

Une introduction au langage Haskell

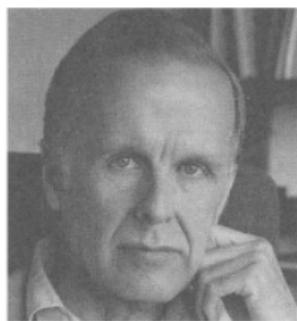
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Can Programming Be Liberated from the von Neumann Style? A Functional Style and Its Algebra of Programs

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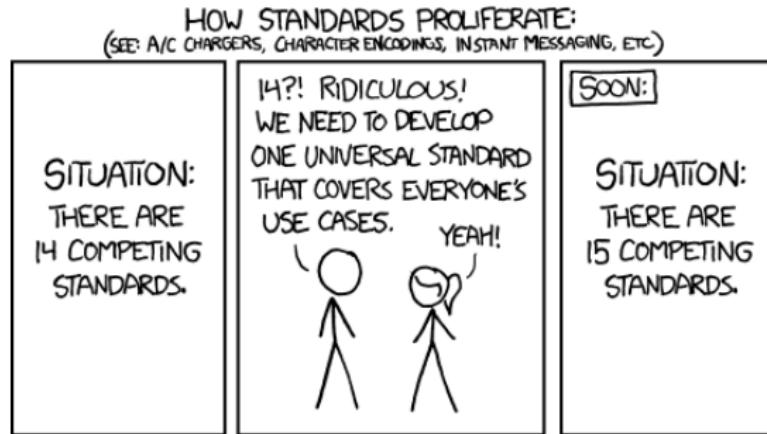
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Conventional programming languages are growing ever more enormous, but not stronger. Inherent defects at the most basic level cause them to be both fat and weak: their primitive word-at-a-time style of programming inherited from their common ancestor—the von Neumann computer, their close coupling of semantics to state transitions, their division of programming into a world of expressions and a world of statements, their inability to effectively use powerful combining forms for building new programs from existing ones, and their lack of useful mathematical properties for reasoning about programs.

An alternative functional style of programming is founded on the use of combining forms for creating programs. Functional programs deal with structured data, are often nonrepetitive and nonrecursive, are hierarchically constructed, do not name their arguments, and do not require the complex machinery of procedure declarations to become generally applicable. Combining forms can use high level programs to build still higher level ones in a style not possible in conventional languages.

Quelques points d'histoire

Septembre 1987 : création du *FPLang Committee*



A la fin des années 1980, il existe une dizaine de langages paresseux purement fonctionnels dont *Miranda*, *Lazy ML*, *Orwell*, *Alfl*, *Id*, *Clean*, *Ponder*, *Daisy* ...

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La situation en Septembre 1987



1987 Functional Programming and Computer Architecture Conference (Portland)

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Le meeting de Yale (1988)

Les objectifs suivants sont formulés :

1. It should be suitable for teaching, research, and applications, including building large systems.
2. It should be completely described via the publication of a formal syntax and semantics.
3. It should be freely available.
4. It should be usable as a basis for further language research.
5. It should be based on ideas that enjoy a wide consensus.
6. It should reduce unnecessary diversity in functional programming languages.

Quelques noms envisagés pour le langage :

Semla, Haskell, Vivaldi, Mozart, CFL (Common Functional Language), Funl 88, Semlor, Candle (Common Applicative Notation for Denoting Lambda Expressions), Fun, David, Nice, Light, ML Nouveau (ou Miranda Nouveau), Mirabelle, Concord, LL, Slim, Meet, Leval, Curry, Frege, Peano, Ease, Portland, Haskell B Curry ...

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- ▶ Haskell implémente les **typeclass**
 - ▶ Motivation initiale : surcharge des opérateurs numériques
 - Jusque là : différents opérateurs en ML, type numérique unique dans Miranda...
 - ▶ Typeclass standards : Eq, Ord, Enum, Show, Read, Foldable, Monoid, Fonctor, Applicative, **Monad**...