# Perl6? Rakudo? 6Lang?

A Primer

### Who?

## Why?

#### Unicode

```
my $\(\alpha\)1 = "\c[LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH ACUTE]";
my $á2 = `a\x301'';
say "$á1 : $á2";
á:á
say $á1 eq á2;
True
say "$á1 : $á2".uc;
Á: Á
my $a = 2;
$a = ($a * $3_4)^2;
say "æ => $æ";
ae => 2.25
```

#### High level concurrent and asynchronous methods

- Promises
- Supplies (Event Streams)
- Channels (Thread Safe FIFO Data Queues)
- Proc::Async ( Handle external processes in an async fashion )
- Junctions (Threaded superposition of possible values)
- Parallel Iterables ( ordered and unordered results )

Also a complete low level threading model for those who need it.

#### Powerful OO system and typing

Moose-like with Roles and Meta Objects

Functions and Signatures are Objects (everything is an object)

Progressive typing system, method signatures and multi-methods

Use as much or as little of it as you want.

#### Other Stuff

- Runs on MoarVM and on JVM with a few known bugs (being fixed)
- Sets with complete Set Theory operators
- Lazy lists, sequences and iterables
- Grammars allowing for even more complex data parsing
- NativeCall allows for simple integration with C and (on JVM) Java libraries
  - (No XS required)
- Inline::Perl lets you use Perl5 code inside your Perl6 code
  - o If you've compiled Perl5 to do it that is.
- Rational Numbers by default
  - $\circ$  (0.1 + 0.2 0.3 == 0!)
- And much much more.

#### Crazy Example

```
subset UKPostCode of Str where * ~~ rx:i/^[
                                         <[A..PR..UWYZ0..9]>
                                         <[A..HK..Y0..9]>
                                         <[AEHMNPRTVXY0..9]>?
                                         <[ABEHMNPRVWXY0..9]>?
                                         ' ' ** 1..2
                                         <[0..9]>
                                         <[ABD..HJLN..UW..Z]> ** 2
                                         |GIR ' ' OAA$
                                         1$/;
multi checkPC( UKPostCode $pc ) { True }
multi checkPC( $ ) { False }
say checkPC( "se1 2lh" );
True
say checkPC( "BOBS HOUSE" );
False
```

#### **Another Crazy Example**

```
module SI {
    role Unit
       has Numeric $.size;
       has Str $.descriptor;
        method Str(--> Str) {
            return "{\$.size}{\$.descriptor}";
    class Distance does SI::Unit {
        submethod BUILD( Numeric :$!size ) { $!descriptor = 'm';
    sub postfix:<m>( Numeric $size --> SI::Distance ) is export {
        return SI::Distance.new( size => $size );
    class Area does SI::Unit {
        submethod BUILD( Numeric $!size ) { $!descriptor = 'm2';
   multi postfix:<m2>( Numeric $size --> SI::Area ) is export {
        return SI::Area.new( size => $size );
```

```
multi postfix:<2>( SI::Distance $length --> SI::Area )
    is export {
        my $l_n = $length.size;
        return SI::Area.new( size => $l_n * $l_n );
}
multi infix:<*>(
        SI::Distance $height, SI::Distance $width --> SI::Area
) is export {
        my $h_n = $height.size;
        my $w_n = $width.size;
        return SI::Area.new( size => $h_n * $w_n );
}
```

Still working on this one but it's a simple system to let you write SI unit based equations in code.

```
my $h = 10m;
my $w = 20m;
my $a = $h * $w;
say $a; 200m2
```