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# List of JVM languages

This **list of JVM Languages** comprises notable computer programming languages that are used to produce computer <u>software</u> that runs on the <u>Java virtual machine</u> (JVM). Some of these languages are <u>interpreted</u> by a <u>Java</u> program, and some are compiled to <u>Java bytecode</u> and <u>JIT-compiled</u> during execution as regular Java programs to improve performance.

The JVM was initially designed to support only the programming language Java. However, as time passed, even more languages were adapted or designed to run on the Java platform.

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# JVM languages

#### High-profile languages

Apart from the <u>Java language</u>, the most common or well-known other JVM languages are:

- Clojure, a modern, dynamic, and functional dialect of the Lisp programming language<sup>[1]</sup>
- Groovy, a dynamic programming and scripting language<sup>[1]</sup>
- JRuby, an implementation of Ruby
- Jython, an implementation of Python
- Kotlin, a statically-typed language from JetBrains, the developers of IntelliJ IDEA<sup>[1]</sup>
- Scala, a statically-typed object-oriented and functional programming language<sup>[2]</sup>

## JVM implementations of existing languages

Language	Java implementations			
Arden Syntax	Arden2ByteCode			
COBOL	Micro Focus Visual COBOL [3] Heirloom Elastic COBOL (https://www.heirloomcomputing.com/elasticcobol/) Veryant isCOBOL Evolve (http://www.veryant.com/products/) <sup>[4]</sup>			
ColdFusion Markup Language (CFML)	Adobe ColdFusion Railo Lucee Open BlueDragon			
Common Lisp	Armed Bear Common Lisp <sup>[5]</sup>			
Cypher	<u>Neo4j</u> <sup>[6]</sup>			
Haskell	Eta (programming language) (https://eta-lang.org/)			
<u>JavaScript</u>	Rhino Nashorn Graal.js <sup>[7]</sup>			
LLVM Bitcode	Sulong <sup>[8]</sup>			
Mercury	Mercury (Java grade)			
Component Pascal	Gardens Point Component Pascal			
Pascal	MIDIetPascal Oxygene			
Raku	Rakudo			
PHP	Quercus <sup>[9][10]</sup> JPHP			
Prolog	JIProlog TuProlog			
<u>Python</u>	Jython ZipPy <sup>[11]</sup> Graal.Python <sup>[7]</sup>			
R	Renjin FastR <sup>[12]</sup>			
Rexx	NetRexx			
Ruby	JRuby TruffleRuby <sup>[13]</sup>			
Scheme	Bigloo Kawa SISC JScheme			
Simula	Open Source Simula (https://portablesimula.github.io/github.io/)			

Language	Java implementations		
Smalltalk	Redline <sup>[14]</sup>		
Tcl	Jacl		
Visual Basic	Jabaco <sup>[note 1]</sup>		

#### New languages with JVM implementations

- Ateji PX, an extension of Java for easy parallel programming on multicore, GPU, Grid and Cloud<sup>[19]</sup>
- Ballerina (https://ballerina.io/learn/by-example), a programming language for cloud applications with structural typing; network client objects, services, resource functions, and listeners; parallel concurrency with workers; image building; configuration management; and taint checking.<sup>[20]</sup>
- BeanShell, a scripting language whose syntax is close to Java
- EPL (Event Processing Language), a domain-specific, data manipulation language for analyzing and detecting patterns in timed event streams, which extends <u>SQL 92</u> with event-oriented features. It is implemented by <u>Esper</u>: up to version 6 EPL was mostly a language interpreted by a Java library; since version 7 it is compiled to JVM bytecode.
- Ceylon, a Java competitor from Red Hat<sup>[1]</sup>
- <u>CFML</u>, ColdFusion Markup Language, more commonly known as CFML, is a scripting language for web development that runs on the JVM, the .NET framework, and Google App Engine.<sup>[21]</sup>
- E-on-Java, object-oriented programming language for secure distributed computing
- Eta, pure, lazy, strongly typed functional programming language in the spirit of Haskell<sup>[22]</sup>
- <u>Fantom</u>, a language built from the base to be portable across the JVM, .NET <u>Common Language</u> Runtime (CLR), and JavaScript<sup>[23][1]</sup>
- Flow Java
- Fortress, a language designed by Sun as a successor to Fortran, mainly for parallel scientific computing. Product development was taken over by Oracle when Sun was purchased. Oracle then stopped development in 2012 according to Dr. Dobb's.
- Frege, a non-strict, pure functional programming language in the spirit of Haskell<sup>[24]</sup>
- Golo, a simple, dynamic, weakly-typed language for the JVM developed at <u>Institut national des sciences appliquées de Lyon</u>, France, now an incubating project at the Eclipse Software Foundation. [25][26][27]
- Gosu, an extensible type-system language compiled to Java bytecode
- Haxe, a cross-platform statically typed language that targets Java as well as JVM.
- loke, a prototype-based language somewhat reminiscent of lo, with similarities to Ruby, Lisp and Smalltalk
- Jelly
- Join Java, a language that extends Java with join-calculus semantics
- Joy
- Judoscript
- Mirah, a customizable language featuring type inference and a highly Ruby-inspired syntax<sup>[28][29]</sup>
- NetLogo, a <u>multi-agent</u> language
- Nice
- Noop, a language built with testability as a major focus
- Pizza, a superset of Java with function pointers and algebraic data types

- Pnuts
- Processing, a visualization and animation language and framework based on Java with a Javalike syntax
- Prompto (http://www.prompto.org/?section=language), a language "designed to create business applications in the cloud". It is part of the namesake platform to design business applications directly in the cloud. The Prompto language includes three "dialects": Engly, Monty, and Objy. Engly "mimics English as much as possible", Monty "tries to follow as much as possible the syntax of the Python 3 language", and Objy "tries to follow as much as possible the syntax of OOP languages such as C++, Java or C#". All three dialects seamlessly translate to one another.<sup>[30]</sup>
- RascalMPL, a source and target language independent (parameterized) meta programming language
- Whiley
- X10, a language designed by IBM, featuring constrained types and a focus on concurrency and distribution<sup>[1]</sup>
- Xtend, an object-oriented, functional, and imperative programming language built by the Eclipse foundation, featuring tight Java interoperability, with a focus on extension methods and lambdas, and rich tooling
- Yirgacheffe, a language that aims to simplify and extend the object oriented paradigm. [31]
- Yoix, general purpose, non-object-oriented, interpreted dynamic programming language

#### Comparison of these languages

Language	First Release	Stable release	Last release
Ballerina	2018	2019	2020
BeanShell	1999	2013	2016
Eclipse Ceylon	2011	2017	2017
CFML	1995	2018	2018
Quark Framework	2011	2018	
E	1997		
Fantom	2011	2017	
Fortress	2006	2011	2017
Frege			
Mirah	2016		
Xtend	2011	2017	

## See also

- Da Vinci Machine
- Java virtual machine#JVM languages
- List of CLI languages, following the CLI specification, Microsoft's response to JVM

#### **Notes**

1. [15][16][17] is a freeware IDE in beta-testing since 2009, with a partly open source [18] Jabaco framework runtime. Jabaco compiles VB 6 syntax source to Java bytecode.

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