Scala

Lightweight Modular Staging

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Lightweight Modular Staging (LMS)

LMS is..

'A library-based multi-stage programming approach that uses types to distinguish between binding time.'

Outline

- A gentle introduction to LMS
- Generative Programming
- Language virtualization
- Intermediate representation
- ▶ How do we program in LMS?



A gentle introduction to LMS

Power function in Scala

```
def power(b: Double, x: Int): Double =
  if (x == 0) 1.0 else b * power(b, x - 1)
```

Power function in Scala LMS

```
trait PowerA { this: Arith =>
  def power(b: Rep[Double], x: Int): Rep[Double] =
   if (x == 0) 1.0 else b * power(b, x - 1)
}
```

A gentle introduction to LMS

What did we just see?

- ▶ T versus Rep[T]
- ▶ def Versus trait

Generative Programming

What is generative programming?

Generative Programming

Commonalities of LMS and generative programming

Generative Programming

Differences of LMS and generative programming

Language Virtualization



Intermediate representation

