

SLEBoK Problems Breakout

Start with ...

Known problems from practice

⚠️ Dealing with large legacy systems (TS)

👍 Techniques to parse, model and visualize old languages

Rascal, Moose ...

⚠️ Disambiguation in language definitions (PM)

Research? Or does best practice exist?

👍 Scannerless parsers ...

👍 Reengineering

To ensure that it supports the right abstractions for application building

⚠️ Coming up with the right language definition (BC)

👍 Language definition process (Jordi Cabot's Colaboro)

E.g., You have a nice DSL; you want to step through the domain abstractions, not the generated code

⚠️ To ensure the right services to manipulate the right abstractions (BC)

👍 Moldable debugger, inspector etc

E.g., give a financial expert a high level DSL

⚠️ Help domain experts to encode their domain

👍 DSL design

Artifacts

Language definition

Compiler tools

IDE tools

Analysis tools

⚠️ Building a performant text editor

👍 Data structures, standard architecture

SE topics

? Which aspects are different?

The (implementation) languages used are different

Not general purpose programming

We adapt and apply SE principles

Configuration management

⚠️ Language / tool / application instance co-evolution

👍 Co-evolution research

Software quality

⚠️ Defining software quality metrics for language definitions

Ease-of-use, expressiveness, abstraction

? Language design guidelines and heuristics

👍 Use a meta-language to define the language and support the tools

Software architecture

⚠️ How to architect a language tool suite?

👍 Software generation

👍 Plugin architectures etc

😞 Not specific to SLE, though

👍 LSP — Language Server Protocol to enable communication between IDE and services

V&V

Reliable languages

⚠️ Is my type checker sound?

👍 Use Coq

😞 Not specific to SLE

⚠️ Are my compiler and interpreter consistent?

👍 😞 Randomized testing

👍 😞 Bisimulation

⚠️ Does my compiler respect the language definition?

👍 Verified compilers

👍 Test generation

Stakeholders / roles

Reverse engineer

⚠️ I want to understand software written in a legacy language (no tools)

👍 Reverse engineering practices

Re-engineer

⚠️ Migrate from one language to another

⚠️ Clean up code

Forward engineer (joe programmer)

⚠️ Develop code at a suitably high level of abstraction

👍 DSL technology

Domain expert

⚠️ Express domain knowledge

Language designer

Language tool builder

Teachers / instructors

Students

Product owner (moneybag)

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<http://langserver.org/>