

F#

The F stands for Fun!

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Background



- Started at Microsoft Research under Don Syme in 2002
- Commercially released in Visual Studio 2010
- Influenced by Objective Caml, C#, Haskell

F# is...

- Whitespace sensitive
- Strong, inferred typing
- Multi-paradigm
 - Functional (impure), imperative, object-oriented
- First-class .NET language
 - Easy to reference in C# projects
 - Make use of .NET libraries

Key Ideas

- [4; 9; 10]
- (4, 15, "foo")
- Let vs let rec
- Let mutable, <-
- Pattern matching

```
let rec fib (x : int) =  
  match x with  
  | 0 -> 1  
  | 1 -> 1  
  | x -> (fib (x - 1)) + (fib (x - 2))
```

OOP Support

```
type [<AbstractClassAttribute>]
Building(city: City) =
  let mutable _city = city
  let mutable _fashionableUnits : List<Unit> = new List<Unit>()
  let mutable _actions = []

interface IIcon with
  member x.Icon = "HUD/default"

member this.FashionableUnits
  with get() = _fashionableUnits and set(value) = _fashionableUnits <- value
member this.City with get() = _city and set(value) = _city <- value

abstract member Pos : int
abstract member Cost : int
abstract member Act : unit -> unit
```

OOP Support

```
type Factory(city: City) as this =  
  inherit Building(city)  
  do  
    this.FashionableUnits.Add(new Truck(city))  
  override this.Act() = ()  
  override this.Pos = 2  
  override this.Cost = 1000  
  interface IIcon with  
    member this.Icon = "HUD/factory"  
  new() = Factory(new City(0,0,""))
```

Interaction with libraries and pipelining

```
let isPrime (n:int) =  
    let bound = int (System.Math.Sqrt(float n))  
    seq {2 .. bound} |> Seq.exists (fun x -> n % x = 0) |> not  
let primeAsync n =  
    async { return (n, isPrime n) }  
let primes m n =  
    seq {m .. n}  
        |> Seq.map primeAsync  
        |> Async.Parallel  
        |> Async.RunSynchronously  
        |> Array.filter snd  
        |> Array.map fst
```