBS**

**JOB:
BETTER
JAVA**

KOTLIN

JAVA++ (OR SCALA--?) FROM JETBRAINS

```
fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
    for (name in args)  
        println("Hello, $name!")  
}
```



STATIC • OOP • GENERICS • CLOSURES

GOSU

"A PRAGMATIC LANGUAGE FOR THE JVM"

```
strings = {"this", "otter", "other"}
```

```
bigStrings = strings  
  .where( \ s -> s.length() > 4 )  
  .map( \ s -> s.toUpperCase() )  
  .orderBy( \ s -> s)
```

```
bigStrings // {"OTHER", "OTTER"}
```

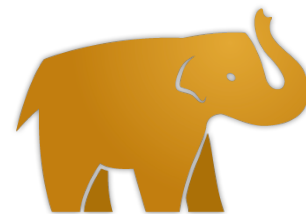
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CEYLON

REDHAT'S UPDATED JAVA

```
class Parent(String name) {  
    shared String name = name;  
    shared class Child(String name) {  
        shared String name = outer.name + "/" + name;  
        shared Parent parent { return outer; }  
    }  
}
```



STATIC • OOP • GENERICS • INTERCEPTORS

**JOB:
BETTER
JAVASCRIPT**

STRATIFIEDJS

"JAVASCRIPT + STRUCTURED CONCURRENCY"

```
var response;
```

```
waitfor {  
  response = http.get('http://bbc.com');  
} or {  
  response http.get('http://cnn.com');  
}
```

```
display(response);
```



CONCURRENT • ASYNCHRONOUS

COFFEESCRIPT

JAVASCRIPT, THE GOOD PARTS

```
Account = (customer, cart) ->  
  @customer = customer  
  @cart = cart
```

```
$('.shopping_cart').bind('click', (e) =>  
  @customer.purchase @cart  
)
```



SOURCE-TO-SOURCE TRANSLATION

OBJECTIVE-J

OBJECTIVE-C → JAVASCRIPT

```
@import <Foundation/CPString.j>

@implementation CPString (Reversing)

- (CPString)reverse
{
    var reversedString = "",
        index = [self length];

    while(index-- > 0)
        reversedString += [self characterAtIndex:index];

    return reversedString;
}

@end
```



DYNAMIC • OOP • CATEGORIES

CLOJURESCRIPT

CLOJURE → JAVASCRIPT

```
(defmethod effect :swipe [element m]
  (let [{:keys [start end time accel]} (standardize element m)]
    (goog.fx.dom.Swipe. element
      (apply array start)
      (apply array end)
      time
      accel)))
```



DYNAMIC • FUNCTIONAL • LISP

DART

GOOGLE'S JAVASCRIPT REPLACEMENT

```
class Point {  
  num x, y;  
  Point(num this.x, num this.y);  
  Point scale(num factor) => new Point(x*factor, y*factor);  
  num distance() => Math.sqrt(x*x + y*y);  
}  
  
void main() {  
  Point a = new Point(2,3).scale(10);  
  print(a.distance());  
}
```



CLASSES • GENERICS • OPTIONAL TYPING

ROY

FUNCTIONAL CODE INTO JAVASCRIPT

```
let traceMonad = {  
  return: \x ->  
    console.log "Return:" x  
    x  
  bind: \x f ->  
    console.log "Binding:" x  
    f x  
}
```

```
console.log (do traceMonad  
  w <- 1  
  let x = 2  
  y <- 3  
  z <- 4  
  return w + x + y + z  
)
```



MONADS • TYPE INFERENCE • PATTERN MATCHING

**JOB:
WEB
DEVELOPMENT**

OPA

"A UNIFIED PLATFORM FOR WEB APPS"

```
function user_update(message x) {  
  line = <div class="row line">  
    <div class="span1 columns userpic" />  
    <div class="span2 columns user">{x.author}</div>  
    <div class="span13 columns message">{x.text}</div>  
  </div>;  
  #conversation += line;  
  Dom.scroll_to_bottom(#conversation);  
}
```



SOURCE-TO-SOURCE • OOP • METACLASSES

UR/WEB

"A DSL FOR WEB APPLICATIONS"

```
and imHere () =  
  user0 <- getCookie username;  
  case user0 of  
    None => return <xml>You don't have a cookie set!</xml>  
  | Some user =>  
    dml (DELETE FROM lastVisit WHERE User = {[user]});  
    dml (INSERT INTO lastVisit (User, When) VALUES ([user], CURRENT_TIMESTAMP));  
  main ()
```



FUNCTIONAL • STATIC • METAPROGRAMMING

**JOB:
SYSTEMS
PROGRAMMING**

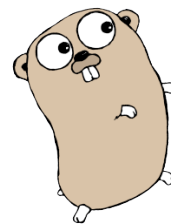
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REVENGE OF THE 1970s!

```
var sem = make(chan int, MaxOutstanding)

func handle(r *Request) {
    sem <- 1    // Wait for active queue to drain.
    process(r)  // May take a long time.
    <-sem       // Done; enable next request to run.
}

func Serve(queue chan *Request) {
    for {
        req := <-queue
        go handle(req) // Don't wait for handle to finish.
    }
}
```



COMPILED • CONCURRENT • GARBAGE COLLECTED

RUST

"SAFE, CONCURRENT, PRACTICAL"

```
fn stringifier(from_parent: comm::port<uint>,
               to_parent: comm::chan<str>) {
    let mut value: uint;

    do {
        value = comm::recv(from_parent);
        comm::send(to_parent, uint::to_str(value, 10u));
    } while value != 0u;
}
```



COMPILED • OOP • FUNCTIONAL • STATIC

OO C

C + OBJECTS + MORE, COMPILING TO C99

```
main: func {  
    number := 42 // alloc an int on the stack  
    printf("number is %d\n", number)  
    add(number&, 3)  
    printf("number is now %d\n", number)  
}  
  
add: func (ptr: Int@, value: Int) {  
    ptr += value  
}
```



SOURCE-TO-SOURCE • OOP • METACLASSES

**JOB:
DYNAMIC
PROGRAMMING**

FANCY

A DYNAMIC LANGUAGE ON RUBINIUS VM

```
require: "sinatra.fy"

configure: 'production with: {
  disable: 'show_errors
  enable: 'logging
}

before: {
  "incoming request: #{request inspect}" println
}

def page: text {
  """
  <h1>#{text}</h1>
  """
}

get: "[:p" do: |param| {
  page: "Fancy web page: #{param}"
}
```

DYNAMIC • OOP • ACTORS

SLATE

A MODERN SMALLTALK

```
s@(Sequence traits) isPalindrome
[
  s isEmpty
  ifTrue: [True]
  ifFalse: [(s first = s last) /\ [(s sliceFrom: 1 to: s indexLast - 1) isPalindrome]]
].
```

DYNAMIC • PROTOTYPES • STREAMS • MACROS

ELIXIR

"MODERN PROGRAMMING FOR THE ERLANG VM"

```
defmodule Hygiene do
  defmacro interference do
    quote do: var!(a) = 1
  end
end
```

```
defmodule HygieneTest do
  def go do
    require Hygiene
    a = 13
    Hygiene.interference
    a
  end
end
```



DYNAMIC • PROTOCOLS • RECORDS • MACROS

**JOB:
TECHNICAL
COMPUTING**

FRINK

"MAKE PHYSICAL CALCULATIONS SIMPLE"

```
earthpower = sunpower / (4 pi sundist^2)
```

```
chargerate = earthpower 12 ft^2
```

```
chargerate -> watts
```

```
1530.1602
```

```
2 ton 7 feet gravity / chargerate -> sec
```

```
24.80975
```

```
(225 + 135) pounds 15000 feet gravity / chargerate -> minutes
```

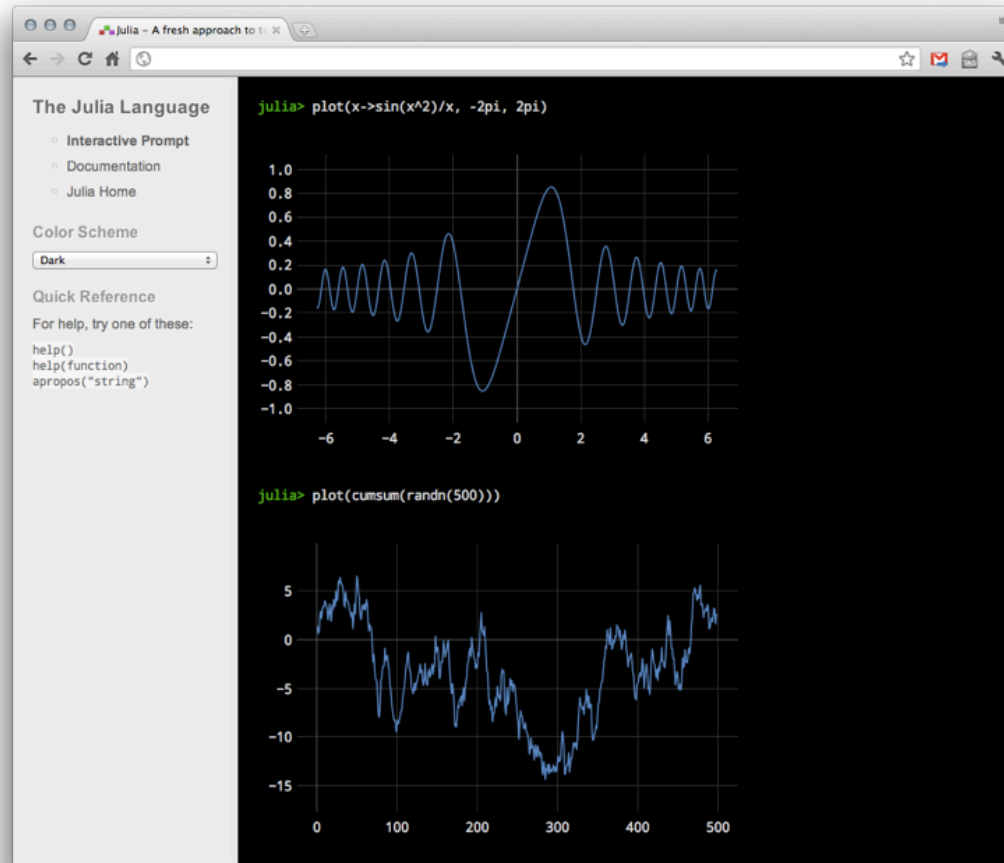
```
59.809235
```



EMBEDDABLE • OOP • UNICODE

JULIA

"HIGH-LEVEL, HIGH-PERFORMANCE TECHNICAL COMPUTING"



DYNAMIC • COMPILED • PARALLEL

FAUST

A LANGUAGE FOR DSP AND SYNTHESIS

```
import["math.lib"];

delay[n,d,x] = x@(int(d)&(n=1));
msec = SR/1000.0;

duration = hslider("millisecond", 0, 0, 1000, 0.10) * msec : int;
feedback = [hslider("feedback", 0, 0, 100, 0.1) / 100.0];

echo = vgroup("echo", +-(delay(SR, duration) * feedback));

process = vgroup["stereo echo", [echo, echo]];
```



FUNCTIONAL • SOURCE-TO-SOURCE COMPILED

**JOB:
QUERYING
DATA**

BANDICOOT

A LANGUAGE FOR SET ALGEBRA

```
# selects fiction books from the input
fn Fiction(b: Books): Books
{
    return b select(genre == "Fiction");
}

# calculates an average price of fiction books
fn FictionPrice(b: Books): rel {avgPrice: real}
{
    # use of a temporary variable and a chained statement
    res := b select(genre == "Fiction")
        summary(avgPrice = avg(price, 0.0));

    return res;
}
```

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RELATIONAL • PERSISTENCY • DISTRIBUTED

**JOB:
MAKE
YOU
THINK**

WHEELER

"DIFFERENT"

```
transition (pattern print (string)) (action STDOUT)
print "Hello, world!"
// Hello World
"Hello, world!" print
// Hello World
```

```
transition (pattern fast car) (action print "ZOOM ZOOM")
fast car
// ZOOM ZOOM
car fast
// ZOOM ZOOM
```

NO VARIABLES • NO FUNCTIONS • NO OBJECTS

KODU

PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS, ON XBOX



VISUAL • INTERACTIVE • ITERATIVE

WHEW!

JOB:

BETTER JAVA

BETTER JAVASCRIPT

WEB DEVELOPMENT

SYSTEMS PROGRAMMING

DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

TECHNICAL COMPUTING

QUERYING DATA

MAKING YOU THINK

...

PLATFORMS:

JVM

CLR

JAVASCRIPT (V8, ETC.)

RUBINIUS

LLVM

ERLANG VM

PHP

XBOX

...

**EXPLORE.
EXPERIMENT.
COMMIT.
LOOP.**

A sunset over the ocean with the text 'FIN.' overlaid in large white letters. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a golden glow in the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds. The water is dark blue with small waves.

FIN.

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