

the z shell (zsh)

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(unless your shell is zsh!)

a brief history of shells

1971: Thompson shell

- Was written by Ken Thompson (A very Hacker).
- Was the first Unix shell.
- Interactive interpreter.
- No scripting enviroment.

1977: Bourne shell

- Replacement for the Thompson shell.
- Default Unix shell of Unix Version 7.
- Most Unix-like systems continue to have `/bin/sh`.
- Scripting language.
- Symlink/Hard link compatible with other modern shells.

1978: C shell

- BSD Unix.
- Scripting syntax C-like.
- Command history.
- Aliasing.
- tcsh - newer C shell, default on FreeBSD and based distros.
 - On OS-X systems 10.0 - 10.2

1983: Korn shell

- Lots of C shell features.

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