

CS 220: Survey of Programming Languages

LECTURE SLIDES

Object Oriented Programming Languages

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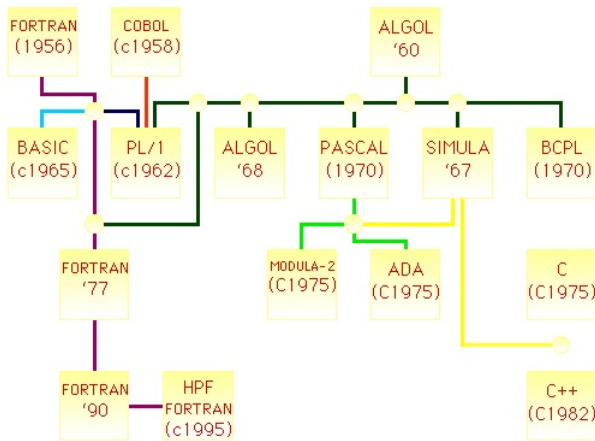


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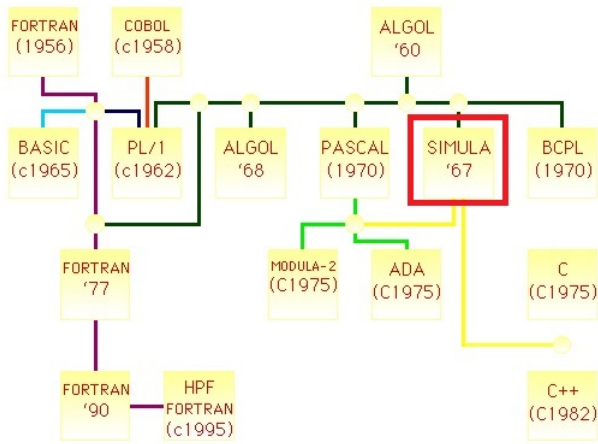
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