

# Agile Software Development

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# Programming Languages

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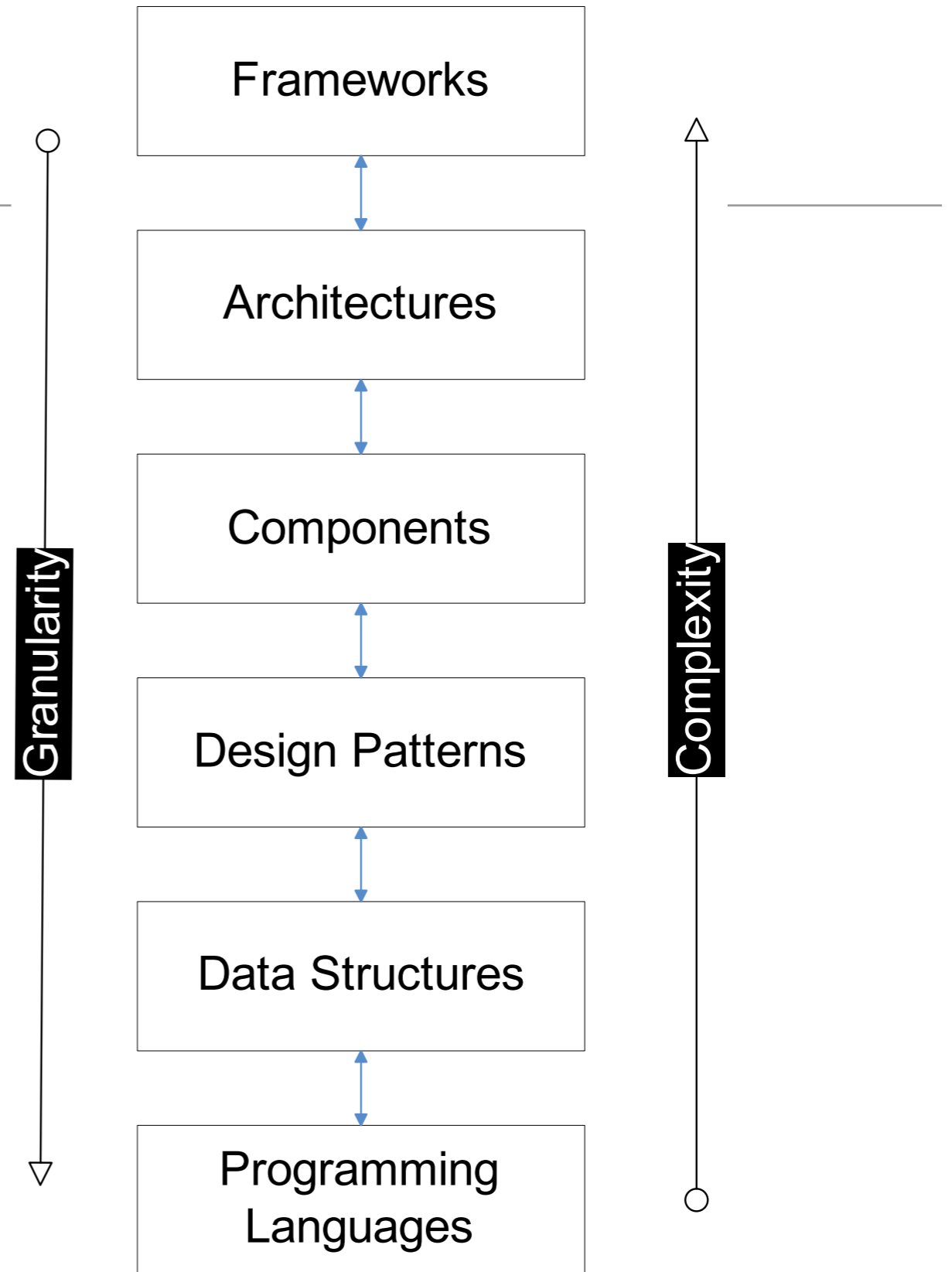
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- Context
- Family Trees
- Characteristics
- Typing Spectrum
- Static vs Dynamic Typing Example
- Other considerations..

# Context

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- Choice of programming language can have profound effect on accessibility of knowledge at higher layers



# Family Trees

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# Mother Tongues

Tracing the roots of computer languages through the ages

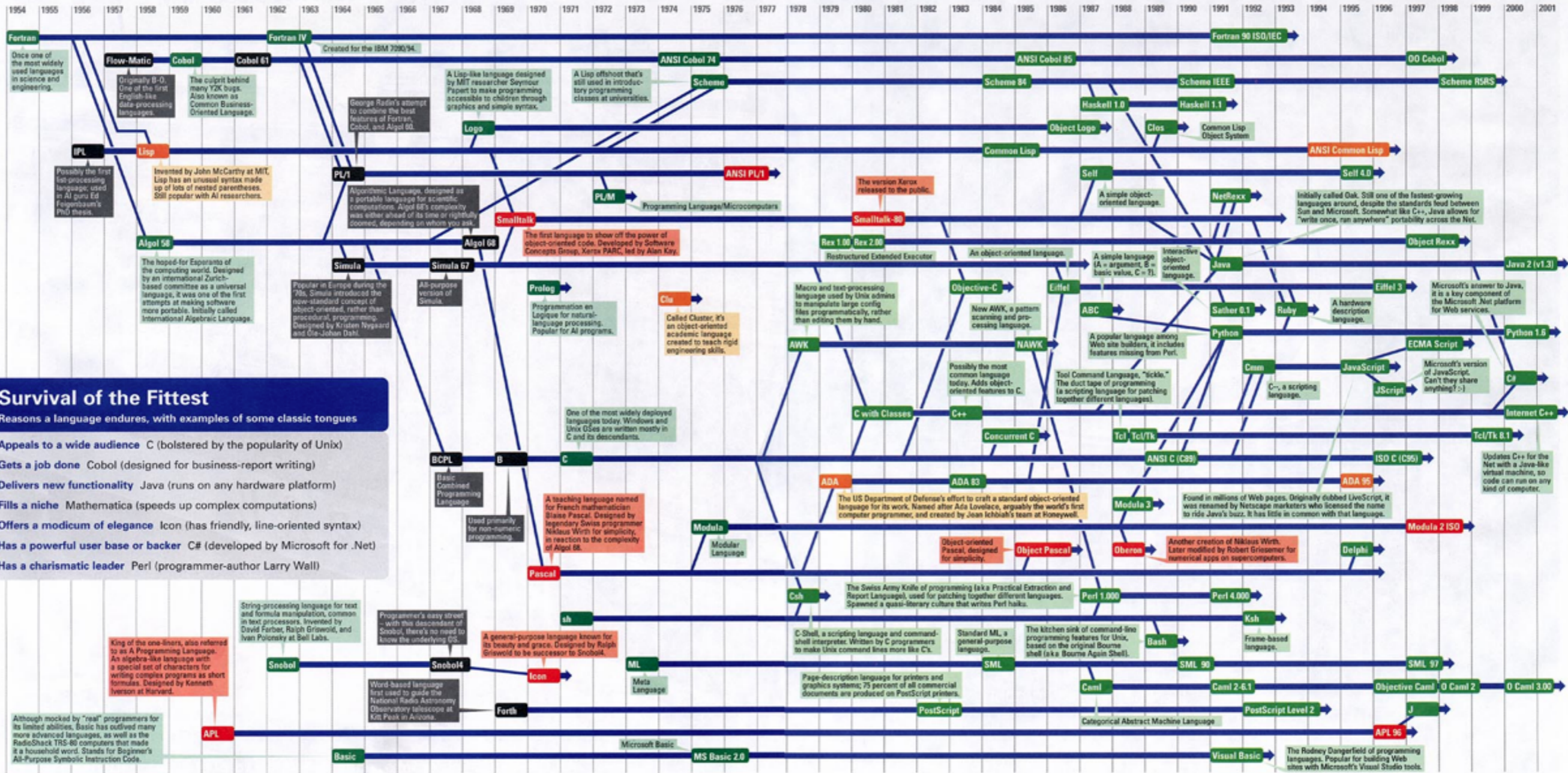
Just like half of the world's spoken tongues, most of the 2,300-plus computer programming languages are either endangered or extinct. As powerhouses C/C++, Visual Basic, Cobol, Java, and other modern source codes dominate our systems, hundreds of older languages are running out of life.

An ad hoc collection of engineers – electronic lexicographers, if you will – aim to save, or at least document, the lingo of classic software. They're combing the globe's 9 million developers in search of coders still fluent in these nearly forgotten lingua francas. Among the most endangered are Ada, APL, B (the predecessor of C), Lisp, Oberon, Smalltalk, and Simula.

Code-raker Grady Booch, Rational Software's chief scientist, is working with the Computer History Museum in Silicon Valley to record and, in some cases, maintain languages by writing new compilers so our ever-changing hardware can grok the code. Why bother? "They tell us about the state of software practice, the minds of their inventors, and the technical, social, and economic forces that shaped history at the time," Booch explains. "They'll provide the raw material for software archaeologists, historians, and developers to learn what worked, what was brilliant, and what was an utter failure." Here's a peek at the strongest branches of programming's family tree. For a nearly exhaustive rundown, check out the Language List at [www.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/Java/misc/lang\\_list.html](http://www.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/Java/misc/lang_list.html). – Michael Menduno

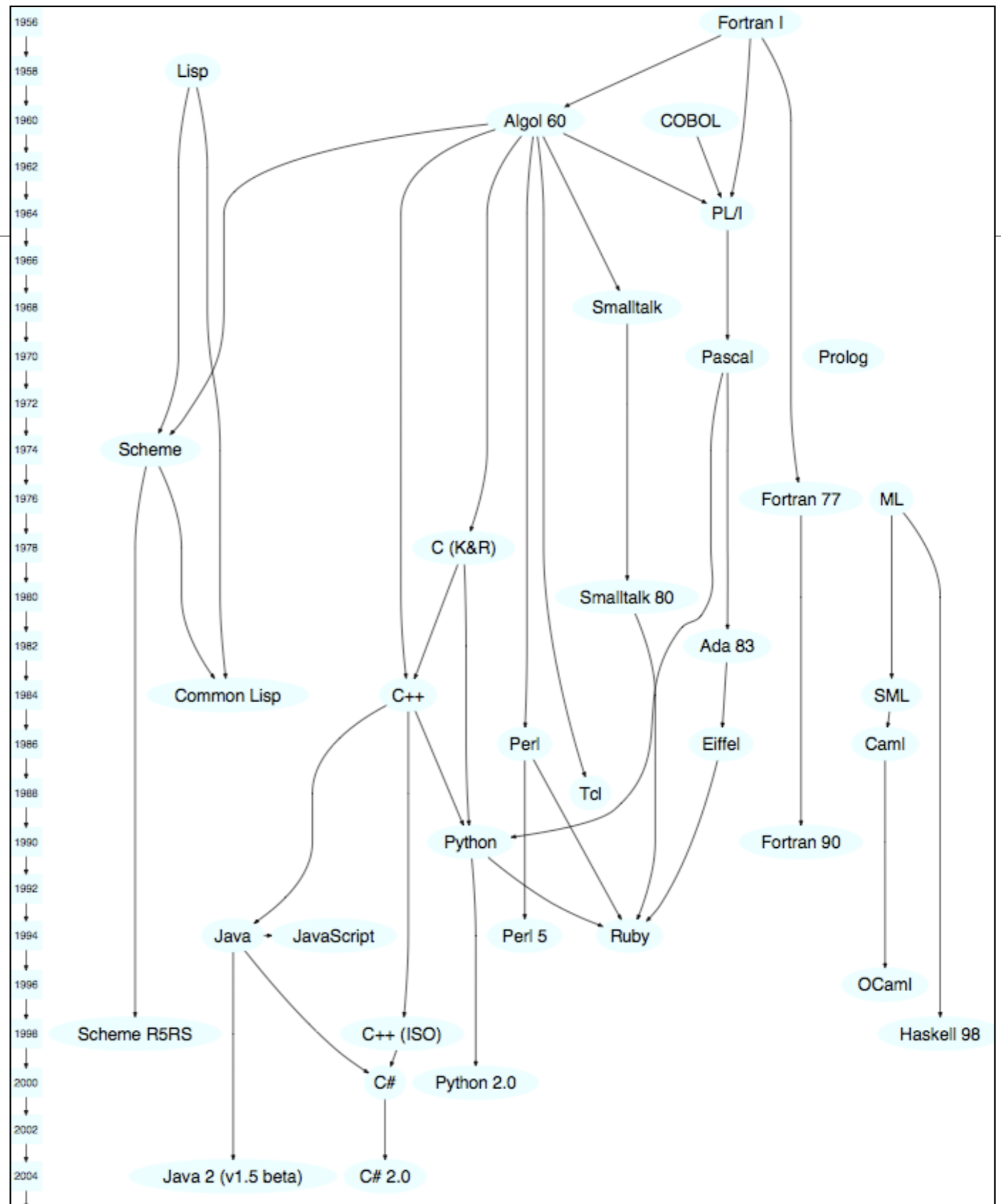
**Key**

- 1954 Year Introduced
- Active: thousands of users
- Protected: taught at universities; compilers available
- Endangered: usage dropping off
- Extinct: no known active users or up-to-date compilers
- Lineage continues



Sources: Paul Boutin; Brent Hailpern, associate director of computer science at IBM Research; The Retrocomputing Museum; Todd Proebsting, senior researcher at Microsoft; Gio Wiederhold, computer scientist, Stanford University

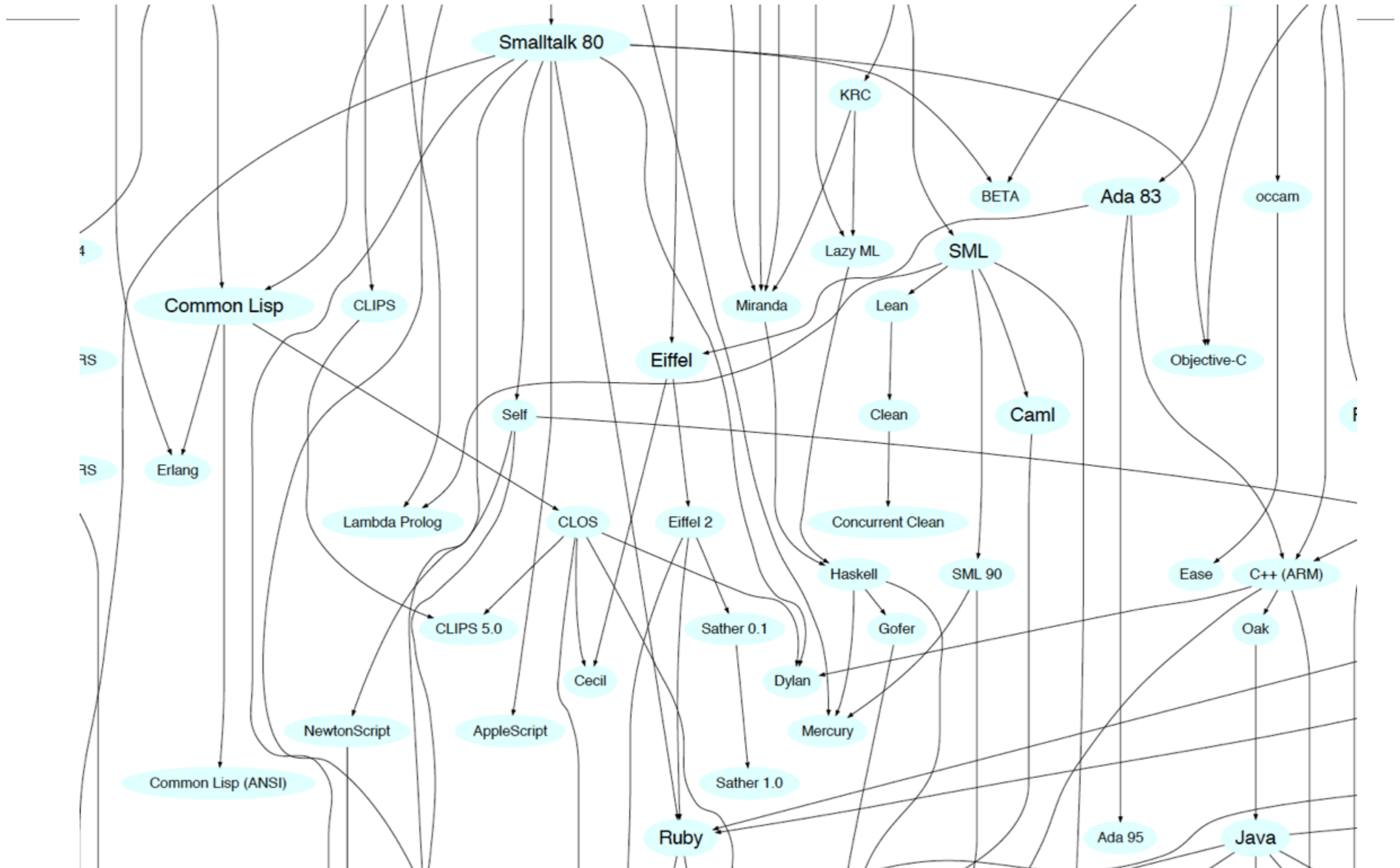
# Family Tree (2)



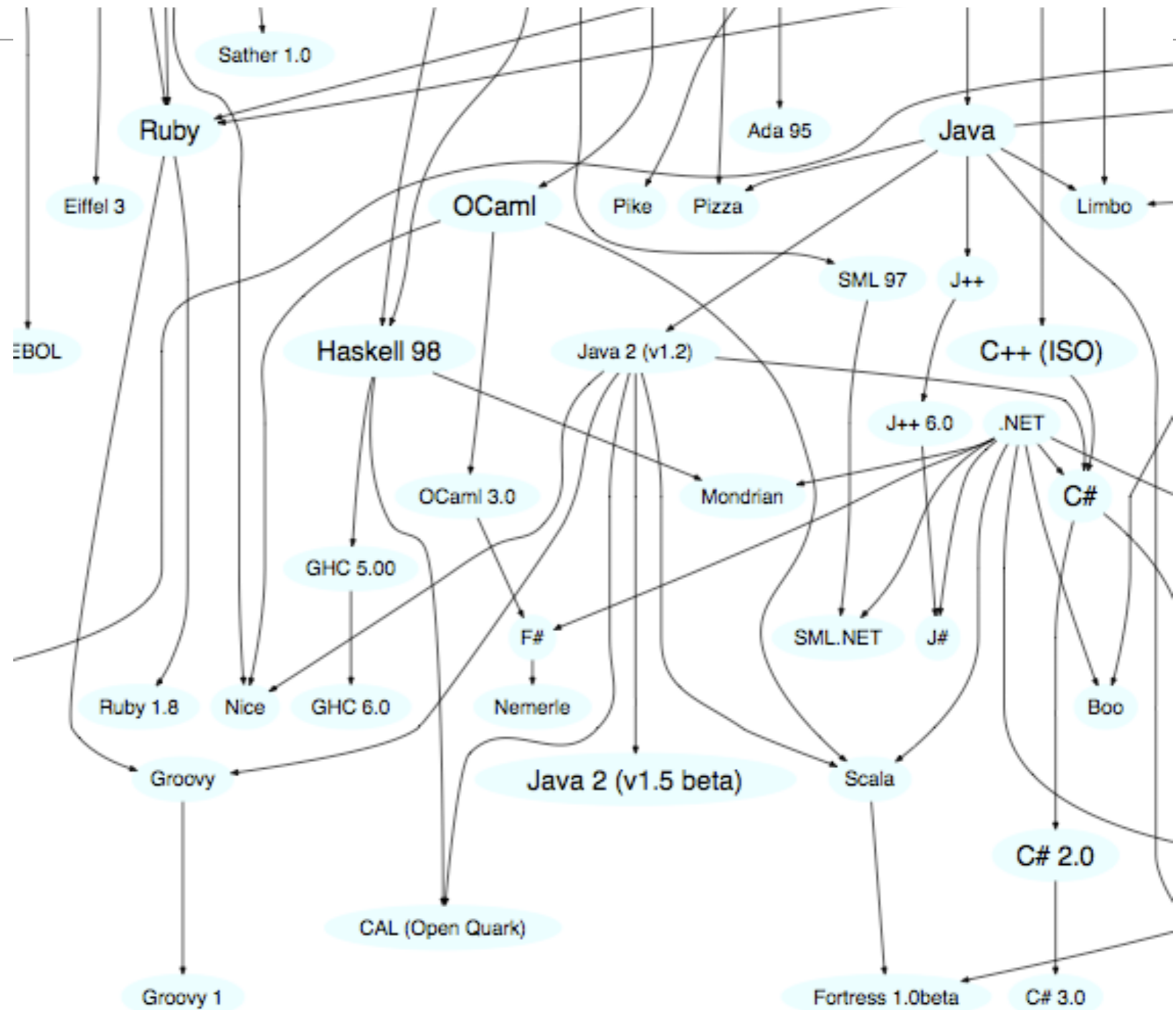


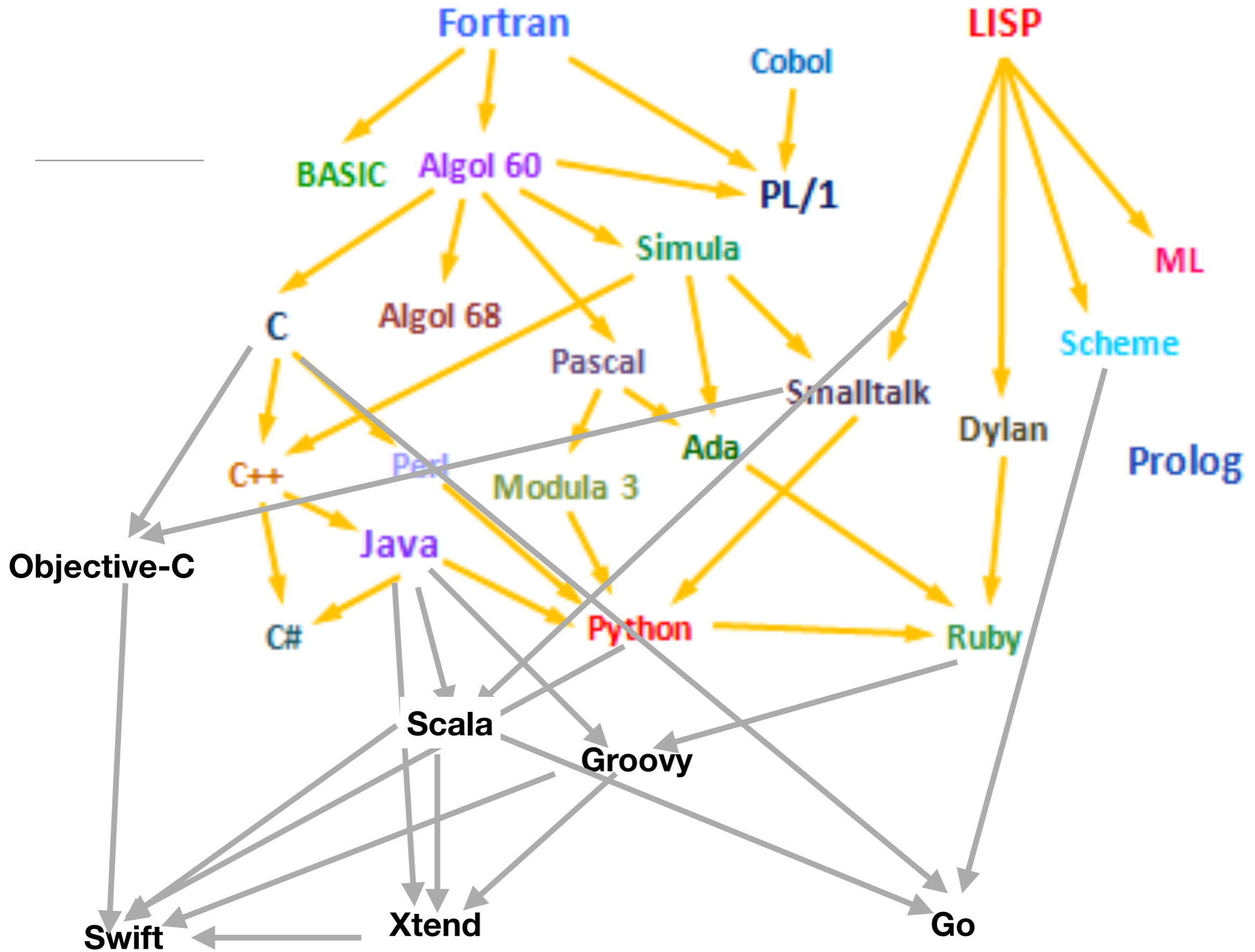


# Smalltalk Cluster



# Ruby, Groovy, Java, Scala Cluster





# Programming Languages as Reactions

(from Kevin Kelleher).

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- *Algol*: Assembly language is too low-level.
  - *Pascal*: Algol doesn't have enough data types.
  - *Modula*: Pascal is too wimpy for systems programming.
  - *Simula*: Algol isn't good enough at simulations.
  - *Smalltalk*: Not everything in Simula is an object.
- *Fortran*: Assembly language is too low-level.
  - *Cobol*: Fortran is scary.
  - *PL/1*: Fortran doesn't have enough data types.
- *Ada*: Every existing language is missing something.

## ...Continued

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- *Basic*: Fortran is scary.
  - *APL*: Fortran isn't good enough at manipulating arrays.
  - *J*: APL requires its own character set.
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- *C*: Assembly language is too low-level.
  - *C++*: C is too low-level.
  - *Java*: C++ is a kludge. And Microsoft is going to crush us.
  - *C#*: Java is controlled by Sun

## ...Continued

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- *Lisp*: Turing Machines are an awkward way to describe computation.
  - *Scheme*: MacLisp is a kludge.
  - *T*: Scheme has no libraries.
  - *Common Lisp*: There are too many dialects of Lisp.
  - *Dylan*: Scheme has no libraries, and Lisp syntax is scary.
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- *Perl*: Shell scripts/awk/sed are not enough like programming languages.
  - *Python*: Perl is a kludge.
  - *Ruby*: Perl is a kludge, and Lisp syntax is scary.
  - *Groovy*: Ruby isn't compatible with Java
  - *Scala*: Haskell is scary

# Characteristics

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# Paul Grahams Wish List for a Programming Language

<http://www.paulgraham.com/diff.html>

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1. Conditionals
2. A function type
3. Recursion
4. Dynamic typing
5. Garbage collection
6. Programs composed of expressions
7. A symbol type
8. A notation for code using symbols and trees
9. The whole language there all the time

Lisp programming Language has all of these features (since mid 1960's)

# Java?

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1. **Conditionals**

2. A function type (but coming in Java 8)

3. **Recursion**

4. Dynamic typing

5. **Garbage collection**

6. Programs composed of expressions

7. **A symbol type**

8. A notation for code using symbols and trees

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# Groovy/Ruby/Python/Scala/Xtend

(from Neal Ford)

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+ Metaprogramming

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# Typing

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Amount of type checking enforced by the compiler vs. leaving it to the runtime



How the runtime constraints you from treating objects of different types (in other words treating memory as blobs or specific data types)

# Typing Spectrum

*Dynamic*

- Python
- Smalltalk
- Ruby
- Groovy

- Javascript
- PHP

*Static*

- Java
- C#

- C
- C++
- Objective-C

*Strong*

*Weak*<sup>24</sup>



# Static to Dynamic

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# Java Example

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- Java algorithm to filter a list of strings
- Only printing those shorter than 3 (in this test case).

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

class Erase
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
        names.add("Ted");
        names.add("Fred");
        names.add("Jed");
        names.add("Ned");
        System.out.println(names);
        Erase e = new Erase();
        List<String> short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3);
        System.out.println(short_names.size());
        for (String s : short_names)
        {
            System.out.println(s);
        }
    }

    public List<String> filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        List<String> result = new ArrayList<String>();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

# Groovy 1

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- Also a valid Groovy program...

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

class Erase
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
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        System.out.println(names);
        Erase e = new Erase();
        List<String> short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3);
        System.out.println(short_names.size());
        for (String s : short_names)
        {
            System.out.println(s);
        }
    }

    public List<String> filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        List<String> result = new ArrayList<String>();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

# Groovy 1

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- Do we need generics?
- What about semicolons...
- Should standard libraries be imported?

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

class Erase
{
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        System.out.println(names);
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        List<String> short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3);
        System.out.println(short_names.size());
        for (String s : short_names)
        {
            System.out.println(s);
        }
    }

    public List<String> filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        List<String> result = new ArrayList<String>();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

# Groovy 2

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```
class Erase
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List names = new ArrayList()
        names.add("Ted")
        names.add("Fred")
        names.add("Jed")
        names.add("Ned")
        System.out.println(names)
        Erase e = new Erase()
        List short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3)
        System.out.println(short_names.size())
        for (String s : short_names)
        {
            System.out.println(s)
        }
    }

    public List filterLongerThan(List strings, length)
    {
        List result = new ArrayList();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s)
            }
        }
        return result
    }
}
```

# Groovy 2

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- Do we need the static types?
- Must we always have a main method and class definition?
- Consistency (size or length)?

```
class Erase
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List names = new ArrayList()
        names.add("Ted")
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        names.add("Jed")
        names.add("Ned")
        System.out.println(names)
        Erase e = new Erase()
        List short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3)
        System.out.println(short_names.size())
        for (String s : short_names)
        {
            System.out.println(s)
        }
    }

    public List filterLongerThan(List strings, length)
    {
        List result = new ArrayList();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s)
            }
        }
        return result
    }
}
```

# Groovy 3

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```
def filterLongerThan(strings, length)
{
    List result = new ArrayList();
    for (String s : strings)
    {
        if (s.length() < length + 1)
        {
            result.add(s)
        }
    }
    return result
}

List names = new ArrayList()
names.add("Ted")
names.add("Fred")
names.add("Jed")
names.add("Ned")
System.out.println(names)
List short_names = filterLongerThan(names, 3)
System.out.println(short_names.size())
for (String s : short_names)
{
    System.out.println(s)
}
```

# Groovy 3

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- Should we have a special notation for lists?
- And special facilities for list processing?

```
def filterLongerThan(strings, length)
{
    List result = new ArrayList();
    for (String s : strings)
    {
        if (s.length() < length + 1)
        {
            result.add(s)
        }
    }
    return result
}

List names = new ArrayList()
names.add("Ted")
names.add("Fred")
names.add("Jed")
names.add("Ned")
System.out.println(names)
List short_names = filterLongerThan(names, 3)
System.out.println(short_names.size())
for (String s : short_names)
{
    System.out.println(s)
}
```



# Groovy 4

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```
def filterLongerThan(strings, length)
{
    return strings.findAll {it.size() <= length}
}

names = ["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
System.out.println(names)
List short_names = filterLongerThan(names, 3)
System.out.println(short_names.size())
short_names.each {System.out.println(it)}
```

# Groovy 4

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- Method needed any longer?
- Is there an easier way to use common methods (e.g. println)?
- Are brackets always needed?

```
def filterLongerThan(strings, length)
{
    return strings.findAll {it.size() <= length}
}

names = ["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
System.out.println(names)
List short_names = filterLongerThan(names, 3)
System.out.println(short_names.size())
short_names.each {System.out.println(it)}
```

# Groovy 5

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```
names = ["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
println names
short_names = names.findAll{it.size() <= 3}
println short_names.size()
short_names.each {println it}
```

```

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

class Erase
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
        names.add("Ted");
        names.add("Fred");
        names.add("Jed");
        names.add("Ned");
        System.out.println(names);
        Erase e = new Erase();
        List<String> short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3);
        System.out.println(short_names.size());
        for (String s : short_names)
        {
            System.out.println(s);
        }
    }

    public List<String> filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        List<String> result = new ArrayList<String>();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}

```

```

names = ["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
println names
short_names = names.findAll{it.size() <= 3}
println short_names.size()
short_names.each {println it}

```

## Java vs Groovy?

# Static to Inferred

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# Another Approach to Types?

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- *Type Inference* : the compiler draws conclusions about the types of variables based on how programmers use those variables.
  - Yields programs that have some of the conciseness of Dynamically Typed Languages
  - But - decision made at *compile time*, not at *run time*
  - More information for static analysis - refactoring tools, complexity analysis. bug checking etc...

- Haskell, Scala, **Xtend**

```
object InferenceTest1 extends Application
{
  val x = 1 + 2 * 3           // the type of x is Int
  val y = x.toString()      // the type of y is String
  def succ(x: Int) = x + 1  // method succ returns Int values
}
```

# Typing Spectrum

*Dynamic*

- Python
- Smalltalk
- Ruby
- Groovy

- Javascript
- PHP

*Inferred*

- Xtend
- Scala
- Go
- Swift

- C
- C++
- Objective-C

*Static*

*Strong*

*Weak*<sup>39</sup>

# Java Example

## -> XTend

- Unlike Groovy - this is NOT an XTend Program

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            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```



# def & var

---

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

class Erase
{
    def static void main(String[] args)
    {
        var List<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
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        System.out.println(names);
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```

*Are semicolons  
necessary?*

# No semicolons

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}
```

*Can some types be  
inferred?*

# Type inference

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}
```

*What about  
Collection Literals?*

# Collection Literals

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    {
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        System.out.println(names)
        var e = new Erase()
        var short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3)
        System.out.println(short_names.size())
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        {
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            {
                result.add(s)
            }
        }
        return result
    }
}
```

*Can Lambdas  
simplify code?*

# Lambdas

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*What are List  
Comprehensions?*

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        var e = new Erase()
        var short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3)
        System.out.println(short_names.size())
        short_names.forEach[System.out.println(it)]
    }

    def filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        val result = new ArrayList<String>()
        strings.forEach[ if (it.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(it)
            }
        ]
        result
    }
}
```

# Filters/List Comprehensions

---

```
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        short_names.forEach[System.out.println(it)]
    }

    def filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        val list = strings.filter[it.length() <= 3]
        list
    }
}
```

*Do we need the class Erase at all?*

# Final Version

---

```
class Erase
{
  def static void main(String[] args)
  {
    var names = #["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
    println(names)
    var short_names = names.filter[it.length() <= 3]
    println(short_names.size())
    short_names.forEach[println(it)]
  }
}
```

```

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    }

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        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}

```

java

```

class Erase
{
    def static void main(String[] args)
    {
        var names = #["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
        println(names)
        var short_names = names.filter[it.length() <= 3]
        println(short_names.size())
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    }
}

```

xtend

```

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```

groovy



# Java Example

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    public List<String> filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        List<String> result = new ArrayList<String>();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

# Swift

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```
import Foundation

class Erase
{
    func main()
    {
        var names:String[] = String[]()
        names.append ("ted")
        names.append ("fred")
        names.append ("jed")
        names.append ("ned")
        println(names)
        var short_names:String[] = filterLongerThan(names, length:3)
        for name:String in short_names
        {
            println (name)
        }
    }

    func filterLongerThan (strings : String[], length : Int) -> String[]
    {
        var result:String[] = String[]()
        for s:String in strings
        {
            if countElements(s) < length + 1
            {
                result.append(s)
            }
        }
        return result
    }
}

var erase:Erase = Erase()
erase.main()
```

# Swift

- Type Inference

```
import Foundation

class Erase
{
    func main()
    {
        var names = String[]()
        names.append ("ted")
        names.append ("fred")
        names.append ("jed")
        names.append ("ned")
        println(names)
        var short_names = filterLongerThan(names, length:3)
        for name in short_names
        {
            println (name)
        }
    }

    func filterLongerThan (strings : String[], length : Int) -> String[]
    {
        var result = String[]()
        for s in strings
        {
            if countElements(s) < length + 1
            {
                result.append(s)
            }
        }
        return result
    }
}

var erase = Erase()
erase.main()
```

# Swift

- Literals

```
import Foundation

class Erase
{
    func main()
    {
        var names = ["ted", "fred", "jed", "ned"]
        var short_names = filterLongerThan(names, length:3)
        for name in short_names
        {
            println (name)
        }
    }

    func filterLongerThan (strings : String[], length : Int) -> String[]
    {
        var result = String[]()
        for s in strings
        {
            if countElements(s) < length + 1
            {
                result.append(s)
            }
        }
        return result
    }
}

var erase = Erase()
erase.main()
```

# Swift

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- Closures

```
import Foundation

class Erase
{
    func main()
    {
        var names = ["ted", "fred", "jed", "ned"]
        var short_names = names.filter { countElements($0) < 4 }
        for name in short_names
        {
            println (name)
        }
    }
}

var erase = Erase()
erase.main()
```

# Swift

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- Final version

```
import Foundation

var names = ["ted", "fred", "jed", "ned"]
println(names)
var short_names = names.filter { countElements($0) < 4 }
println(short_names)
```

```

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

class Erase
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        List<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
        names.add("Ted");
        names.add("Fred");
        names.add("Jed");
        names.add("Ned");
        System.out.println(names);
        Erase e = new Erase();
        List<String> short_names = e.filterLongerThan(names, 3);
        System.out.println(short_names.size());
        for (String s : short_names)
        {
            System.out.println(s);
        }
    }

    public List<String> filterLongerThan(List<String> strings, int length)
    {
        List<String> result = new ArrayList<String>();
        for (String s : strings)
        {
            if (s.length() < length + 1)
            {
                result.add(s);
            }
        }
        return result;
    }
}

```

```

names = ["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
println names
short_names = names.findAll{it.size() <= 3}
short_names.each {println it}

```

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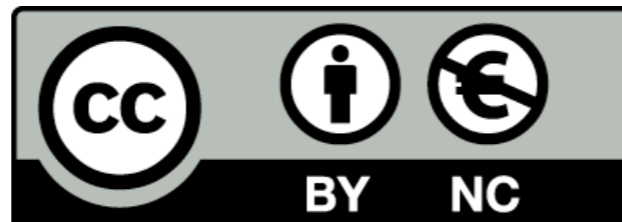
var names = #["Ted", "Fred", "Jed", "Ned"]
println(names)
var short_names = names.filter[it.length() <= 3]
short_names.forEach[println(it)]

```

```

var names = ["ted", "fred", "jed", "ned"]
println(names)
var short_names = names.filter { countElements($0) < 4 }
println(short_names)

```



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