

Learning One New Language Every Year

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Here's an update of the current status of my "one language per year" lifelong initiative:

1. 1992: QBasic
2. 1993: Turbo Pascal
3. 1994: C
4. 1995: Delphi
5. 1996: Java
6. 1997: JavaScript
7. 1998: VBScript
8. 1999: Transact-SQL
9. 2000: C# + Prolog
10. 2001: C++
11. 2002: PHP
12. 2003: Objective-C
13. 2004: Visual Basic.NET
14. 2005: Ruby
15. 2006: LINQ
16. 2007: Erlang
17. 2008: Python
18. 2009: Go
19. 2010: Lisp
20. 2011: Haskell

The trend has roughly been an evolution from procedural during the 90's, to object-oriented ones at the beginning of the 2000's, and finally to functional languages right now.

And thus I realize, I've been programming for 20 years this year, 15 of which for a living.