

Pugs

an implementation of

Perl 6

Audrey Tang

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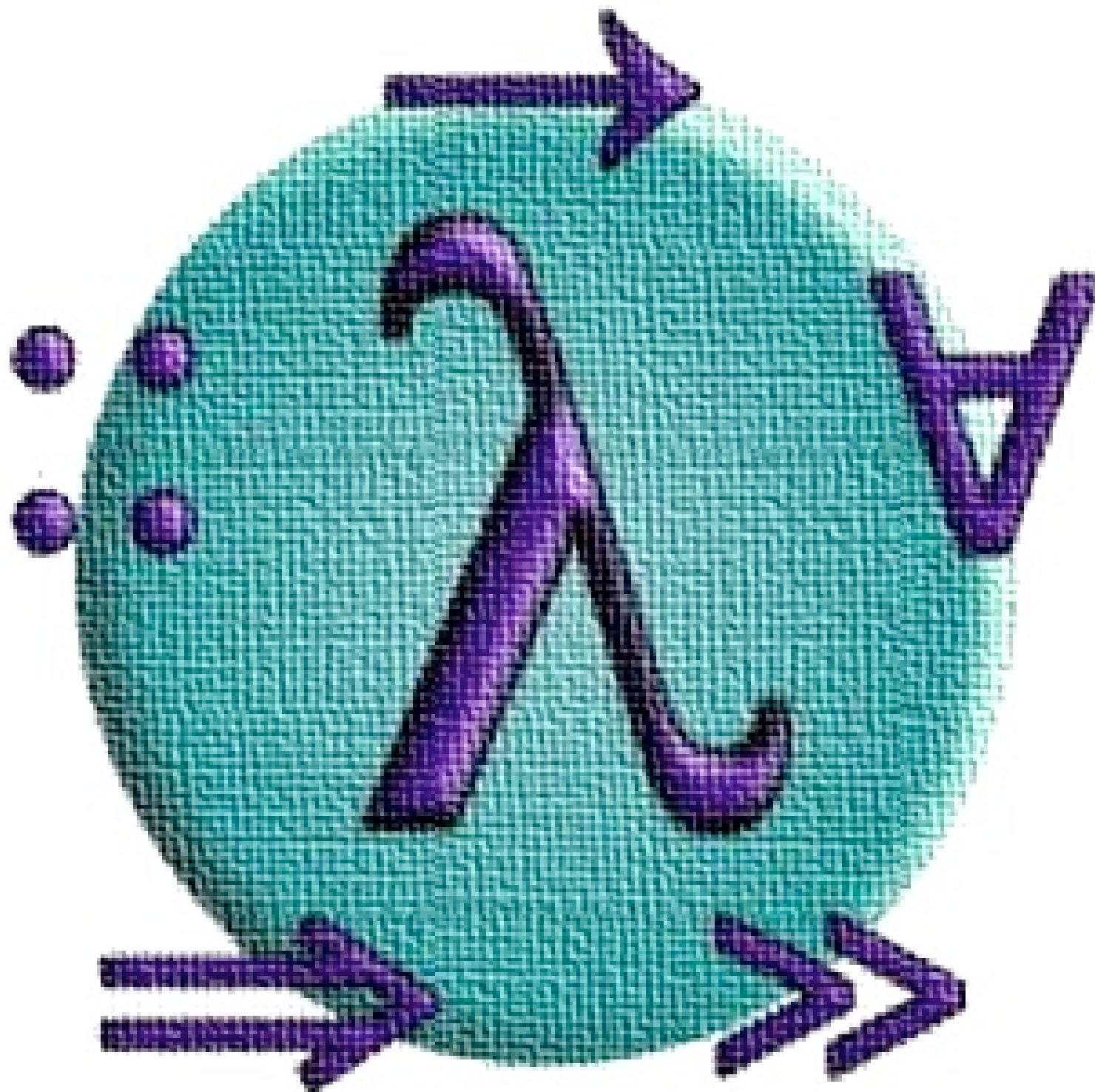
def **Perl 6 Runtime**

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def **Perl 6 Test Suite**











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- ✓ **18,000+ Unit Tests**

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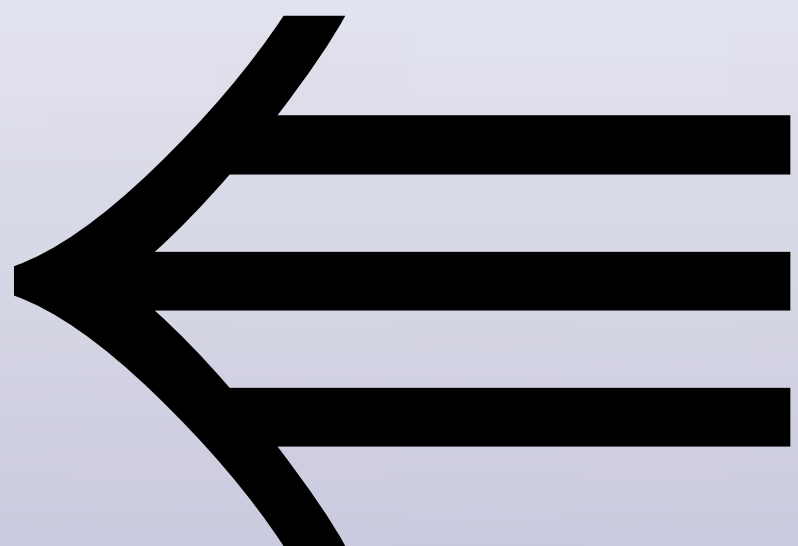
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“Official Perl 6”

- ✓ Anything that passes the official test suite**
- ✓ Defined by semantics, not by accidents of history**

Test \Leftrightarrow Spec

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|---------------------------------|--------|------------------------|------------|
| t/builtins/lists/sort.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/lists/sum.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/lists/topic_in_map.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
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| t/builtins/math/trig.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/my.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/numify.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/perl.t | FAILED | <div><div></div></div> | 90.91% |
| t/builtins/perl2.t | FAILED | <div><div></div></div> | 94.74% |
| t/builtins/ref.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/sprintf_and_as.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/strings/append.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |
| t/builtins/strings/capitalize.t | OK | <div><div></div></div> | 100.00% |



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- `require 'exceptions.pl';`

Perl, circa 2005

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```
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use v6-alpha;  
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```

Perl, circa 2005

- `use v6-alpha;`
- `use perl5:DBI;`
- `use perl5:Encode <encode decode>;`

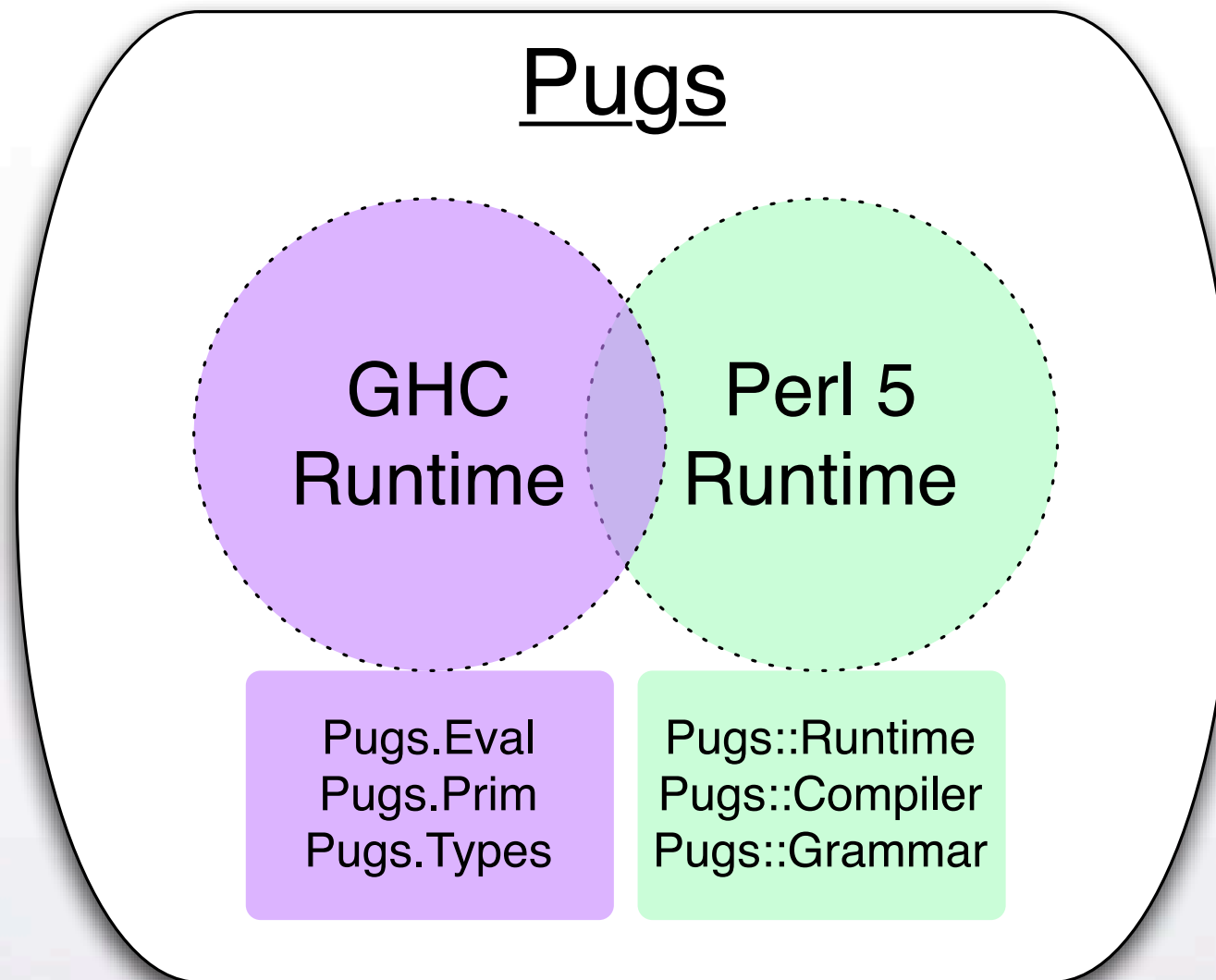
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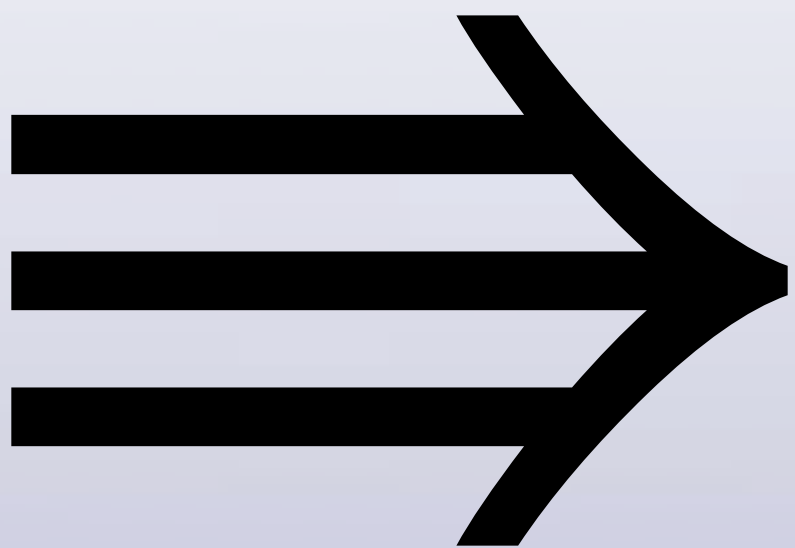
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- *# Implementation of "fork"*
`eval "fork()" :lang<perl5>;`

Dual Core





Pugs Intermediate Language

Backends

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⇒ Perl 5

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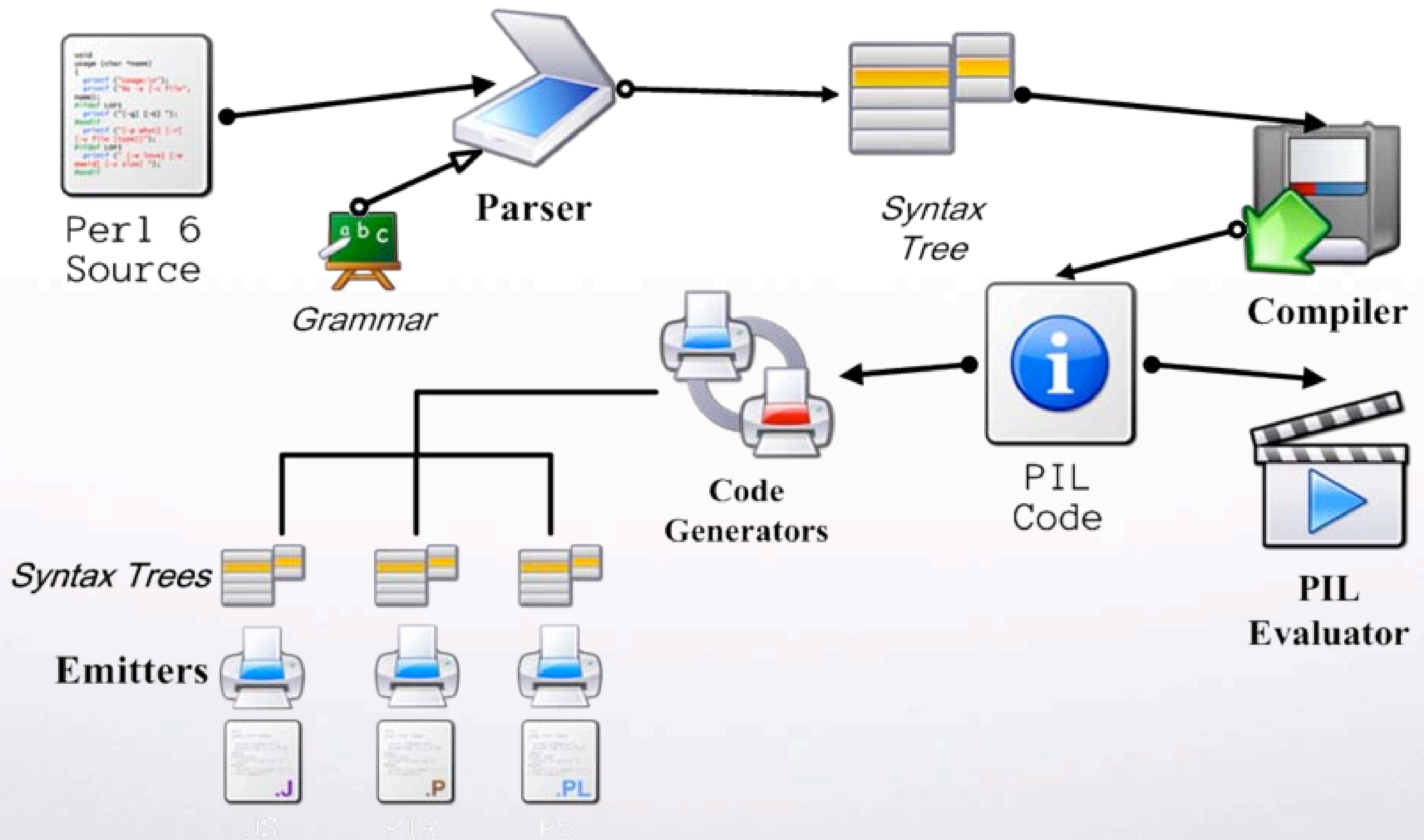
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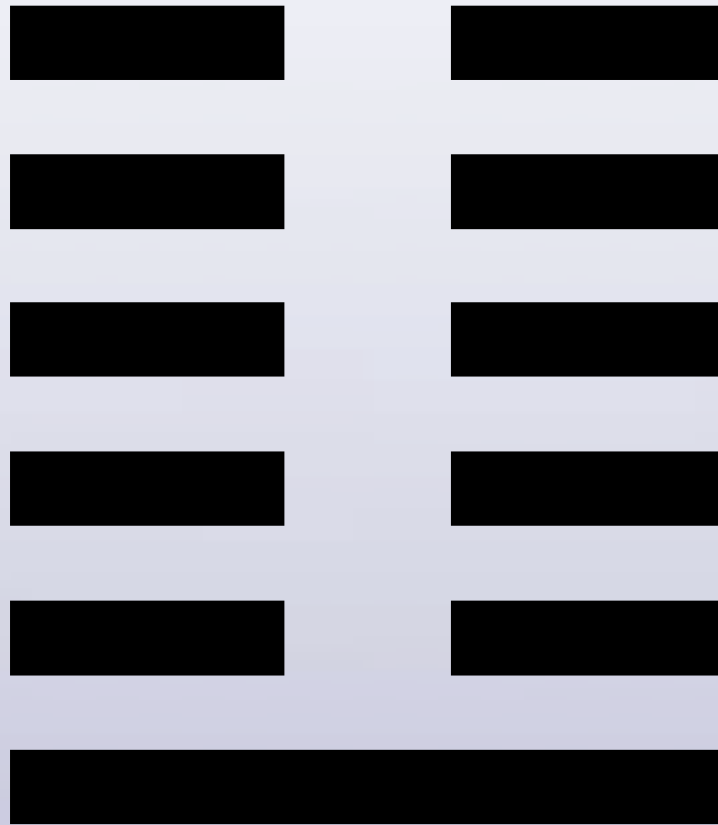
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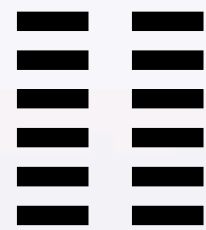
⇒ JavaScript





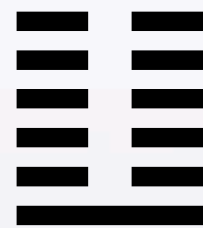
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Primitives



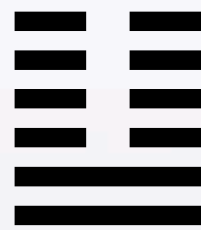
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Functions



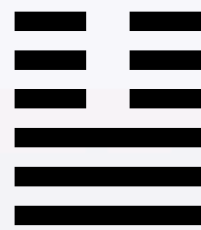
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Objects



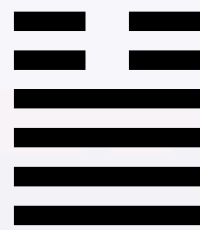
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Grammars



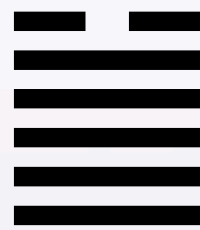
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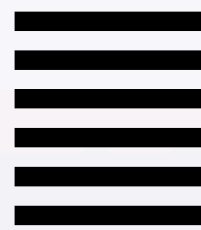
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Macros



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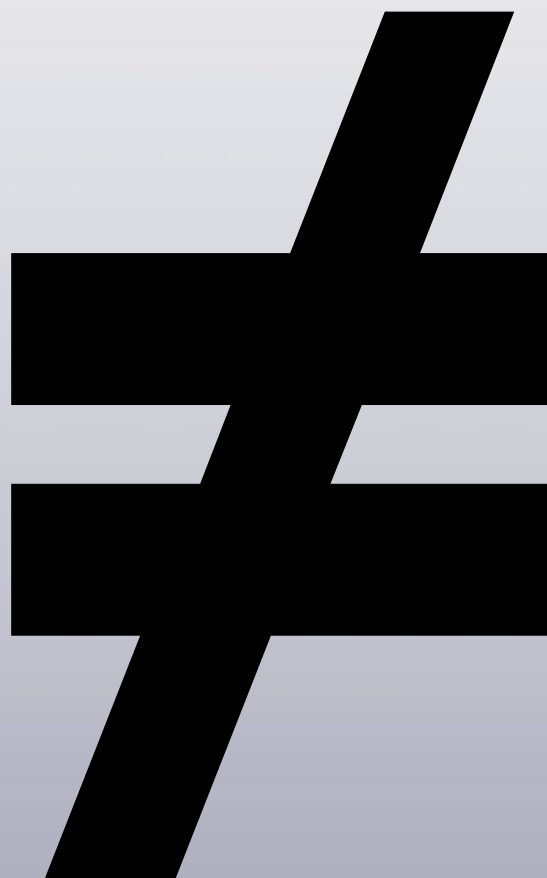
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Perl 6!





**“Frivolous Toy
interpreter”**
(as seen on Slashdot)

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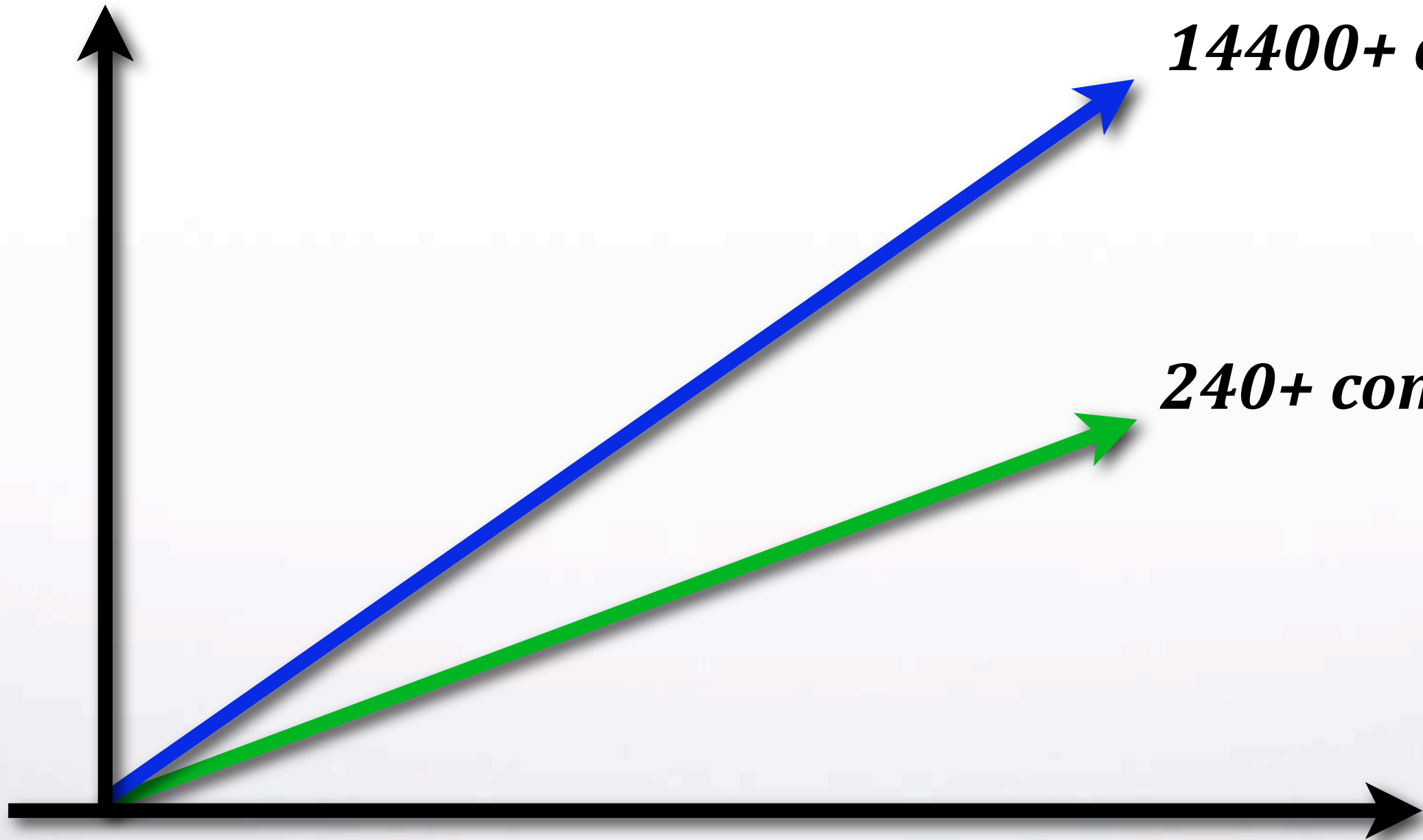


Arrow length

14400+ commits

240+ committers

Time



Test Driven

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☺ Smoke Server

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☺ :todo<unspecced>

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- 😊 **10+ languages**
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- 😊 **Fast feedback loop**

Patches Welcome?

Commits Welcome!


```
16:19 @audreyt A commit bit is in your inbox now...  
16:19 @audreyt Don't forget to add your name to the AUTHORS file;  
16:19 @audreyt Welcome aboard!  
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```





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λ Camels

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 **200+ People**

λ Camels

 **200+ People**

 **20+ Regulars**

λ Camels

- 📞 200+ People
- 📞 20+ Regulars
- 📞 TimToady++

svnbot6

```
13:26 < svnbot6> r10754 | audreyt++ | * reduce-metaop.t - unTODO one surprisingly
13:26 < svnbot6> r10754 | audreyt++ |   succeeding test involving [=].
13:26 < svnbot6> r10754 | audreyt++ |   That's all for tonight...
14:35 < svnbot6> r10755 | audreyt++ | * INSTALL: Bump our parrot requirement to
14:35 < svnbot6> r10755 | audreyt++ |   0.4.5 for the shiny regex/token/rule
14:35 < svnbot6> r10755 | audreyt++ |   :ratchet/:sigspace support.
15:50 < svnbot6> r10756 | fglock++ | Pugs::Grammar::Perl6 - added @{exp}, exp[], s///,
15:50 < svnbot6> r10756 | fglock++ |   - added modules Pugs::Compiler::Perl6,
15:50 < svnbot6> r10756 | fglock++ |   Pugs::Emitter::Perl6::Perl5,
15:50 < svnbot6> r10756 | fglock++ |   Pugs::Runtime::Perl6
15:50 < svnbot6> r10756 | fglock++ |   - added stub module: v6-pugs
15:50 < svnbot6> r10756 | fglock++ | Pugs::Compiler::Precedence
15:50 < svnbot6> r10756 | fglock++ |   - fixed postcircumfix to allow an empty list
15:53 < svnbot6> r10757 | fglock++ | renamed Pugs-Grammar-Perl6 to Pugs-Compiler-Perl6
15:56 < svnbot6> r10758 | fglock++ | Pugs-Compiler-Perl6 - fixed test.pl
```

```
12:20 < svnbot6> r10728 | fglock++ | Pugs-Compiler-Perl6 - fixed test.pl
12:23 < svnbot6> r10729 | fglock++ | Pugs-Compiler-Perl6 - fixed test.pl
12:26 < svnbot6> r10730 | fglock++ | Pugs-Compiler-Perl6 - fixed test.pl
```

evalbot6

```
16:25 < audreyt> ?eval [+] 1..100  
16:26 < evalbot_10746> 5050  
16:26 < audreyt> ?eval { $_ ?? $_ * &?BLOCK($_-1) !! 1 }.(10)  
16:26 < evalbot_10746> 3628800
```

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16:26 < evalbot_10746> 3628800
```


lambdabot

```
16:30 < audreyt> @pl f h = hGetContents h >>= \x -> return (lines x)
16:30 < lambdabot> f = (lines `fmap`) . hGetContents
16:32 < audreyt> @djinn (a -> b) -> (c -> b) -> Either a c -> b
16:32 < lambdabot> f a b c =
16:32 < lambdabot>   case c of
16:32 < lambdabot>   Left d -> a d
16:30 < lambdabot>   Right e -> b e
```

```
16:30 < lambdabot>   Right e -> b e
16:30 < lambdabot>   Right e -> b e
```

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Who

| | |
|------------|--|
| Alias_ | Well, it would be nice from a PR point of view to have it formalised and wrapped up in a candy-shell And might actually finally mean I don't have to listen to the Duke Nukem jokes any more :) |
| avar | ascii art of the duke in the installer?:) |
| Alias_ | That would be hilarious :) |
| [particle] | i think duke nukem is under misc/ somewhere in the repo... ;) |
| Alias_ | A camel with a shotgun and strippers |
| avar | heh |
| TimToady | I think when people start playing with 6.2.13 they'll realize it's really getting rather solid already. |
| | Alias_ nods |
| Alias_ | I was just thinking in more symbolic terms |
| TimToady | and I really don't mind the anonymonks proving themselves to be idiots in front of everyone. well, o |
| --- | buetow joined perl6 |
| TreyHarris | TimToady: which anonymonks are you referring to? not names, just what comprehension results in |
| TimToady | it seems a little odd to use the word "comprehension" on that particular subset |
| --- | dakrone joined perl6 hexmode joined perl6 weinig joined perl6 |
| TimToady | Parents' Back To School Night & |

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Pugs

Implementing Perl 6... and other related technologies.

* October 2006

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sphere BLOG SEARCH

* Recent Posts

- » [Off to Portland...](#)
- » [Pugs 6.2.13 released!](#)
- » [Run Pugs: a Web terminal for Pugs](#)

2006.10.18

| Off to Portland...

My plane to Portland is taking off in a few hours. So, short recaps:

- fglock++ is hacking relentlessly on the next generation of [Perl6-to-Perl5 emitter](#), incorporating type constraints and autoboxing into the mix.
- lanny++ fixed Perl6::Doc's [Makefile.PL](#) to work with nmake 1.5. This reminds me that we still need to upload it to CPAN separately as a replacement to the horribly outdated [Perl6::Bible](#).
- andara++ continues to tune [runpugs](#) to avoid exhausting the dreaded resource limits. Help welcome, especially for some Ajaxy sugar to make it as sexy as [tryruby](#)...

Some short term post-release plans:

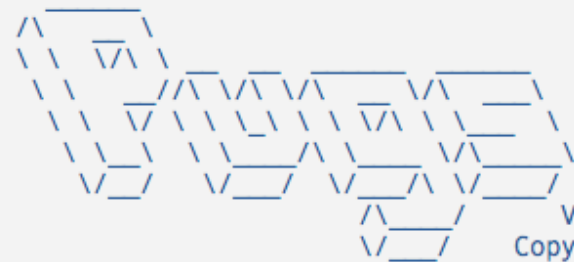
- Drop support for GHC 6.4.1, as soon as ghc-6.6 (with extralibs) makes it to Debian and FreeBSD. The build system is haunted by workarounds for old semi-broken Haskell Cabal

Run.pugscod​e.org

Run Perl 6 now -- in your browser!

This live web terminal runs the latest development snapshot of the [pugs](#) interpreter for [Perl 6](#). For more details, read the [info page](#).

Interactive Pugs Session



(P)erl6
(U)ser's
(G)olfing
(S)ystem

Version: 6.2.13 (r14415)
Copyright 2005-2006, The Pugs Contributors

Web: <http://pugscod​e.org/>

Email: perl6-compiler@perl.org

Welcome to Pugs -- Perl6 User's Golfing System
Type :h for help.

Loading Prelude... done.
pugs>

Smoke.pugscodex.org

repository snapshot / linux

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| Pugs 6.2.13 r14403 | 17 Oct 2006 15:26 Tue | 30.08 min | 100.00 % ok | 17954: 17954, | 0, 4638, | 747, | 0 » » SYN |
| Pugs 6.2.13 r14402 | 17 Oct 2006 14:44 Tue | 34.87 min | 99.69 % ok | 17956: 17900, | 56, 1182, | 6956, | 0 » » SYN |
| Pugs 6.2.13 r14383 | 17 Oct 2006 05:11 Tue | 29.93 min | 100.00 % ok | 17954: 17954, | 0, 4638, | 747, | 0 » » SYN |
| Pugs 6.2.13 r14375 | 17 Oct 2006 00:38 Tue | 28.28 min | 100.00 % ok | 17954: 17954, | 0, 4638, | 747, | 0 » » SYN |
| Pugs 6.2.12 r14350 | 15 Oct 2006 06:36 Sun | 29.82 min | 100.00 % ok | 17954: 17954, | 0, 4638, | 747, | 0 » » SYN |
| Pugs 6.2.12 r14342 | 15 Oct 2006 03:27 Sun | 31.53 min | 100.00 % ok | 17954: 17954, | 0, 4639, | 747, | 0 » » SYN |
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| Pugs 6.2.12 r14334 | 14 Oct 2006 10:00 Sat | 51.47 min | 99.99 % ok | 17954: 17952, | 2, 4644, | 747, | 6 » » SYN |
| Pugs 6.2.12 r14331 | 13 Oct 2006 19:56 Fri | 29.97 min | 99.99 % ok | 17954: 17953, | 1, 4644, | 747, | 6 » » SYN |

repository snapshot / MSWin32

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| Pugs 6.2.13 r14413 | 18 Oct 2006 04:42 Wed | 17.83 min | 99.99 % ok | 17954: 17953, | 1, 4638, | 782, | 0 » » SYN |
| Pugs 6.2.13 r14410 | 17 Oct 2006 21:40 Tue | 17.78 min | 99.99 % ok | 17954: 17952, | 2, 4638, | 782, | 0 » » SYN |

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Whitespace and Comments

- Single-line comments work as in Perl 5, starting with a `#` character and ending at the subsequent newline. They count as whitespace equivalent to newline for purposes of separation. Unlike in Perl 5, `#` may not be used as the delimiter in quoting constructs.

- Show the snippet from `t/syntax/comments.t` (line 117 ~ line 128 — 4 ✓, 0 ✕) -

- Multiline comments are provided by extending the syntax of POD to nest `=begin comment/=end comment` correctly without the need for `=cut`. The format name does not have to be `comment` -- any unrecognized format name will do to make it a comment. (However, bare `=begin` and `=end` probably aren't good enough, because all comments in them will show up in the formatted output.)

- Show the snippet from `t/syntax/comments.t` (line 129 ~ line 162 — 2 ✓, 0 ✕) -

We have single paragraph comments with `=for comment` as well. That lets `=for` keep its meaning as the equivalent of a `=begin` and `=end` combined. As with `=begin` and `=end`, a comment started in code reverts to code afterwards.

- Show the snippet from `t/syntax/comments.t` (line 163 ~ line 185 — 2 ✓, 0 ✕) -

Since there is a newline before the first `=`, the POD form of comment counts as whitespace equivalent to a newline.

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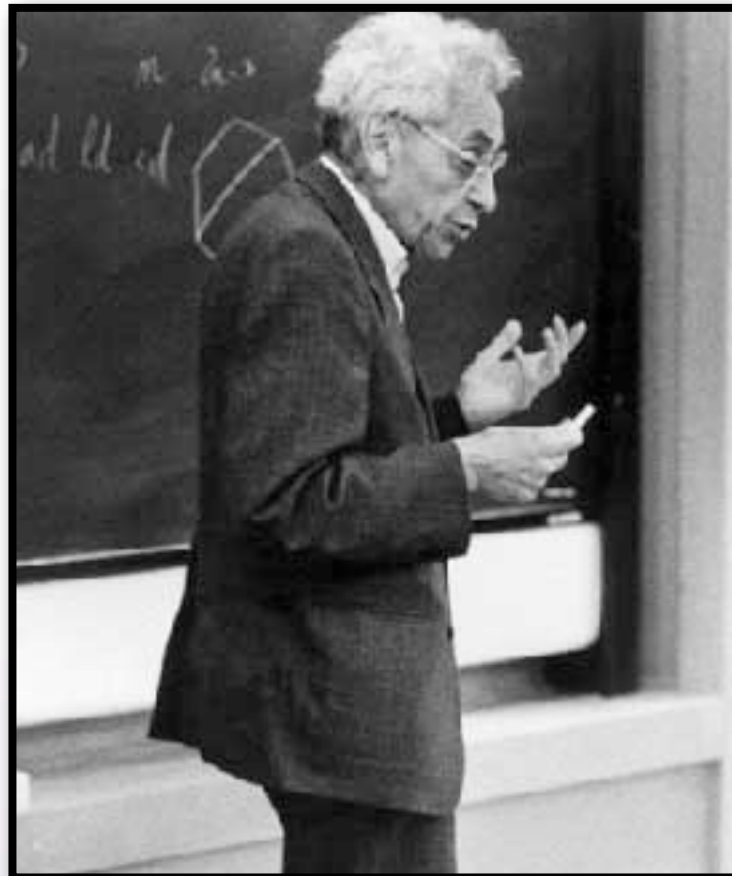


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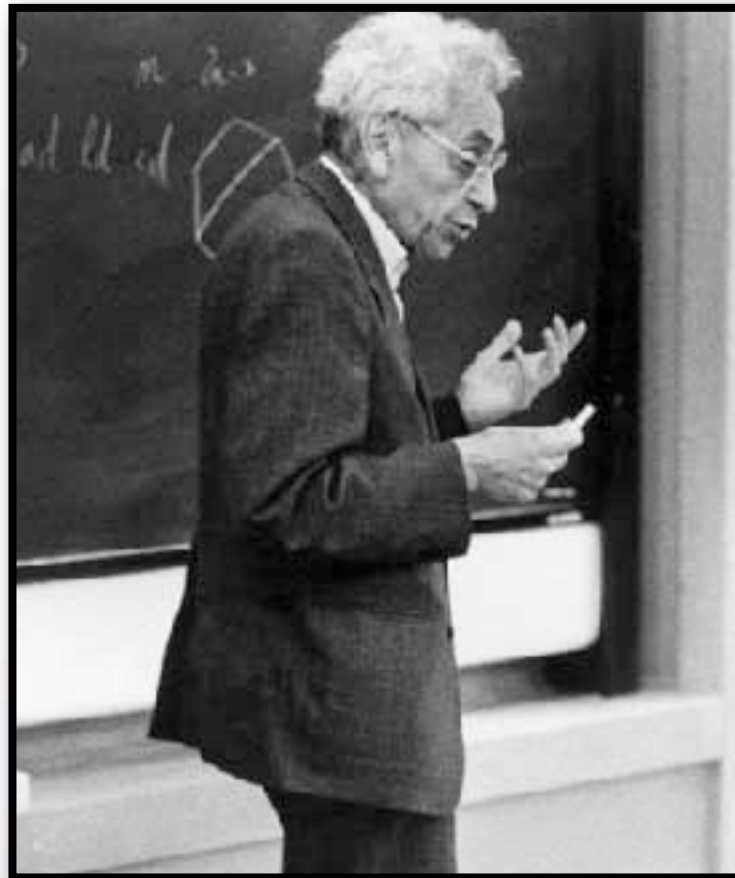




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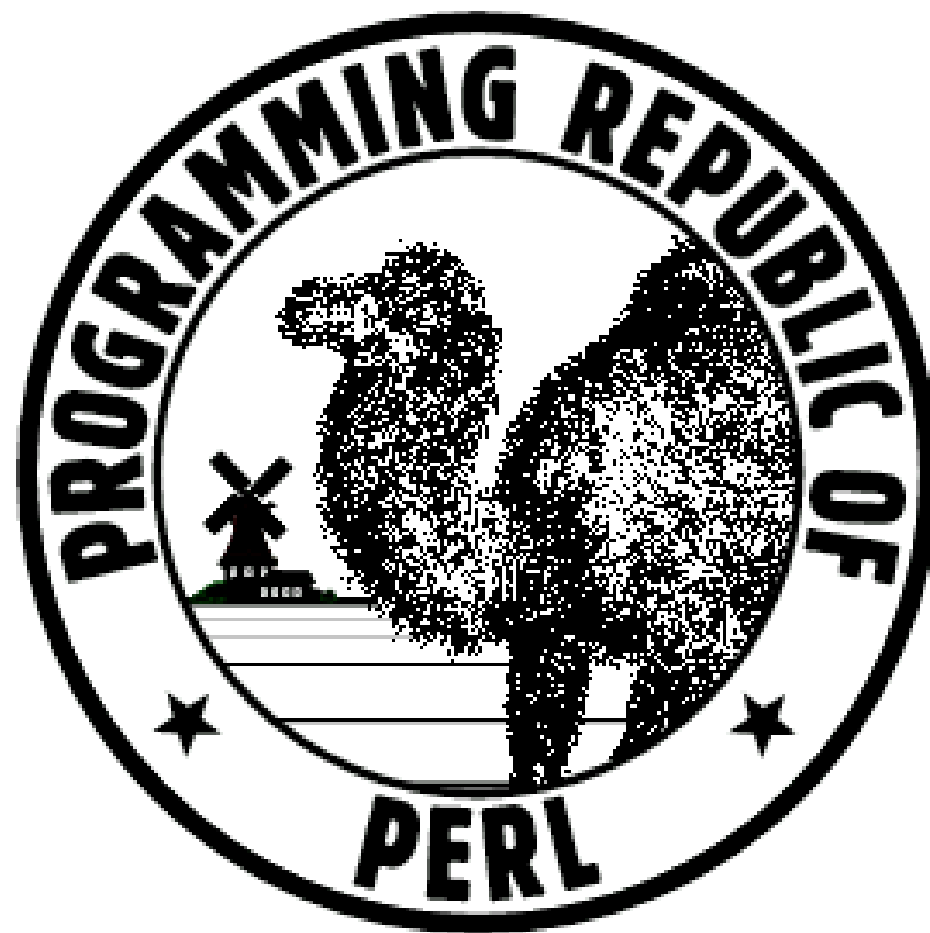
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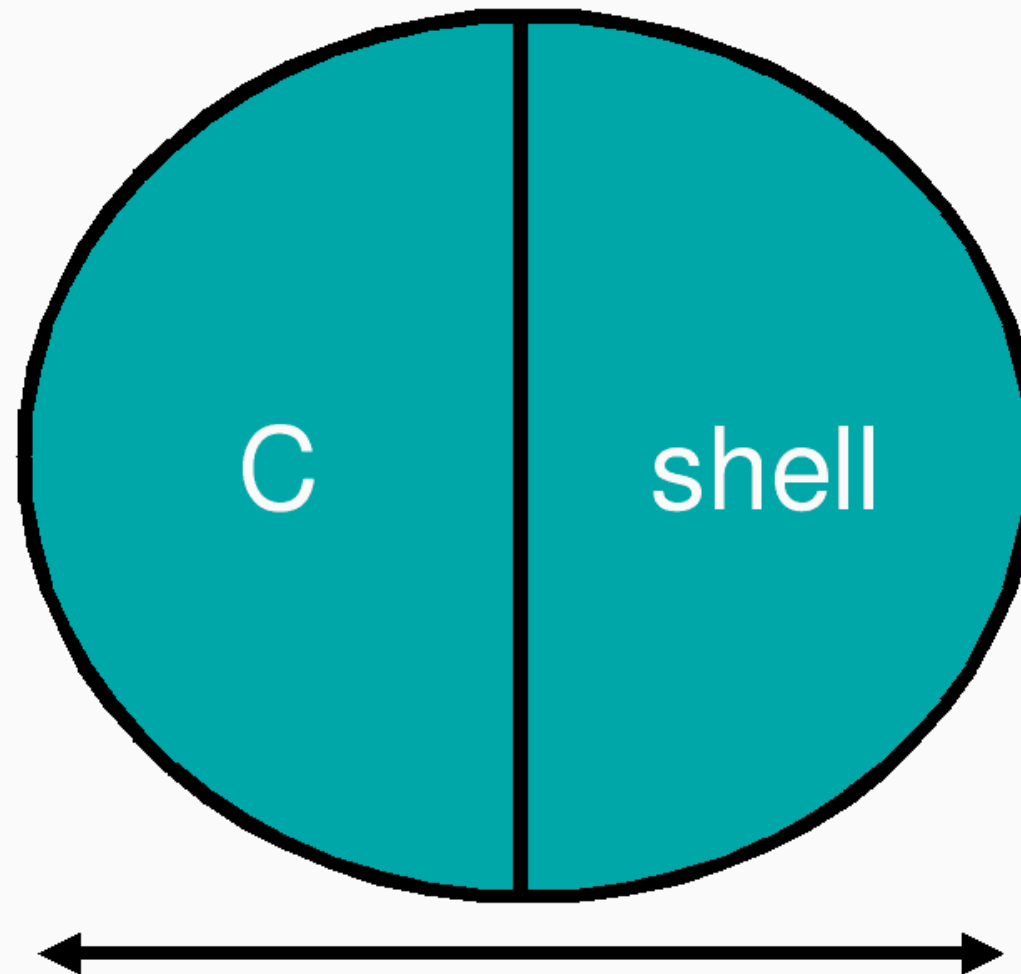
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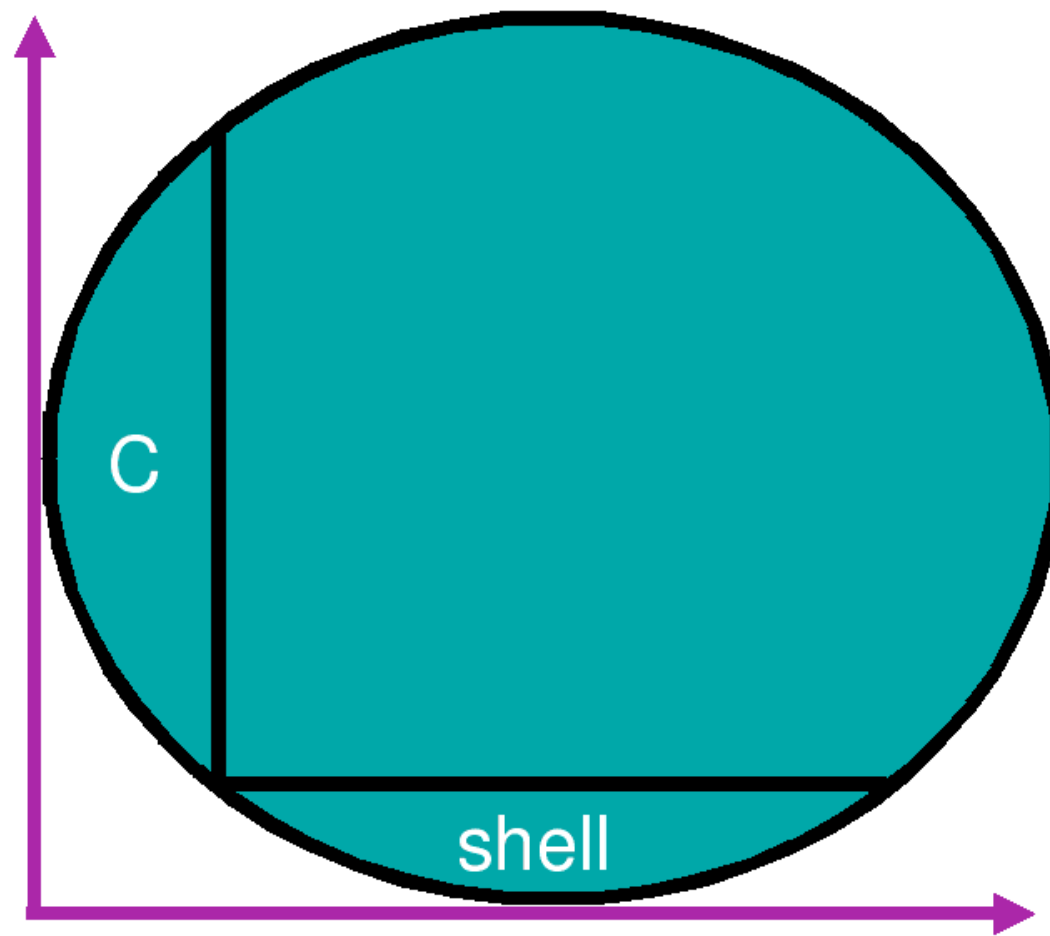
Practical



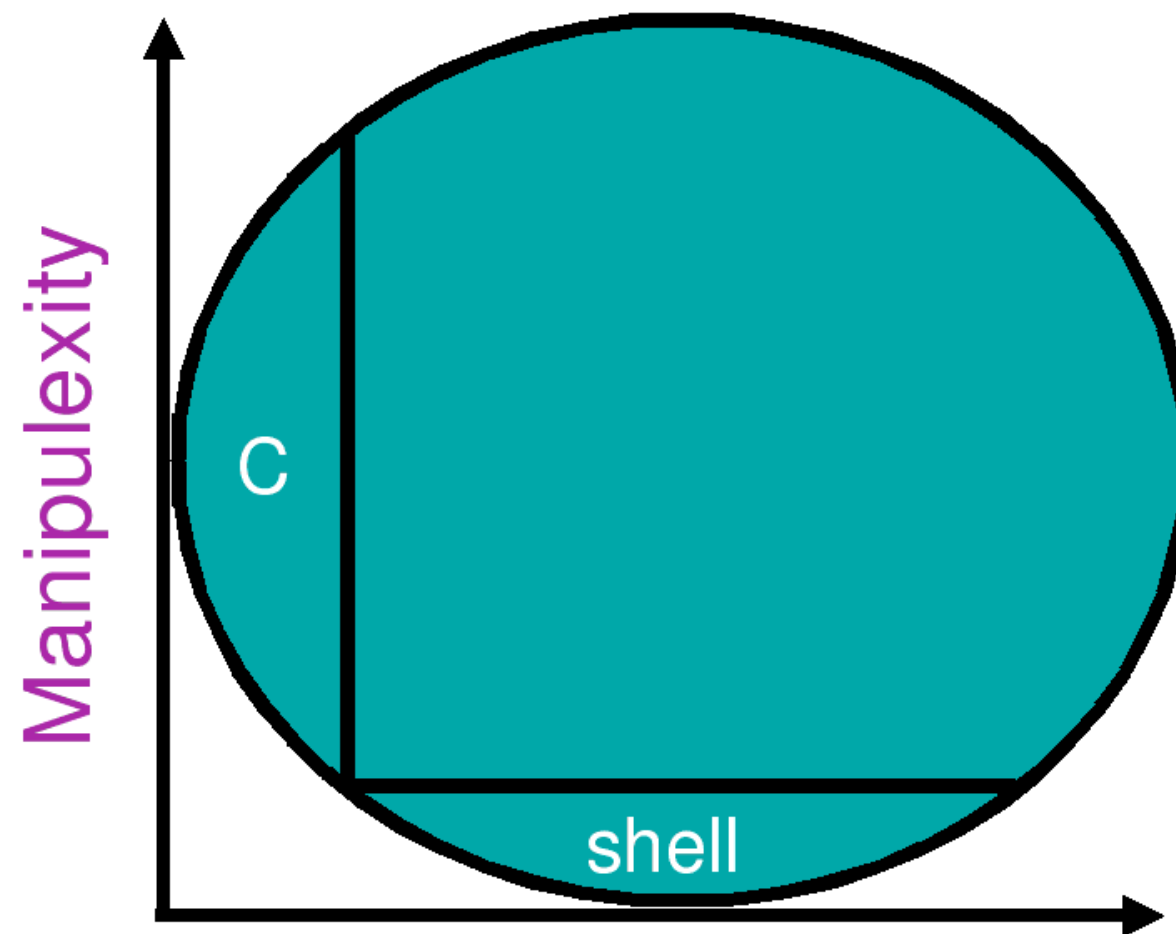
The World of Unix (1987)



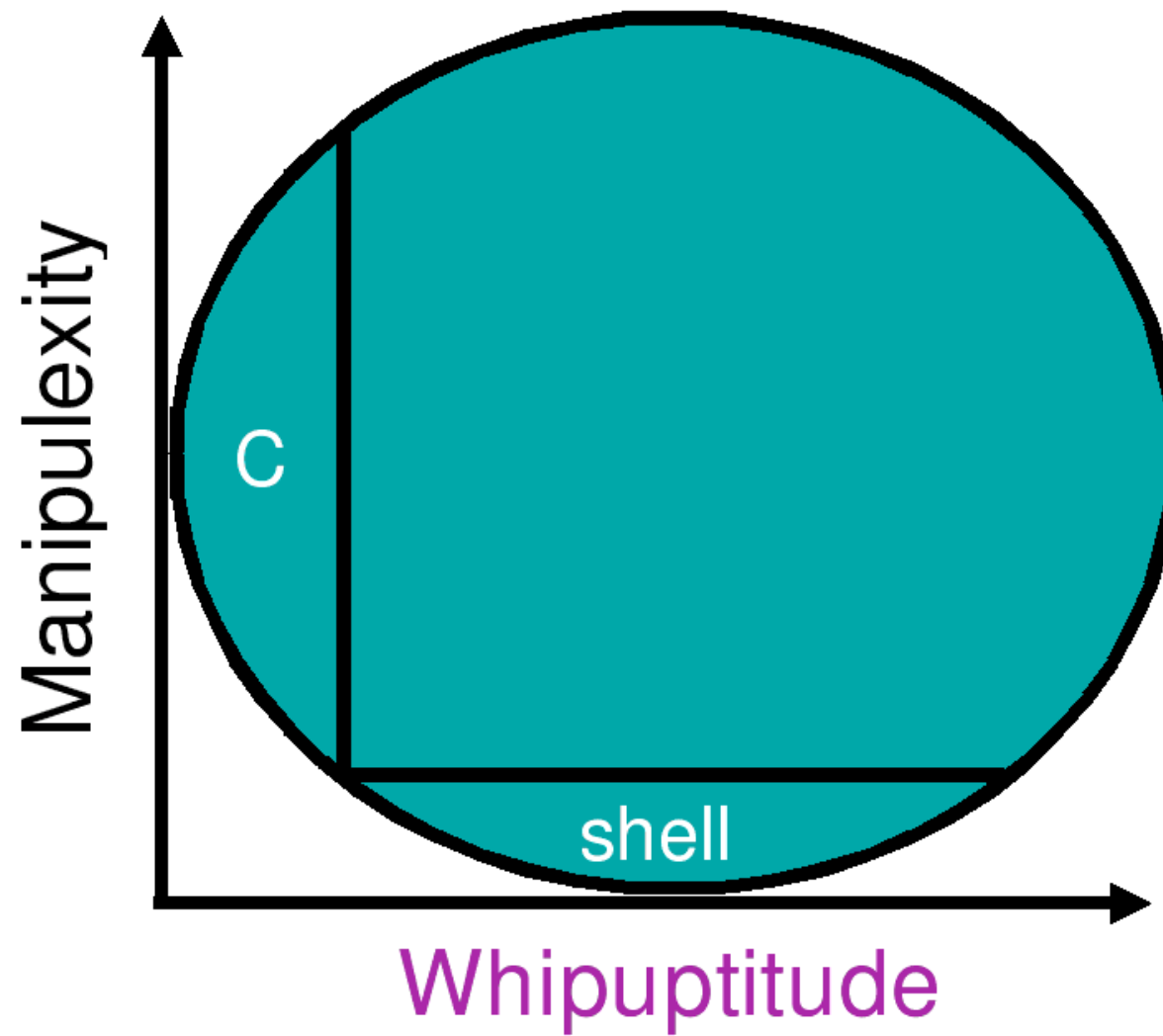
A new dimension



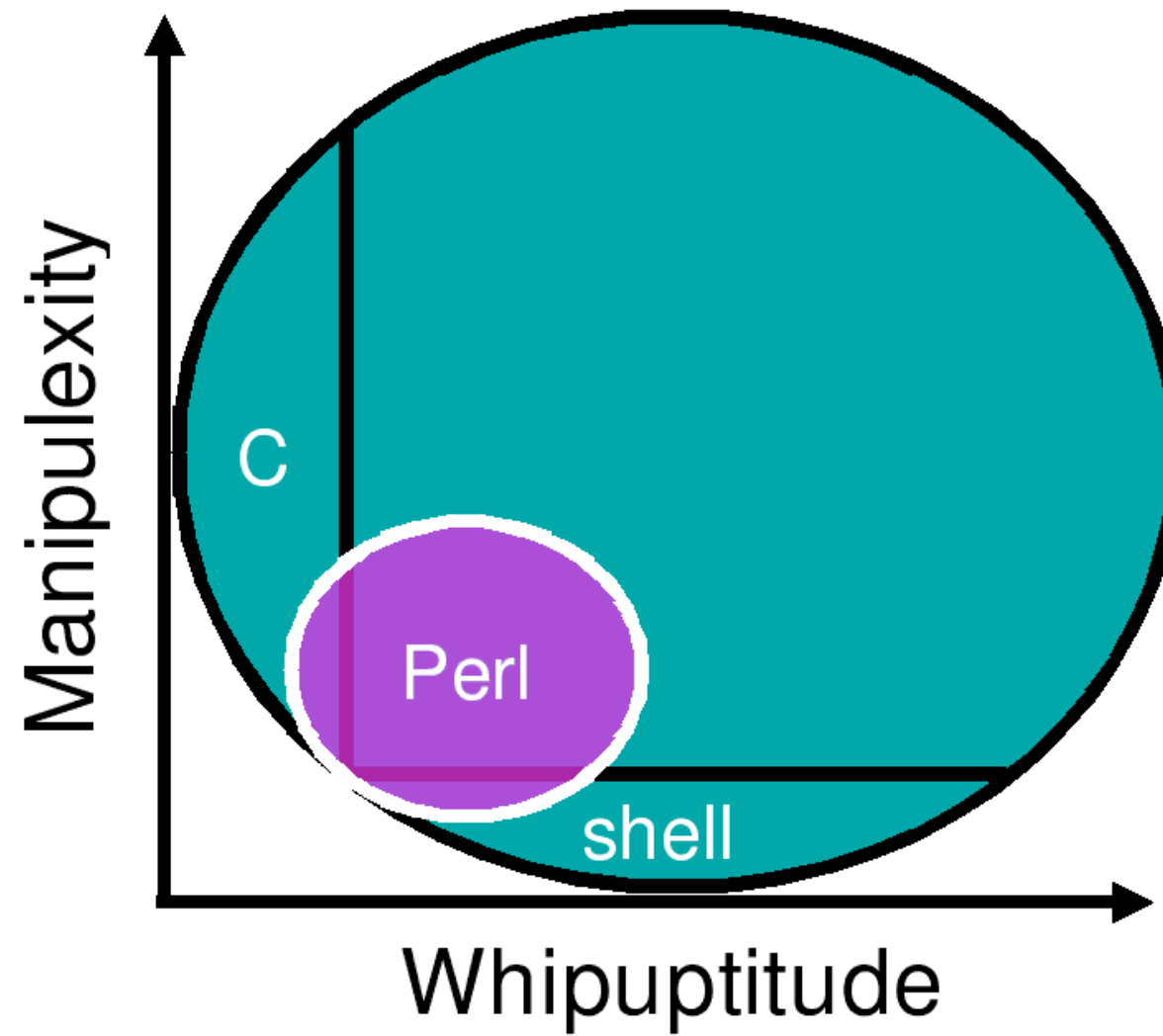
C is good at...



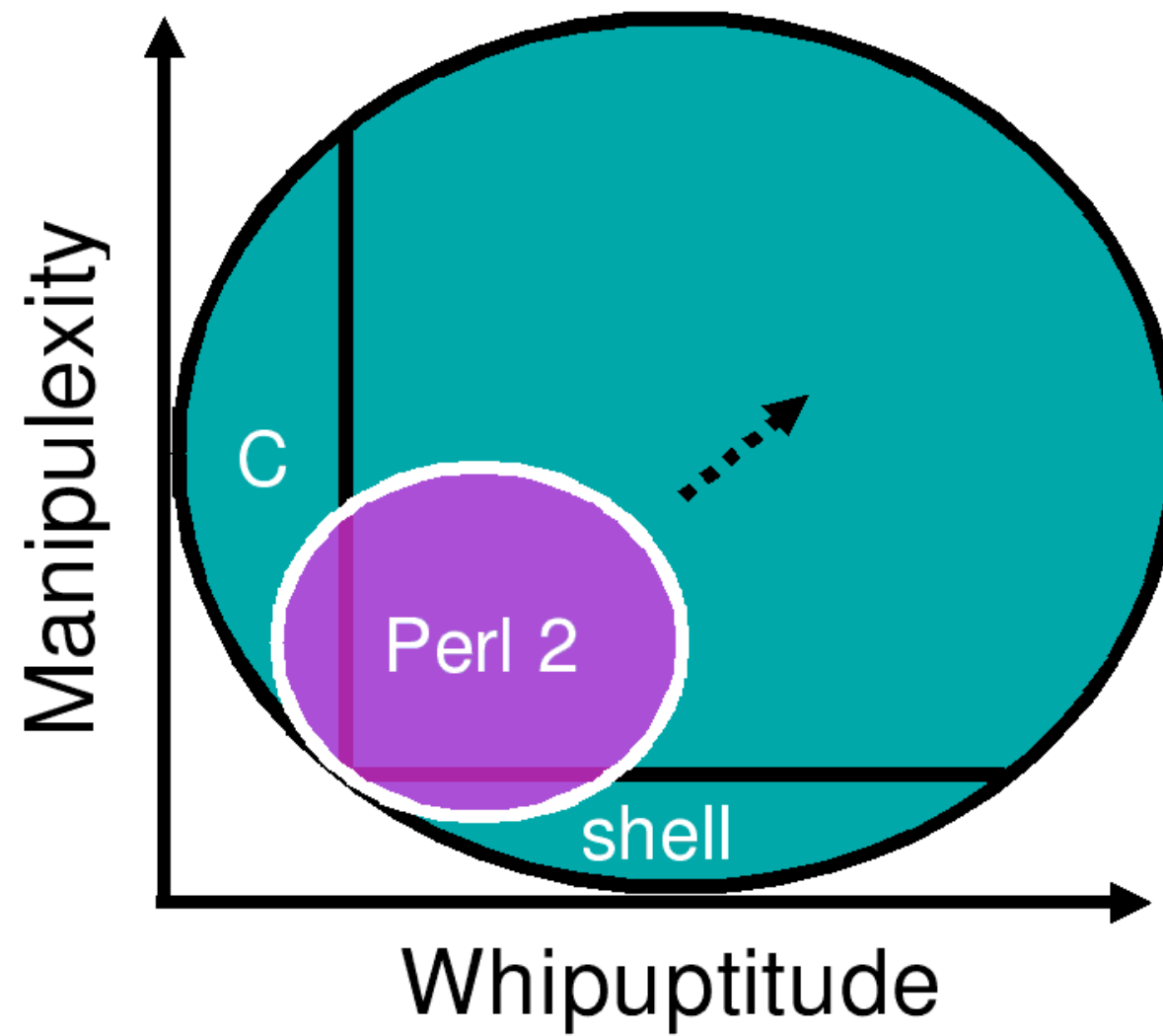
While shell is good at...



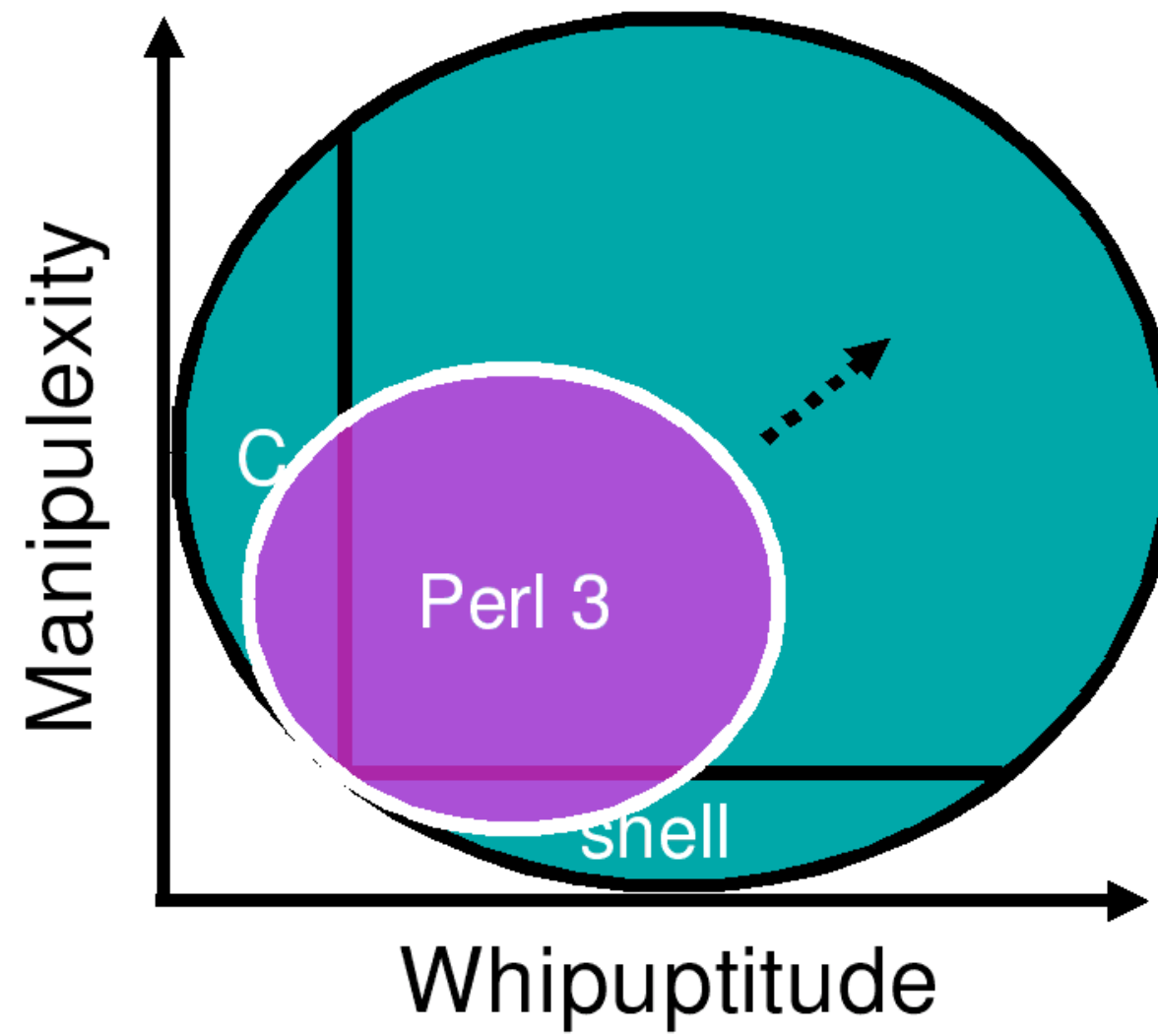
The hatching of Perl



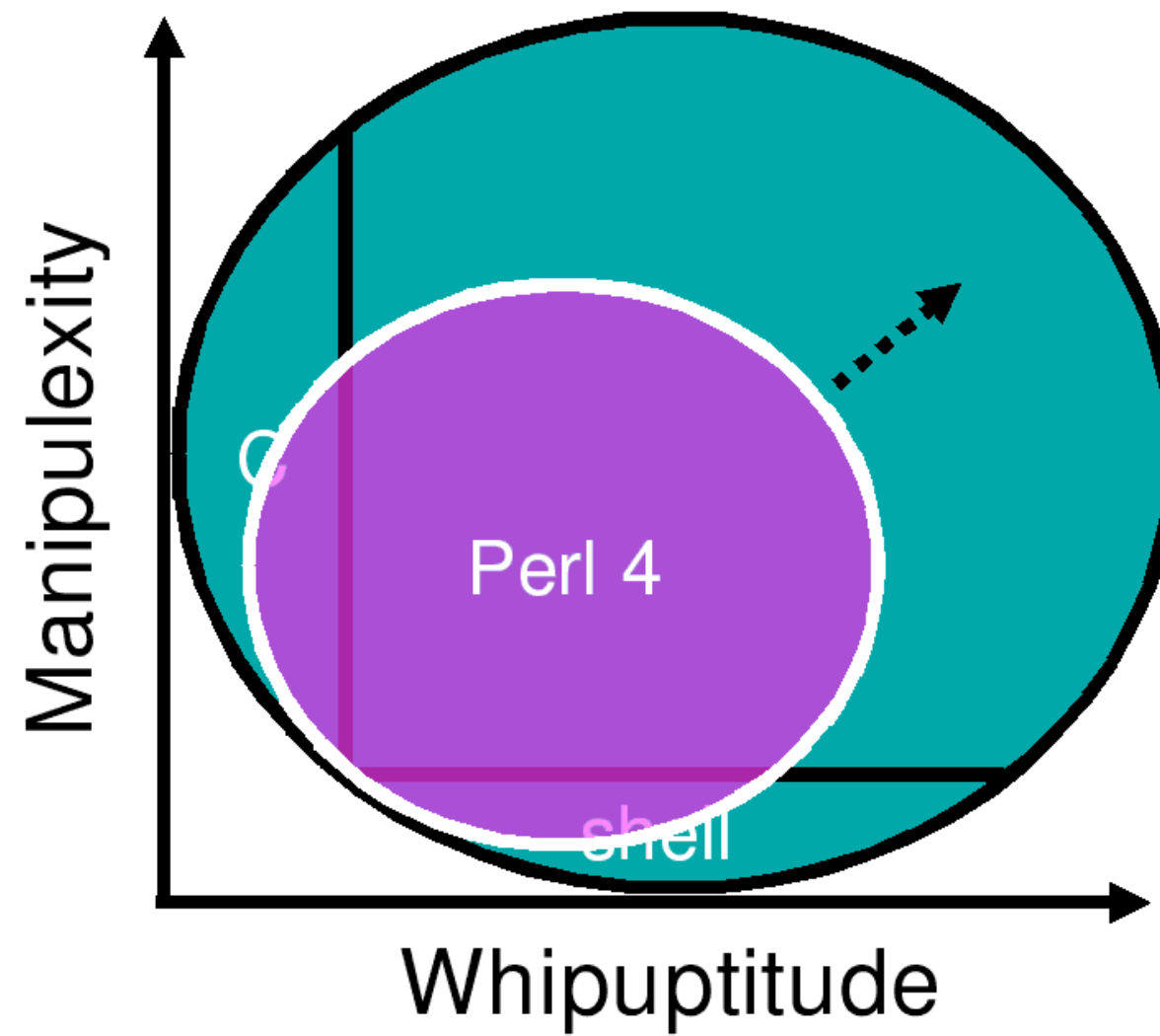
Designed to evolve...



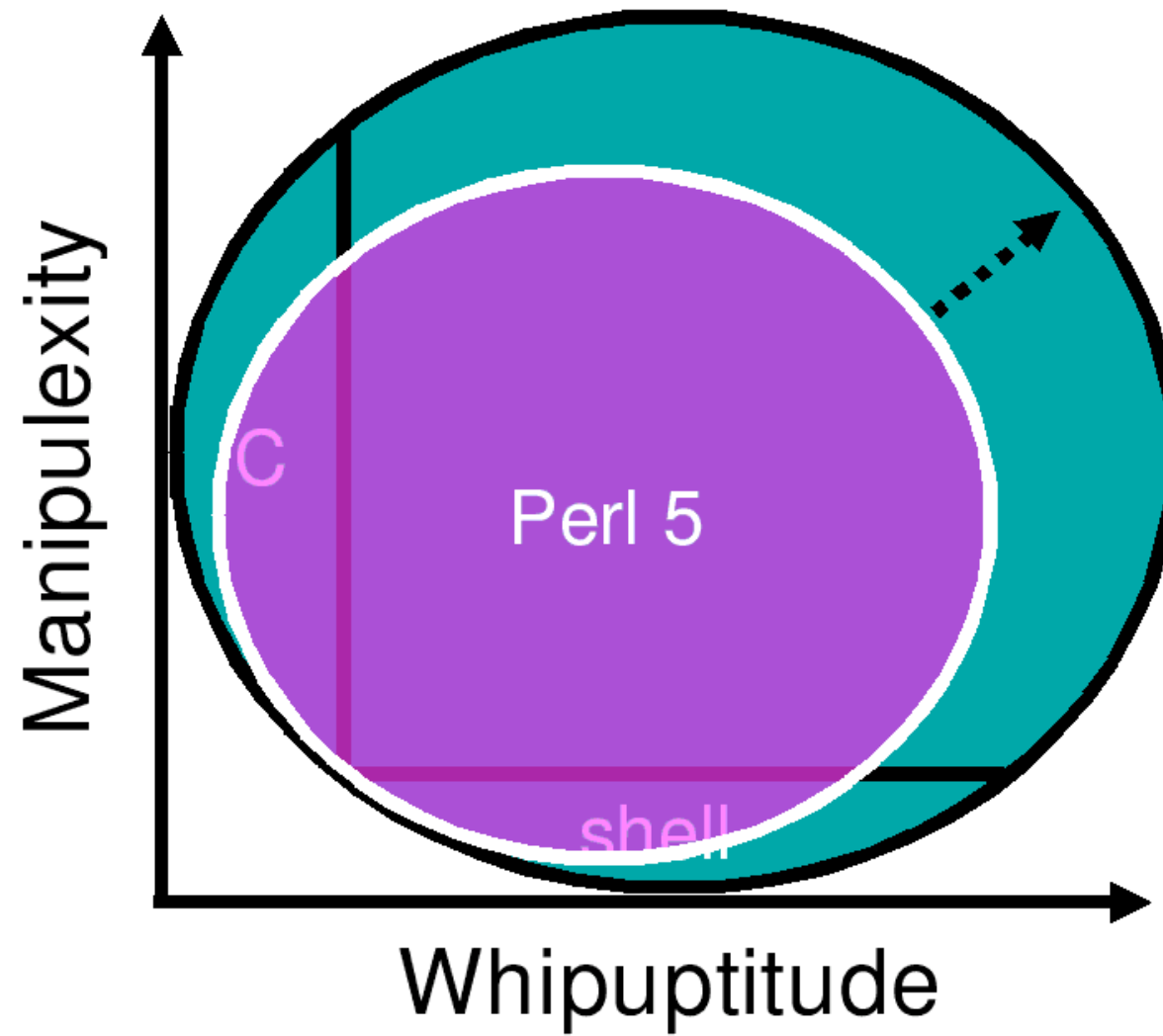
And evolve...



And evolve...and evolve...



All your programs are belong to us...





Abstractions

↪ *Sexy*

Closures

```
sub make_counter {  
    my $start = shift;  
    return sub { ++$start };  
}
```

```
my $from_ten = make_counter(10);  
my $from_three = make_counter(3);
```

```
print $from_three->(); # 4  
print $from_three->(); # 5  
print $from_ten->();   # 11
```


Tie

```
use Tie::Google;
tie my %search => 'Tie::Google';

for (@{ $search{'Perl Pugs'} }) {
    print "* $_->{title} - $_->{URL}\n";
}
```

Abstractions⁺⁺

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∀ bless()

Abstractions⁺⁺

▽ bless()

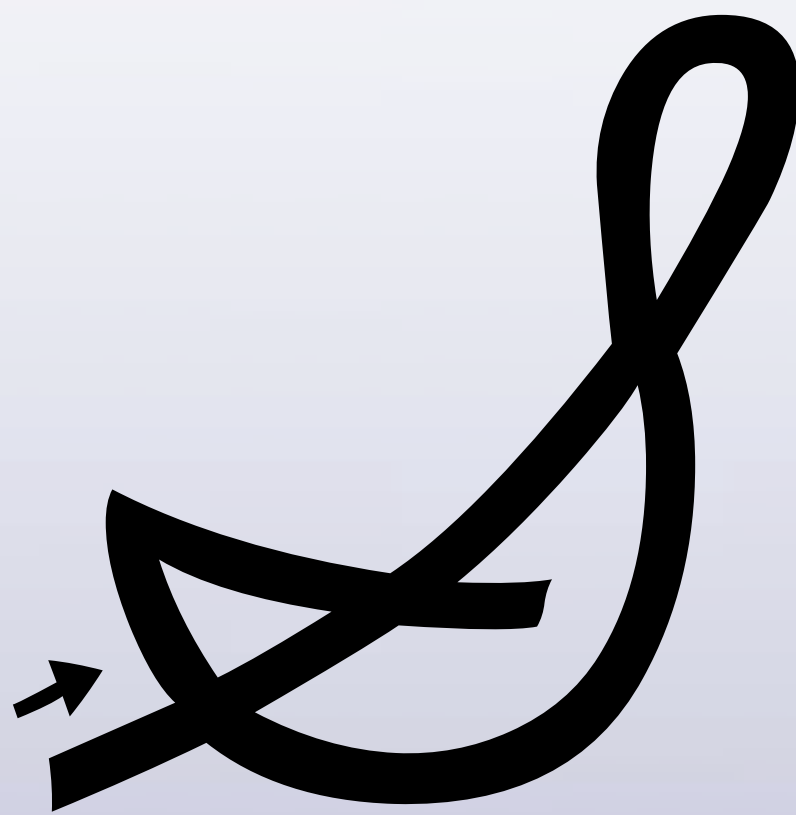
▽ IO Layers

Abstractions⁺⁺

▽ **bless()**

▽ **IO Layers**

▽ **BEGIN {...}**



Shorthands

↳ *Natural*

DeCSS

```
s '$/= \2048; while(<>){G=29;R=142;if((@a=unqT="C*",_)[20]&48){D=89;_=unqb24,qT,@
b=map{ord qB8,unqb8,qT,_^$a[--D]}@INC;s/...$/1$&/;Q=unqV,qb25,_;H=73;O=$b[4]<<9
|256|$b[3];Q=Q>>8^(P=(E=255)&(Q>>12^Q>>4^Q/8^Q))<<17,O=O>>8^(E&(F=(S=O>>14&7^O)
^S*8^S<<6))<<9,_=(map{U=_%16orE^=R^=110&(S=(unqT,"\xb\ntd\xbz\x14d")[_/16%8]);E
^=(72,@z=(64,72,G^=12*(U-2?0:S&17)),H^=_%64?12:0,@z)[_%8]}(16..271))[_]^((D>>=8
)+=P+(~F&E))for@a[128..$#a]}print+qT,@a}' ;s/[D-HO-U_]/\$$&/g;s/q/pack+/g;eval
```

Shorthands⁺⁺

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📄 **Regex**

Shorthands⁺⁺

🎵 **Regex**

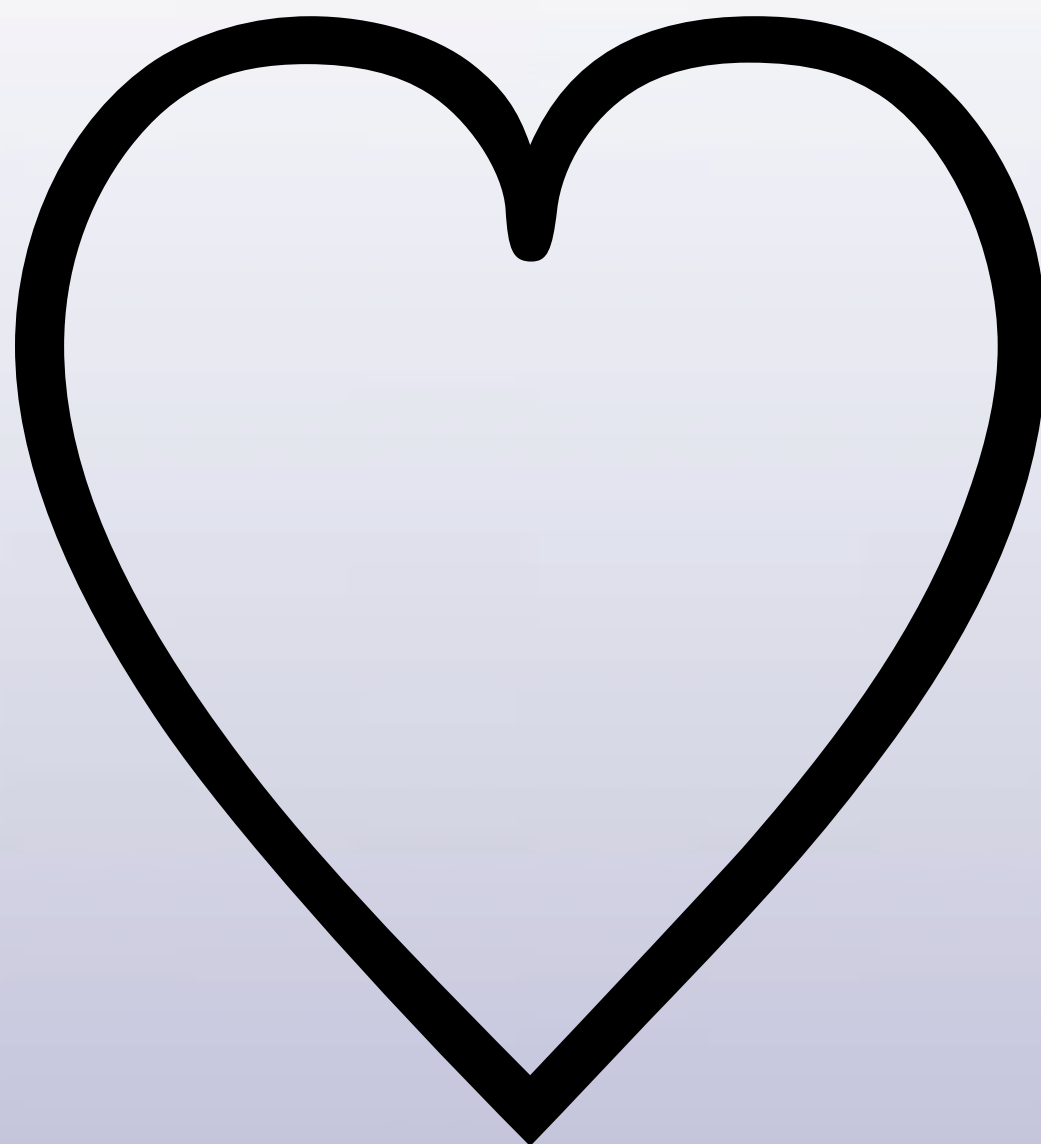
🎵 **Context**

Shorthands⁺⁺

🎵 **Regex**

🎵 **Context**

🎵 **Topical \$ _**

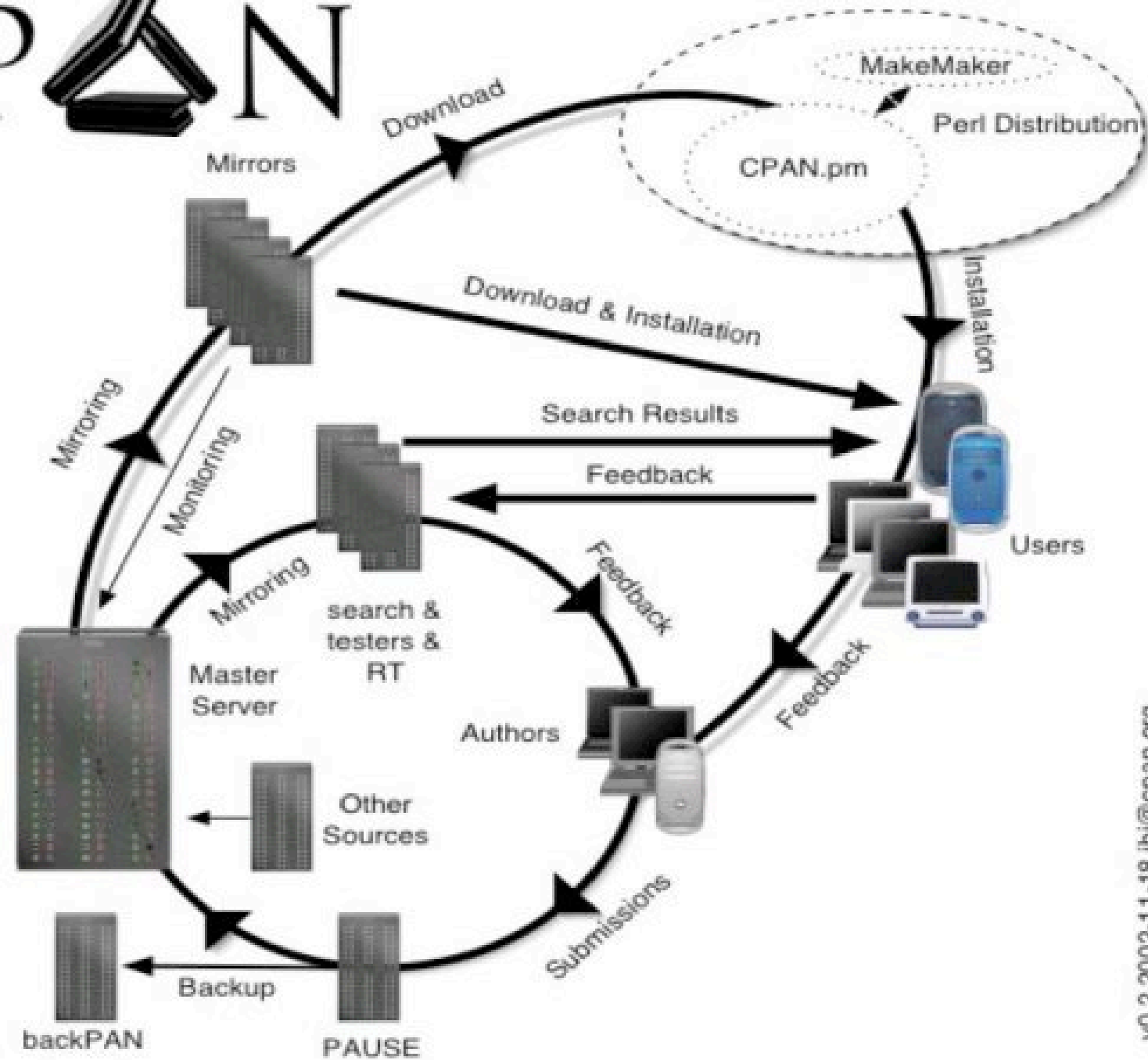


Best coding

↪ *No coding*



CPAN



v0.2 2002-11-18 jhi@cpan.org

CPAN

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♡ **11 years**

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♡ **5000+ authors**

CPAN

- ♡ **11 years**
- ♡ **5000+ authors**
- ♡ **10000+ modules**

Services

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- ♡ **Issue Tracking**

Vocabulary

\geq Syntax

**“The Best thing
happened to Perl”**

But...

Perl 5

is not the best thing
for CPAN



Syntax Redundancy




```
use v5;
```

```
use v5;  
sub render {
```

```
use v5;  
sub render {  
    my $self = shift;
```

```
use v5;  
sub render {  
    my $self = shift;  
    my %opts = (x => 1, y => 1, z => 0, %{$_[0]});
```



```
use v5;  
sub render {  
    my $self = shift;  
    my %opts = (x => 1, y => 1, z => 0, %{$_[0]});  
    for my $item ( $self->filter(@{ $self->{items} }) ) {
```

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use v5;  
sub render {  
    my $self = shift;  
    my %opts = (x => 1, y => 1, z => 0, %{$_[0]});  
    for my $item ( $self->filter(@{ $self->{items} }) ) {  
        print $item->draw({  
            x => $opts{x},  
            y => $opts{y},  
            z => $opts{z},  
        }), "\n";  
    }  
}
```

```

use v5;
sub render {
    my $self = shift;
    my %opts = (x => 1, y => 1, z => 0, %{$_[0]});
    for my $item ( $self->filter(@{ $self->{items} }) ) {
        print $item->draw({
            x => $opts{x},
            y => $opts{y},
            z => $opts{z},
        }), "\n";
    }
}

```



```
use v6-alpha;
```



```
use v6-alpha;  
method render ($x = 1, $y = 1, $z = 0) {
```

```
use v6-alpha;  
method render ($x = 1, $y = 1, $z = 0) {  
    for @.filter(@.items) {
```

```
use v6-alpha;
method render ($x = 1, $y = 1, $z = 0) {
    for @.filter(@.items) {
        say .draw(:$x, :$y, :$z);
    }
}
```

Jenga Internals





Bug-for-bug compatibility



Best Practice
takes discipline

Standards and Styles for Developing Maintainable Code



Perl Best Practices

O'REILLY®

Damian Conway

O'REILLY®

Damian Conway

Best Practice
should be **Natural!**



2000 RFCs

2001

Parrot

2002

Apocalypses

2003 Ponie

(late, as in the late Arthur Dent)

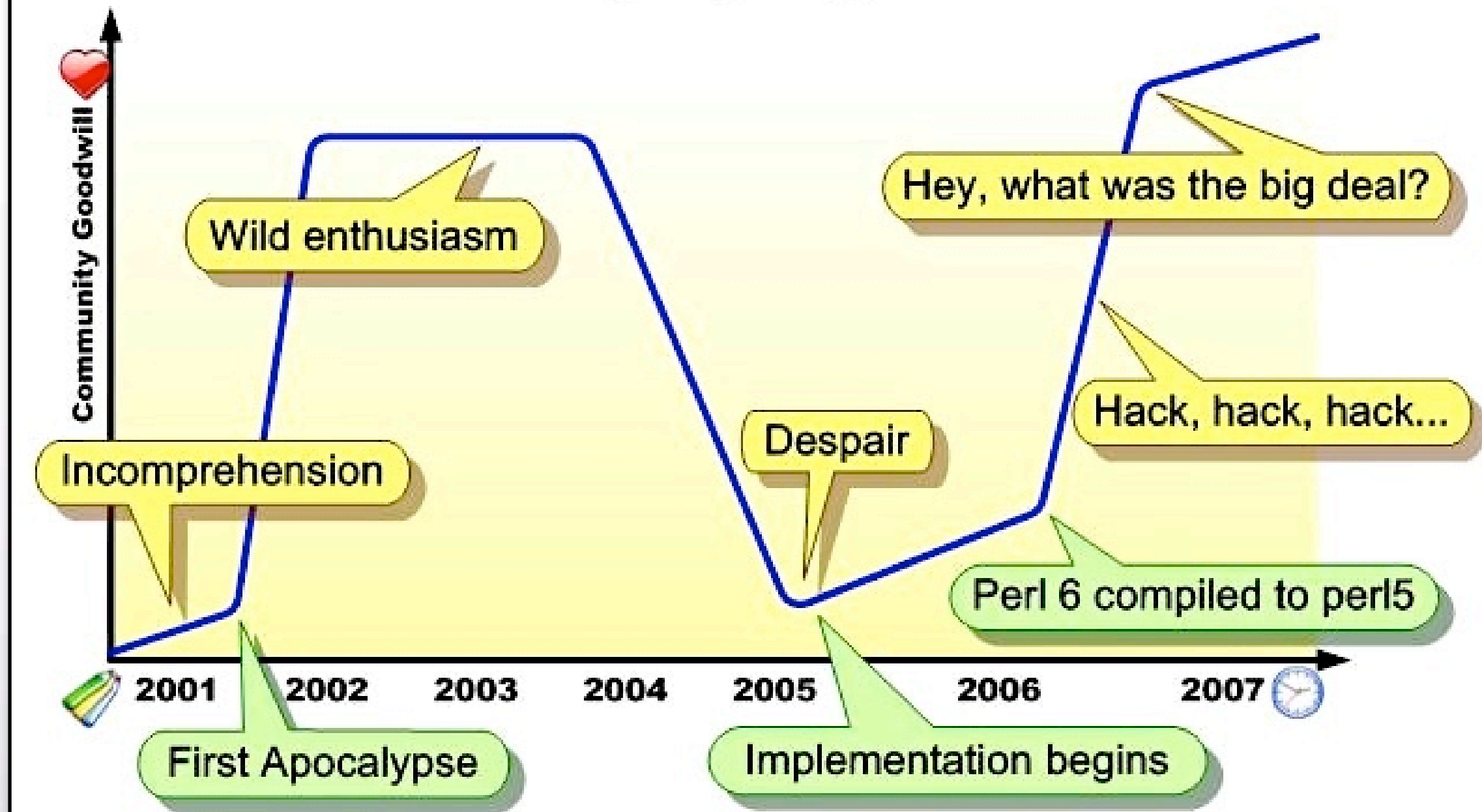
2004

Synopses

2005 Pugs

2006
v6-alpha

Perl 6 - (Imaginary) Timeline





Reconcile the Irreconcilable



Static

vs

Dynamic

Types



Typing



```
use v5;  
sub f {  
    sqrt($_[0] ** 2 + $_[1] ** 2)  
}  
my $five = f( 3, 4 );
```



```
use v6-alpha;  
sub f {  
    sqrt(@_[0] ** 2 + @_[1] ** 2)  
}  
my $five = f( 3, 4 );
```

Gradual Typing with Annotations

```
sub f (Num $x, Num $y) {  
    sqrt($x ** 2 + $y ** 2);  
}  
my Num $five = f( 3, 4 );
```


subset Positive of Num where { $\$_{}$ > 0 }

```
subset Positive of Num where { $ _ > 0 }
```

```
sub f (  
    Positive $x, Positive $y  
    --> Positive where { $ _ >= ($x & $y) }  
) {
```



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sub f (  
    Positive $x, Positive $y  
    --> Positive where { $ _ >= ($x & $y) }  
) {  
    sqrt($x ** 2 + $y ** 2);  
}
```

```
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```

```
sub f (  
    Positive $x, Positive $y  
    --> Positive where { $ _ >= ($x & $y) }  
) {  
    sqrt($x ** 2 + $y ** 2);  
}
```

```
my $five := f(3, 4); # inferred as Positive
```

Compiler

vs

Runtime

BEGIN {...}

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- Compiler *is* a REPL

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- **Compiler *is* a REPL**
- **Expose the entire compiler**

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- **All parts are swappable**

BEGIN {...}

- **Compiler *is* a REPL**
- **Expose the entire compiler**
- **All parts are swappable**
- **Even the lexer!**

```
macro circumfix:</* */> ($x)  
  is parsed /.*/  
  { '' }
```

```
/* This is a C-style comment */
```

```
sub postfix:<!> ($x) {  
    [*] 1..$x  
}
```

```
say 10!; # 3628800
```

```
macro GREETING () {  
  # A late-bound macro  
  q:code(:COMPILING){ "Hello, $s" };  
}
```

```
my $s = "world";  
say GREETING; # Hello, world
```

Lazy *vs* Eager


```
# "cat"  
for =<> { .say }
```

```
# "cat"  
for =<> { .say }
```

```
# "cat", annotated with line numbers  
for each(1..*; =<>) {  
    say "Line $^num: $^text";  
}
```



```
# Lists are lazy streams!  
my @fib = (
```

```
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my @fib = (  
    0, 1,
```



```
# Lists are lazy streams!  
my @fib = (  
    0, 1,  
    each(@fib; @fib[1..*]).map(&infix:<+>  
)
```

```
# Lists are lazy streams!
my @fib = (
    0, 1,
    each(@fib; @fib[1..*]).map(&infix:<+>)
);

say "The first ten numbers are: @fib[^10]";
```


Items are eager values. However...

Items are eager values. However...
my \$ignored = lazy { 9 ** 9 ** 9 };

```
# Items are eager values. However...  
my $ignored = lazy { 9 ** 9 ** 9 };  
my $unused = lazy { say [1..$ignored] };
```



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my $ignored = lazy { 9 ** 9 ** 9 };  
my $unused = lazy { say [1..$ignored] };  
  
say "Hello, world!";
```

Classes

vs

Prototypes


```
class Dog is Mammal does Pet {
```

```
class Dog is Mammal does Pet {  
  my $.count where 0..100;
```

```
class Dog is Mammal does Pet {  
  my $.count where 0..100;  
  has $!brain;
```



```
class Dog is Mammal does Pet {  
  my $.count where 0..100;  
  
  has $!brain;  
  
  has &.vocalize = &say;  
  has $.name is rw = "fido";  
}
```

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  has $.fur handles Groomable;  
  has $.tail handles <wag hang>;  
}
```

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  has $!brain;  
  
  has &.vocalize = &say;  
  has $.name is rw = "fido";  
  
  has $.fur handles Groomable;  
  has $.tail handles <wag hang>;  
  
  method owner () handles s/^owner_// { ... }  
  
}
```



```
my Dog $fido .= new;
```

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```

```
$fido.HOW;    # the meta object for Dog
```



```
my Dog $fido .= new;
```

```
$fido.HOW;    # the meta object for Dog
```

```
$fido.WHAT;   # the Dog prototype object
```

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$fido.WHAT;   # the Dog prototype object  
$fido.WHICH;  # $fido's Object ID
```

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```

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$fido.HOW;    # the meta object for Dog  
$fido.WHAT;   # the Dog prototype object  
$fido.WHICH;  # $fido's Object ID
```

```
Dog.isa(Dog); $fido.isa(Dog);
```



```
$fido.HOW.add_method(  
    'bark',  
    method () { $.vocalize( 'Woof!' ) }  
);
```

```
$fido.HOW.add_method(  
    'bark',  
    method () { $.vocalize('Woof!') }  
);
```

```
Dog.can('bark'); $fido.can('bark');
```


Parallelism

vs

Sanity

Hyper Operator (SSE/GPU friendly)
[**1**, **1**, **2**, **3**, **5**] **»+«** [**1**, **2**, **3**, **5**, **8**];

```
# Hyper Operator (SSE/GPU friendly)
[1, 1, 2, 3, 5] »+« [1, 2, 3, 5, 8];
# === [2, 3, 5, 8, 13]
```


Recursive Visits

- « **[[1, 2], 3];**


```
# Recursive Visits  
- « [[1, 2], 3];  
# === [[-1, -2], -3]
```



```
# Hyper Methods  
[1, 4, 9, 16]».sqrt;
```

```
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[1, 4, 9, 16]».sqrt;  
# === [1, 2, 3, 4]
```



```
% time  
real 9.387s  
user 9.219s
```

```
pugs -e '(1..100000)>>.sqrt'
```

```
% time                pugs -e '(1..100000)>>.sqrt'  
real 9.387s  
user 9.219s
```

```
% time env GHCRTS=-N2 pugs -e '(1..100000)>>.sqrt'  
real 5.807s  
user 6.959s
```


Junctions

```
sub is_prime (Int $n --> Bool) {  
    $n % all(2 .. $n.sqrt+1);  
}
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    is_prime($n & ($n ± 2));  
}
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```
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    ($x + $y) | ($x - $y);  
}
```

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```
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```

Concurrency



Locking




```
async {  
    $x.withdraw(3);  
  
    $y.deposit(3);  
}
```

```
async {  
    $x.withdraw(3);  
    🦠 Race Condition 🦠  
    $y.deposit(3);  
}
```



```
async {  
  $x.lock;  
  $y.lock;  
}
```

```
async {  
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    $y.lock;  
    $x.withdraw(3);  
    $y.deposit(3);  
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    $y.lock;  
    $x.withdraw(3);  
    $y.deposit(3);  
}
```

```
async {  
    $y.lock;  
    $x.lock;  
}
```


☢ Deadlock ☢

```
async {  
    $x.lock;  
    $y.lock;  
    $x.withdraw(3);  
    $y.deposit(3);  
}
```

```
async {  
    $y.lock;  
    $x.lock;  
}
```

Software Transactional Memory


```
# No Locks, no races!  
contend {  
    $x.withdraw(3);  
    $y.deposit(3);  
}
```



```
# Retry with "defer"  
method withdraw ($n) {  
    defer if $.balance < $n;  
    $.balance -= $n;  
}
```

Retry with "defer"

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    $.balance -= $n;  
}
```

Choice with "maybe"

```
sub transfer ($x1, $x2, $y) {  
    maybe { $x1.withdraw(3) }  
    maybe { $x2.withdraw(3) }  
    $y.deposit(3);  
}
```


Retry with "defer"

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}
```

Composable with nested "maybe"

```
contend {  
    maybe { transfer($x1, $x2, $y) }  
    maybe { transfer($x3, $x4, $y) }  
}
```

My Language

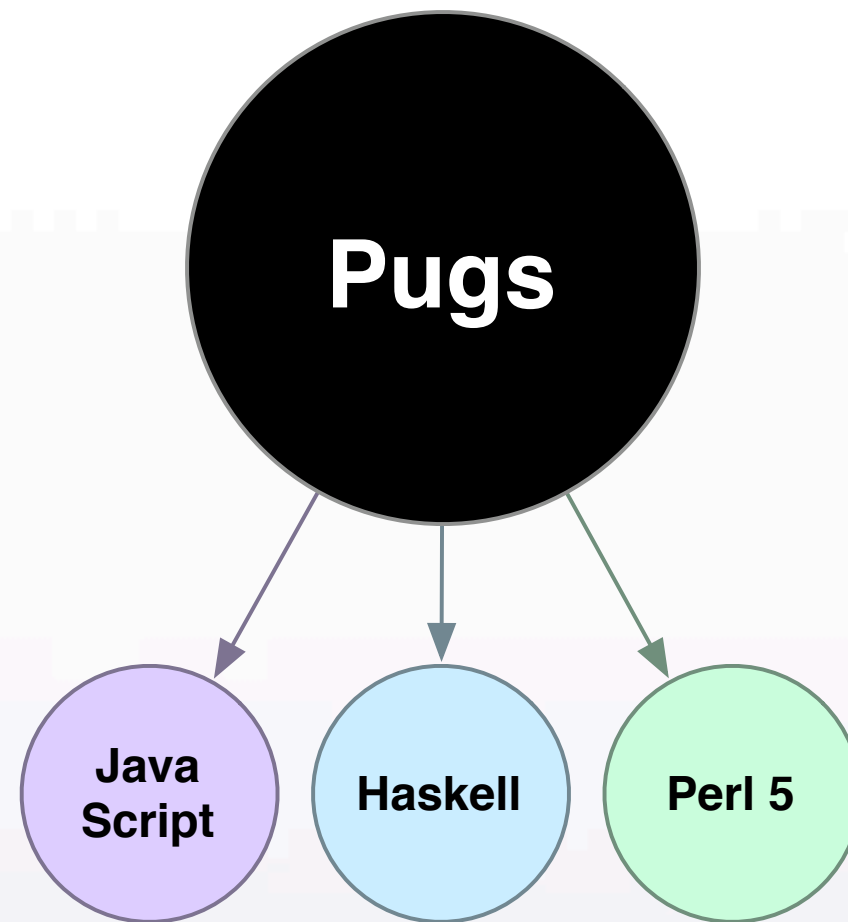
vs

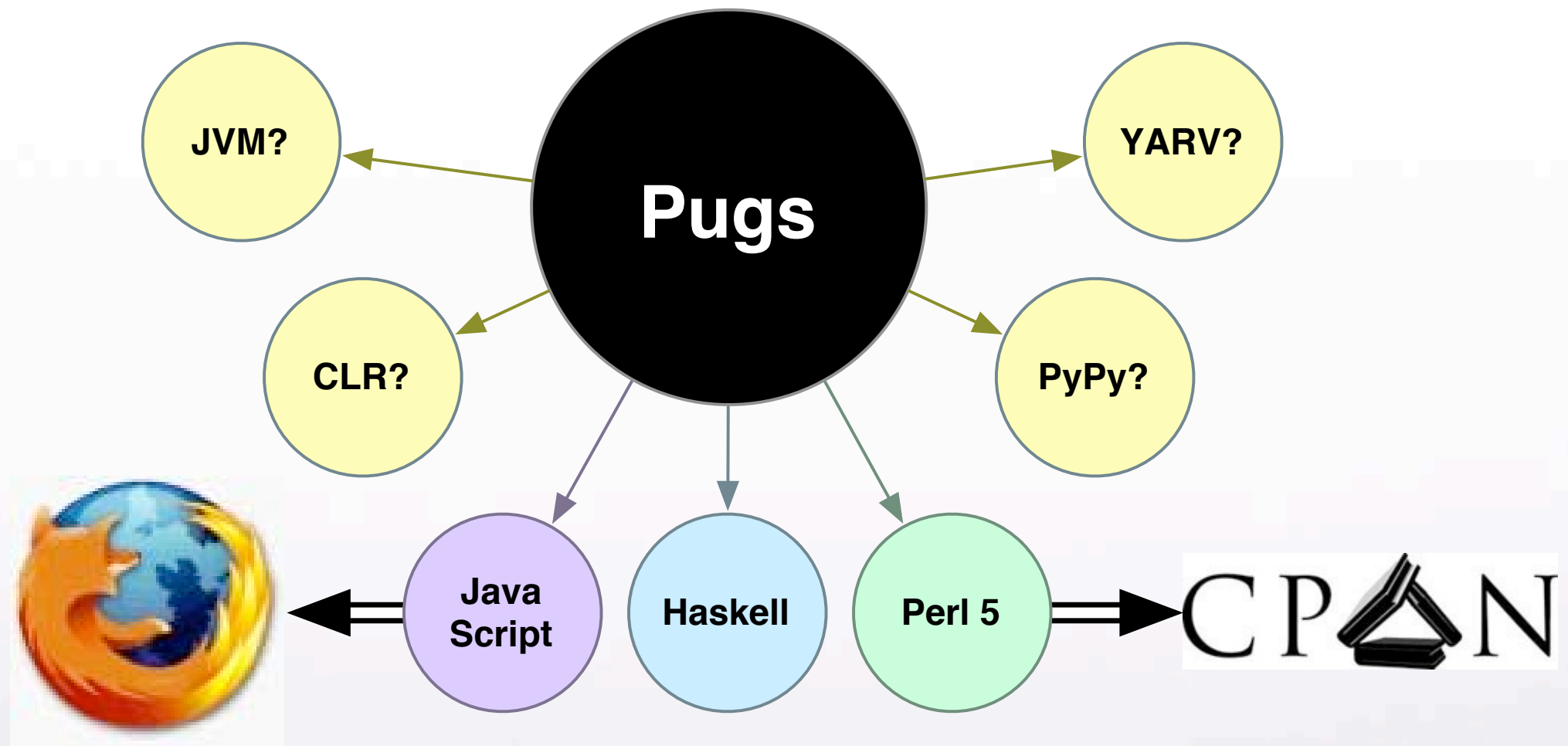
Your Language


```
use jsan:DOM;
```

```
use jsan:DOM;  
use perl5:DBI;
```

```
use jsan:DOM;  
use perl5:DBI;  
use haskell:Numeric;
```







Popular Target Language

Generating JS

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ژ **Java: Google Web Toolkit**

Generating JS

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ژ **Perl: Jifty**

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- ژ **C#: Script#**

**Same language
for both sides**



Client-side
just a tiny subset
x

Compiling to JS

Compiling to JS

ژ HOP/Scheme2JS

Compiling to JS

➤ HOP/Scheme2JS

➤ Links

Compiling to JS

🔗 HOP/Scheme2JS

🔗 Links

🔗 HaXe

Compiling to JS

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ژ Pugs!

PIL2JS

pugs -C JS

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❏ **Written in Perl 5**

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pugs -C JS

- ❑ **Written in Perl 5**
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- ❑ **~30k Runtime**

PIL2JS Runtime

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➤ Primitives & Autoboxing

PIL2JS Runtime

- **Primitives & Autoboxing**
- **Meta-object protocol**

PIL2JS Runtime

- **Primitives & Autoboxing**
- **Meta-object protocol**
- **Supports JSAN libraries**

JSAN

JSAN

ژ `"CPAN".replace(/CP/, "JS")`

JSAN

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JSAN

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- ژ **Test.Simple, Jemplate, *etc.***

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- ❗ But there's hope!

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- Self hosting
- Backtranslate to JS₁

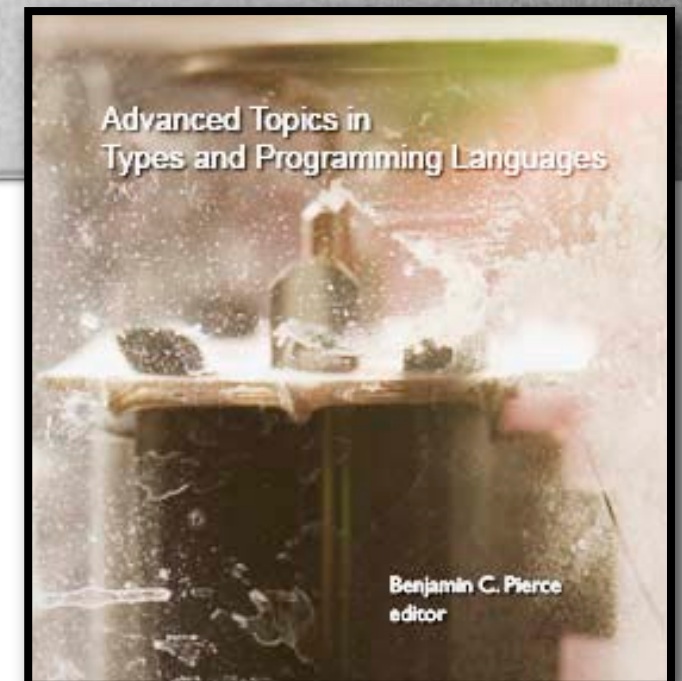
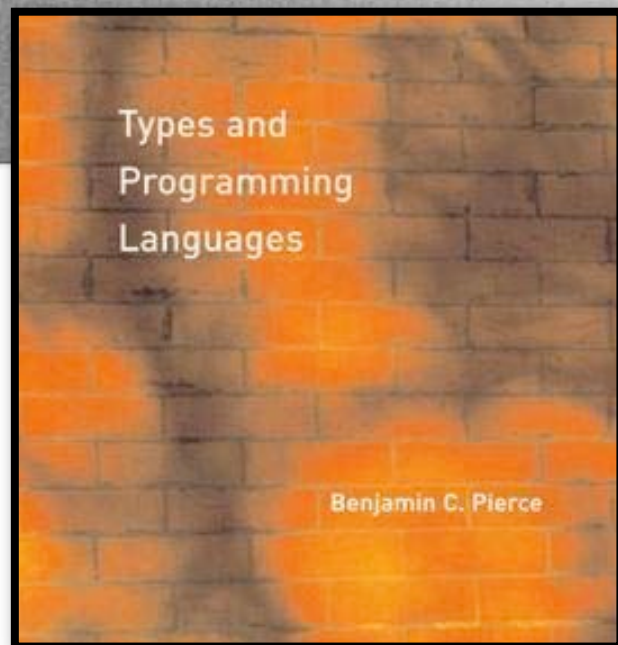
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JS 2.0

- ز Self hosting
- ز Backtranslate to JS₁
- ز Types, Modules, Continuations
- ز Part of Firefox 3.0 (next year)





Feb 1

TaPL arrived
as an exercise...

Feb 6

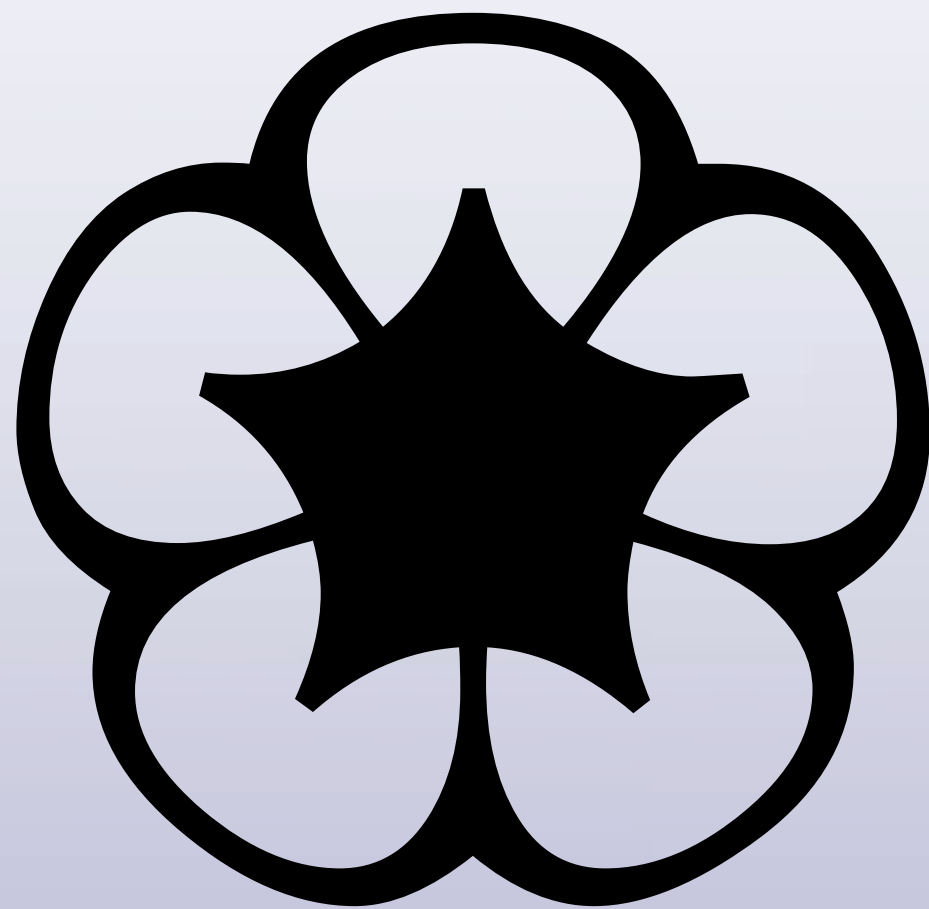
Junctions

$$(1|2)+(3|4) \hookrightarrow (4|5|6)$$

Feb 16

Input/Output

say "Hello, world"



Mar 19

PCRE Regex

s:P5:g/5/6/;

May 8

svnbot.p6

r2851 | iblch++

May 25

Prelude.pm

```
sub sprintf ($fmt, *@args)
```


May 29

Embedded Perl 5

```
use perl5:DBI;
```



Jun 2

evalbot.p6

[#per16] ?eval 1+1

Jun 24

Perl6 → *PIL* → *Parrot*

make smoke-pir

Jul 14

PIL* → *Perl5

make smoke-per15

Jul 17

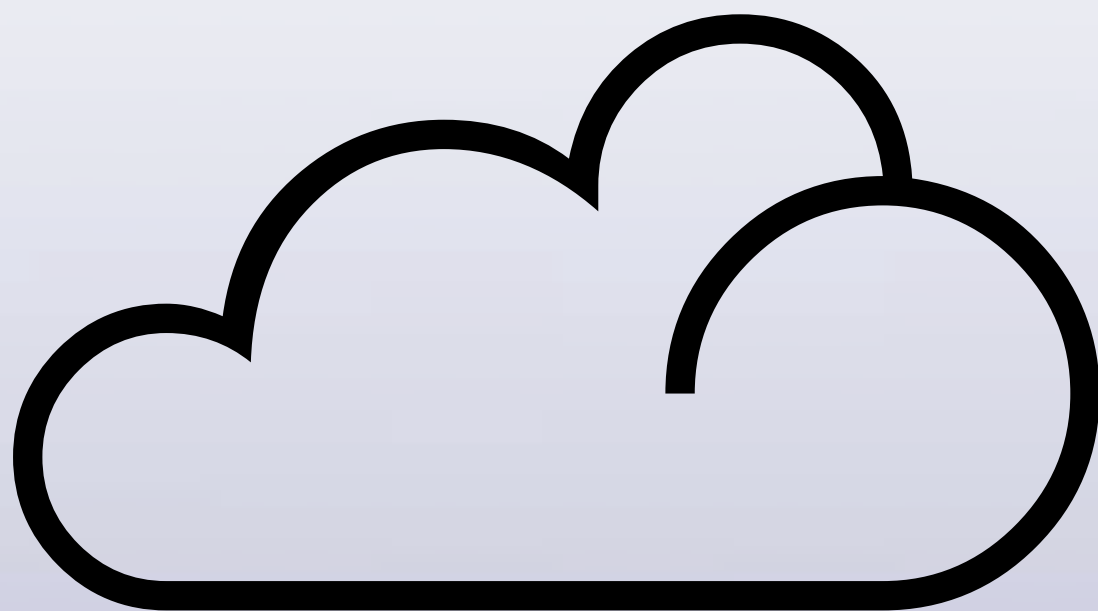
PIL → JavaScript

make smoke-js

Aug 3

Kontent Wiki

use perl5:Template;



Nov 2

Runtime API

Per16::ObjectSpace

Nov 3

Concurrency API

```
sub f is throttled(:limit(3)) { ... }
```

Nov 4

Packaging API

perl5-Foo-1.0-cpan+KANE.jib

Nov 7

Coroutines

```
coro { yield 1 }
```

Nov 23

1st commit from Larry
(still waiting for Guido ☺)



Jan 6

YAML Serialization

say \$x.yaml;

Feb 3

Self-parsing Grammar

grammar Grammar;

Feb 22

Larry joins #perl6

<fglock> TimToady: welcome

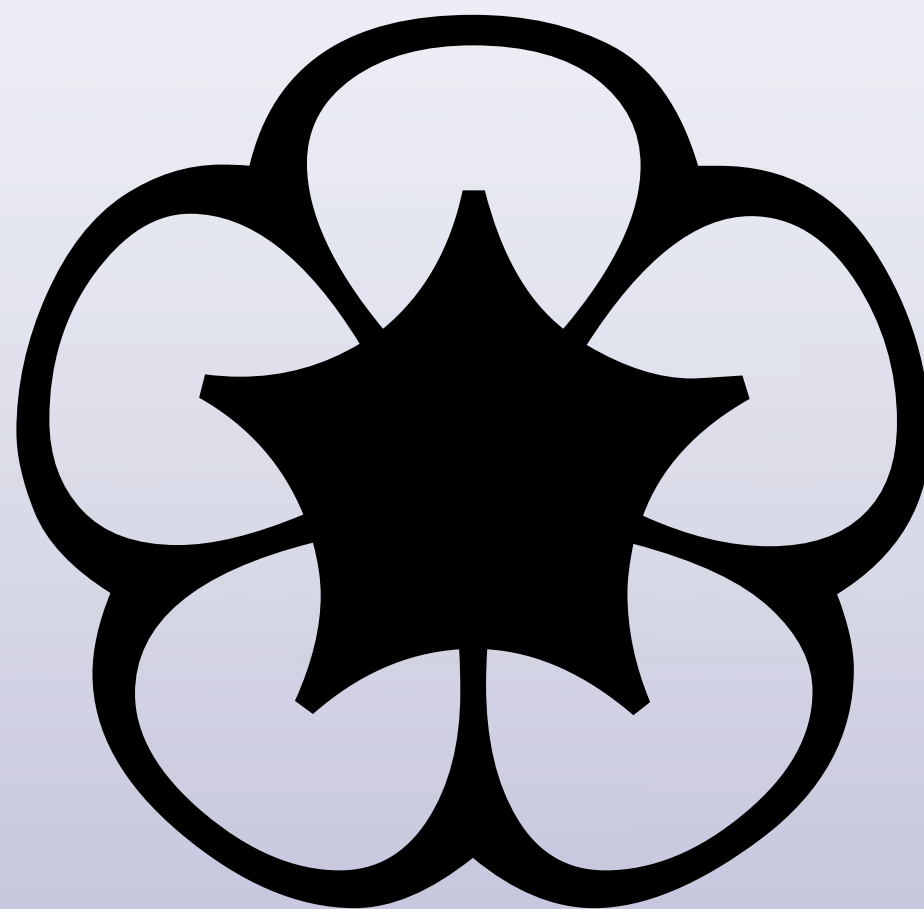
<Juerd> Just try to not get addicted :)

<TimToady> Juerd: too late...

Feb 25

Code DOM

```
$AST = q:code/ say "hi" /;
```



Mar 11

Evaluator in Perl 5

Pugs :: Runtime

Mar 16

Bootstrapped on Perl 5

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Apr 1

Calling Convention API

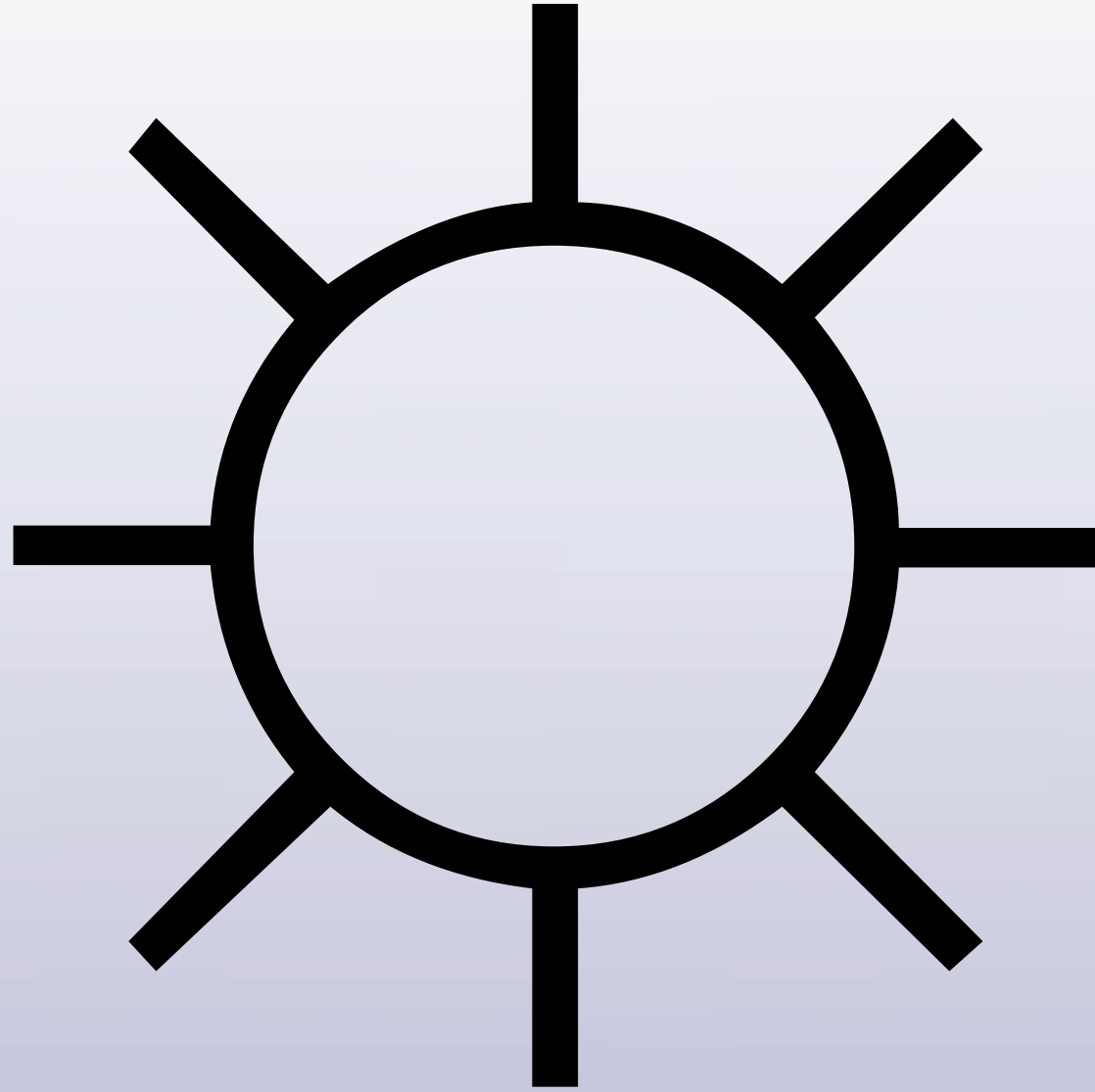
```
$tree = \($obj: attr => 1, $child);
```

Apr 21
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May 8

Predictive Parsing

<TimToady> "do, or do not.
there is no *try*..."

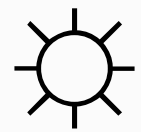


June 1

Summer of Code

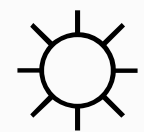
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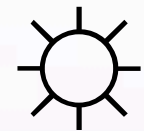


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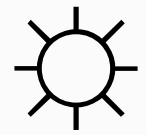
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- ☀ **Perl 5 to Perl 6 Translator**
- ☀ **Pugs Bootstrap From Perl 5 and Rules**

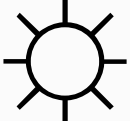

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Fast Mutable Collection Types

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-  **Fast Mutable Collection Types**
-  **Unicode ByteString and Data.Rope**

June 4

Software Transactional Memory

async { contend { ... } }

June 26

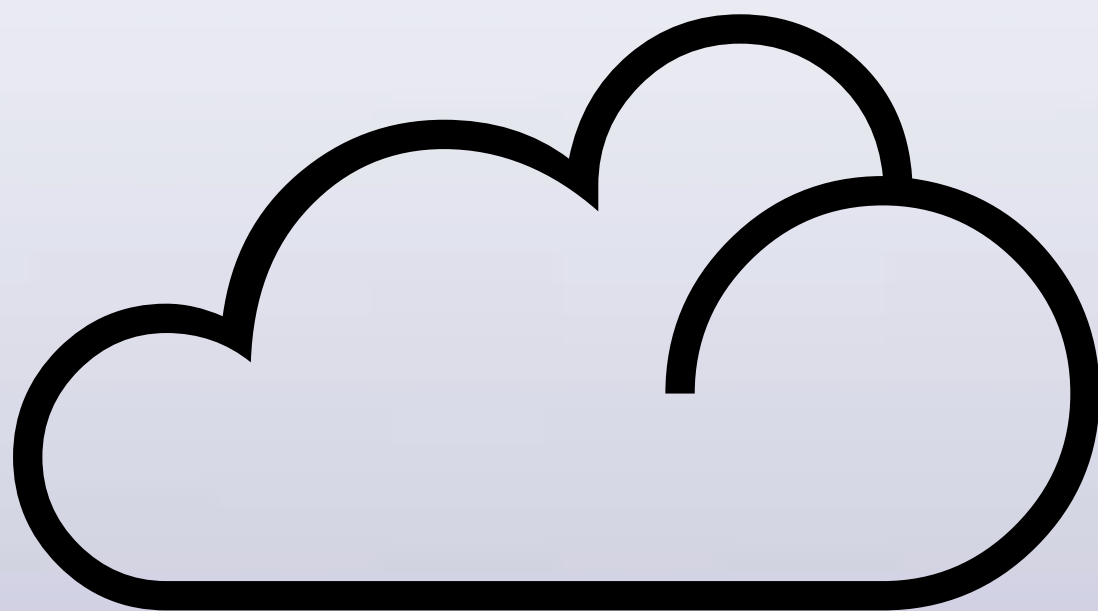
v6.pm

use v6-alpha;

August 17

Smartlinks.pl

L<S02/"bidirectional mirrorings">
is q «123» , 123, "angle brackets";



September 16

*Native Grammar Engine
via Embedded Perl5*

`s : g/PGE/PCR/ ;`

October 9

Fully reentrant continuations

```
sub callcc (Code &c)  
{ &c(&?CALLER_CONTINUATION) }
```

October 11

GHC 6.6

<TimToady> I upgraded and my \$job
program ran 60 times faster...

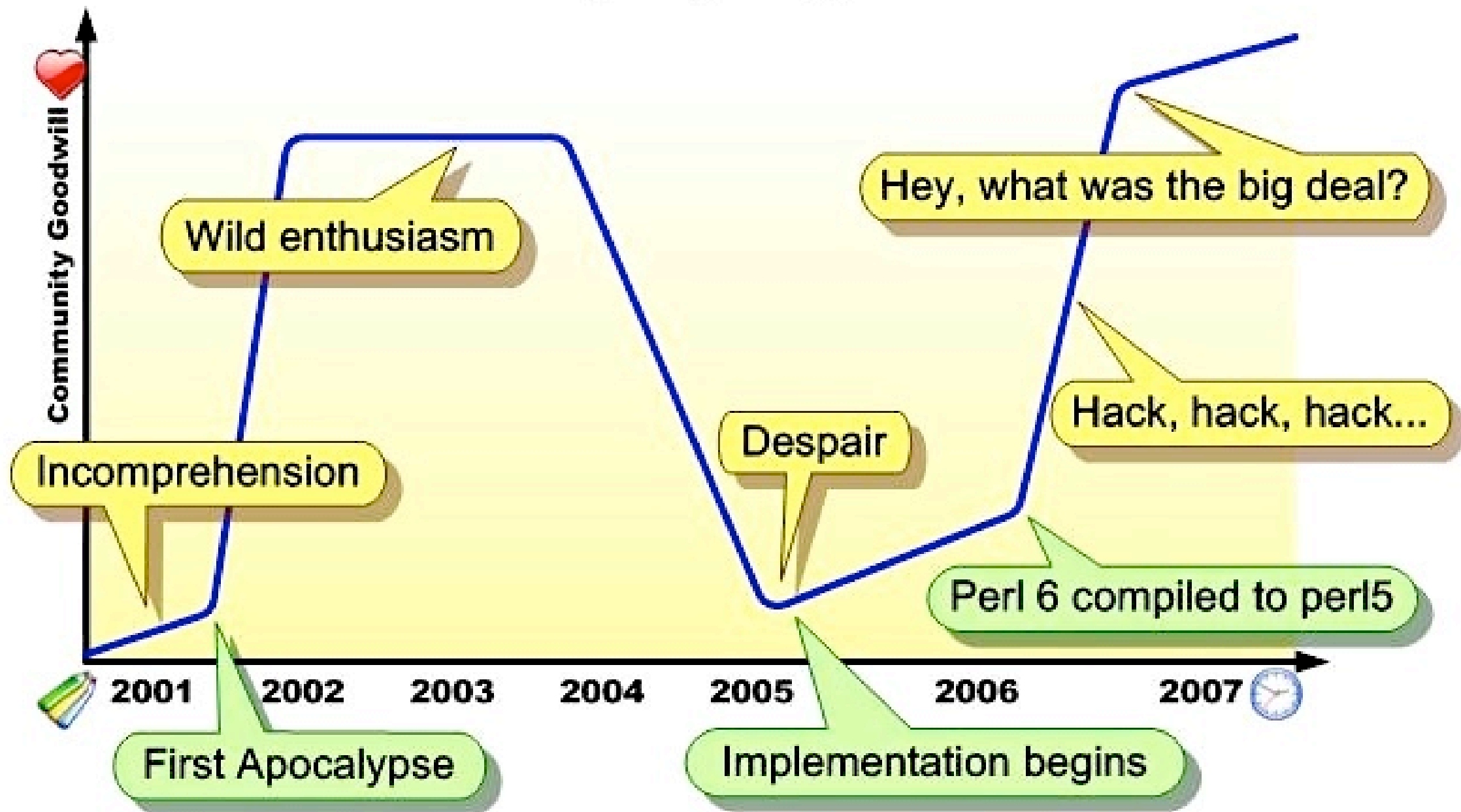
October 20

SMP Data Parallelism

`[(1|2), (3|4)].>>sqrt`



Perl 6 - (Imaginary) Timeline



**“CPAN is the language
Perl is just syntax”**

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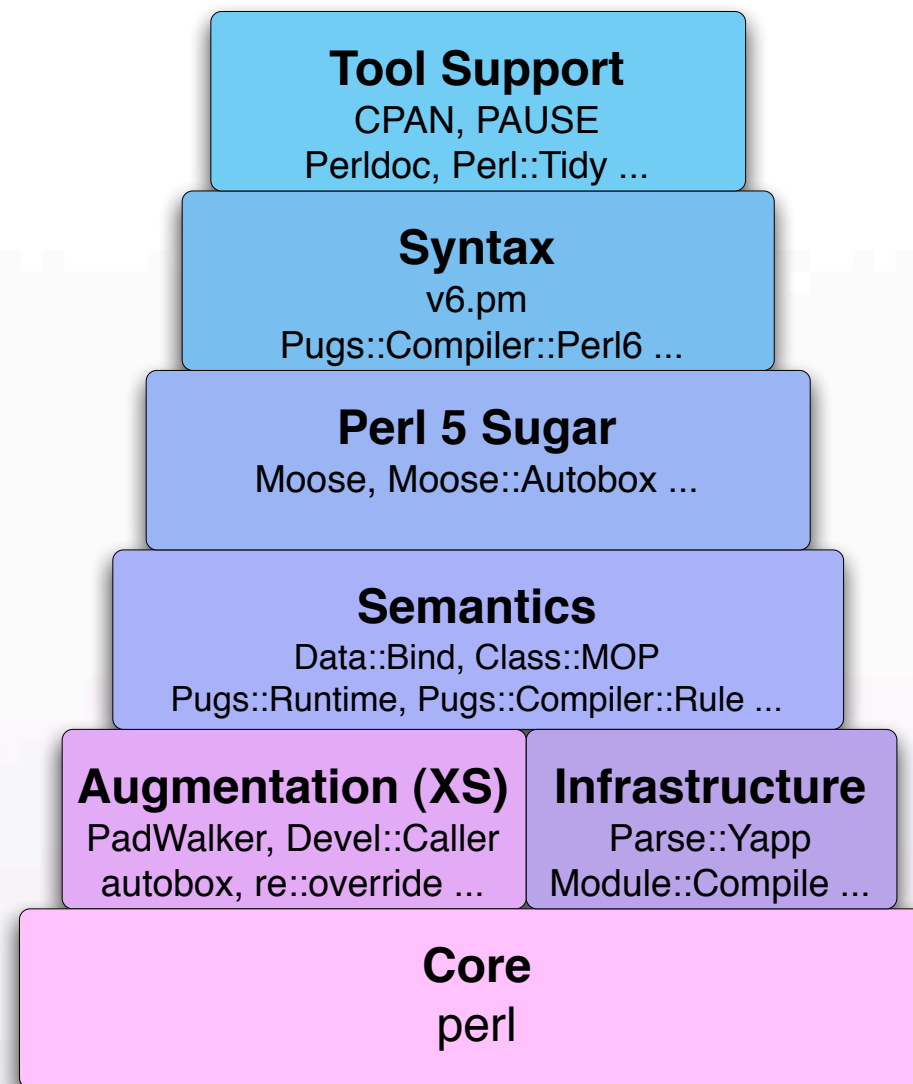
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- 🏠 **Unified Perl Runtime**

Experimental

Perl 6's CPAN stack



Stable

Moose



Objects with Class

```
use v6-alpha;  
class Point;
```

```
has $.x is rw; # instance attributes  
has $.y;       # default "is readonly"
```

```
method clear () {
```

```
    $.x = 0; # accessible within the class  
    $.y = 0;
```

```
}
```



```
use v5;  
package Point;  
use Moose;  
  
has x => (is => 'rw');  
has y => (is => 'ro');  
  
sub clear {  
    my $self = shift;  
  
    $self->{x} = 0;  
    $self->y(0);  
}
```

Subclassing

```
use v6-alpha;  
class Point3D;  
  
is Point;  
  
has $.z;  
  
method clear () {  
    call;  
    $.z = 0;  
};
```

```
use v5;  
package Point3D;  
use Moose;  
  
extends 'Point';  
  
has z => (isa => 'Int');  
  
override clear => sub {  
    my $self = shift;  
    super;  
    $self->{z} = 0;  
};
```

```
use v5;  
package Point3D;  
use Moose;  
  
extends 'Point';  
  
has z => (isa => 'Int');  
  
after clear => sub {  
    my $self = shift;  
  
    $self->{z} = 0;  
};
```

Subset Types

```

use v6-alpha;
class Address;
use perl5:Locale::US;
use perl5:Regex::Common <zip $RE>;

my $STATES = Locale::US.new;
subset US_State of Str where {
    $STATES{any(<code2state state2code>)}{.uc};
};

has US_State $.state is rw;
has Str $.zip_code is rw where {
    $_ ~~ $RE<zip><<US>{'-extended'} => 'allow'
};

```



```

use v5;
package Address;
use Moose;
use Moose::Util::TypeConstraints;
use Locale::US;
use Regexp::Common 'zip';

my $STATES = Locale::US->new;
subtype USState => as Str => where {
    $STATES->{code2state}{uc($_)}
    or $STATES->{state2code}{uc($_)};
}

has state => (is => 'rw', isa => 'USState');
has zip_code => (
    is => 'rw',
    isa => subtype Str => where {
        /$RE{zip}{US}{-extended => 'allow'}/
    },
);

```

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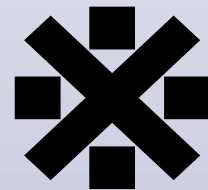
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 **Meta Objects**

Module::Compile



Source Filter


```
use v5;  
use Filter::Simple sub {  
    s{(^ sub \s+ \w+ \s+ \{ )}  
    {$1\nmy $self = shift;\n}mgx;  
}
```

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- ✖ Wrecks other Source Filters

We can fix it!


```
use v5;  
use Filter::Simple sub {  
    s{(^ sub \s+ \w+ \s+ \{ )}  
    {$1\nmy $self = shift;\n}mgx;  
}
```

```
use v5;  
use Filter::Simple::Compile sub {  
    s{(^ sub \s+ \w+ \s+ \{ )}  
    {$1\nmy $self = shift;\n}mgx;  
}
```

How?

Little-known fact:

“use Foo”

**looks for Foo.pmc
before Foo.pm**

```
% echo 'print "Hello\n"' > Foo.pmc  
% perl -MFoo -e1  
Hello
```

Save filtered
results to .pmc...

**...no filtering
needed next time!**

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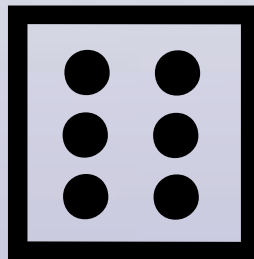
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- ✧ Debuggable source is all in .pmc
- ✧ Composable precompilers

v6.pm



Source:
Rule.pm

```
use v6-alpha;
```

```
grammar Pugs::Grammar::Rule;
```

```
token ws {  
    [ \s  
      | \# \N*  
    ]+  
}
```

```
# ...more rules...
```

Target:
Rule.pmc

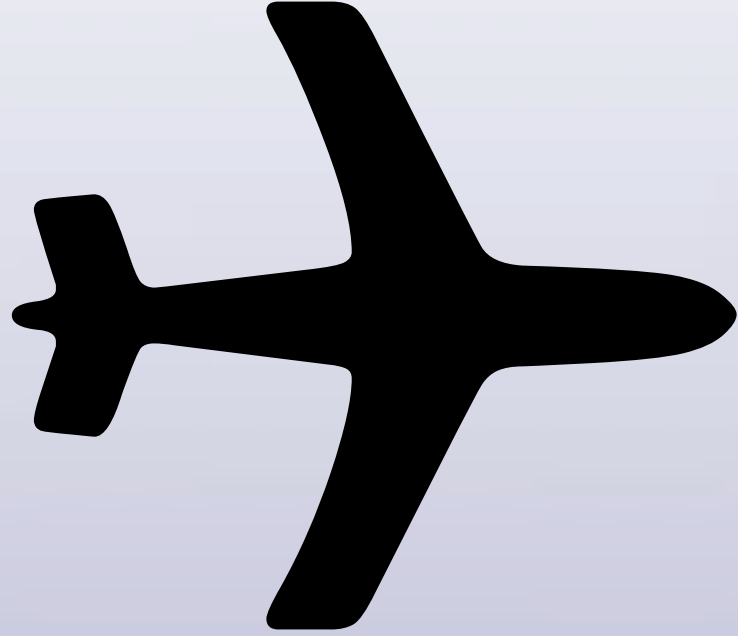
```

# Generated file - do not edit!
#####((( 32-bit Checksum Validator )))#####
BEGIN { use 5.006; local (*F, $/); ($F = __FILE__) =~ s!c$!!; open(F)
or die "Cannot open $F: $!"; binmode(F, ':crlf'); unpack('%32N*', <F>)
== 0x1D6399E1 or die "Checksum failed for outdated .pmc file: ${F}c"}
#####
package Pugs::Grammar::Rule;
*ws = sub {
    my $grammar = shift;
    #warn "rule argument is undefined" unless defined $_[0];
    $_[0] = "" unless defined $_[0];
    my $bool = $_[0] =~ /^((?:\s|\#(?:-s:.)*)+)(.*)$/sx;
    return {
        bool => $bool,
        match => $1,
        tail => $2,
        #capture => $1,
    }
};
# ...more rules...

```

Write Perl 6
compile to Perl 5





**When will
Perl 6 be released?**

By Christmas!

When Perl 6 arrives,
every day will be like
Christmas!



Fin.