C++ for R Programmers

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- As a widely used language it also has good tool support (debuggers, [memory] profilers, code analysis).

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And C++11 adds many more goodies that could be called a fifth language.

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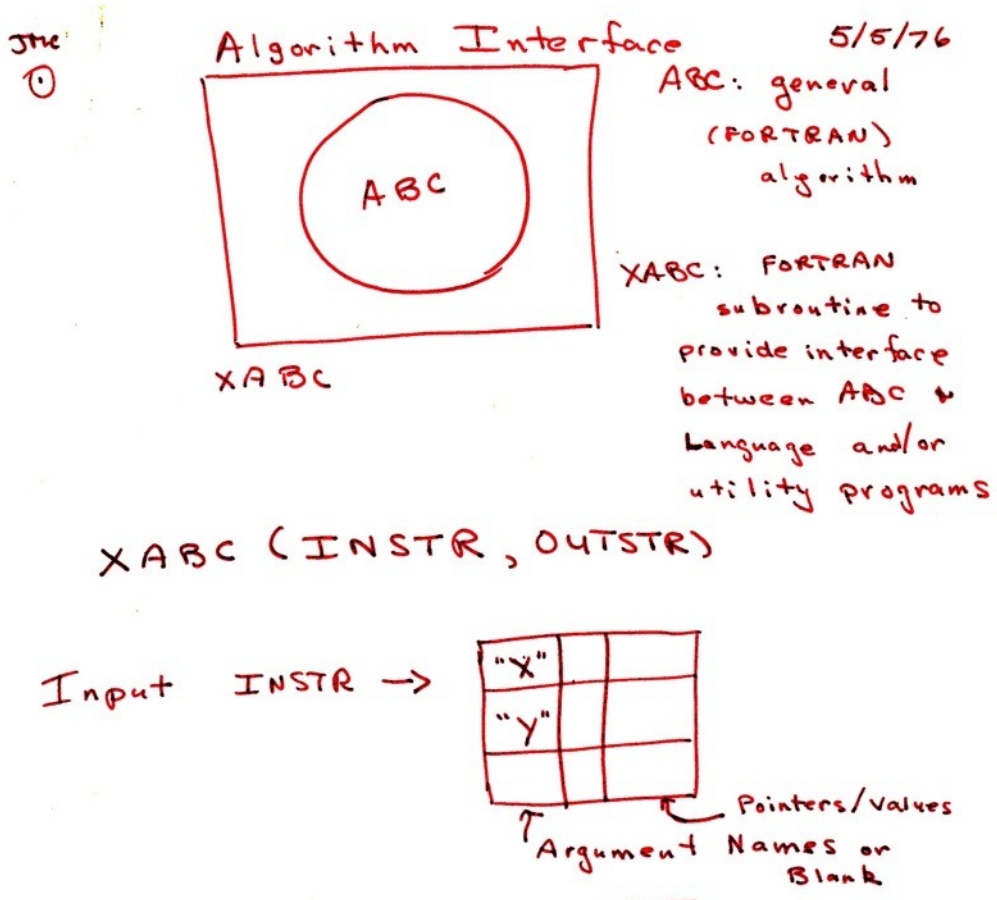
- It so happens that I think R and C++ mix well via Rcpp and RInside.

And John agrees



Source: John Chambers' talk at Google, 2010.

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- This makes Rcpp the most widely used foreign-language interface package for R (as it overtook rJava recently). Of course, there is the plain C API...

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Trust me, Mogli.... Seriously?

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This is my Julia and until I find a matching language "Anna" ...