

# The Egel Language

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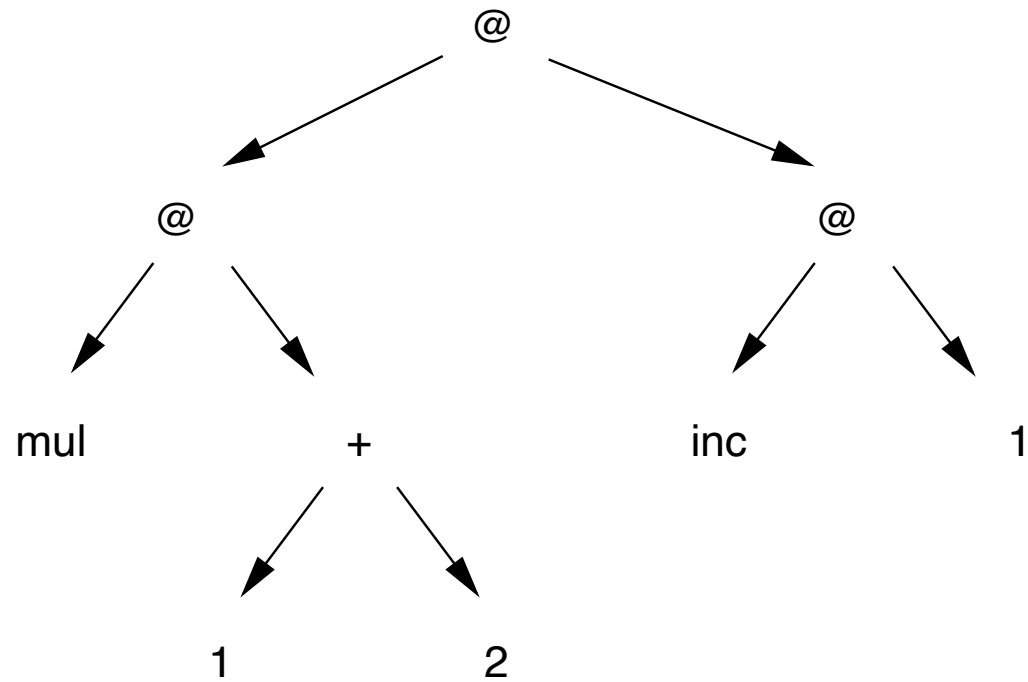
# The Egel Language

- untyped concurrent functional scripting language
- based on eager combinator rewriting
- concise but remarkably powerful syntax
- aimed at taking over the world

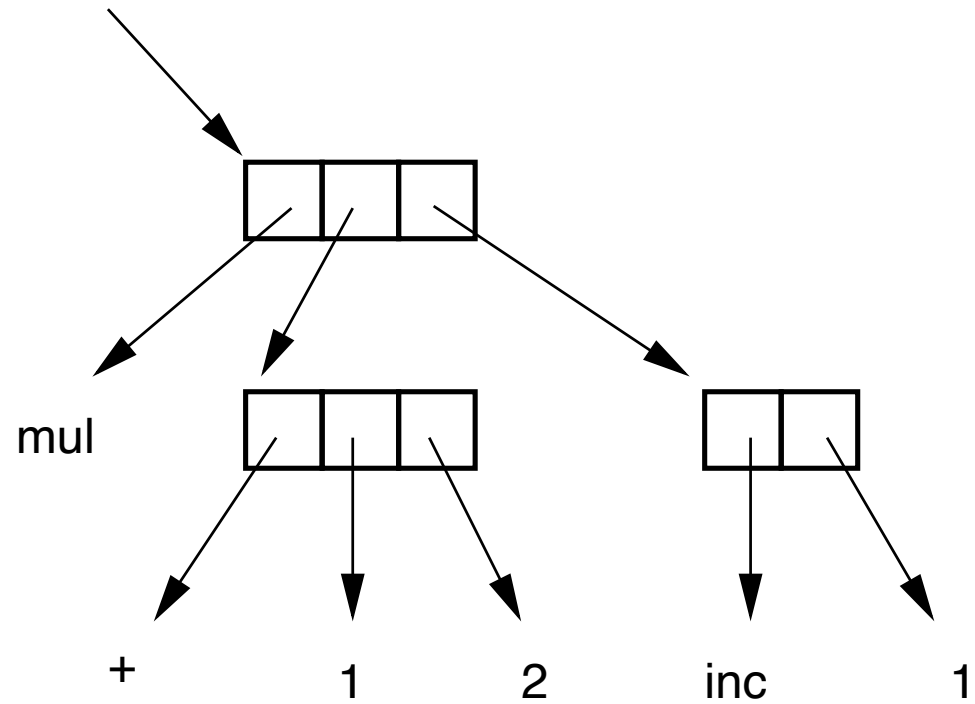
# The operational model

- everything is a directed acyclic graph (DAG), or tree for short
- *no* abstract machine, nothing, nada
- KISS (keep it simple since -you- are stupid) technology

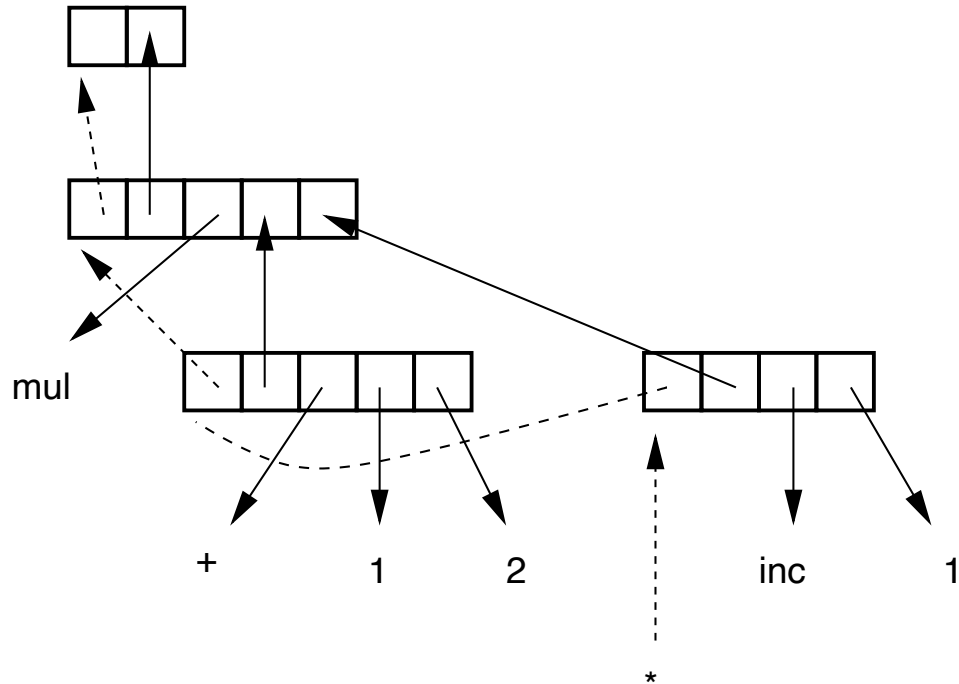
# From expression to tree



# Computer representation

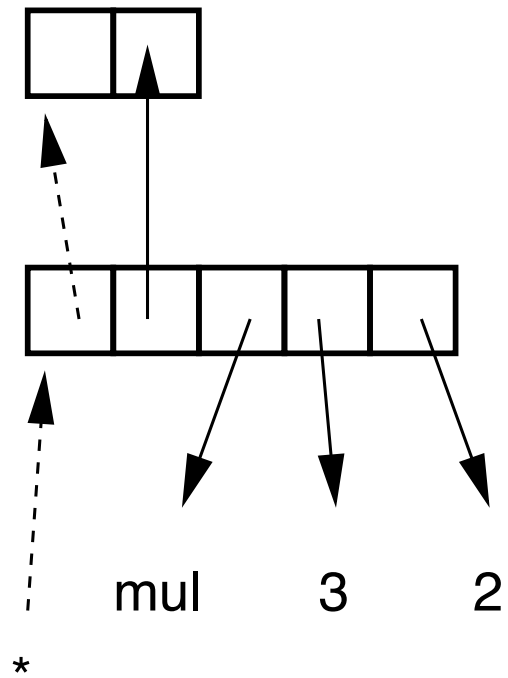


# Twisted representation

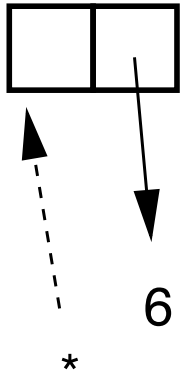


- It's still a directed acyclic graph (DAG)!

# Evaluation (1)



## Evaluation (2)





# Goal of Egel

Fully exploit this computational model

- translate to automatically garbage collected C++ objects
- extend to support exceptions
- allow for 'cheap' concurrency
- allow migrating combinators

# Front-end language

```
# A parallel fibonnaci implementation.

import "prelude.eg"

namespace Fibonnaci (
  using System

  def fib =
    [ 0 -> 0
    | 1 -> 1
    | N -> fib (N- 2) + fib (N- 1) ]

  def pfib =
    [ 0 -> 0
    | 1 -> 1
    | X -> [ (F0, F1) -> F0 + F1 ]
              (par [Y -> pfib (X - 1) ] [Z-> pfib (X - 2)]) ]

)

using System

def main = Fibonnaci::pfib (3+2)
```

# Front-end language

- reminiscent of a lambda calculus with constants
- scripts are collections of terms
- untyped to fully explore the model
- modules and namespaces
- focus on utility, not guarantees; terms, not types

# Interpreter

```
egel [-|--interact] [-I path|--include path] [file]
```

```
egel [-I path|--include path] -e command
```

```
egel [-h|--help|-v|--version]
```

Support batch, interactive, and read-eval-print (REPL) modes.

## 0.1 (beta) version

- stand-alone interpreter for Linux/BSD/MacOS systems
- capable of automating simple tasks
- tardy but robust
- relatively light-weight (1 MiB) but needs Unicode (libicu)
- can be extended with C++ written modules
- can be integrated into C++ applications
- now working on serialization, transport, and node protocol

# Aimed at taking over the world

- see a data center as just a large computer
- start any calculation anywhere
- <https://egel-lang.github.io/>