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## The Road Ahead

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# Ten Lane Highway

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- 5 Service Orientation

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# 1. [Re]Building the Team

We stand upon the shoulders of Giants



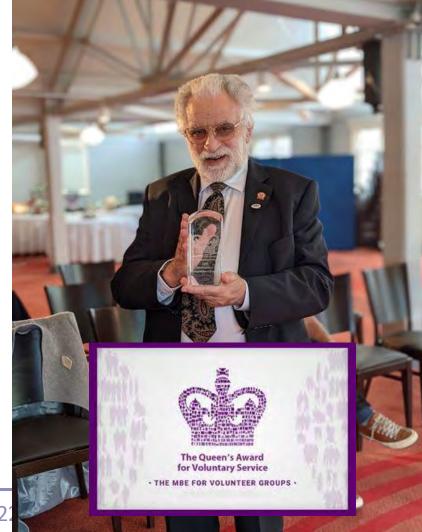
John Scholes (1948-2019)



Roger Hui (1953-2021)

# Still Going Strong...

- With John Scholes, Geoff Streeter wrote
   Dyalog APL v1.0 in 1981-1983
- Geoff is in good health
  - Now working 3 days per week
  - And still volunteering at night...
- However, Geoff has announced that he intends to retire in April'23
- We hope to welcome him back for a retrospective talk at Dyalog'23



# Dyalog ... The Next Generation













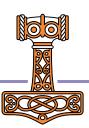








← February, May, July & September 2022



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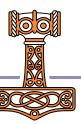




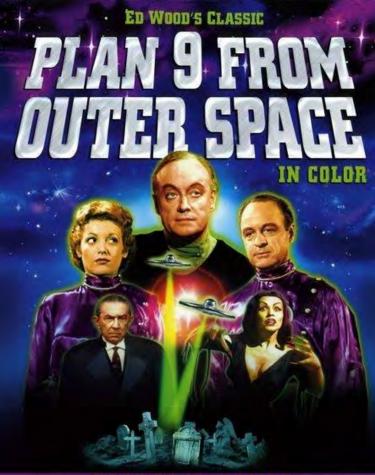




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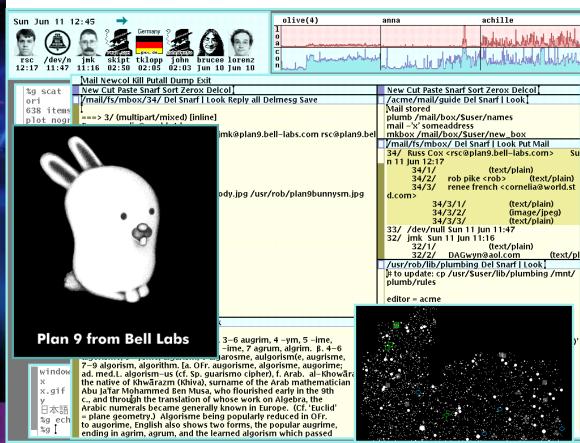


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FIRST TIME IN COLOR

ALSO INCLUDES RESTORED ORIGINAL BLACK AND WHITE VERSION

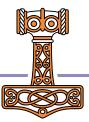


# Software Security Process

## Building Security in Maturity Model

- Compare own routines to industry practices
- Implement and continuously review practices that reduce security risk
  - Dyalog's processes will treat potential computational errors as threats on par with classical security threats
- Hope to publish an Audit Report in <del>2022</del>2023





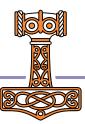
# 1. Building the Team

Talks by recent recruits...

**D06** APL9 from Outer Space (Peter Mikkelsen)



**D09** Performance Improvements in Set Operations (Karta Kooner)



# 2. Training & Evangelism

- mastering.dyalog.com
   Rodrigo Girão Serrao
- course.dyalog.comRich Park
- tutorial.dyalog.comGary Bergquist + Andrew Sengul
- xpqz.github.io/learnaplStefan Kruger (IBM)









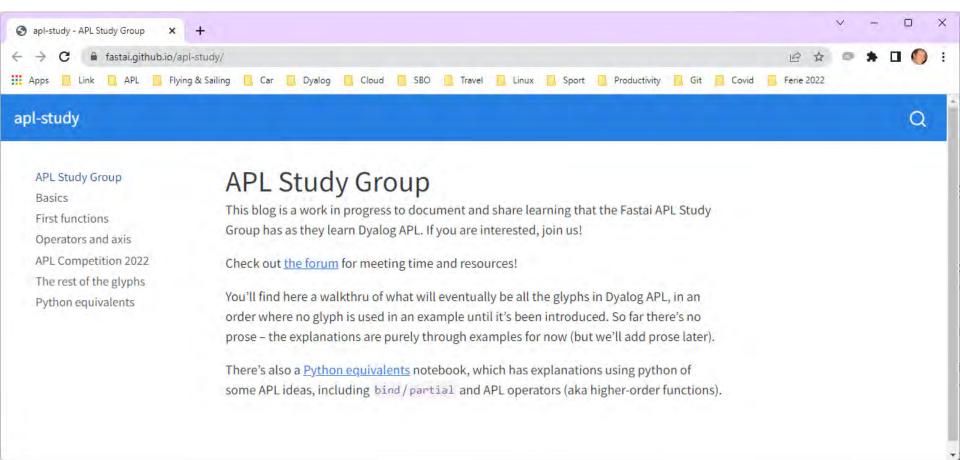










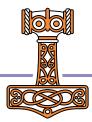




# Training & Evangelism

- We trained a group of 24 developers in India last year (via Zoom)
- The materials prepared for this exercise are available free of charge at course.dyalog.com
  - This will be the case for all training materials that we are creating
- We are also considering running on-line courses – contact us if you need training!

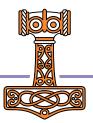




## **Basic Licence**

- Replaces non-commercial licence
- Allows distribution of Dyalog along with your work, under the default royalty licence
  - Fee is 2% of gross APL-based revenue
  - No fees due if revenue < GBP 5,000 in a calendar year
  - Multiple alternative commercial licence schemes are available
- For GBP 150 per year, you can subscribe to the Dyalog Support Service (DSS)





## **Basic Licence**

Perhaps the most important "feature" of v18.2 – intended for

- non-commercial use
- education
- personal projects & experiments
- sharing your experience
- proof of concepts / trials
- participating in programming competitions for cash prizes
- fun





# Keyboarding on all platforms

#### Issues:

- Dyalog IME does not work with Windows Universal Windows Platform applications
- APL keyboards do not work in RIDE (backtick still works) under Wayland (Linux)
- New users report that "ctrl" is problematic as the APL key

#### **Immediate Solutions:**

- Keyboards for Windows which use different "APL" keys (Alt, AltGr, etc)
- Backtick-style keyboards for all platforms

#### **Longer Term:**

 A new IME which offers a similar experience across supported platforms and works in and out of the IDEs (this will take a bit longer)





# 2. Training & Evangelism

U16 Dyalog and Academia(Jesús Galàn López and Gitte Christensen)

U17 What – Another APL Book?(Ray Polivka)

**D16** Growing APLers (Rich Park)











# 3. Consulting

- We started building a consulting group in the USA in 2019
  - Paused due to Covid and other factors
- We expect to resume recruiting APL consultants in the USA next year
- Get in touch
  - ... if you need consulting (also outside the USA)
  - ... know someone interested in an APL career



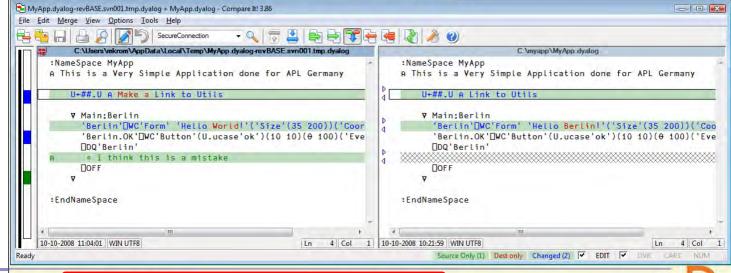


## 4. Source

Here he goes again

# Source Code Mgt Demo

 All tools shown here downloaded from internet, none of them knew about APL in any way.



# Why is Text Source (IMPORTANT)?

























## 4. Source in Text Files

#### Done:

- Link 3.0 included with v18.2
  - Compatible with v18.0
  - Will replace SALT
- Launch APL from text source
  - No workspace required
  - Right-click on a function or namespace source file in Windows Explorer and run it
  - Also supported in containers
- HashBang/Shebang scripting

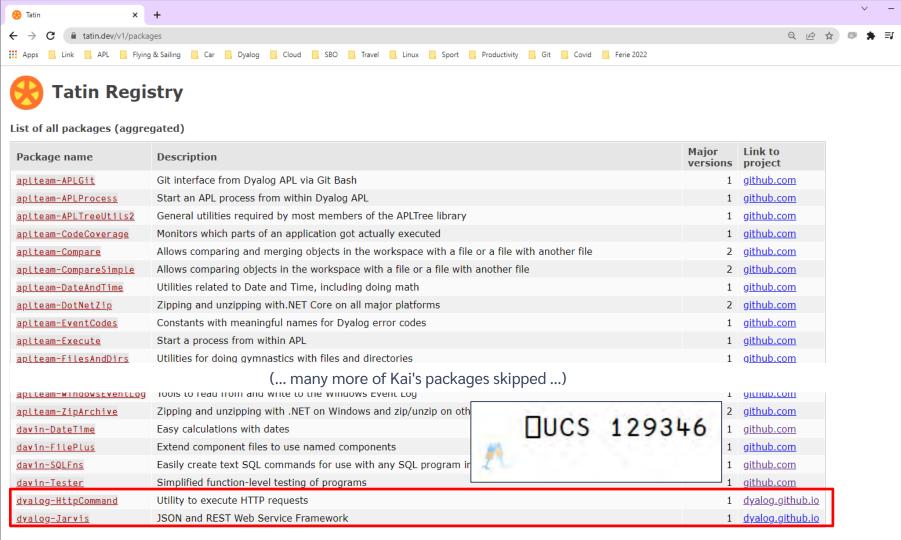
#### **Project Managers:**

- Acre
- Dado
- Cider

#### Package Manager:

Tatin





## 4. Source in Text Files

#### Still to do:

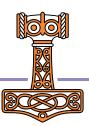
- Publish more [Dyalog] packages on the Tatin server
- Cider Project Manager
- Array Notation

#### **Current Use:**

- Major customers have moved to text source
- New users tend to start with text source
- All new Dyalog tools are [open] text source on GitHub
  - Taking advantage of Continuous Integration for automated testing

# Demo – Starting APL from Text

- APL Script
- Open APL on a Folder

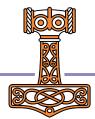


## Literal Array Notation

- Constants can form part of the "source" of an application
  - Enumerations
  - [Translated] strings
  - Conversion tables
- A notation for constants is an important piece of the "text source puzzle"
  - (In addition to being generally useful in code)

File Errors.apla

```
[ 2 'SYNTAX'
3 'INDEX'
4 'RANK'
5 'LENGTH'
6 'VALUE']
```



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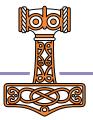
Workshop SA3: Link, Text-Based Source, and Source Code Management (Morten Kromberg and Josh David)



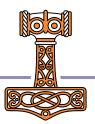
(also used in many other workshops and presentations)







It must be easy to run APL as a service and call it from other environments.



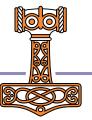
# Running APL as a Service

Imagine you have two pieces of business logic written in APL:

```
sum←+/
reverse←Φ
```

If you start Jarvis with a reference to the namespace containing the functions, Jarvis makes them available as a "Web Service":

```
Server←Jarvis.Run 8080 #
```



# Six different examples of calling "sum":

```
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
                  xhr.open("POST", http://localhost:8080/sum);
JavaScript
                  xhr.setRequestHeader("content-type", "application/json");
                  xhr.send("[1,2,3,4]");
                  xhr.response;
                  $url = http://localhost:8080/sum
                  $hdrs = @{'content-type' = 'application/json'}
PowerShell
                  body = '[1,3,5,7,9,11]'
                  Invoke-WebRequest -Method Post -URI $url -Headers $hdrs -Body $body
                  url = 'http://localhost:8080/sum'
                  hdrs = {"content-type":"application/json"}
Python
                  array = [2,4,6,8]
                  resp = requests.post(url, data=json.dumps(array), headers=hdrs)
                  print(resp.json())
curl
                  curl -d "[1,2,3,4,5]" -H "content-type:application/json" http://localhost:8080/sum
API
                  HttpCommand.GetJSON 'post' 'localhost:8080/sum' (15)
```

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#### **Jarvis Web Service Framework**

- Replaces "JSONServer"
- Supports REST and "plain" HTTP/JSON services
- Widely available

https://github.com/dyalog/jarvis
https://hub.docker.com/r/dyalog/jarvis
https://tatin.dev

### **Related Improvements**

- Version 18.2 runs headless comfortably
  - Easier to use in containers
- RIDE 4.4 supports debugging threaded code

- Continue work to make platforms more similar
  - Develop under Windows/macOS, deploy under Linux
- .NET Bridge provides cross-platform libraries
   & frameworks
- Unify configuration across platforms
  - All settings configurable via text files
  - Remove need for the Windows Registry
    - (Except perhaps to configure Windows IDE)





```
C:\devt\ssgmon\Run.dcfg
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<u>File Edit View Help</u>
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 Settings: {
     LX: "Run O → []+[]SE.Link.Create '#' []SE.Link.LaunchDir",
     DYALOG_NETCORE: 1,
     SSG: {
        LOGFILE: "/tmp/security_issue_log.dcf",
        INTERVAL: -1, // Report All Security Issues
                      // O means report changes since last run
        MAILSERVER: "mail.dyalog.com",
        MAILFROM:
                   "mkrom@dyalog.com", // nightly@dyalog.com when we are in production
        MAILTO: "mkrom@dyalog.com", // ssg@dyalog.com
        SMTP_PWD: "see environment", // Do NOT put the password in a config file!!!
Nested Array (coloured as JSON)
                                                  Pos: 0/19,0
```

The Road Ahead – 2022

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- Materials developed for Dyalog'22 workshops will be extended over the next weeks and months
- We will publish a fully worked example of how to build a web service in Dyalog APL
  - Deployed in containers to the cloud
  - Scalable using several alternative mechanisms
  - User Sessions using 3rd Party Authentication
  - Encrypted Data
- More webinars, webcasts & samples to come





Provide interface to monitor the state of APL processes

- CPU consumption
- Memory usage, Compaction counts, etc
- Are any threads suspended?
- )SI and Error information
- Available via API and / or protocols like SNMP

First version of monitor protocol planned for v19.0





**Workshop SA2** Building Web Services with Jarvis (Brian Becker)

Workshop SP2 (Brian Becker & Morten Kromberg)

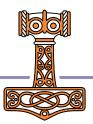
**U13** Automatic Application Builds with AWS (Norbert Jurkiewicz)

**D12** Simplifying Secure, Scalable Web Services (Brian Becker)





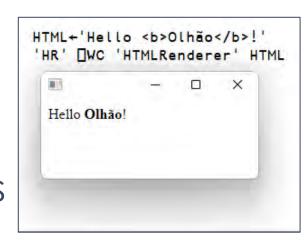




## 6. Cross Platform UI

When APL Services behind other GUI won't do...

- Adoption of the HTMLRenderer is growing as the delivery mechanism for new UI
  - Appeared in 4 user presentations at Dyalog'22
- No clear choice of tool to generate HTML/JS
  - DUI/MiServer still has a small user base
  - Users are experimenting with writing own tools
  - ... and integrating HTML/JS generated by 3rd party tools or developers



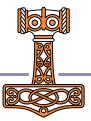


# HTMLRenderer improvements

- Most important: Find a way to easily upgrade the Chromium Embedded Framework
  - In the medium term, turn the HTMLRenderer into an Open Source project to allow community participation



- Enhancement in v19.0
  - Support Multiple windows that take turns being modal



#### 6. Cross Platform UI

**U02** Lift-Off from APL2 Mainframe to Dyalog in the Cloud (Gilgamesh Athoraya – Tiamatica AB)

**U04** A Modern APL Workbench (Kimmo Linna - Finnair)

**U12** TAMPA – Taming Mathematical Programming in APL (Stephen Mansour – Misericordia University)

**U13** Integrating HTMLRenderer Into Existing Applications (Norbert Jurkiewicz – The Carlisle Group)







#### 7. [Microsoft].NET

As .NET celebrates 20 years of existence, Microsoft is pushing everyone to move from proprietary Microsoft.Net Framework to the new open source, cross-platform .NET.

Name	Platforms	Version Numbers
Microsoft.NET Framework	Windows	1 2 4
.NET (previously ".NET Core")	Windows Linux macOS	3 5 6 7

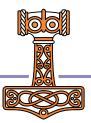
Dyalog v18.0 added a bridge to .NET 3, to complement the 20 year old bridge to the .NET framework.

### .NET Bridge

- Add support for .NET 5, 6 & 7
- Export APL code as .NET assemblies
  - v18 .NET bridge only allows USING .NET classes
- Generate APL-based applications under
  - Linux: Amd/Intel x64 and Pi/AWS on Arm64
  - macOS (x64 and M1/M2)
  - Windows (x64 maybe Arm64 later)
- Work on support for Async features



.NET 6 is the current Long Term Support version of .NET



#### 7. [Microsoft].NET

In a nutshell, the specification is that the new bridge it will work exactly the same way as the old one.

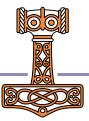
But there will be some enhancements.



### 8. New target Platforms

- 64-bit ARM
  - This low power RISC processor is gaining traction
  - We expect to support v19.0 on ARM64 (specifically M1 & M2 Macs)

- Web Assembly (WASM)
  - Co-dfns will target WASM as an execution platform (no release date)
  - We are likely to look at whether a cut-down interpreter engine could run in the browser (no timeframe)



#### Arm64

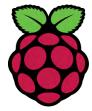
64-bit ARM chips are appearing in places that Dyalog should support:

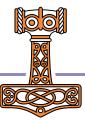
- M1 & M2 Macs
- Raspberry Pi 64 Bit
- Amazon Web Services "Graviton"

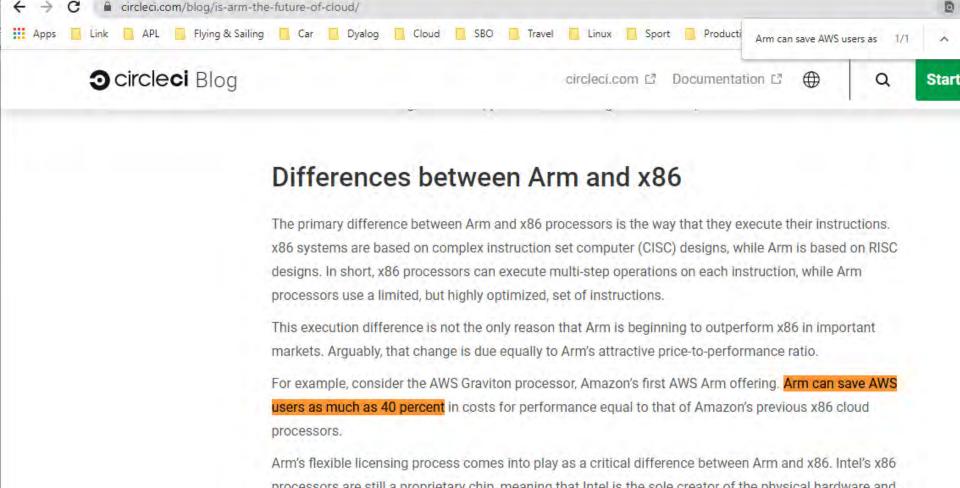




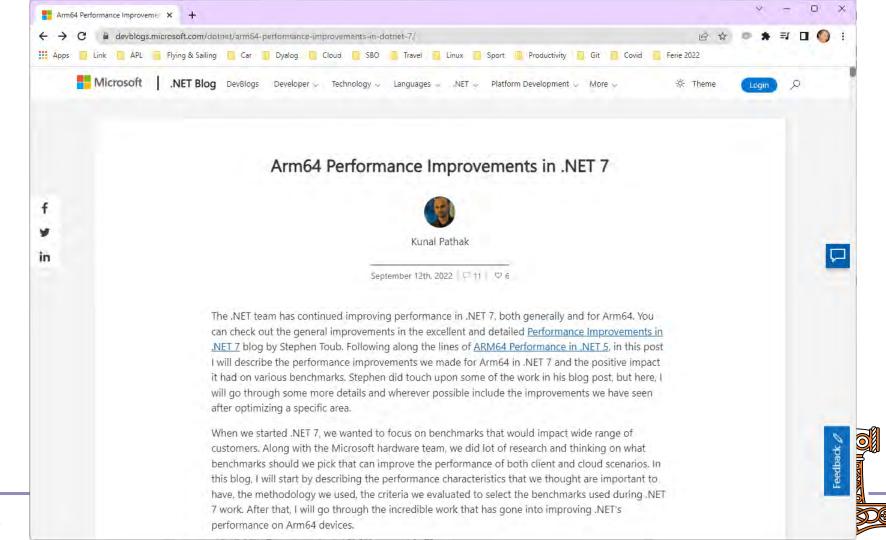






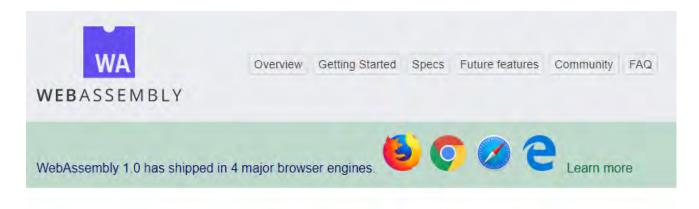


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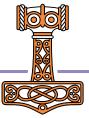


### Web Assembly (WASM)

APL running in the browser...



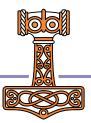
WebAssembly (abbreviated *Wasm*) is a binary instruction format for a stack-based virtual machine. Wasm is designed as a portable compilation target for programming languages, enabling deployment on the web for client and server applications.



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**D11** Report on Co-dfns (Aaron Hsu)



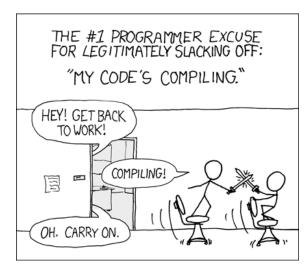


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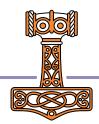
Work on Co-dfns continues. 2023 targets:

- Almost complete language support, including Control Structures & TradFns
- Characters, Mixed Arrays, Complex Numbers
- New backend targets: WASM/Javascript, Scheme/Lisp, Java/C#, Python
- Tracing and debugging

Emphasis as much on making APL accessible for new applications in new environments, as on compiling existing applications



Source: xkcd.com



# 9. Compiling APL

**D08** Implementing the Convolutional Neural Network U-net in APL (Rodrigo Girão Serrão)

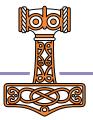
**U10** Scheduling Array Operations (Juuso Haavisto – University of Oxford)

**D11** Report on Co-dfns (Aaron Hsu)







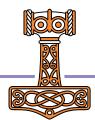


#### 10. APL Language

- Literal Array Notation
- Multiple Numeric Towers, so we have a unified model which supports
  - 64-bit integers
  - Rational numbers
- Carefully considering which primitives are most important to add next. Not in a hurry.
  - Depth, Behind, Select, Under/Dual, etc...

```
Primitive Candidates
```

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Select (X≥Y)
Depth (fök)
Behind (f∘h)
Under (fög)
Obverse (fŏg)
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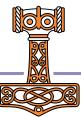


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**D15** Filling the Core Language Gaps (Adám Brudzewsky)





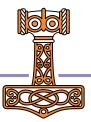


#### 2022 Conference Edition

Experimental features for you to play with

- I/O redirection & new Log File format
- Token-By-Token debugging
- Ideas for asynchronous programming in APL

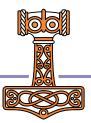
(only the first is likely to be in v19.0 in 2023)



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