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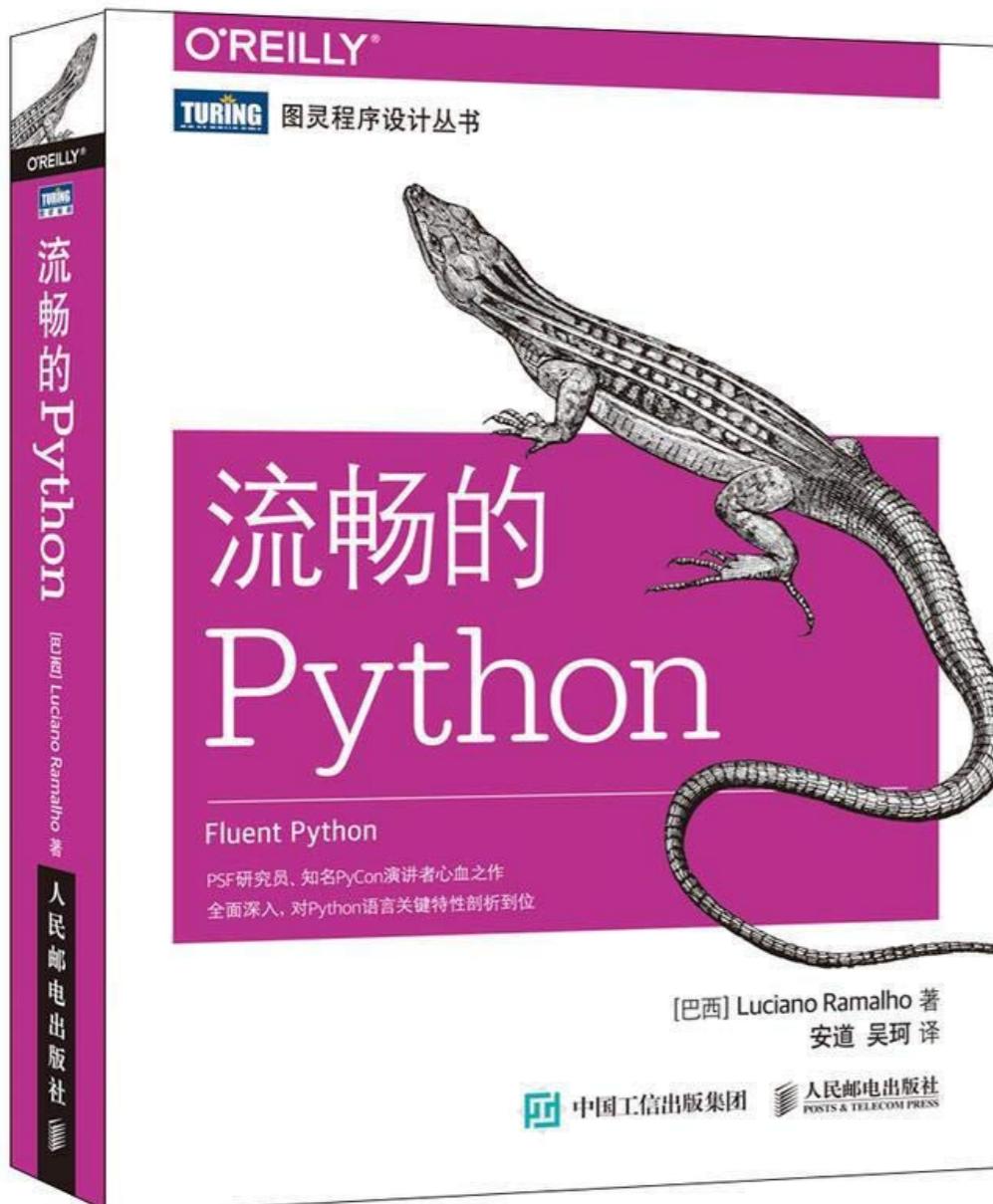
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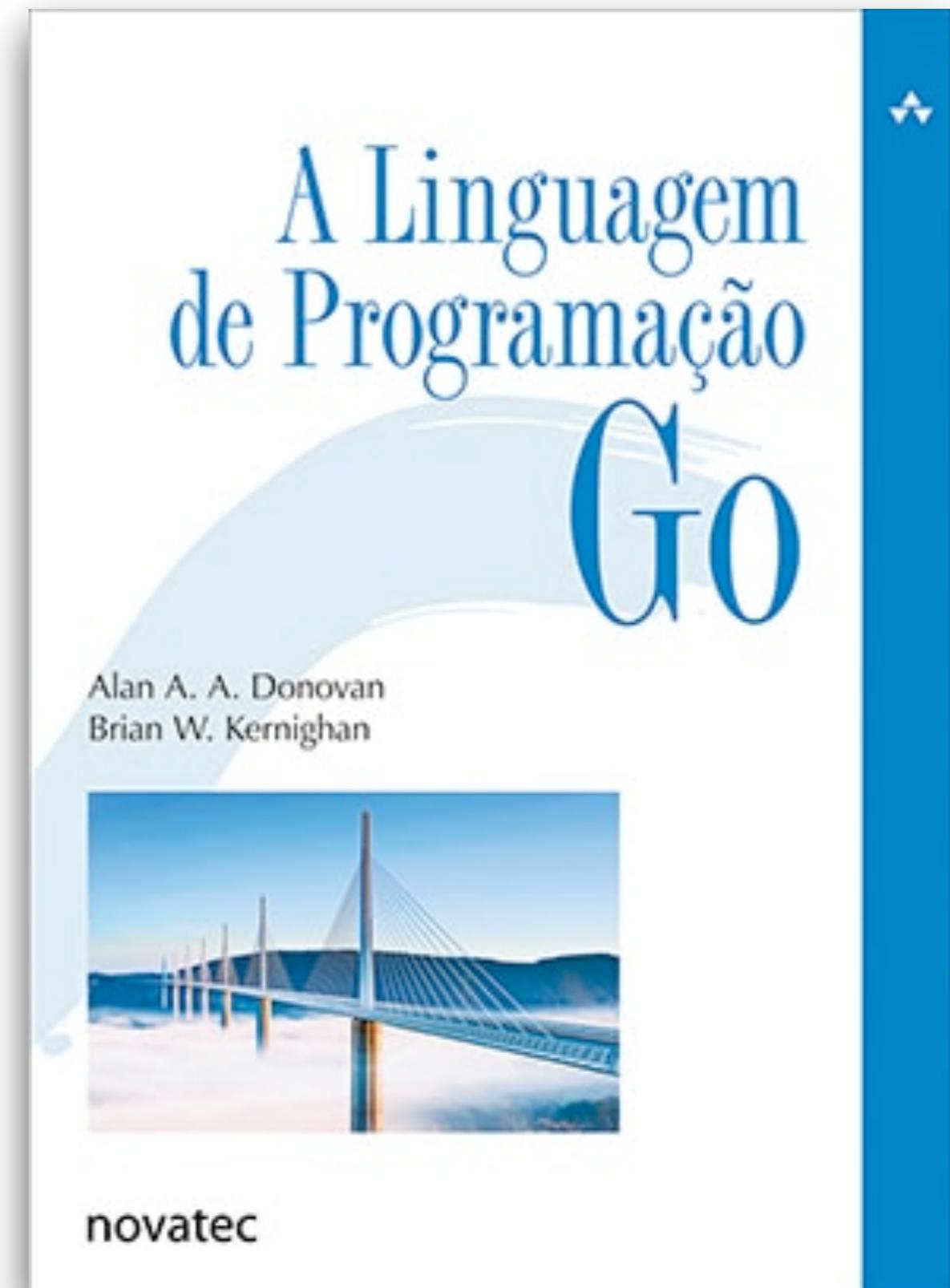
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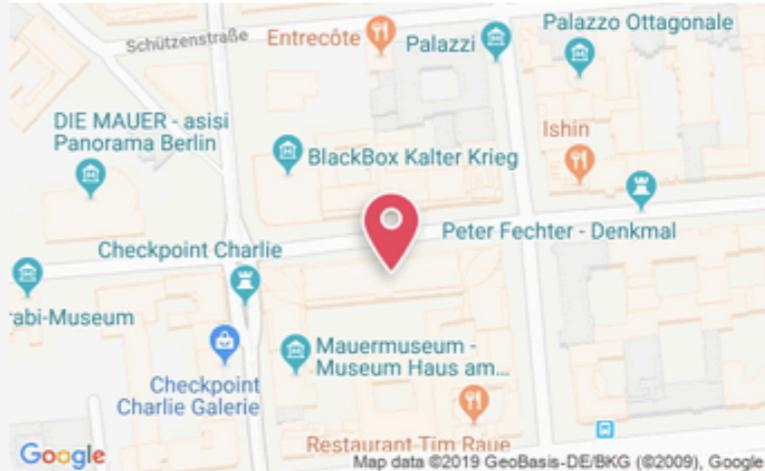
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# **EMPORIO CELESTIAL**

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By Jorge Luis Borges



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## Celestial Emporium of Benevolent Knowledge

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### Influences of the list [edit]

This list has stirred considerable philosophical and literary commentary.

Michel Foucault begins his preface to *The Order of Things*.<sup>[6]</sup>

This book first arose out of a passage in Borges, out of the laughter that shattered, as I read the passage, all the familiar landmarks of thought—our thought, the thought that bears the stamp of our age and our geography—breaking up all the ordered surfaces and all the planes with which we are accustomed to tame the wild profusion of existing things and continuing long afterwards to disturb and threaten with collapse our age-old definitions between the Same and the Other.

Foucault then quotes Borges' passage.

Louis Sass has suggested, in response to Borges' list, that such "Chinese" thinking shows signs of typical schizophrenic thought processes.<sup>[7]</sup> By contrast, the linguist George Lakoff has pointed out that while Borges' list is not possibly a human categorization, many categorizations of objects found in nonwestern cultures have a similar feeling to Westerners.<sup>[8]</sup>

Keith Windschitl, an Australian historian, cited alleged acceptance of the authenticity of the list by many academics as a sign of the degeneration of the Western academy<sup>[9]</sup> and a terminal lack of humor.

### Attribution [edit]

Scholars have questioned whether the attribution of the list to Franz Kuhn is genuine. While Kuhn did indeed translate Chinese literature, Borges' works often feature many learned pseudo-references resulting in a mix of facts and fiction. To date, no evidence for the existence of such a list has been found.<sup>[10]</sup>

Borges himself questions the veracity of the quote in his essay, referring to "the unknown (or false) Chinese encyclopaedia writer".<sup>[11]</sup>

### See also [edit]

- *An Essay towards a Real Character and a Philosophical Language*, the 1668 work of philosopher John Wilkins that was the subject of Borges' essay
- *Book of Imaginary Beings*, Borges' bestiary, a catalog of fantastic animals
- *Leishu* – a genre of reference books historically compiled in China and other countries of the Sinosphere

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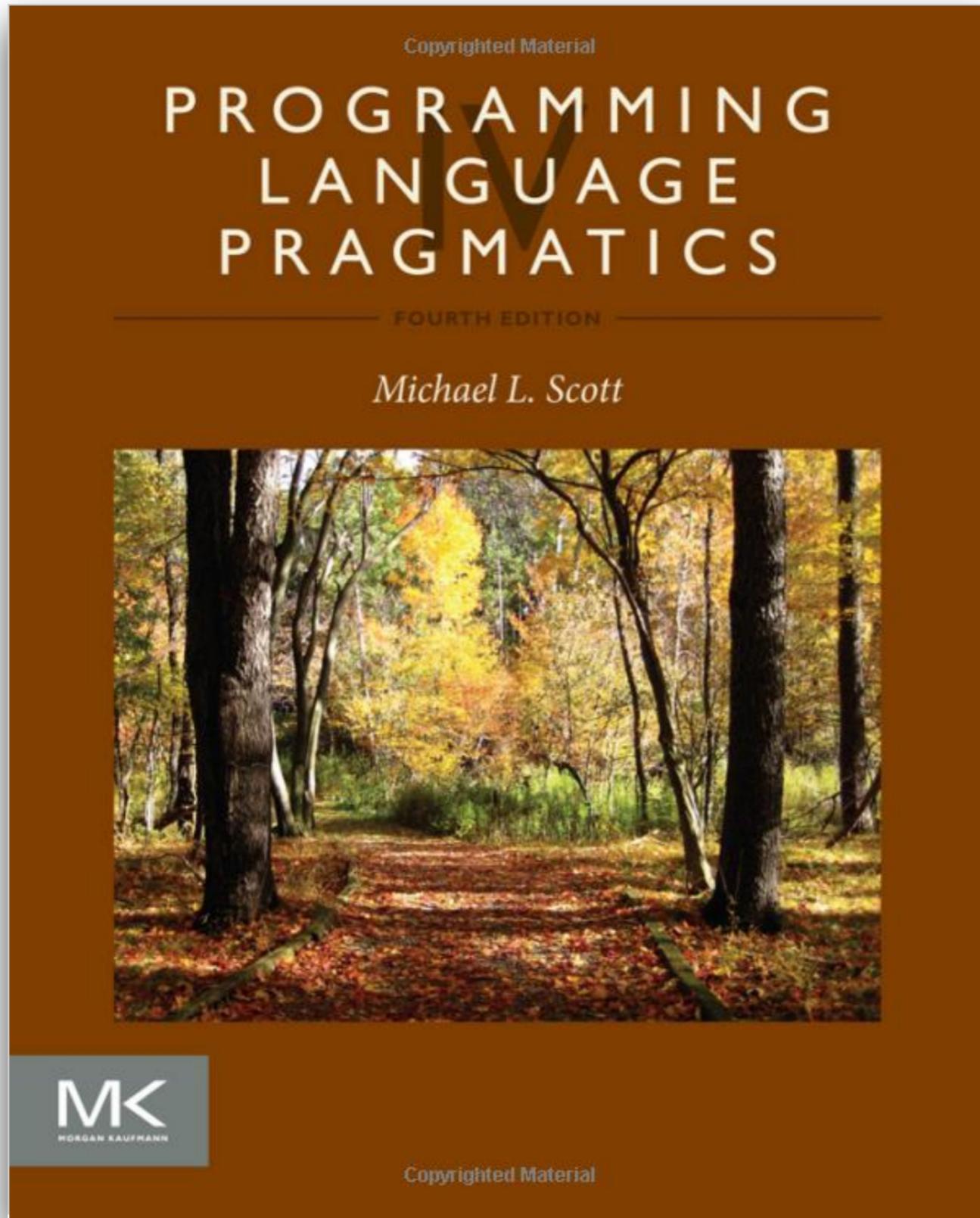
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Programming language categories

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# GCD ASM X86

Máximo divisor  
comum em  
assembly x86  
(Scott, 2015)

```
pushl %ebp          # \
movl %esp, %ebp    # ) reserve space for local variables
subl $16, %esp     # /
call getInt         # read
movl %eax, -8(%ebp) # store i
call getInt         # read
movl %eax, -12(%ebp) # store j
A: movl -8(%ebp), %edi # load i
   movl -12(%ebp), %ebx # load j
   cmpl %ebx, %edi     # compare
   je D                # jump if i == j
   movl -8(%ebp), %edi # load i
   movl -12(%ebp), %ebx # load j
   cmpl %ebx, %edi     # compare
   jle B               # jump if i < j
   movl -8(%ebp), %edi # load i
   movl -12(%ebp), %ebx # load j
   subl %ebx, %edi     # i = i - j
   movl %edi, -8(%ebp) # store i
   jmp C
B: movl -12(%ebp), %edi # load j
   movl -8(%ebp), %ebx # load i
   subl %ebx, %edi     # j = j - i
   movl %edi, -12(%ebp) # store j
C: jmp A
D: movl -8(%ebp), %ebx # load i
   push %ebx           # push i (pass to putint)
   call putInt         # write
   addl $4, %esp        # pop i
   leave               # deallocate space for local variables
   mov $0, %eax         # exit status for program
   ret                 # return to operating system
```

Figure 1.7 Naive x86 assembly language for the GCD program.

## GCD EM C, OCAML E PROLOG

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```
int gcd(int a, int b) {                                // C
    while (a != b) {
        if (a > b) a = a - b;
        else b = b - a;
    }
    return a;
}

let rec gcd a b =                                     (* OCaml *)
    if a = b then a
    else if a > b then gcd b (a - b)
    else gcd a (b - a)

gcd(A,B,G) :- A = B, G = A.                         % Prolog
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**Figure I.2** The GCD algorithm in C (top), OCaml (middle), and Prolog (bottom). All three versions assume (without checking) that their inputs are positive integers.

# GCD IN GO

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```
func Gcd(a, b int) int {  
    for a != b {  
        if a > b {  
            a -= b  
        } else {  
            b -= a  
        }  
    }  
    return a  
}
```

Imperative style

```
func Gcd(a, b int) int {  
    if a == b {  
        return a  
    }  
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        return Gcd(b, a-b)  
    }  
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Functional style

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Bad fit for Go:  
no tail-call  
optimisation

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Functional style

# SCOTT'S CLASSIFICATION

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## 1.2 The Programming Language Spectrum

### Example 1.3

#### Classification of programming languages

The many existing languages can be classified into families based on their model of computation. [Figure 1.1](#) shows a common set of families. The top-level division distinguishes between the *declarative* languages, in which the focus is on *what* the computer is to do, and the *imperative* languages, in which the focus is on *how* the computer should do it.■

| declarative             |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| functional              | Lisp/Scheme, ML, Haskell     |
| dataflow                | Id, Val                      |
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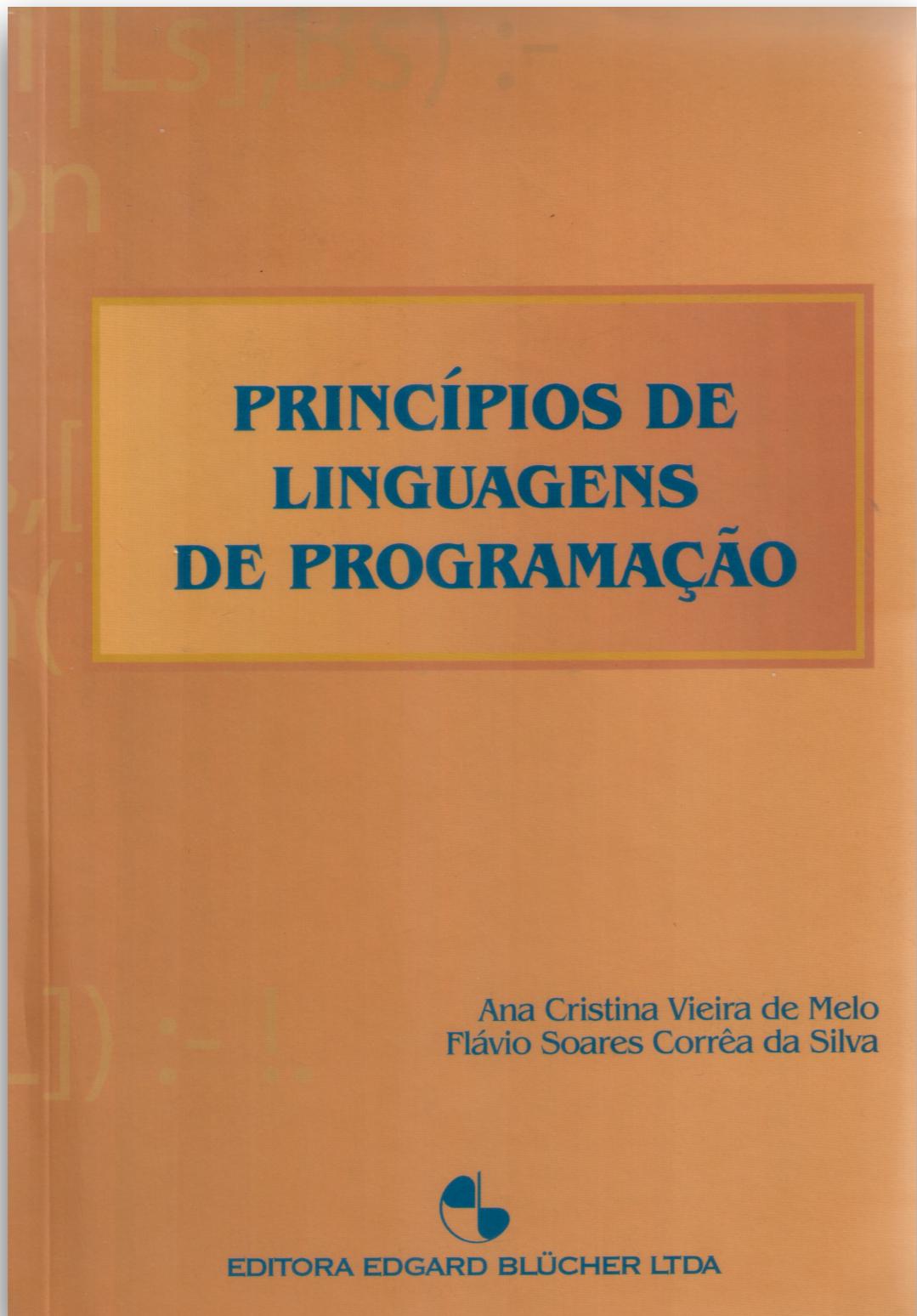
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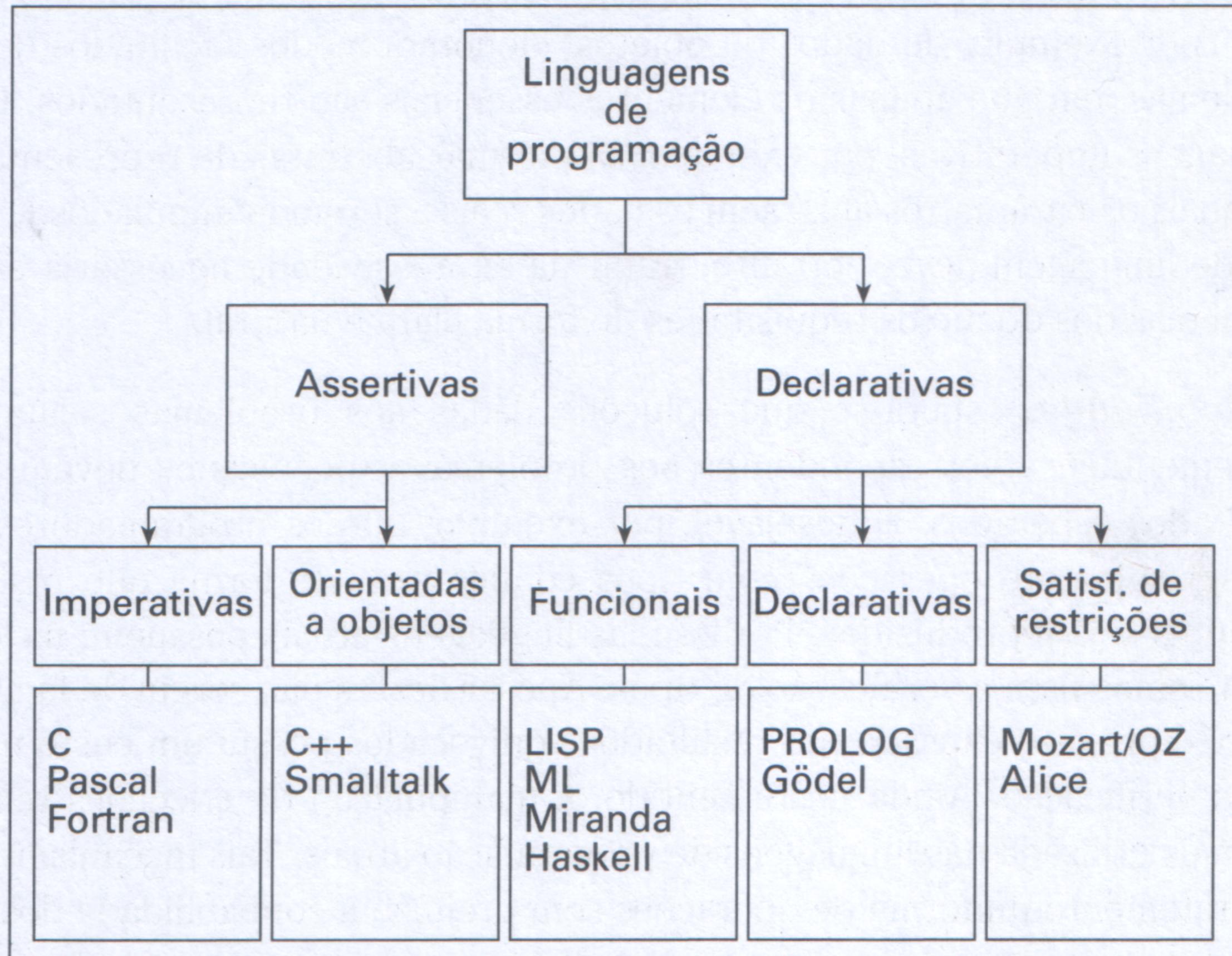
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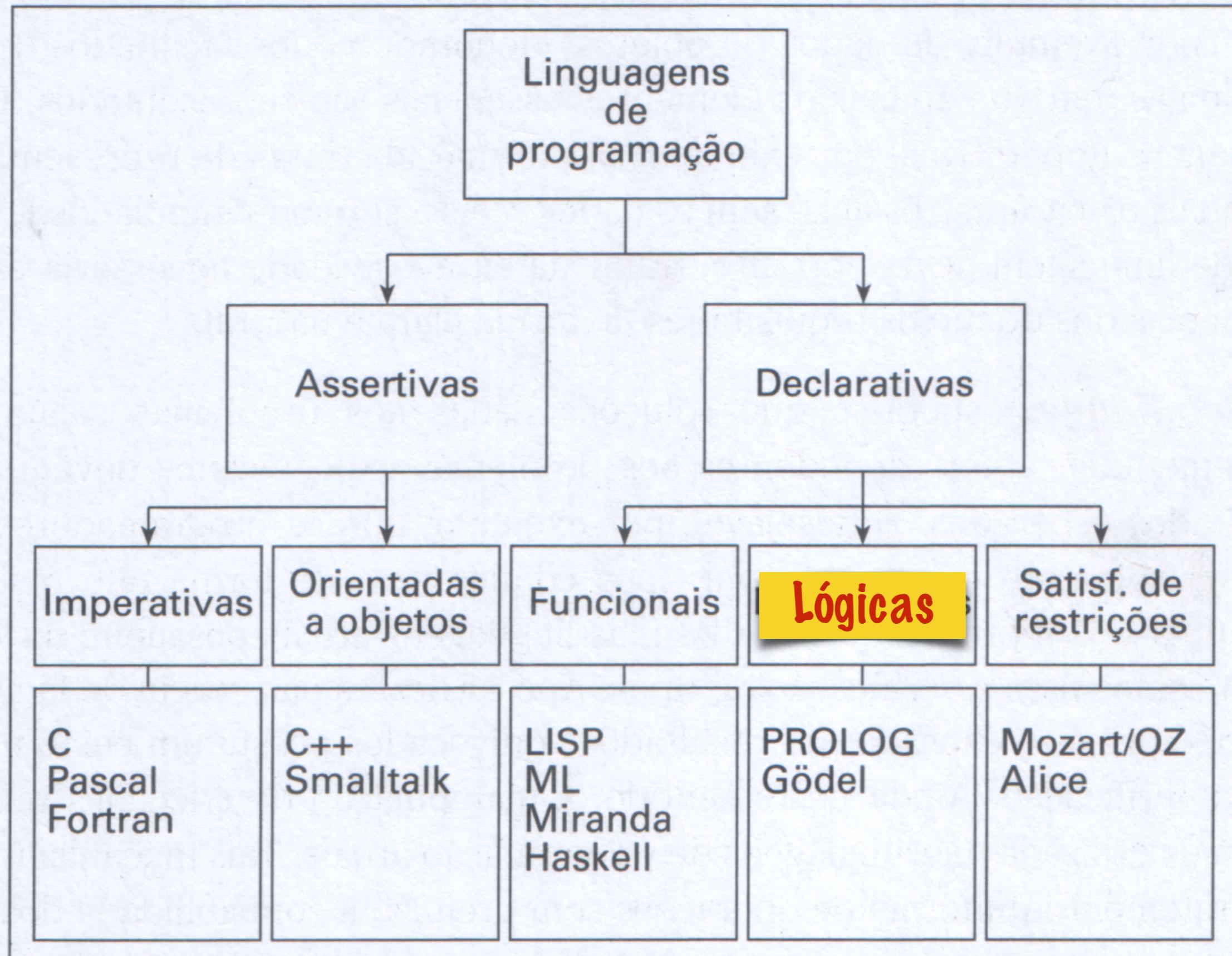


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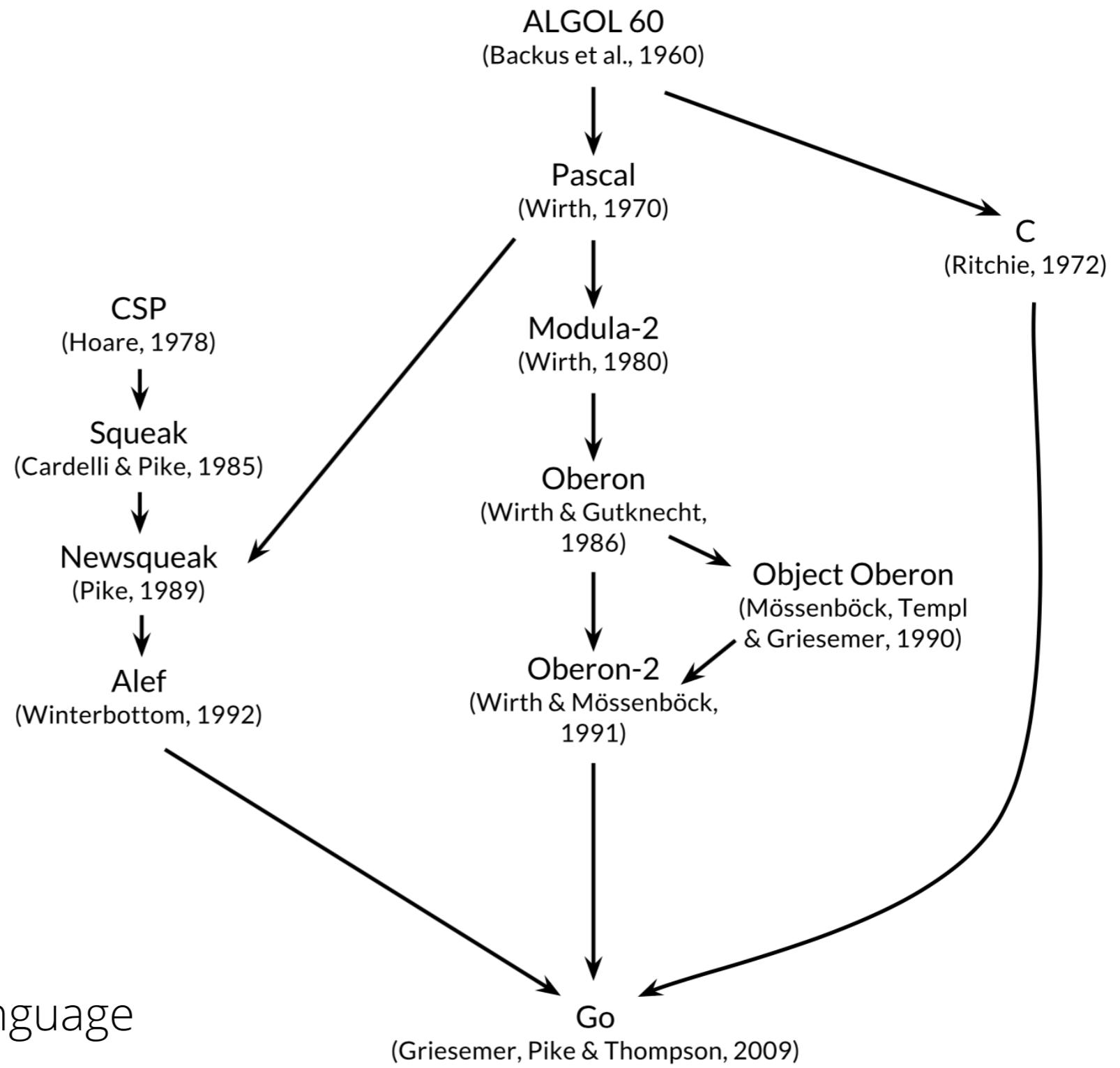
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SP = Triple Point  
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| Atomic Number | Boiling Point           |
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| Symbol        |                         |
| Name          |                         |
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| 1             | Hydrogen 1.008          |
| 2             | Be Beryllium 9.012      |
| 3             | Lithium 6.941           |
| 4             | Magnesium 24.305        |
| 11            | Sodium 22.990           |
| 12            | Mg Magnesium 24.305     |
| 19            | K Potassium 39.098      |
| 20            | Ca Calcium 40.078       |
| 21            | Sc Scandium 44.956      |
| 22            | Ti Titanium 47.88       |
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| 100 | Fm Fermium 257.095      |
| 101 | Md Mendelevium 258.1    |
| 102 | No Nobelium 259.101     |
| 103 | Lr Lawrencium [262]     |

**Classification Legend:**

- Alkali Metal
- Alkaline Earth
- Transition Metal
- Basic Metal
- Semimetal
- Nonmetal
- Halogen
- Noble Gas
- Lanthanide
- Actinide

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# A CLASSIFICATION BASED ON HARD FACTS

**"Noble" gases!?**

**Periodic Table of the Elements**

| 1<br>IA<br>1A                                                                                                                                | H<br>Hydrogen<br>1.008   | 2<br>IIA<br>2A                   | Be<br>Beryllium<br>9.012       | 3<br>IIIB<br>3B                     | Li<br>Lithium<br>6.941          | 4<br>IVB<br>4B                    | Mg<br>Magnesium<br>24.305        | 5<br>VB<br>5B                    | V<br>Vanadium<br>50.942          | 6<br>VIB<br>6B                   | Cr<br>Chromium<br>51.996           | 7<br>VIIB<br>7B                  | Mn<br>Manganese<br>54.938       | 8                                 | Fe<br>Iron<br>55.933             | 9                                | Co<br>Cobalt<br>58.933 | 10                           | Ni<br>Nickel<br>58.693  | 11<br>IB<br>1B            | Cu<br>Copper<br>63.546 | 12<br>IIB<br>2B         | Zn<br>Zinc<br>65.39       | 13<br>IIIA<br>3A            | B<br>Boron<br>10.811       | 14<br>IVA<br>4A            | C<br>Carbon<br>12.011       | 15<br>VA<br>5A           | N<br>Nitrogen<br>14.007       | 16<br>VIA<br>6A             | O<br>Oxygen<br>15.999        | 17<br>VIIA<br>7A             | F<br>Fluorine<br>18.998      | 18<br>VIIIA<br>8A           | He<br>Helium<br>4.003     |                        |
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| 1<br>-252.762                                                                                                                                | 3<br>1342                | 4<br>2471                        | 11<br>882.940                  | 12<br>1090                          | 19<br>759                       | 20<br>1484                        | 21<br>2836                       | 22<br>3287                       | 23<br>3407                       | 24<br>2671                       | 25<br>2061                         | 26<br>2861                       | 27<br>2927                      | 28<br>2913                        | 29<br>2562                       | 30<br>907                        | 31<br>2204             | 32<br>2833                   | 33<br>616.5P            | 34<br>685                 | 35<br>1587             | 36<br>-153.34           |                           |                             |                            |                            |                             |                          |                               |                             |                              |                              |                              |                             |                           |                        |
| Normal boiling points are in °C.<br>SP = Triple Point<br>Pressure is listed if not 1 atm.<br>Allotrope is listed if more than one allotrope. |                          |                                  |                                |                                     |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                    |                                  |                                 |                                   |                                  |                                  |                        |                              |                         |                           |                        |                         |                           |                             |                            |                            |                             |                          |                               |                             |                              |                              |                              |                             |                           |                        |
| 38<br>688                                                                                                                                    | 39<br>1382               | 40<br>3345                       | 41<br>4409                     | 42<br>4744                          | 43<br>4639                      | 44<br>4265                        | 45<br>4150                       | 46<br>3695                       | 47<br>2963                       | 48<br>2162                       | 49<br>767                          | 50<br>2072                       | 51<br>1587                      | 52<br>988                         | 53<br>1587                       | 54<br>-108.09                    | 55<br>671              | 56<br>1897                   | 57-71                   | 72<br>4603                | 73<br>5458             | 74<br>5555              | 75<br>5596                | 76<br>5012                  | 77<br>4428                 | 78<br>3825                 | 79<br>2856                  | 80<br>356.62             | 81<br>1473                    | 82<br>1749                  | 83<br>1564                   | 84<br>962                    | 85<br>1564                   | 86<br>-61.7                 |                           |                        |
| Fr<br>Francium<br>223.020                                                                                                                    | Rb<br>Rubidium<br>84.468 | Sr<br>Strontium<br>87.62         | Y<br>Yttrium<br>88.906         | Zr<br>Zirconium<br>91.224           | Nb<br>Niobium<br>92.906         | Mo<br>Molybdenum<br>95.95         | Tc<br>Technetium<br>98.907       | Ru<br>Ruthenium<br>101.07        | Rh<br>Rhodium<br>102.906         | Pd<br>Palladium<br>106.42        | Ag<br>Silver<br>107.868            | Cd<br>Cadmium<br>112.411         | In<br>Indium<br>114.818         | Sn<br>Tin<br>118.71               | Sb<br>Antimony<br>121.760        | Te<br>Tellurium<br>127.6         | I<br>Iodine<br>126.904 | Xe<br>Xenon<br>131.29        | Cs<br>Cesium<br>132.905 | Ba<br>Barium<br>137.327   |                        | Hf<br>Hafnium<br>178.49 | Ta<br>Tantalum<br>180.948 | W<br>Tungsten<br>183.85     | Re<br>Rhenium<br>186.207   | Os<br>Osmium<br>190.23     | Ir<br>Iridium<br>192.22     | Pt<br>Platinum<br>195.08 | Au<br>Gold<br>196.967         | Hg<br>Mercury<br>200.59     | Tl<br>Thallium<br>204.383    | Pb<br>Lead<br>207.2          | Bi<br>Bismuth<br>208.980     | Po<br>Polonium<br>[208.982] | At<br>Astatine<br>209.987 | Rn<br>Radon<br>222.018 |
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*Clay Shirky*

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# A BETTER APPROACH

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Fundamental Features of Programming Languages

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# FEATURES

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Understand core features, not just syntax and libraries

# SAMPLE FEATURES × LANGUAGES

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| First-class functions | ✓              |
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| Iterators             | *              |
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|-----------------------|-------------|---------|
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| Iterators             | *           |         |
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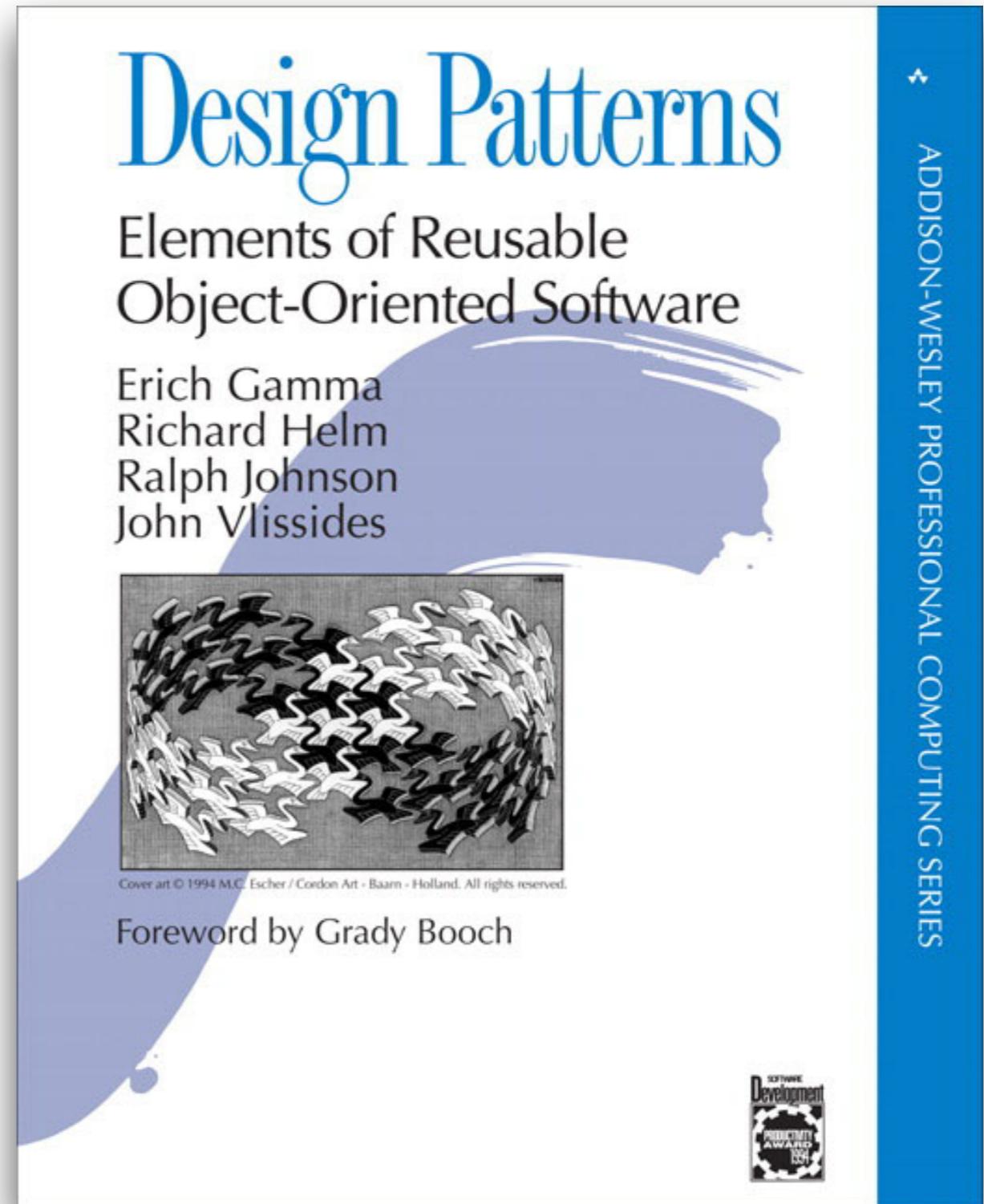
When languages fall short

# GOF: CLASSIC BOOK BY THE “GANG OF FOUR”

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Design Patterns:  
Elements of Reusable  
Object-Oriented  
Software (1995)

Erich Gamma  
Richard Helm  
Ralph Johnson  
John Vlissides



# NOT EVERY PATTERN IS UNIVERSAL

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# **Design Patterns in Dynamic Programming**

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Harlequin Inc.

## (2) Design Patterns in Dynamic Languages

- ◆ Dynamic Languages have fewer language limitations
  - Less need for bookkeeping objects and classes
  - Less need to get around class-restricted design
- ◆ Study of the *Design Patterns* book:  
16 of 23 patterns have qualitatively simpler implementation in Lisp or Dylan than in C++ for at least some uses of each pattern
- ◆ Dynamic Languages encourage new designs  
We will see some in Part (3)

# *Design Patterns in Dylan or Lisp*

16 of 23 patterns are either invisible or simpler, due to:

- ◆ First-class types (6): Abstract-Factory, Flyweight, Factory-Method, State, Proxy, Chain-Of-Responsibility
- ◆ First-class functions (4): Command, Strategy, Template-Method, Visitor
- ◆ Macros (2): Interpreter, Iterator
- ◆ Method Combination (2): Mediator, Observer
- ◆ Multimethods (1): Builder
- ◆ Modules (1): Facade

## ITERABLES & ITERATORS

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An excellent abstraction

# ITERATION IN C

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```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    for(int i = 0; i < argc; i++)
        printf("%s\n", argv[i]);
    return 0;
}
```

# ITERATION IN GO

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```
package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "os"
)

func main() {
    for _, arg := range os.Args {
        fmt.Println(arg)
    }
}
```

# ITERATION IN C AND GO

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#include <stdio.h>

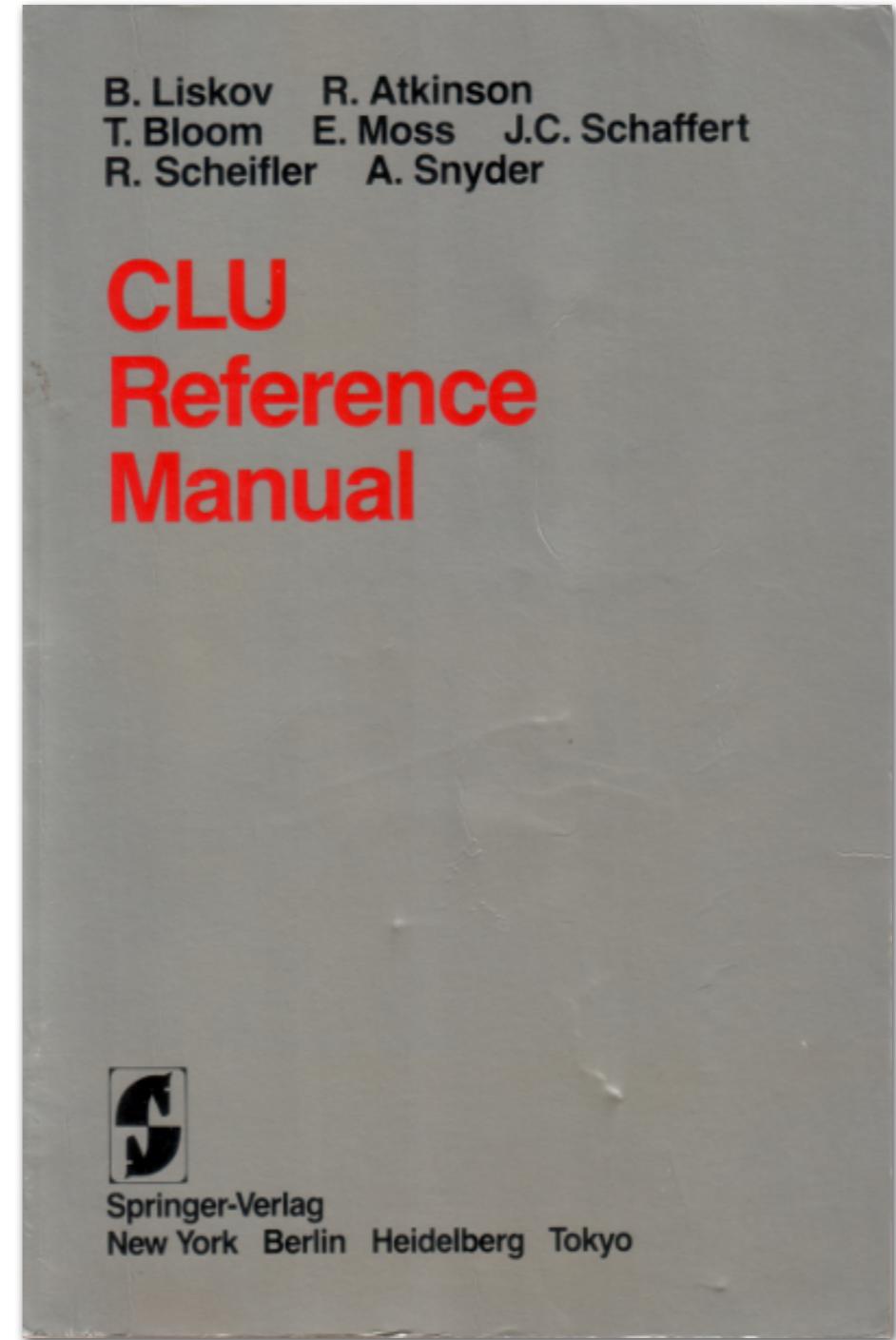
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    }
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```

# FOREACH IN BARBARA LISKOV'S CLU

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Iterators

§1.2

types of results can be returned in the exceptional conditions. All information about the names of conditions, and the number and types of arguments and results is described in the *iterator heading*. For example,

```
leaves = iter (t: tree) yields (node)
```

is the heading for an iterator that produces all leaf nodes of a tree object. This iterator might be used in a **for** statement as follows:

```
for leaf: node in leaves(x) do
  ... examine(leaf) ...
end
```

## 1.3 Clusters

A *cluster* implements a data abstraction, which is a *data type* with associated *operations* to create and manipulate those objects. The cluster also provides *control abstractions*. The *cluster heading* states what operations are available, e.g.,

CLU Reference Manual, p. 2  
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# ITERABLE OBJECTS: THE KEY TO FOREACH

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- Python, Java, CLU etc. let programmers define iterable objects

```
for item in an_iterable:  
    process(item)
```

- In Go, only **array, slice, string, map, channel** are supported by **for/range**

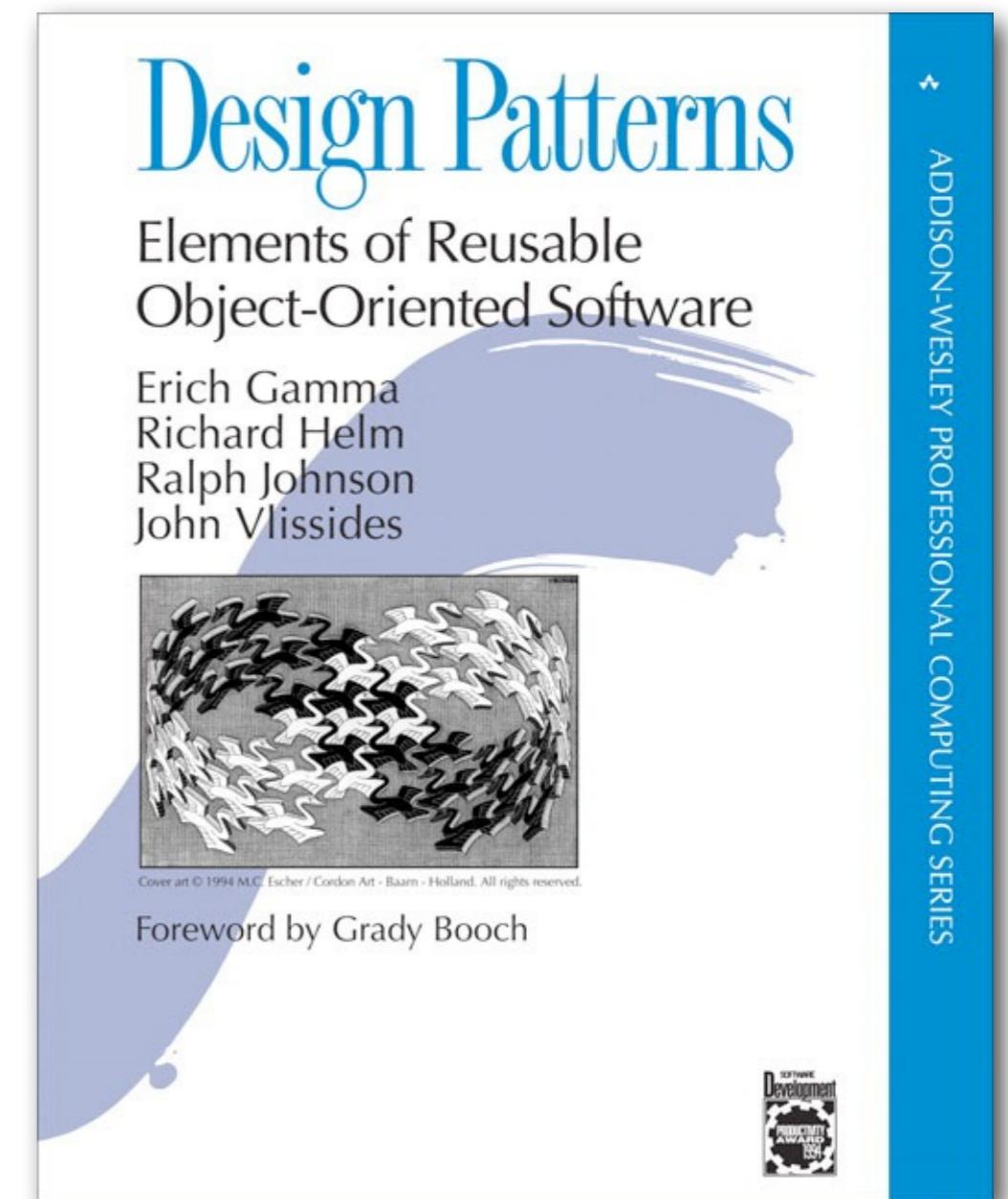
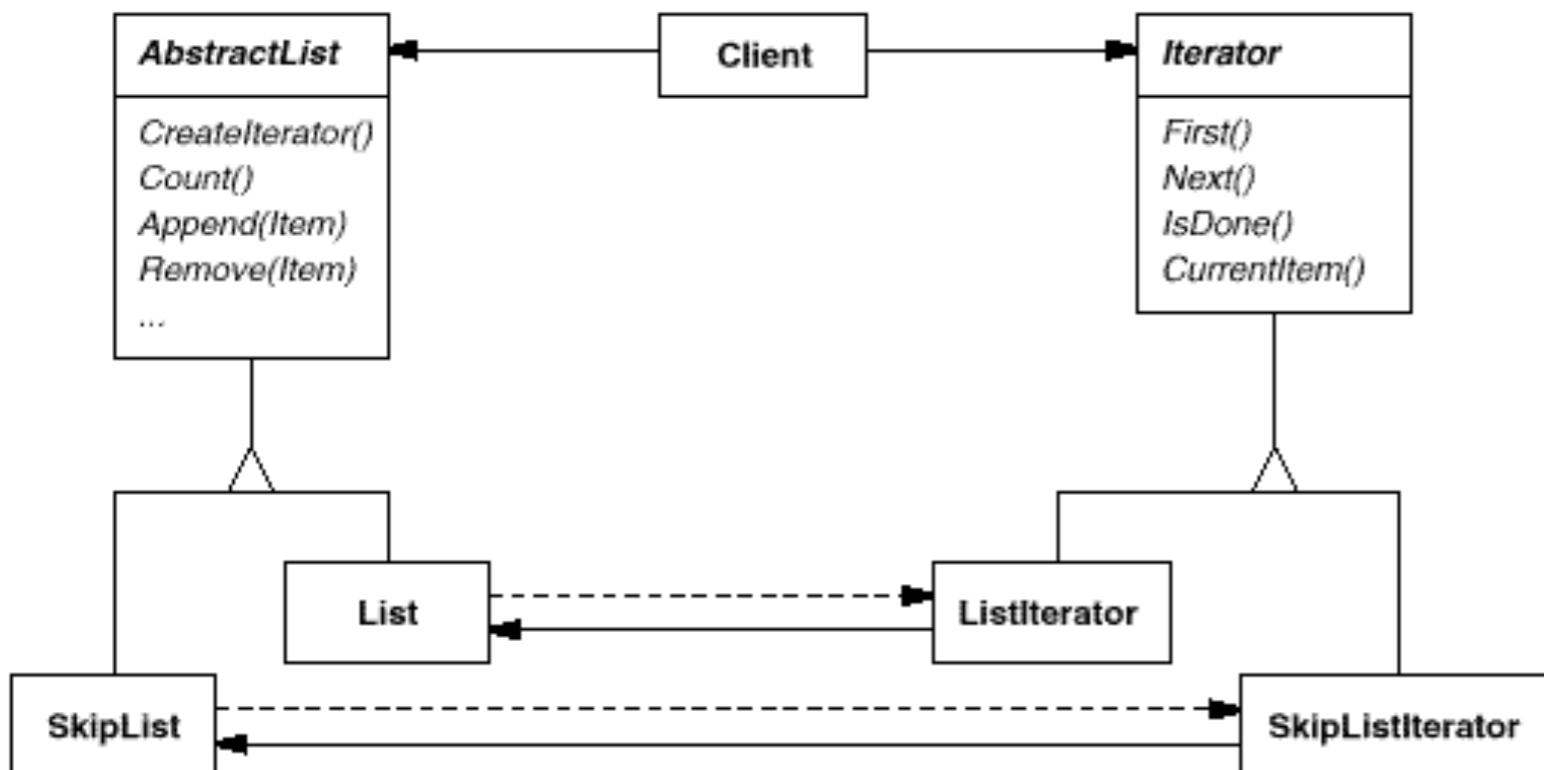
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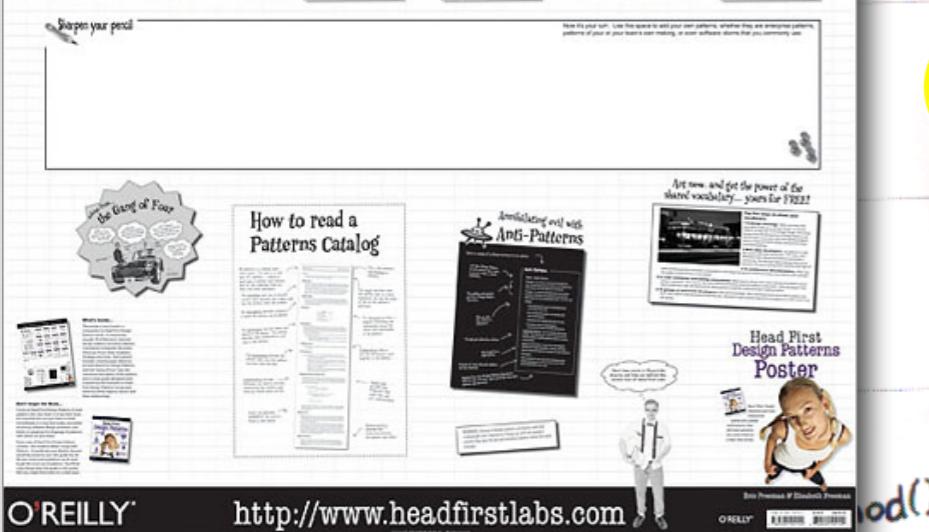
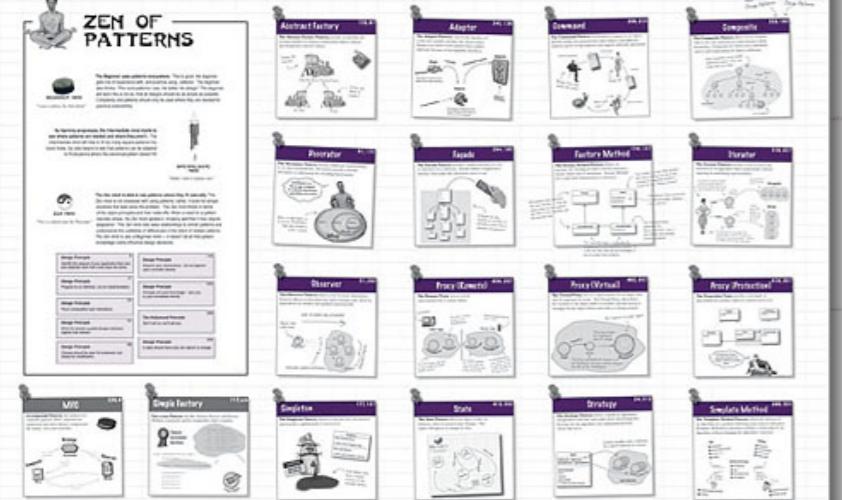
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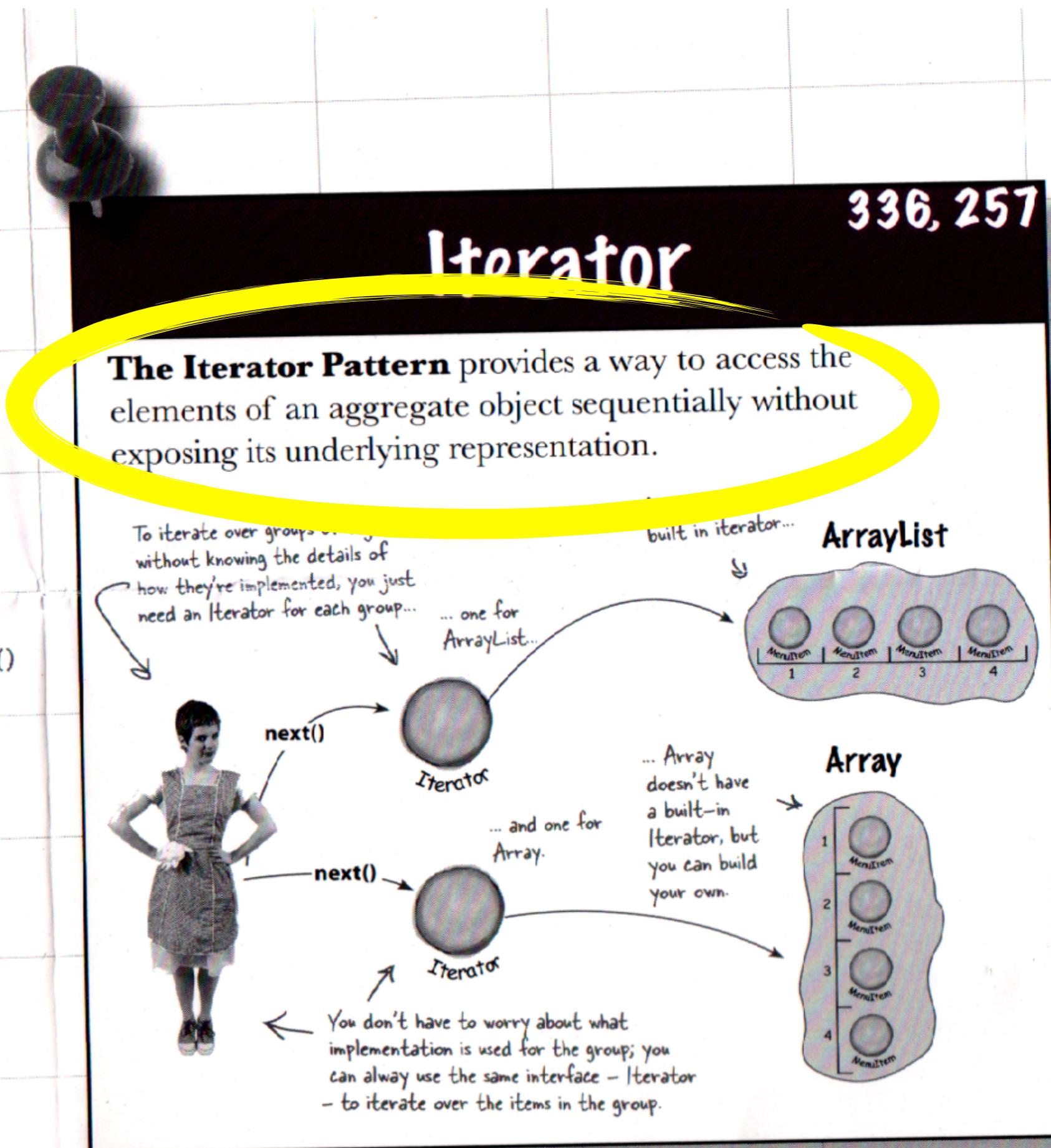
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# CLASSIC ITERATOR IN GO

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The classic recipe in Go

# USING A CLASSIC ITERATOR IN GO

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**for/range** not supported



```
func Example() {
    sample := []float64{0, 1, -2, 3, -4, 5}
    iterator := NewPositiveIterator(sample)
    for iterator.Advance() {
        fmt.Printf("%0.1f ", iterator.Next())
    }
    // Output: 1.0 3.0 5.0
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING A CLASSIC ITERATOR IN GO

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Not too bad  
(if you like Java)



```
type PositiveIterator struct {
    target      []float64
    index       int
    currentValue float64
}

func NewPositiveIterator(s []float64) *PositiveIterator {
    return &PositiveIterator{target: s}
}

func (p *PositiveIterator) Advance() bool {
    for p.index < len(p.target) {
        if v := p.target[p.index]; v > 0 {
            p.currentValue = v
            return true
        }
        p.index++
    }
    return false
}

func (p *PositiveIterator) Next() float64 {
    p.index++
    return p.currentValue
}
```



# CHANNEL-BASED ITERATOR

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Leveraging Go features

# USING A CHANNEL-BASED ITERATOR

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```
func Example() {
    sample := []float64{0, 1, -2, 3, -4, 5}
    for x := range PositiveIterator(sample) {
        fmt.Printf("%0.1f ", x)
    }
    // Output: 1.0 3.0 5.0
}
```

**for/range** supported!



# USAGE COMPARISON

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```
func Example() {  
    sample := []float64{0, 1, -2, 3, -4, 5}  
    for x := range PositiveIterator(sample) {  
        fmt.Printf("%0.1f ", x)  
    }  
    // Output: 1.0 3.0 5.0  
}
```



```
func Example() {  
    sample := []float64{0, 1, -2, 3, -4, 5}  
    iterator := NewPositiveIterator(sample)  
    for iterator.Advance() {  
        fmt.Printf("%0.1f ", iterator.Next())  
    }  
    // Output: 1.0 3.0 5.0  
}
```

# IMPLEMENTING A CHANNEL-BASED ITERATOR

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```
func PositiveIterator(s []float64) <-chan float64 {
    ch := make(chan float64)
    go func() {
        for _, v := range s {
            if v > 0 {
                ch <- v
            }
        }
        close(ch) // terminate client loop
    }()
    return ch
}
```

# IMPLEMENTATION COMPARISON

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```
type PositiveIterator struct {
    target      []float64
    index       int
    currentValue float64
}

func NewPositiveIterator(s []float64) *PositiveIterator {
    return &PositiveIterator{target: s}
}

func (p *PositiveIterator) Advance() bool {
    for p.index < len(p.target) {
        if v := p.target[p.index]; v > 0 {
            p.currentValue = v
            return true
        }
        p.index++
    }
    return false
}

func (p *PositiveIterator) Next() float64 {
    p.index++
    return p.currentValue
}
```



```
func PositiveIterator(s []float64) <-chan float64 {
    ch := make(chan float64)
    go func() {
        for _, v := range s {
            if v > 0 {
                ch <- v
            }
        }
        close(ch) // terminate client loop
    }()
    return ch
}
```



## CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS

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The *classic two-method iterator* is more cumbersome to use and to implement.

It is used in the standard library. Ex: **bufio.Scanner** (with methods called **Scan** and **Text**).

Clients can quit at any time; iterator will be garbage-collected.

The *channel-based iterator* is simpler to use and to implement.

However, there is a context switch cost to run a coroutine, and the coroutine may leak if it does not run to completion.

Allowing clients to cancel the iterator requires an additional channel for signaling.



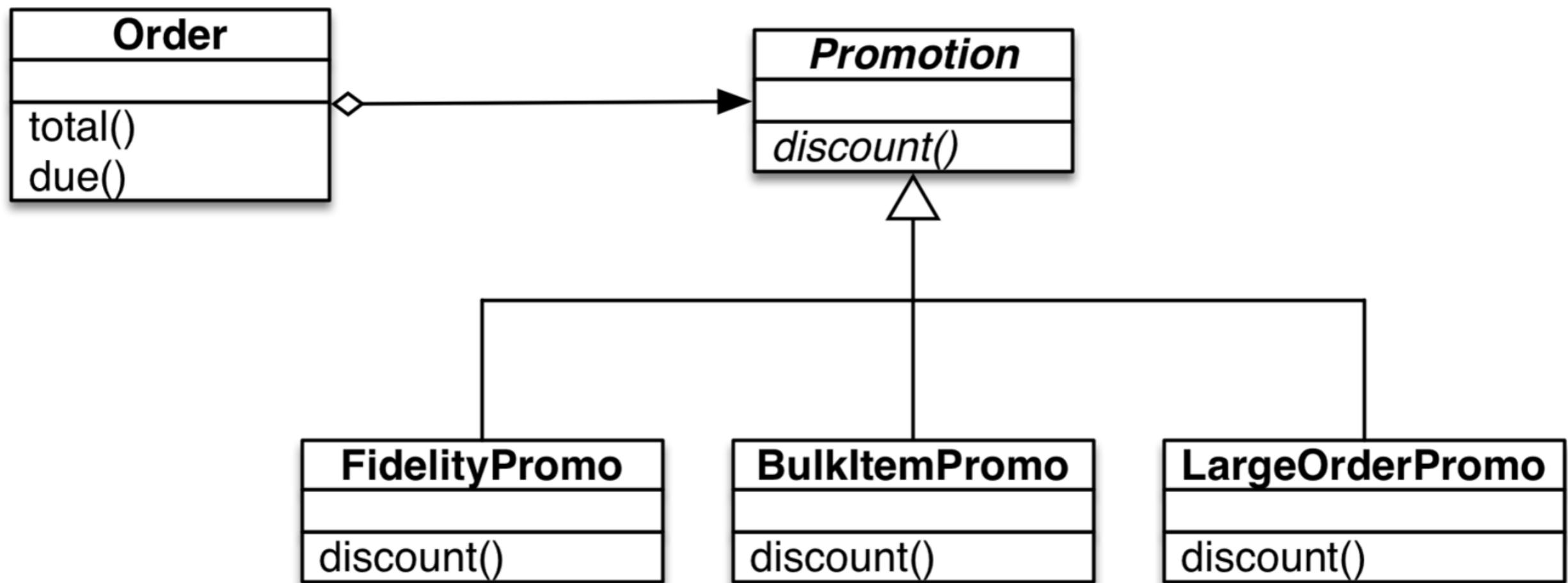
# STRATEGY IN GO

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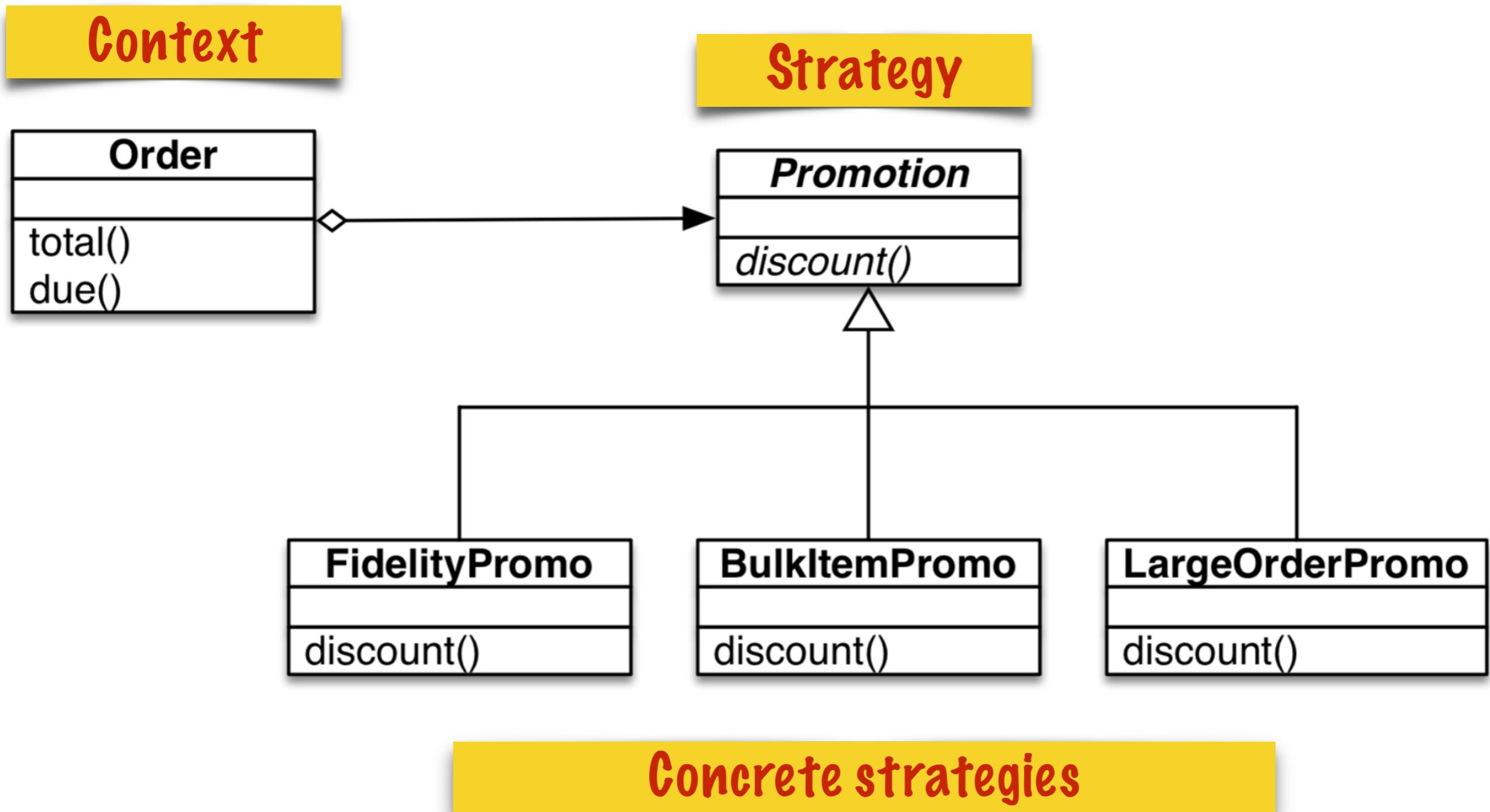
Leveraging core features of Go

# CHOOSE AN ALGORITHM AT RUN TIME

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# CHOOSE AN ALGORITHM AT RUN TIME



# STRATEGY IN GO

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“Classic” implementation with an interface

Implementation with first-class functions

```
22 func TestOrderTotal(t *testing.T) {
23     cart := []LineItem{bananas, apples, mellons}
24     order := Order{joe, cart, FidelityPromo{}}
25     want := 4200
26     got := order.Total()
27     if want != got {
28         t.Errorf("\nwant: %v;\n total: %v", want, got)
29     }
30 }
31
32 func TestNoFidelityOrder(t *testing.T) {
33     cart := []LineItem{bananas, apples, mellons}
34     order := Order{joe, cart, FidelityPromo{}}
35     want := 4200
36     got := order.Due()
37     if want != got {
38         t.Errorf("\nwant: %v;\n got: %v", want, got)
39     }
40 }
41
```

# TESTS (CONT.)

<https://tgo.li/gobeyond2019>

```
42 func TestFidelityOrder(t *testing.T) {
43     customer := Customer{"Ann Smith", 1000}
44     cart := []LineItem{bananas, apples, mellons}
45     order := Order{customer, cart, FidelityPromo{}}
46     want := 3990
47     got := order.Due()
48     if want != got {
49         t.Errorf("\nwant: %v;\n got: %v", want, got)
50     }
51 }
52
53 func TestBulkItemOrder(t *testing.T) {
54     cart := []LineItem{{"banana", 30, 50}, apples}
55     order := Order{joe, cart, BulkItemPromo{}}
56     want := 2850
57     got := order.Due()
58     if want != got {
59         t.Errorf("\nwant: %v;\n got: %v", want, got)
60     }
61 }
62
```

interface/strategy\_test.go

```
1 package main
2
3 import (
4     "fmt"
5 )
6
7 // Customer has name and fidelity points
8 type Customer struct {
9     Name     string
10    Fidelity int
11 }
12
13 // LineItem represents one item in an Order
14 type LineItem struct {
15     Product  string
16     Quantity int
17     Price    int // cents
18 }
19
20 func (li LineItem) Total() int {
21     return li.Quantity * li.Price
22 }
```

```
3 // Order is the context where a Discounter strategy is used
4 type Order struct {
5     Customer Customer
6     Cart      []LineItem
7     Promotion Discounter
8 }
9
10 type Discounter interface {
11     Discount(Order) int
12 }
13
14 func (o Order) Total() int {
15     total := 0
16     for _, item := range o.Cart {
17         total += item.Total()
18     }
19     return total
20 }
21
22 func (o Order) Due() int {
23     return o.Total() - o.Promotion.Discount(o)
24 }
```

Context

Strategy

interface/strategy.go

# CONCRETE STRATEGY

<https://tgo.li/gobeyond2019>

```
30 type FidelityPromo struct{}  
31  
32 // 5% discount for customers with at least 1000 fidelity points  
33 func (p FidelityPromo) Discount(o Order) int {  
34     if o.Customer.Fidelity >= 1000 {  
35         return o.Total() / 20 // %5  
36     }  
37     return 0  
38 }
```

interface/store.go

```
40 type BulkItemPromo struct{}  
41  
42 // 10% discount for each line item with at least 20 units  
43 func (p BulkItemPromo) Discount(o Order) int {  
44     discount := 0  
45     for _, item := range o.Cart {  
46         if item.Quantity >= 20 {  
47             discount += item.Total() / 10  
48         }  
49     }  
50     return discount  
51 }  
52  
53 type LargeOrderPromo struct{}  
54  
55 // 7% discount for orders with 10 or more items  
56 func (p LargeOrderPromo) Discount(o Order) int {  
57     if len(o.Cart) >= 10 {  
58         return o.Total() * 7 / 100  
59     }  
60     return 0  
61 }
```

# STRATEGY WITH FIRST CLASS FUNCTIONS

The diagram illustrates the evolution of a Go program from an interface-based design to one using first-class functions. It shows two tabs: 'interface | functions' (file A) and 'strategy.go (interface) | strategy.go (functions)' (file B).

**File A (interface.go):**

```
1 package main
2
3 // Order is the context where a Discounter strategy is used
4 type Order struct {
5     Customer Customer
6     Cart      []LineItem
7     ▶ Promotion Discounter
8 }
9
10 type Discounter interface {
11     ▶ Discount(Order) int
12 }
13
14 func (o Order) Total() int {
15     total := 0
16     for _, item := range o.Cart {
17         total += item.Total()
18     }
19     return total
20 }
21
22 func (o Order) Due() int {
23     ▶ return o.Total() - o.Promotion.Discount(o)
24 }
25
```

**File B (strategy.go):**

```
1 package main
2
3 // Order is the context where a promotion discount strategy is used
4 type Order struct {
5     Customer Customer
6     Cart      []LineItem
7     ▶ Promotion func(Order) int
8 }
9
10 func (o Order) Total() int {
11     total := 0
12     for _, item := range o.Cart {
13         total += item.Total()
14     }
15     return total
16 }
17
18 func (o Order) Due() int {
19     ▶ return o.Total() - o.Promotion(o)
20 }
21
```

Annotations highlight specific changes:

- Line 3: The comment is updated to refer to a "promotion discount strategy".
- Line 7: The field name is changed from "Discounter" to "func(Order) int".
- Line 10: The implementation of the "Total" method is moved to file B.
- Line 18: The implementation of the "Due" method is moved to file B.
- Line 23: The call to "o.Promotion.Discount(o)" is replaced by a call to "o.Promotion(o)".

Toolbars at the bottom include: Blocks, Fluid, Unified, Ignore whitespace, Change 1 of 4, and navigation icons.

# TESTS WITH FUNCTIONS

The screenshot shows a code editor with two tabs open, A and B, side-by-side.

**Tab A: interface | functions**

```
16     t.Errorf("\nwant: %q; \n got: %q", want, got)
17 }
18 }
19
20 var joe = Customer{"John Doe", 0}
21
22 func TestOrderTotal(t *testing.T) {
23     cart := []LineItem{bananas, apples, mellons}
24     ▶ order := Order{joe, cart, FidelityPromo{}}
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43     customer := Customer{"Ann Smith", 1000}
44     cart := []LineItem{bananas, apples, mellons}
45     ▶ order := Order{customer, cart, FidelityPromo{}}
46     want := 3990
```

**Tab B: strategy\_test.go (interface) | strategy\_test.go (functions)**

```
16     t.Errorf("\nwant: %q; \n got: %q", want, got)
17 }
18 }
19
20 var joe = Customer{"John Doe", 0}
21
22 func TestOrderTotal(t *testing.T) {
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46     want := 3990
```

The code in both tabs is identical, demonstrating the use of functions for testing. Lines 24, 34, and 45 are highlighted in purple, indicating they are part of the same function definition across both tabs.

# CONCRETE STRATEGIES AS FUNCTIONS

```
interface | functions 2 | store.go (interface) | store.go (functions) 2 | strategy_test.go (interface) | strategy_test.go (functions) 2 | +  
A [navigation] strategy > interface > store.go B [navigation] strategy > functions > store.go  
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31  
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fidelity points  
33 func (p FidelityPromo) Discount(o Order) int {  
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35         return o.Total() / 20 // %5  
36     }  
37     return 0  
38 }  
39  
40 type BulkItemPromo struct{}  
41  
42 // 10% discount for each line item with at least 20  
units  
43 func (p BulkItemPromo) Discount(o Order) int {  
44     discount := 0  
45     for _, item := range o.Cart {  
46         if item.Quantity >= 20 {  
47             discount += item.Total() / 10  
48         }  
49     }  
50     return discount  
51 }  
52  
53 type LargeOrderPromo struct{}  
54  
55 // 7% discount for orders with 10 or more items  
56 func (p LargeOrderPromo) Discount(o Order) int {  
57     if len(o.Cart) >= 10 {  
58         return o.Total() * 7 / 100  
59     }  
60     return 0  
61 }  
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fidelity points  
64 func FidelityPromo(o Order) int {  
65     if o.Customer.Fidelity >= 1000 {  
66         return o.Total() / 20 // %5  
67     }  
68     return 0  
69 }  
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71 // 10% discount for each line item with at least 20  
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74     for _, item := range o.Cart {  
75         if item.Quantity >= 20 {  
76             discount += item.Total() / 10  
77         }  
78     }  
79     return discount  
80 }  
81  
82 // 7% discount for orders with 10 or more items  
83 func LargeOrderPromo(o Order) int {  
84     if len(o.Cart) >= 10 {  
85         return o.Total() * 7 / 100  
86     }  
87     return 0  
88 }
```

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# WHICH IS MORE IDIOMATIC GO?

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Interfaces v. Functions

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# WHICH IS MORE GOISH?

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Interfaces v. Functions

# INTERFACES V. FIRST CLASS FUNCTIONS

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In the standard library, one-method interfaces are common.

# INTERFACES V. FIRST CLASS FUNCTIONS

But the http package supports both ways\*:

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Go documentation for the `http` package. The URL in the address bar is `https://golang.org/pkg/net/http/`. The browser interface includes standard controls like back, forward, and search, along with a zoom level of 133%.

**func Handle**

```
func Handle(pattern string, handler Handler)
```

Handle registers the handler for the given pattern in the DefaultServeMux. The documentation for ServeMux explains how patterns are matched.

**func HandleFunc**

```
func HandleFunc(pattern string, handler func(ResponseWriter, *Request))
```

HandleFunc registers the handler function for the given pattern in the DefaultServeMux. The documentation for ServeMux explains how patterns are matched.

\*Kumar Iyer (ThoughtWorks): Higher-order functions vs interfaces in golang <http://bit.ly/2j39uKh>



# WRAPPING UP

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Why learn the fundamentals

# WHY LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS\*

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- Learn new languages more easily
- Make the most of language features
- Know how to choose alternative ways of implementation
- Make good use of design patterns
- Debug complicated bugs
- Mimic useful features in languages where they are missing

\* Inspired by Programming  
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