

**Medley Interlisp**

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## What have we been doing?

- + Adapting the system to current environments and standards

  - hardware: keyboard, mouse, display, CPU (64bit, little endian)

  - software: standard C, Unicode, Posix, UI Guidelines

- + Lower barriers to entry

- + Demonstrate unique and original features

- + Help with revival of other applications built using system

- + Improve maintainability for future users

- + Gather and update documentation

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## **Who might use Medley Interlisp?**

- Retrocomputing enthusiasts
- Researchers, IDE tool creators, looking into ideas
- Software and AI historians (present and future)
- Software archivists (SPN, technical infrastructure)
- Developers of new applications

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## Who is involved?

- + Some of original developers from Xerox PARC (in 70's )
- + Developers of s using Interlisp (recursive revivers)
- Open Source contributors
- Students of computer science and history
- + Friends, enthusiasts, and ... you?

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(OPEN-URL "https://github.com/orgs/interlisp/people")  
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "medley")  
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "maiko")  
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "online")  
(MEDLEY-CONTRIB "Interlisp.github.io")
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## More on Modernizing Medley

### Goals

- Adapt Medley UI to current hardware
- Make Medley work more like current applications for comfort

**Mouse:** Wheel Scroll, Window move on title, Window resize on corner. Warning: Exec windows. Consolation: you can do it all with menus. Reduction: some menus are invoked by "middle" mouse button which on some mice is hard to press.

**Keyboard:** Desired state: compatible keystrokes. Subtasks: decide what keystrokes do what; slash through umpteen layers of keyboard re-interpretation.

**Display:** Color, high-resolution displays, modern fonts.

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## Reduce Barriers to Entry

### - Running Online

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OPEN-URL("https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mI3Ga5LyI1I")
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OPEN-URL("https://online.interlisp.org")
```

### - Installation Instructions

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OPEN-URL("https://interlisp.org/running/")
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## More notes on Running on Modern Systems

- about K&R C and C standards; type declarations, big-endian vs. little endian, 32 bit vs 64 eliminating errors, file-sytem changes, process handles, bugs left over from 24- to 28-bit address space
- docker, installers, CO/CI(?), two levels of virtualization
- [online.interlisp.org](http://online.interlisp.org): connect in seconds.
- Mysteries in the code we inherited, "software archeology"
- Robust "loadup process", all day vs seconds
- bytecode virtual machine aids portability.

```
fb {li}<maiko>bin/makefile-*. *-x
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Linux, Mac, Windows (WSL1, WSL2, Cygwin)

Docker, FreeBSD, OpenBSD, SunOS5  
x86\_64, i386, arm7l, arm64, and older

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## Getting Involved

- *Try things out, report new problems, or new reproducible cases*
- *Clean up old issues*

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(OPEN-URL "https://github.com/interlisp/medley/issues")
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(FILESLOAD PICK)
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PICK ISSUE
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