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# 7.1 Programming Language

# **Four Generation Languages**

## **◆ First generation languages**

- Machine languages ( 0 / 1 )**

## **◆ Second generation languages**

- Assembly languages ( symbolic machine statement)**

# Four Generation Languages

## ◆ Third generation languages

- High-level languages (COBOL, Fortran, C++, Java, C, Basic, ...)
- One 3GL statement is equivalent to 5-10 assembler statements

## ◆ Fourth generation languages

- Each 4GL statement intended to be equivalent to 30-50 assembler statements
- VB, VC, Delphi, DBaseIV, SQL, ...



## ◆ Application domain

### ➤ Scientific & Engineering Calculating

- *Fortran*
- *Pascal*
- *C*
- *PL/1*
- *C++*



## ➤ Data Processing & DB Application

- *COBOL*

- *SQL*

- *4GL*

## ➤ Real-time Processing

- *Assembly Language*

- *Ada*



## ➤ System Software

- *Assembly Language*
- *C*
- *Pascal*
- *Ada*

## ➤ Artificial Intelligence

- *LISP*
- *Prolog*



## ◆ Application domain

### ➤ Virtual Reality & Game & Mobile apps

- *HTML5*
- *Java*
- *Objective C*
- *C++*
- *Javascript*



# **Choose Programming Language**

- ◆ **Choice of Programming Language**
  - **Language is usually specified in contract**
- ◆ **How to choose the “most suitable” programming language?**
  - **Cost-benefit**
  - **Risk**