

# Carp

## A Language for the 21st Century

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## Prologue

# Obligatory Starter

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This is a chess-timer talk. You're welcome to ask questions at any time.

I can't promise that I'll be able to answer all of your questions.

I probably won't get through my material.

## I. Syntax & other trivialities

# What?

It's a Lisp, despite the parentheses.

```
; (type f)
; f : (Fn [(Ref (Array a)), Int, Int] a)
(defn f [x y z]
  @(Array.nth x (* y z)))
```

Listing 1: A silly Carp function

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(deftype (AssocArray a b) [lst (Array (Pair a b))])
```

Listing 2: An associative array type, simplified.



Interlude: Demo

## II. Semantics & meaning

## The goods

We have (non-hygienic) macros, type inference, and borrow checking.

The emphasis of the design is on simplicity while being pragmatic.

## What we're still tuning

We're working on good autogenerated documentation, dependency management, lifetimes, and, generally, tooling.

# Why?

There's a vast amount of information flowing through the compiler, most of it implicit.

Reducing cognitive load is useful, but explorability is key.

### III. Recap

Carp is early stage software.

- ⇒ Small community, few packages
- ⇒ We're less than a handful of maintainers
- ⇒ Insufficient documentation
- ⇒ May change under your feet
- ⇒ May blow up in your face!

Our first stable release—0.3.0—was released!

## References

- ▶ Github: <https://github.com/carp-lang/carp>
- ▶ Erik: <https://github.com/eriksvedang>
- ▶ Chat: <https://gitter.im/carp-lang/carp>
- ▶ Docs: [http://carp-lang.github.io/Carp/core/core\\_index.html](http://carp-lang.github.io/Carp/core/core_index.html)
- ▶ Blogs: <https://blog.veitheller.de> (sorry about that)
- ▶ Slides: [https://github.com/hellerve/carp\\_talks](https://github.com/hellerve/carp_talks)
- ▶ This talk, but different, shorter, and at clojuTRE:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQeG6fXMk28>
- ▶ Carp 0.3.0:  
<https://github.com/carp-lang/Carp/releases/tag/v0.3.0>



# Thank you!

Questions?

Slides at [https://github.com/hellerve/carp\\_talks](https://github.com/hellerve/carp_talks)