Intro to Groovy

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Is Java dead?



NO!

Job\$

projects, lines of code

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Huge players (Oracle, IBM, Google) # projects, lines of code

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Android

wealth of libraries

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jars as zip files

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storing strings UTF-8

Java Virtual Machine, not Java (!)

Garbage collection

wealth of libraries

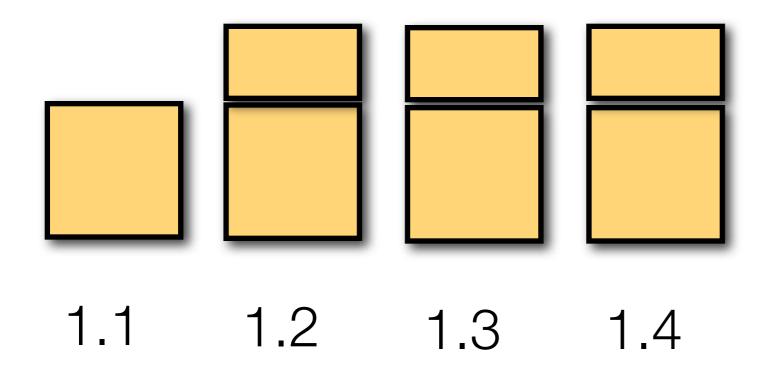
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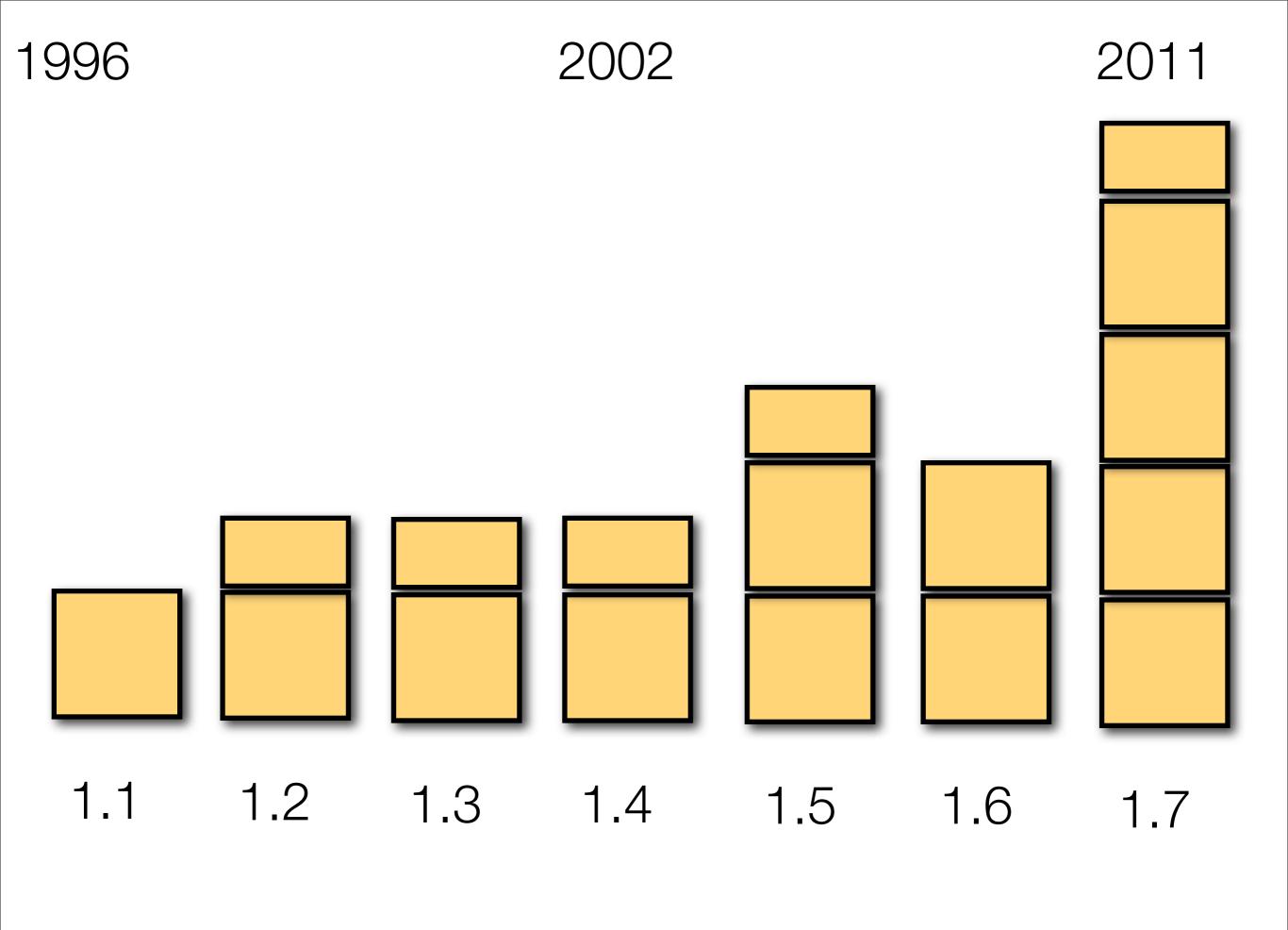
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YES!

1996 2002





Yes.

innovation

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innovation

features

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energy

Java

JVM





Groovy

Clojure

Jython

Java

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Groovy in four bullets

- V 1.0 in Jan 2007
- easy learning curve
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2 minute penalty for 'Blatant Bullets'



Java

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the problem with Java

CreativeCommons

Swing

Struts

Hibernate

Ant

Swing
Griffon

Grails
Struts

Hibernate
GORM

Ant
Gradle

Counterpoint:

- requires a team-culture that values testing and discipline
- debate over static / dynamic typing for large teams
 - (e.g. FindBugs)

References

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