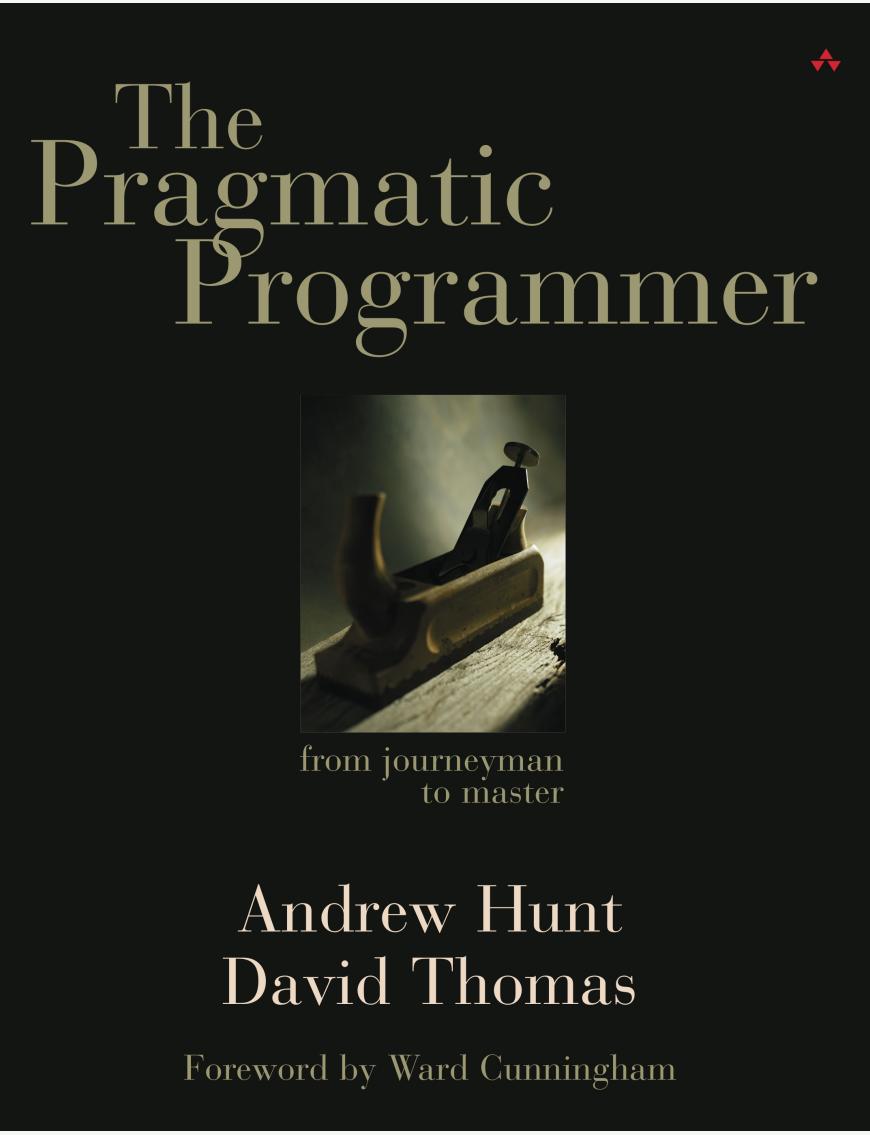


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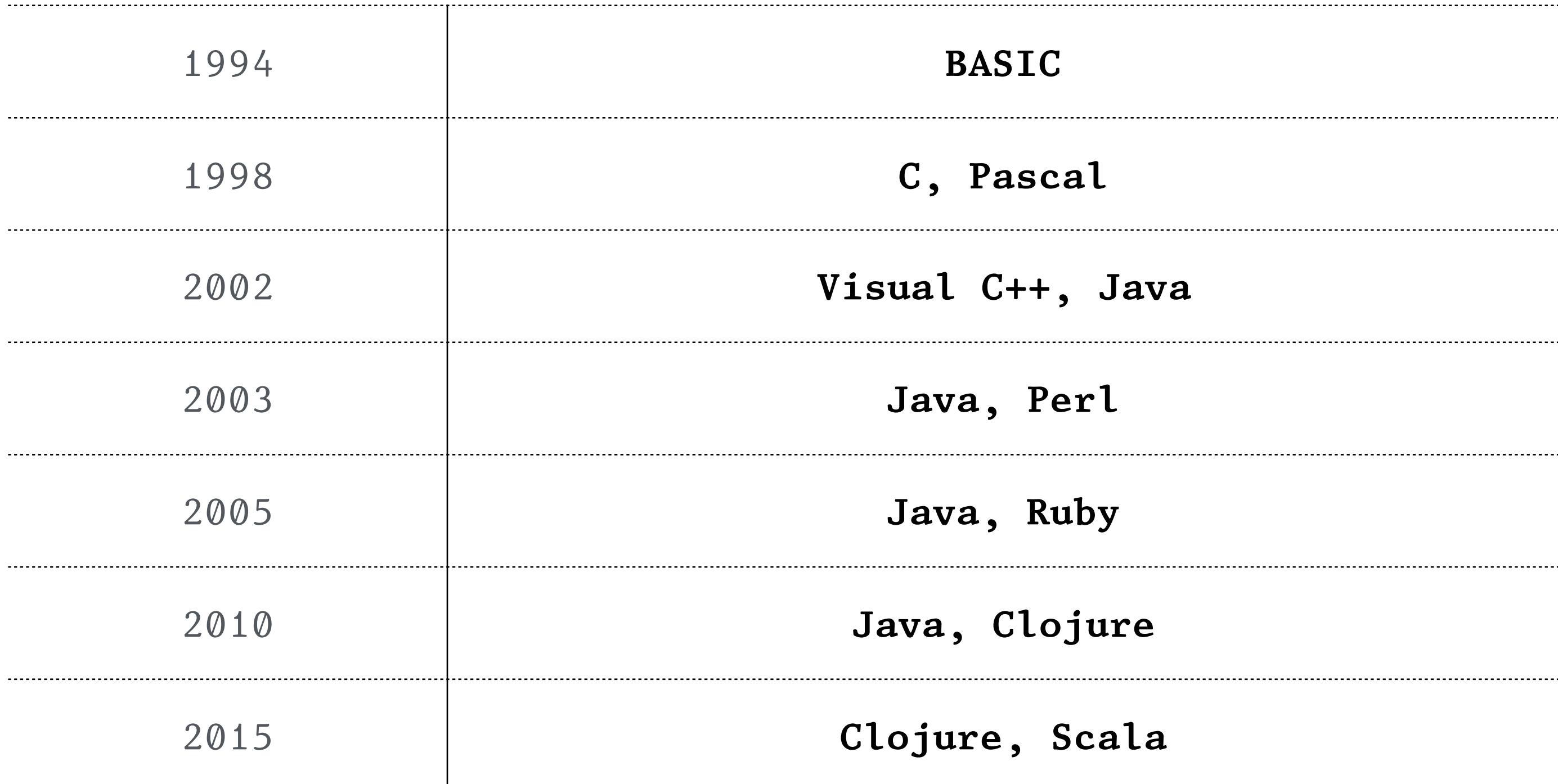


“Learn at least one new language  
every year”

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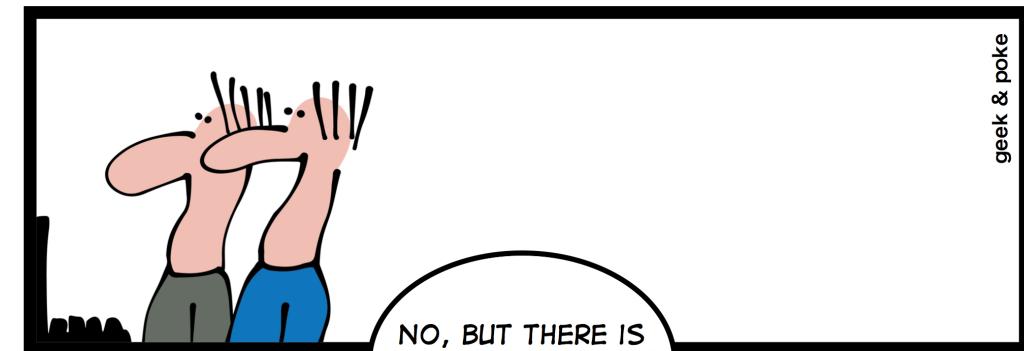
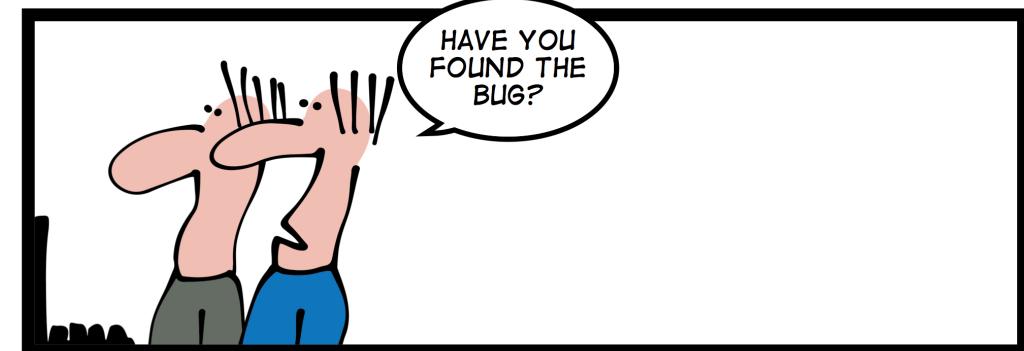
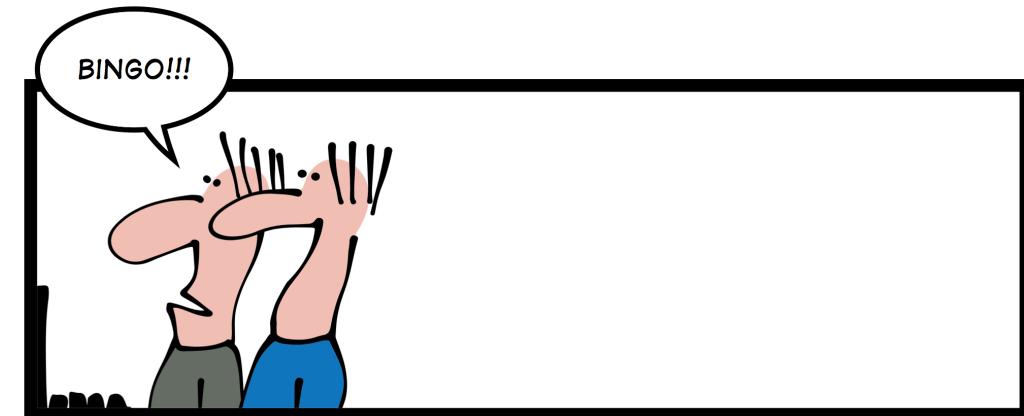




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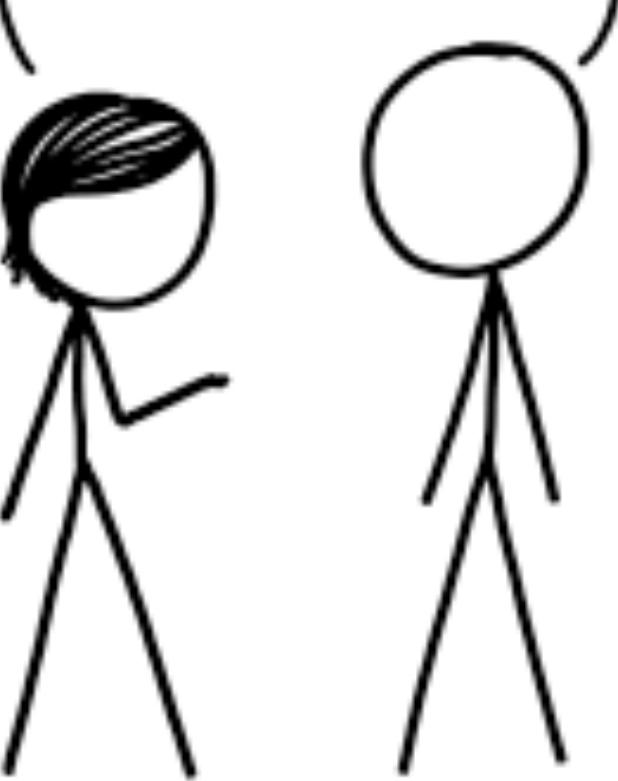
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CODE WRITTEN IN HASKELL  
IS GUARANTEED TO HAVE  
NO SIDE EFFECTS.

...BECAUSE NO ONE  
WILL EVER RUN IT?



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# Clojure

Dynamic

Functional & Immutable

Concurrency Support

Runs on JVM/JavaScript & CLR

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# Clojure

Flexible

Concise

Experimentation/Exploration

Focus on Business Problem

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# Clojure

- REPL: Read, Eval, Print, Loop
- On-the-fly function definition
- Interactive Development

# Clojure is Simple & Elegant

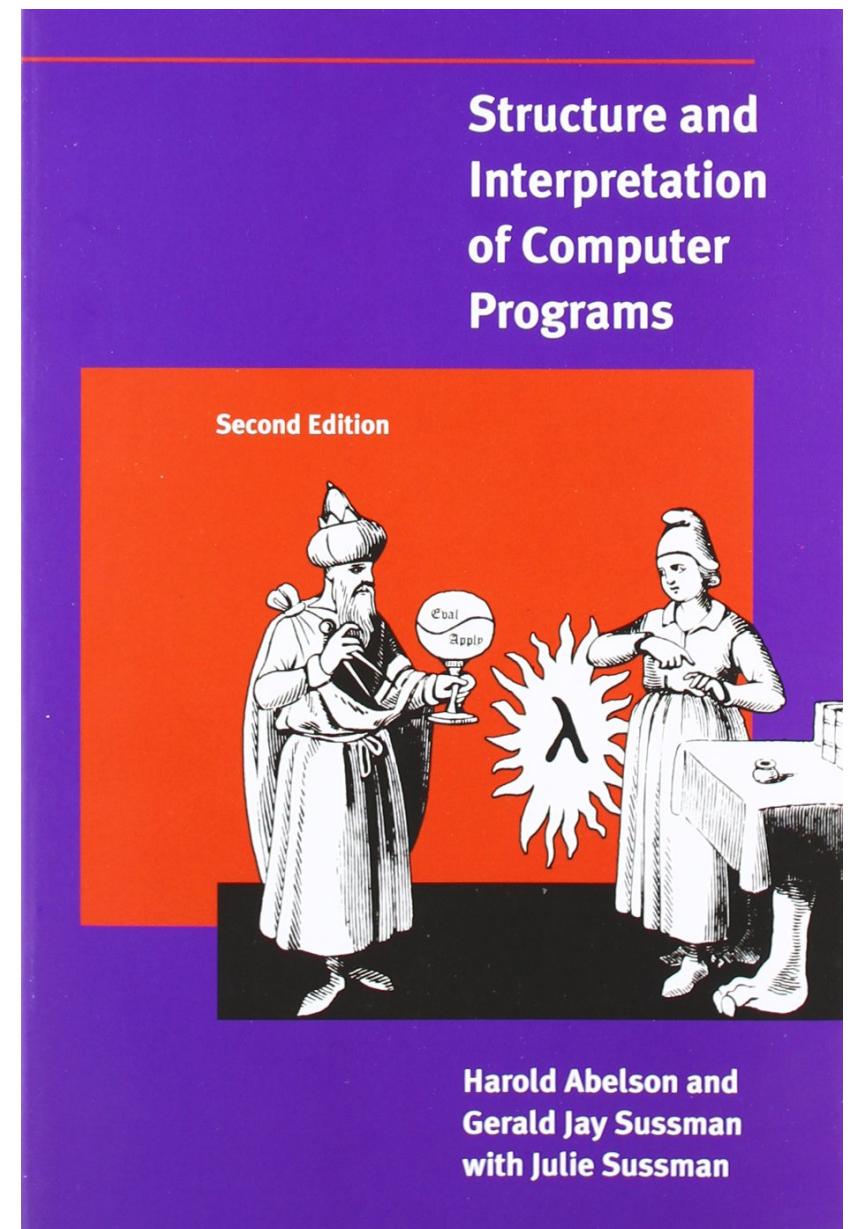
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Every powerful language has

- Primitive Expressions
- Means of Combination
- Means of Abstraction



- Integers, Doubles, Big Decimals & Ratios
  - `12345678987654`, `7.8892`, `1.2345678M` & `5/3`
- Strings & Characters
  - “**Clojure**” & `\d` `\e` `\v` `\o` `\x` `\x`
- Symbols & Keywords
  - `hello` & `:hello`
- Booleans & Null
  - `true`, `false` & `nil`
- Regular Expression Patterns
  - `#“dev*x”`

- Lists – Singly Linked Lists, Prepend-friendly
  - (list 1 “two” 3), (:hello “world”), (1 2 3 4 5)
- Vectors – Indexed, Append-friendly
  - [1 2 3], [“hello” 22/7 “world”]
- Maps – Key/Val Pairs
  - { :hello “Hallo”, :world “Wereld”} , {1 “one”}
- Sets
  - #{“devoxx.be”, “devoxx.uk”, “devoxx.pl”}

```
1 (hello [names] (“hi” “everyone”))  
2 [1 (2 3) [10 20 30]]  
3 {:planets [“earth”, “mars”, “pluto”]}
```

All Data Structures are  
*Immutable and Persistent*

# Clojure has No Syntax\*

\*Almost :)



Data Structures *are* code  
Code is a Data Structure

```
1 (ns helloworld)  
2 (defn say-hello [event] (prn "Hello" event))  
  
=> (say-hello "Devoxx")
```

*Hello Devoxx*

*nil*

- Data Structures are the code
- Everything is just a *List*
  - Declarations
  - Control Structures
  - Functions
  - Operators

*(operation ...)*

- function expression
- macro (code that “writes” code)
- a few special forms

def, do, ., fn, if, let, loop, new, quote, recur,  
set!, throw, try, var



Questions

What are all the uses of an underscore in Scala?

#### Existential types

```
def foo(l: List[Option[_]]) = ...
```

#### Higher kinded type parameters

```
case class A[K[_],T](a: K[T])
```

#### Ignored variables

```
val _ = 5
```

#### Ignored parameters

```
List(1, 2, 3) foreach { _ => println("Hi") }
```

#### Wildcard patterns

```
Some(5) match { case Some(_) => println("Yes") }
```

#### Wildcard imports

```
import java.util._
```

#### Hiding imports

```
import java.util.{ArrayList => _, _}
```

#### Joining letters to punctuation

```
def bang_!(x: Int) = 5
```

#### Assignment operators

```
def foo_=(x: Int) { ... }
```

#### Placeholder syntax

```
List(1, 2, 3) map (_ + 2)
```

#### Partially applied functions

```
List(1, 2, 3) foreach println _
```

There may be others I have forgotten!

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# Clojure is functional

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- easier to reason about
- easier to test
- immutability baked-in
- essential for concurrency

- functions are first-class
- higher-order functions
- recursion
- loop/recur
- trampoline

Clojure has great support for  
concurrency

- No Locks
- Primitives
  - vars, atoms, agents
- Software Transaction Memory
  - MVCC based
  - refs

	<i>Co-ordinated</i>	<i>Asynchronous</i>	<i>Retriable</i>	<i>Thread-Local</i>
Var				✓
Atom			✓	
Agent		✓		
Ref	✓		✓	

## core.async

- channel based concurrency
- first-class channels
- just a library
- also, works in JavaScript

# Clojure is practical

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# Host (JVM) Friendly

- Strings are Java Strings
- Numbers are Java Numbers
- Collections implement **Collection**
- No *conversions* or *asJava* needed
- Functions implement *Runnable*
- Using Java libraries is easy

# ClojureScript

- Brings Clojure to JavaScript
- Great tools
  - Figwheel - live coding
  - react.js integration (OM, Reagent ...)
- Macros!

# Libraries over Frameworks

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# 14199 Libraries

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# Simple build tools



Leiningen



boot

# Editors & IDE Plugins



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Clojure has  
vibrant & friendly community



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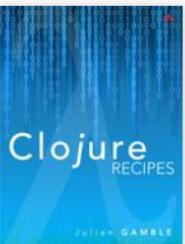
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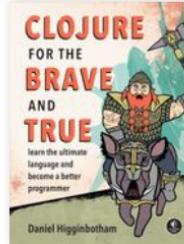
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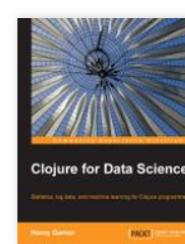
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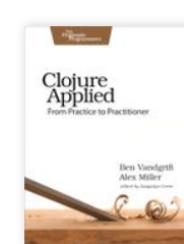
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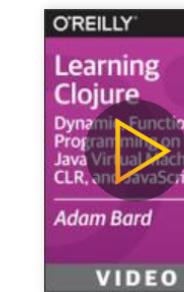
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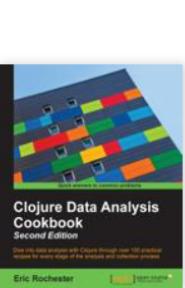
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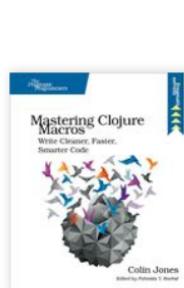
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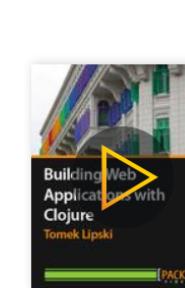
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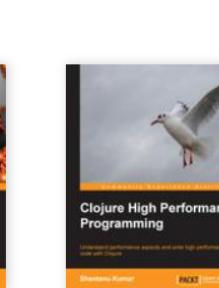
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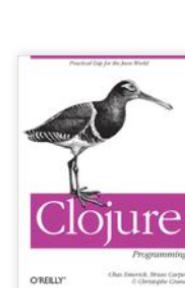
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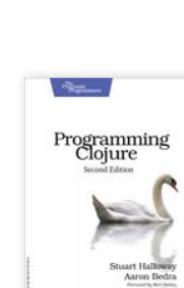
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# Why Clojure?

- is Simple & Elegant
- is functional
- has great support for concurrency
- is practical
- has vibrant & friendly community

# Why *not* Clojure?

	<i>Impure</i>	<i>Pure</i>	<i>Lazy</i>	<i>Strict</i>	<i>Static</i>	<i>Dynamic</i>
<b>Clojure</b>	😊		😊			😊
<b>Frege</b>		😊	😊		😊	
<b>Scala</b>	😱	😱	😱	😱	😱	😱



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