

The 5W1H of

D Programming Language

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What is D?

What is D?

- Multi-Paradigm Language
 - Object-Oriented Programming
 - Generic Programming (via templates)
 - Compiled
 - Native code
 - No VM, No Interpreters
 - Statically-Typed
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What is D?

- ❑ Garbage Collected
 - ❑ Unicode Based
 - ❑ Binary Compatible with C

 - ❑ Looks and Feels very much like C/C++
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Code Example: Hello World

```
import std.cstream;

int main( char[][] args )
{
    dout.writefln( "Hello, world!" );
    return 0;
}
```

Code Example: Classes

```
interface Animal {
    char[] speak();
}

class Dog : Animal {
    char[] speak() { return "woof"; }
}

class Cat : Animal {
    char[] speak() { return "meow"; }
}
```

Code Example: Classes

```
int main()
{
    Animal[] animals;
    animals ~= new Dog();
    animals ~= new Cat();

    foreach( Animal a ; animals )
        dout.WriteLine( a.speak() );
    return 0;
}
```

Class

- ❑ Encapsulation
 - public, protected, private
- ❑ Inheritance
 - Single Inheritance
 - ❑ Multiple Interfaces
 - ❑ Mix-in
 - 'class Object' at the root of the hierarchy

Pretty Much Like Java & C#! (except mix-ins)

Class

- Property (like C#)
 - Setter/Getter as if it were a field

 - Operator Overloading (like C++, C#)
 - $a+b \rightarrow a.opAdd(b)$
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Code Example: Templates

```
class Stack(T)
{
    private T[] data;
    public void push(T e) {
        data ~= e;
    }
    public T pop() {
        T e = data[$-1];
        data.length = data.length-1;
        return e;
    }
}
```

Code Example: Templates

```
int main()
{
    stack!(int) s = new Stack!(int)();

    s.push(100);
    s.push(200);
    dout.writefln( s.pop() ); // 200
    dout.writefln( s.pop() ); // 100
    return 0;
}
```

Templates

□ Templates

■ Set of Parameterized Declarations

- class
- function
- variable
- typedef ...

Similar to C++ Templates (more powerful)

What is D?

- Reengineering of C/C++
 - Native-code compiler
 - Binary Compatible with C
 - Familiar Look&Feel
 - Incorporating many features of modern languages: Java, C#, ...
 - GC
 - Modules
 - OO Based on Single Inheritance
 - ... And more!
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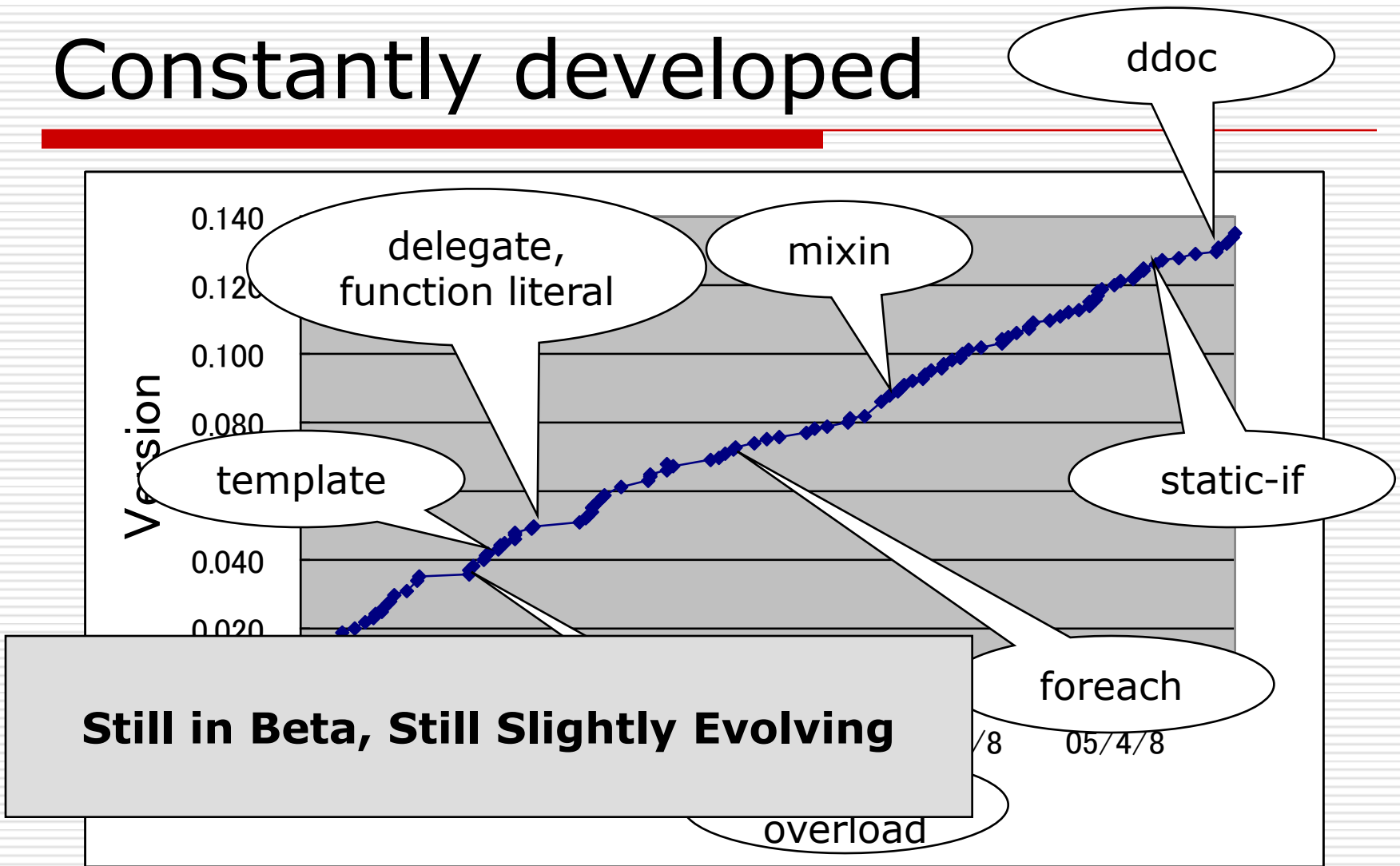
When was D born?



When was D born?

- 1999 Dec
 - Conceived by Walter Bright
 - 2001 Aug
 - Language spec draft published
 - 2001 Dec
 - First Alpha Version of D Compiler (DMD)
 - 2004 Mar
 - GDC – D Front End for GCC
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Constantly developed



Who created D?



Who created D?

- Walter Bright
 - The author of ...
 - Northwest Software C
 - Datalight C
 - Zorland C
 - Zortech C++ (the first native C++ compiler)
 - Symantec C++
 - Symantec Visual Cafe for Java
 - Digital Mars C++
 - Genuine Compiler Hacker!
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Who created D?

- Walter Bright – Compiler Hacker
 - Emphasizes the “Easiness of Compiler Implementaion” of D Language, which leads to...
 - Ultra-fast compilation time
 - Easiness for implementation of other tools
 - Syntax Hilighting
 - Code Completion
 - Refactoring tools
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Why D?

Why D?

- What's different from C/C++/Java/C#?
 - Powerful Built-in Arrays and Strings
 - Built-in Complex Numbers
 - 'with' statement
 - Nested Functions and Delegates
 - Mix-in
 - RAII, Contract Programming, Unittest
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Array Slice, Concat, ...

```
char[] s = "Hello";  
char[] t = s[1..3]; // "el"  
char[] u = s ~ t; // "Helloel"  
u[4..$] = '_'; // "Hell__"
```

Switch by Strings

```
int main( char[][] args )
{
    foreach( char[] arg ; args )
        switch( arg )
        {
            case "-h":
            case "-help": ... break;
            case "-i": ... break;
            default: ... break;
        }
}
```

Built-in Associative Arrays

```
long[char[]] pfx;  
  
pfx["Kilo"] = 1_000;  
pfx["Mega"] = 1_000_000;  
pfx["Giga"] = 1_000_000_000;  
pfx["Tera"] = 1_000_000_000_000;  
  
if( !("Peta" in pfx) )  
    pfx["Peta"] = pfx["Tera"]*1000;
```


'with' statement

```
with(dout)
{
    writefln("Hello");
    writefln("World");
}
```

Nested Function

```
void f()
{
    int x=0;
    void g() { ++x; }
    g(); g(); g();
}
```

Delegates

```
OutputStream delegate(...) p =  
    &dout.writefln;
```

```
p("Hello");
```

```
p(100);
```

```
p(-5.3+4i);
```

Anonymous Delegates

```
void loop(int n, void delegate() s)
{
    for(int i=0; i<n; ++i)
        s();
}

loop( 10,
    delegate{dout.writeln("Hi!");} );
```

Anonymous Delegates

```
void loop(int n,  
          void delegate(int i) s)  
{  
    for(int i=0; i<n; ++i)  
        s(i);  
}  
  
int x=0;  
loop( 10, delegate(int i){x+=i;} );
```

Mix-in

```
template Debug() {  
    void whoAmI() {  
        TypeInfo t = typeid(typeof(this));  
        dout.writefln( t, " - ", this );  
    }  
}
```

```
class Dog {  
    mixin Debug!();  
    char[] toString() {  
    }
```

```
Dog d = new Dog("Pochi");  
d.whoAmI(); //Dog - Pochi
```

Contract Programming

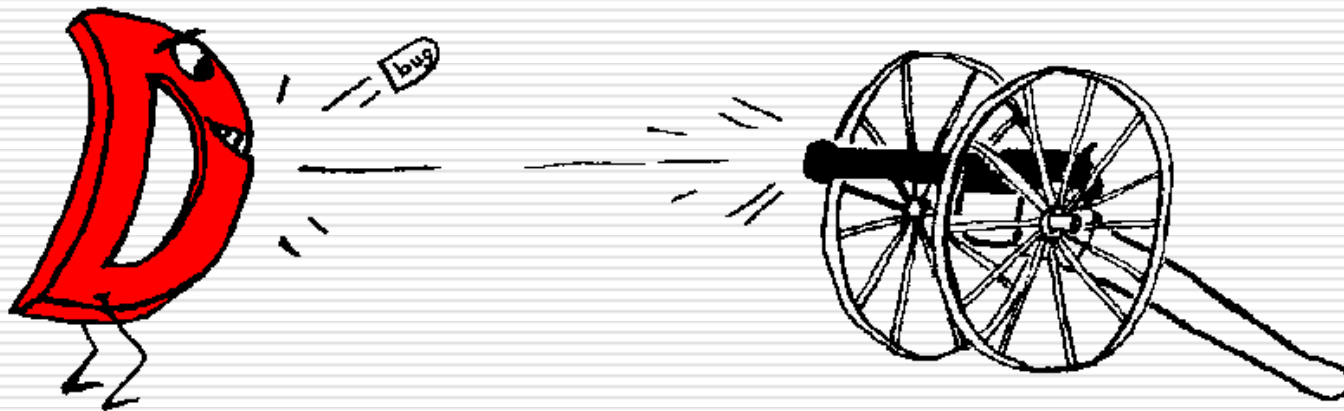
```
double sqrt( double x )
  in
    { assert( x>=0 ); }
  out(r)
    { assert( abs(r*r-x)<0.0001 ); }
  body
    {
      ...
    }
```

Builtin Unittests

```
char toUpper( char c ) {  
    return 'a' <= c && c <= 'z'  
        ? c - 'a' + 'A' : c;  
}
```

```
unittest {  
    assert( toUpper('a') == 'A' )  
    assert( toUpper('T') == 'T' )  
}
```

Where is D used?



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□ Supported Systems

■ DMD – Digital Mars D Compiler

□ Windows, Linux on x86

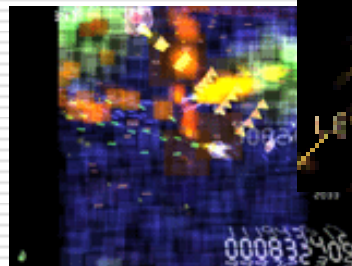
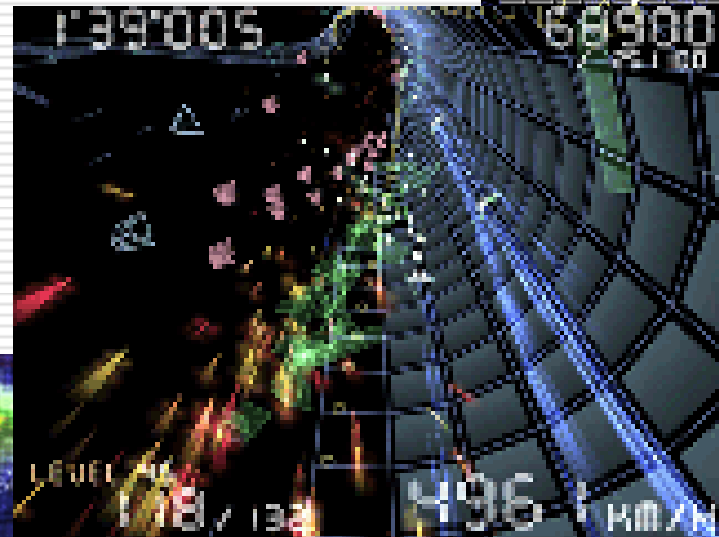
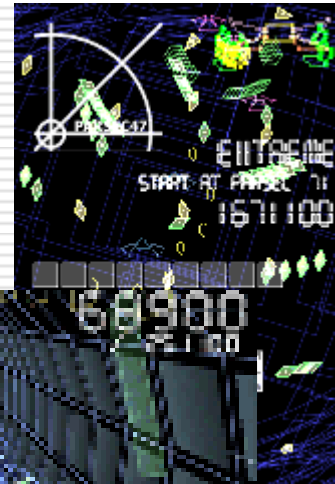
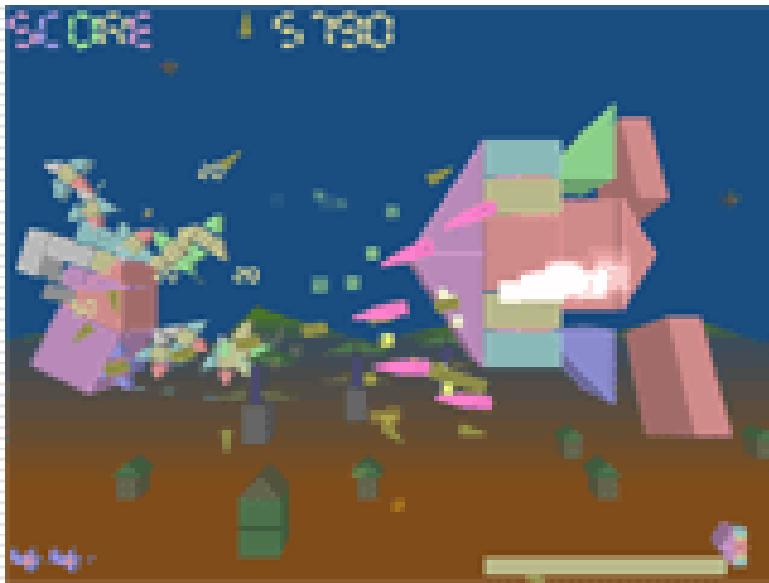
■ GDC – GNU D Compiler

□ Linux, FreeBSD, MacOSX, Cygwin, AIX, ...

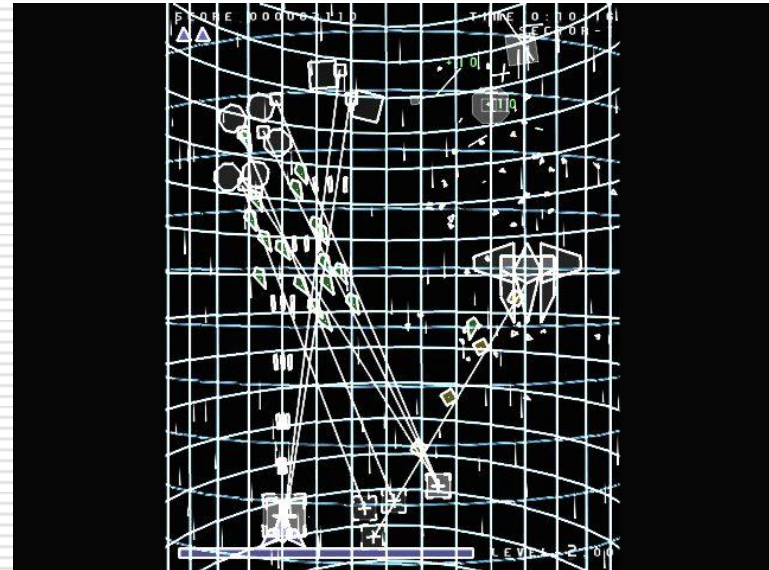
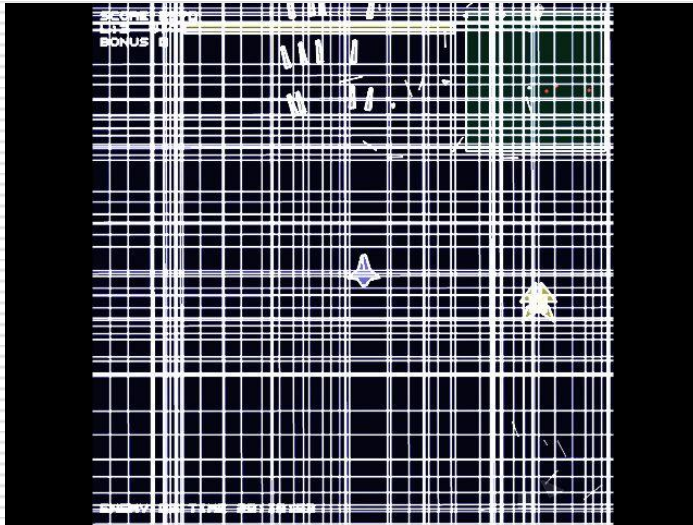
Where is D used?

- Applications written in D
 - Games!
 - Demos!
 - SDL (Simple DirectMedia Layer)
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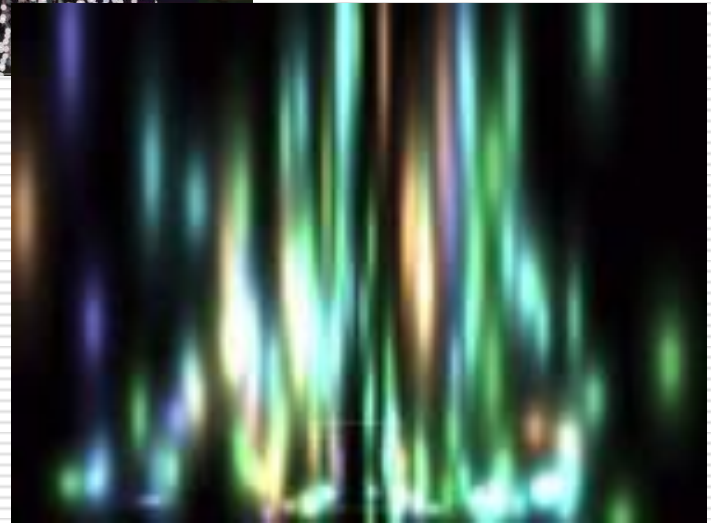
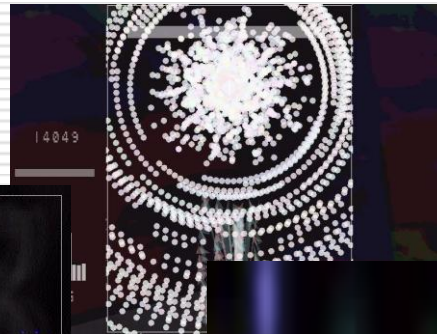
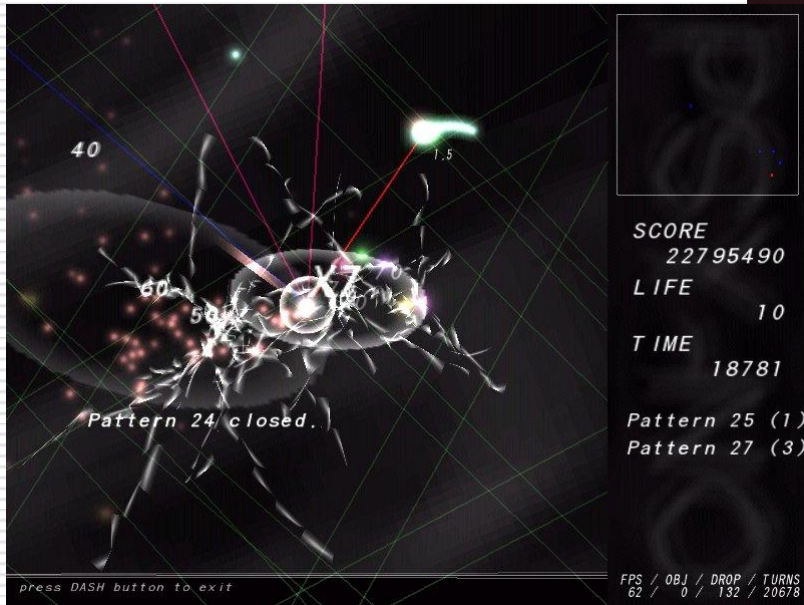
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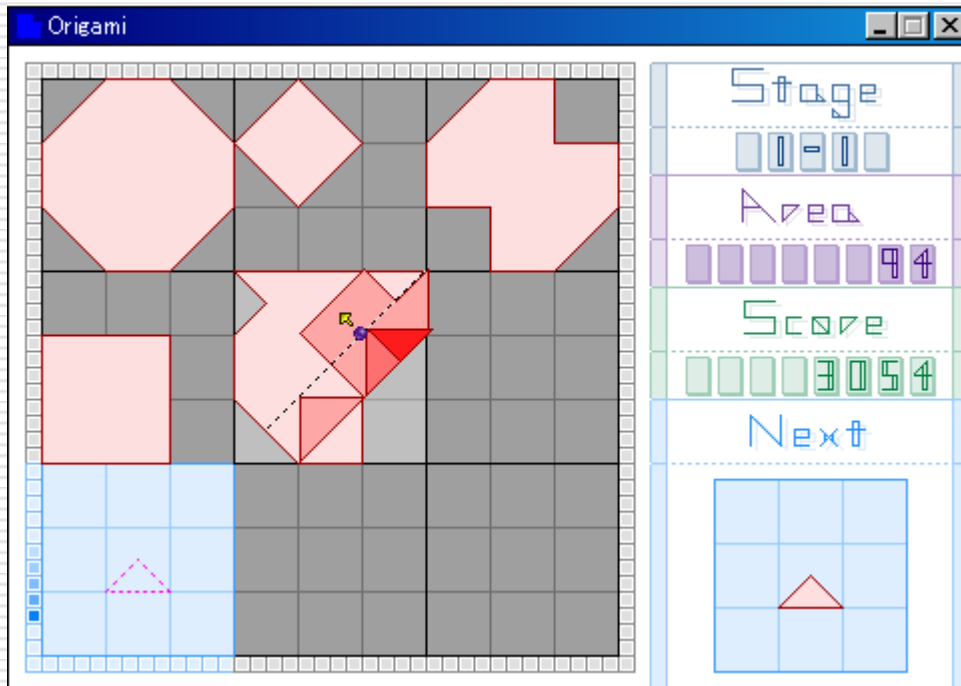
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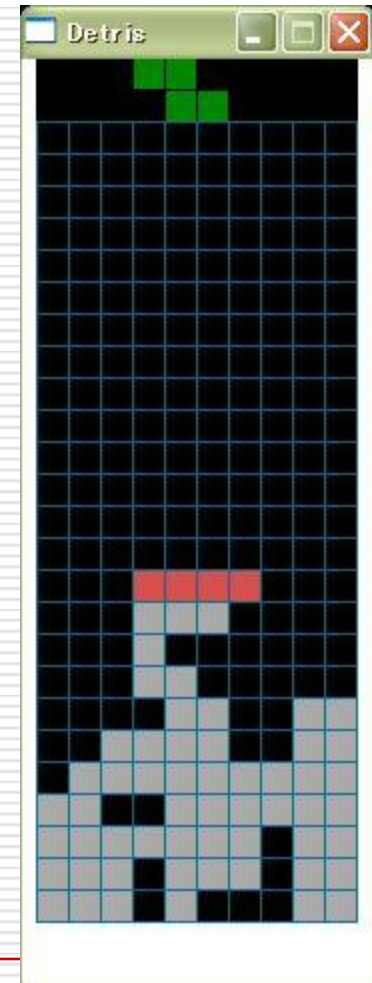
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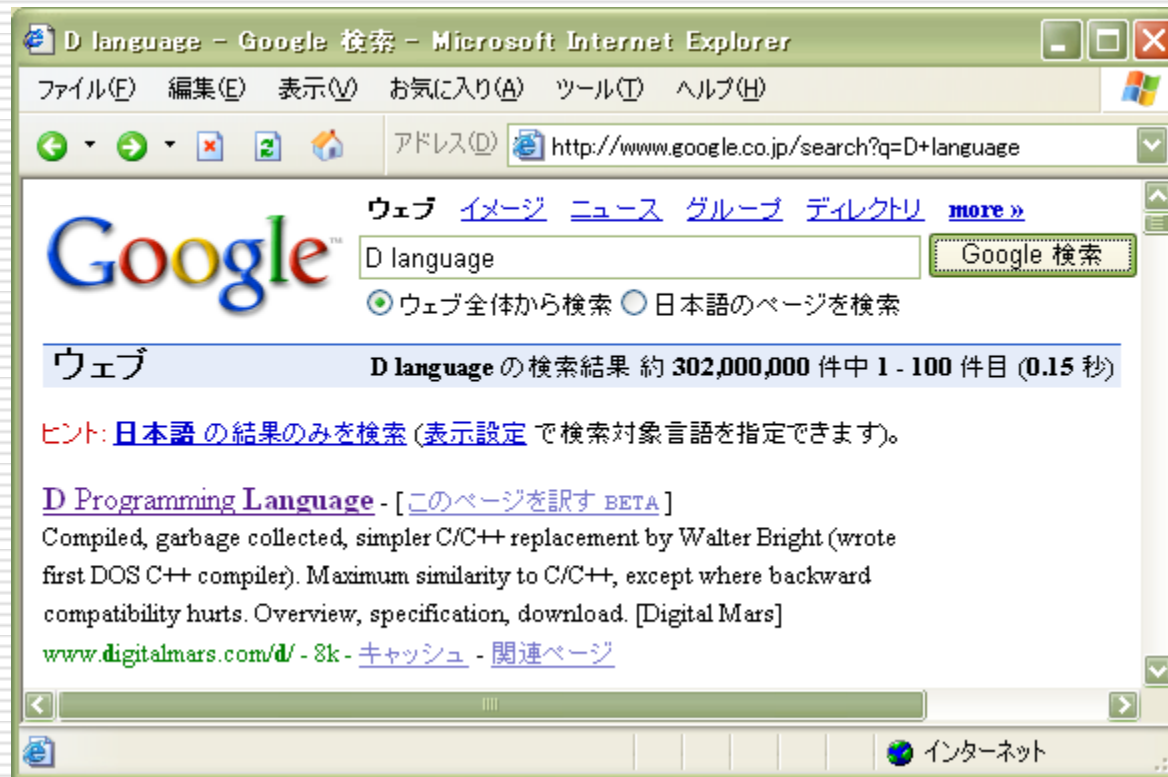
- Other Applications written in D
 - akIDE
 - An IDE targetting D and written in D
 - attoHttpd
 - Simple Http Server
 - delmail
 - Spam-mail killer
 - Diki
 - Simple wiki engine
 - DMDScript
 - ECMAScript interpreter
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How to get D?



How to get D?

□ Just Google it! ☺



How to get D?

- Or, use package systems
 - FreeBSD: `/usr/ports/lang/gdc`
 - Cygwin: `Devel >> gcc-gdc`
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Thank you for listening!