

# General(Languages)

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## Classification:

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- abstraction
  - declarative
    - \* functional
  - imperative
    - \* procedural
- behavior
  - dynamic
    - \* scripting
  - static

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## Declarative Languages:

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- not imperative
- describes what computation should be performed and not how to compute it
- lacks side effects (referentially transparent)
  - an expression always evaluates to the same result in any context
  - instance can be replaced with its corresponding value without changing the program's behavior
- clear correspondence to mathematical logic

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## Functional Languages:

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- Def
  - define programs and subroutines as mathematical functions
  - many functional languages are "impure", containing imperative features
  - many functional languages are tied to mathematical calculation tools
  - declarative: programming is done with expressions or declarations instead of statements
  - the output value of a function depends only on the arguments that are input to the function

- \* calling a function  $f$  twice with the same value for an argument  $x$  will produce the same result  $f(x)$  each time
- \* eliminating side effects(changes in state that do not depend on the function inputs) makes it much easier to understand and predict the behavior of a program
- Pure ex: Haskell
- Impure ex: SML

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### Imperative Languages:

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- def
  - uses statements that change a program's state

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### Scripting Languages:

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- def
  - dynamic high-level general-purpose interpreted languages,
- Perl,[2] PowerShell, Python,

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### Hierarchy of programming languages:

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- High-Level language (C, Java, PHP, Python)
  - more complex than machine code
- Assembly language
  - machine code with names substituted for numbers
- Machine code
  - only numbers
- Hardware
- convert program into machine language
  - compile the program
  - interpret the program

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### Web Development Languages:

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- HTML/XHTML
  - Defines content of web page
- CSS
  - appearance of web page
- HTML+CSS can create static web pages
  - static pages can interact with your visitor through the use of forms
  - form is fill, request submitted and sent back to the server, new static web page is constructed and downloaded into the browser
  - disadvantage of static web pages, only way visitor interact with the page is by filling out the form and waiting for a new page to load
- javascript
  - behavior of web page
  - can validate each of the fields as visitor enter and provide immediate feedback when they make a typo (vs after they filled everything and submitted)
  - add animations into the page which either attract attention to a specific part of the page or which make the page easier to use
  - provide responses within the web page to various actions that your visitor takes
  - load new images, objects, or scripts into the web page without needing to reload the entire page
  - pass requests back to the server and handle responses from the server without the need for loading new pages
  - not everyone visiting your page will have JavaScript and so your page will still need to work for those who don't have JavaScript

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#### **sources:**

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