Less is Mo(o)re: Beyond FORTH Liang Ng and Demitri Peynado November 2022

Since its inception in 1968, FORTH has been taken up by a great variety of programmers and engineers, applied to projects from microprocessor to mobile device applications. We believe FORTH, *if simplified*, has the potential to be as popular as Python, Javascript or similar programming languages, so we implemented a "light" variant of FORTH, retaining its reverse polish notation syntax, stack and colon definition, while leaving out the bulk of standard FORTH vocabulary as optional extensions. We call our implementation Phoscript, where "phos" is "light" in Greek.

Minimal implementation of Phoscript, typically as a shell function in a host (third generation) programming language, starts with around 20 lines of JavaScript or equivalent (including PHP, Python, Java, C, C++, etc.) It consists of a loop, splitting a space delimited string into tokens, pushing data tokens onto the stack, and calling eval() to execute function tokens, which in turn executes a function in the host programming language. We believe such minimalist stack machine can be implemented in ANY known programming language.

Phoscript has been used to create DMeta (Decentralised Metaverse) server, a complete full stack web framework in less than 1MB worth of JavaScript and PHP code, running on web servers hosted on mobile devices running Android Userland Ubuntu Apache server.

Preliminary attempts have been made by Peynado to port Phoscript to Verilog (Project CORE-I by Golding & Peynado), breaking ground for "homotronic" computing, an extension of homoiconic programming, where a programming language (FORTH or Phoscript) is used to design a microprocessor, that is capable of executing said programming language. ("Homo" means "same" in Greek, "tron" is "thing", implying both software and hardware are "unified" with one programming language.)

Phoscript has been ported to React, presently one of the most popular frameworks for web and mobile programming, resulting in a variant called Reverse React Notation, where HTML and JavaScript are unified as reverse polish notation. Work in progress includes Freddiscript, an extension of Reverse React Notation, based on programmer's "find and edit" action on source code (hence FREDDI, for "find regular expression and edit"), that can theoretically be applied to any known programming language.

Readers may recognise that the title is a tribute to the inventor of FORTH. Beyond technical innovations, we wish to conclude this presentation by highlighting one social and financial innovation that FORTH may bring about, via DMeta Decentralised Metaverse:-

DMeta began with DMeta Contract, which is perhaps the simplest smart contract
implementation ever conceived, where hashes of public keys of signing parties and
the hash of contract text are all hashed together to create the root hash. FORTH and
Phoscript provide an innovative facility in the form of the colon definition, which is
essentially a space delimited string, which of course can be hashed, hence called
"code hash", and thus allowing programmers to claim ownership of source code with

code hash. This essentially solves one of the biggest problems facing free software or open source programmers – allowing the code to be peer reviewed, but enabling programmers to charge prospective users, especially huge corporations, for their use of the code written by various programmers, traceable using code hash.

(Credit to Demitri Peynado for suggesting the title.)

References:

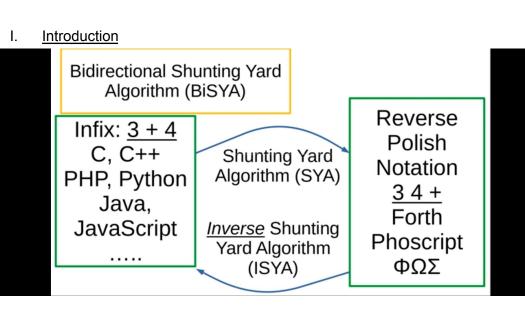
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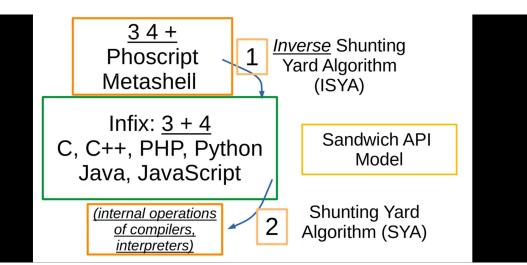
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2. Bidirectional Shunting Yard Algorithm (BISYA) and Sandwich API Model: Unifying Programming Languages

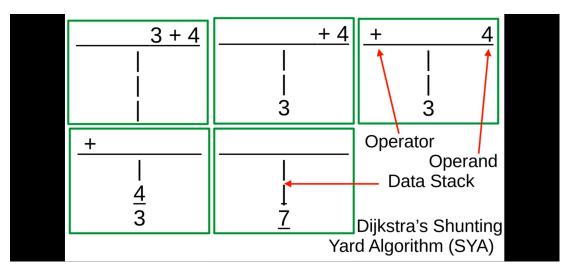
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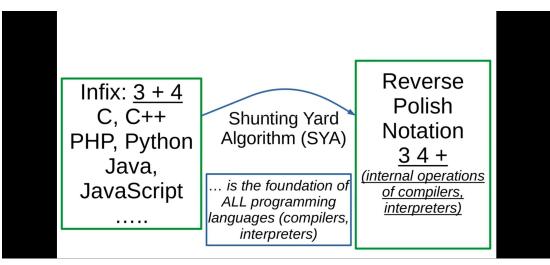
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- 4. FORTH and Homotronic Computing https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xUGIWrviJPVTiGyCmipT_8-31mVqVz6HVEU9tY5X-4 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xUGIWrviJPVTiGyCmipT_8-31mVqVz6HVEU9tY5X-4 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xUGIWrviJPVTiGyCmipT_8-31mVqVz6HVEU9tY5X-4 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xUGIWrviJPVTiGyCmipT_8-31mVqVz6HVEU9tY5X-4 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xUGIWrviJPVTiGyCmipT_8-31mVqVz6HVEU9tY5X-4
- 5. The aim of CORE I Project is to produce a human readable, synthesizable, FORTH FPGA computer (not processor) using SystemVerilog behavioural style code. The main applications are Al and robotics, facilitated by the ability to add new instructions and hardware blocks as required. Unlike other FORTH FPGA projects, the inner and outer are implemented in hardware, allowing for rapid compilation and interactivity out of the box.

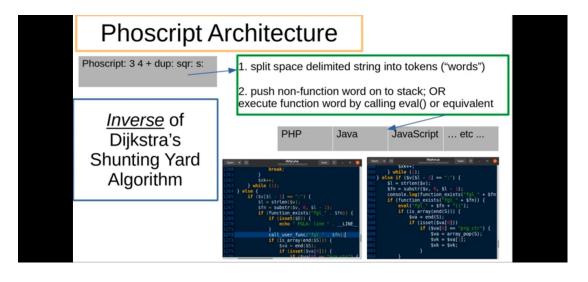




Benefits of Phoscript 3. Help nonprogrammers learn programming 1. Help 2. Help easily students programmers master 4. Use Phoscript by simplifying to manipulate multiple programming mathematical programming languages and equations and languages frameworks learn mathematics







II. Javascript & PHP Implementation of Phoscript

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          function f_jd() {
   S.push(JSON.parse(S.pop()));
          function f_alert() {
   alert(S[S.length - 1]);
          function fgl dup() {
             S.push(end(S));
          function fgl_swap() {
  var a = S.pop();
  var b = S.pop();
             S.push(a);
S.push(b);
          function fgl_l() {
    var L = S.pop();
    var $SL = end(end($0.CDW));
              SL[L] = S[0].xk;
          function end(a) {
return a[a.length - 1];
          }
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          if ($xk >= $xl) {
             break;
       } while ($vk < $xl);
$S[] = ":END:";
1006 }
1009 <mark>functio</mark>n FGL($a)
fxc = count($SS);
$xk =& $SS[$xc - 1][0];
$xs =& $SS[$xc - 1][1];
$xl = count($SS[$xc - 1][1]);
        vk = xk
        $Z = $xI;
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             } else {
    echo $b;
129 }
130 function fgl_dup
       global $S;
$S[] = end($S);
 135 function fgl_2dup()
       fgl_over();
       fgl_over();
 140 function fgl_over()
        $I = count($S);
$S[] = $S[$I - 2];
     function fgl_2over()
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III. <u>DMeta (Decentralised Metaverse) Server Demo</u>

godmeta.github.io/dmeta/

IV. Examples (YouTube video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Fm8e4LC5vo

6m 30s AJAX Phoscript in BOTH front end (JavaScript) and back end (PHP)

7m 00s Simple one cell HTML table using Phoscript

7m 30s Three.js Tank

8m 15s Jitsi Meet Three.js

10m 00s Fire4x (FORTH in Firefox) vs. WebAssembly

10m 45s SymFORTH (SymEngine with Phoscript)

12m 00s BTOSG Bulet OpenSceneGraph Phoscript on C++

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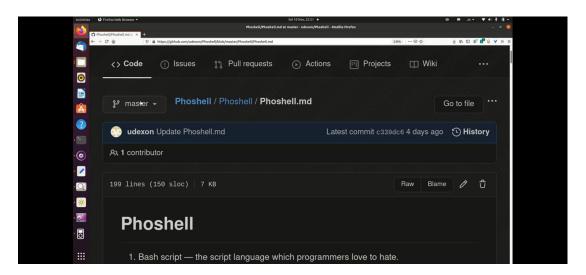
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Phoscirpt in Java / Kotlin (Android)

https://github.com/udexon/android_kotlin_rpn/blob/master/kotlinrpn/app/src/main/java/com/projects/facedetector/MainActivity.kt

Phoscript in Python (Selenium Browser Control Script)

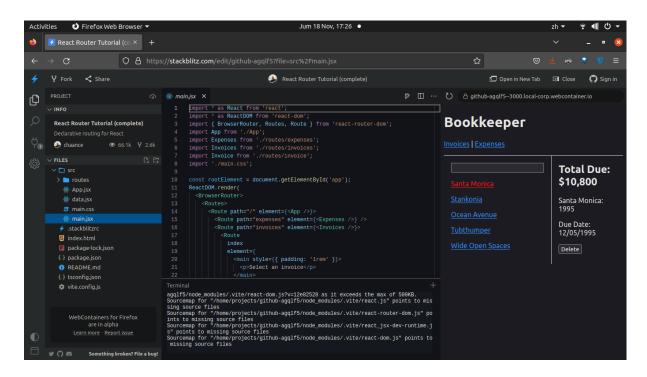
Phoshell (Phoscipt in Bash Shell)

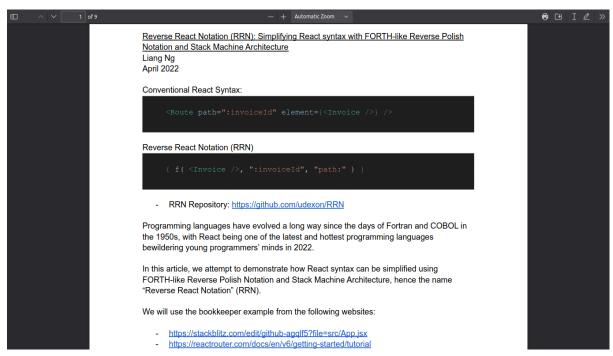


V. Reverse React Notation

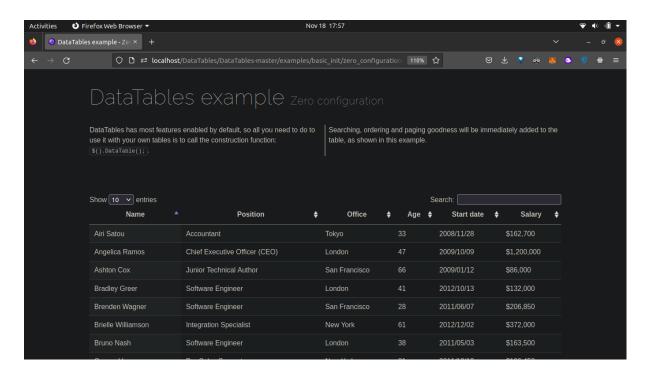
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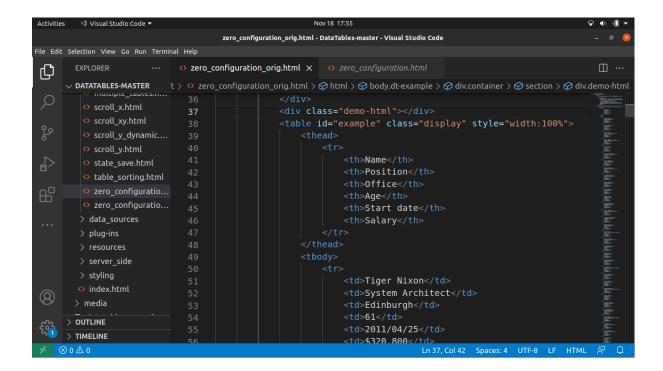
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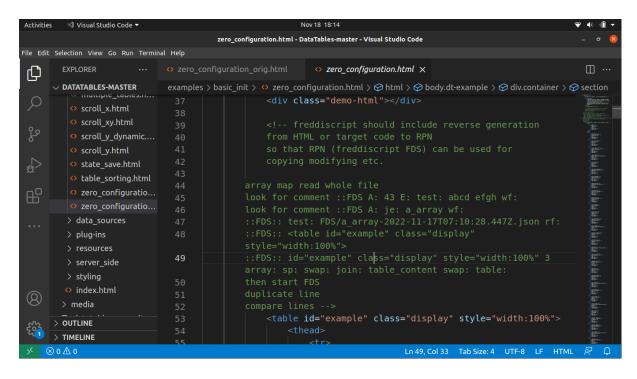


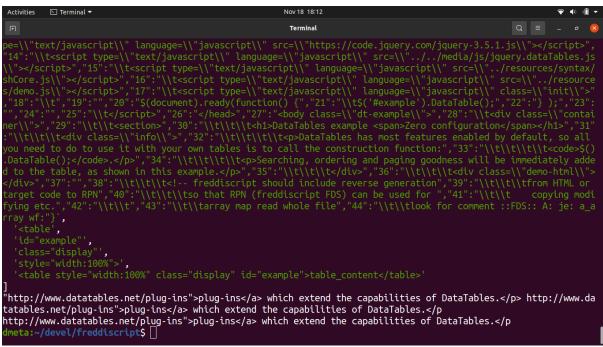


VI. Freddiscript (Find-Regular-Expression-Edit Script)









VII. DMeta Code Hash

https://godmeta.github.io/dmcontract/

