

THE BAD BIG WOLF MEETS RID- ING HOOD LITTLE RED

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Something's amiss



"Riding Hood Little Red" is obviously wrong

Elephant purple



English has prepositive adjectives.

Many other languages don't. Notably the romance languages.

Little Red Riding Hood



Caperucita Roja

Purple elephant



éléphant violet

Postpositive in English?

- Archaic or poetic: *The sound of ghosts unseen*
- Borrowed phrases: *heir apparent, terra incognita*

Bad Big Wolf?



Bad Big Wolf?



Humans prefer a certain order of adjectives

GSSSACPM

- general opinion or quality
- specific opinion or quality
- size
- shape
- age
- color
- origin
- material

A big brown wooden spoon



A wooden brown big spoon? A brown big wooden spoon?...

Exceptions to GSSSACPM

Specificity

Idioms: last straw

Idiom-like: big spender

Big evil man



...evil big spender

Big bad wolf? Bad big wolf?



Ablaut Reduplication

i-a-o

- Hip-hop / hop-hip
- Tit for tat / tat for tit

INTERLUDE

Prepare your tomatoes

C++?

int

unsigned int

const int



const int

vs

int const

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English is the lingua franca of software engineering

Irony, since lingua franca means "French language" in Italian

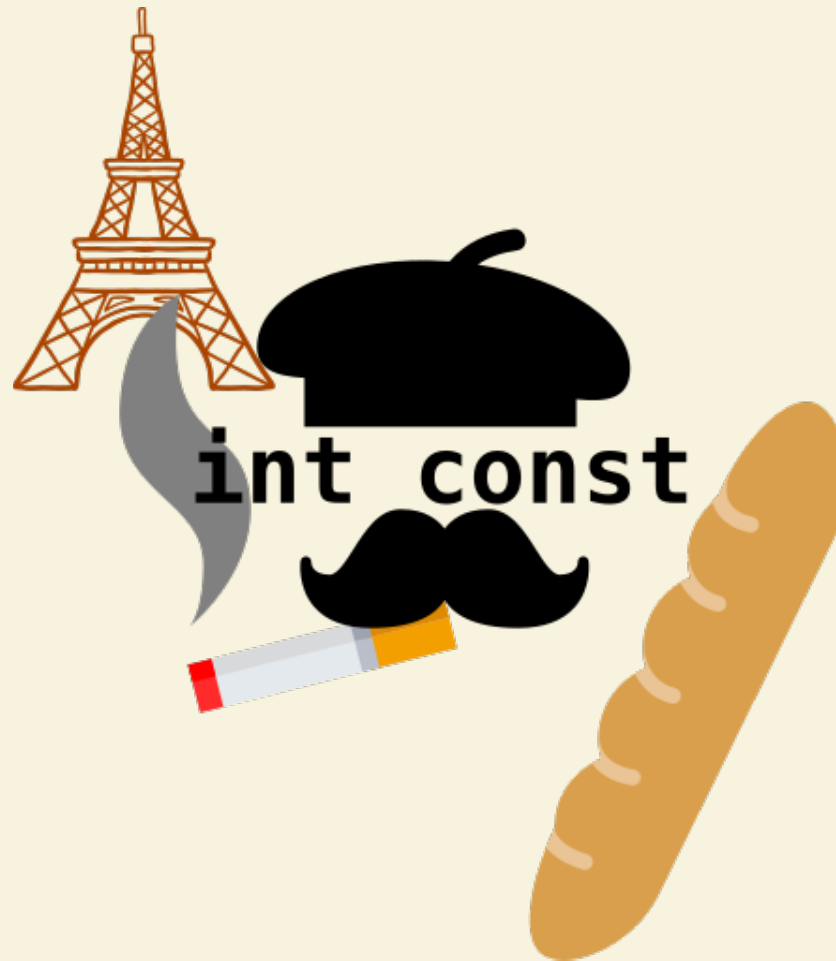
Programming languages are made for human beings

...still

- `int` - noun
- `unsigned int` - idiom-like phrase
- `const int` - correct English
- `int const` - incomprehensible gibberish

No, `int` is not an adjective and `const` is not a noun

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void foo::bar() const // const method
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const

const int

~~int const~~

#westconst

Const West?



FIN

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