

Emerging Languages

Symbiotic Languages



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7 hours

Creating a language is foolish at this point unless you've got a team of 3 to 20 qualified people for a couple years. VMs are too hard.

Strong VMs

Transpiled

CoffeeScript Family (& Friends)

- [CoffeeScript](#) Unfancy JavaScript

Family (share genes with CoffeeScript)

- [Coco](#) A CoffeeScript dialect that aims to be more radical and practical, also acts as a test bed for features that get imported in CoffeeScript.
 - [LiveScript](#) is a fork of Coco that is much more compatible with CoffeeScript, more functional, and with more features.
- [IcedCoffeeScript](#) A CoffeeScript dialect that adds support for `await` and `defer` keywords which simplify async control flow.
- [Parsec CoffeeScript](#) CS based on parser combinators. The project's aim is to add static metaprogramming (i.e. macros + syntax extensibility) to Coffee Script (CS), similar to how Metalua adds such features to Lua. The resulting compiler, once merged with the official compiler, should be usable as a drop-in replacement for it.
- [Contracts.coffee](#) A dialect of CoffeeScript that adds built-in support for contracts.
- [Uberscript](#), a CoffeeScript fork that adds type annotations which are compiled to Google closure compiler type annotation comments.
- [ToffeeScript](#) A dialect of CoffeeScript that support Asynchronous Syntax, Symbol and Regexp operator `==~`
- [Caffeine](#) A dialect of CoffeeScript that support packages and classes import, useful for browser applications
- [heap.coffee](#) A dialect of CoffeeScript that offers a C-like type system with manual memory management

Friends (philosophically related)

- [JS11](#) JavaScript with augmented semicolon insertion, reduced punctuation, and limited sugar. Debugs line-for-line.
- [Kaffeine](#) Enhanced Syntax for JavaScript.
- [Jack](#) Making programming playful.
- [move](#) A simpler and cleaner programming language.
- [Moescript](#) Indent-based language
- [pogoscript](#) language that emphasises readability, is friendly to domain specific languages and compiles to regular JavaScript
- [LispyScript](#) A JavaScript with Lispy syntax and Macros.
- [Sibilant](#) JavaScript with a lisp.

JavaScript Extensions

Security enforcing JavaScript

- [Caja](#) Compiles ES5/strict to ES3 and supports object-capabilities
- [ADsafe](#) Client-side static verifier and API, making third party scripts safe.
- [FBJS](#) Facebook JavaScript, used for scripting FBML (Facebook Markup Language) gadgets.
- [Jacaranda](#) Static verifier supporting object-capabilities.
- [Microsoft Web Sandbox](#) Technology preview of securing web content through isolation.
- [Gatekeeper](#) Microsoft Research project.
- [Dojo Secure](#) Framework for building secure mashups.

Static typing

- Some of the ones listed below are also statically typed, such as [mobl](#), [GWT](#), [JSIL](#), [NS Basic](#), and [Haxe](#).

CoffeeScript

“It’s **Just** JavaScript”

Popularity Rank on Stack Overflow (by # of Tags)



Preserve/**Deviate**

Negative Array Indexes

Everything
is an
Expression

Classes

Bound Functions

Scoping

The **Politics** of Programming Languages

CoffeeScript as **Case Study**

```
Scope.prototype.find = function(name, options) {  
    if (this.check(name, options)) {  
        return true;  
    }  
    this.add(name, 'var');  
    return false;  
};
```

Code as **Language**

Code has a
Dual Audience

Other **Transpilers** Worth Pursuing

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