

Conlangs

Constructed Languages

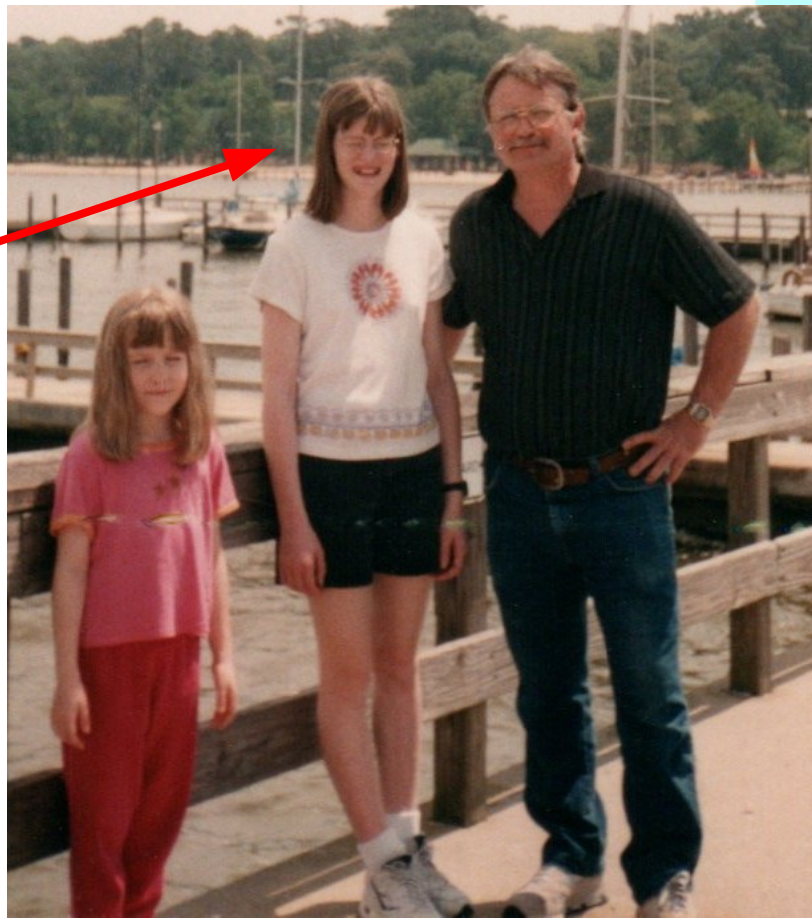


*Stumbling in to
Constructed Languages*



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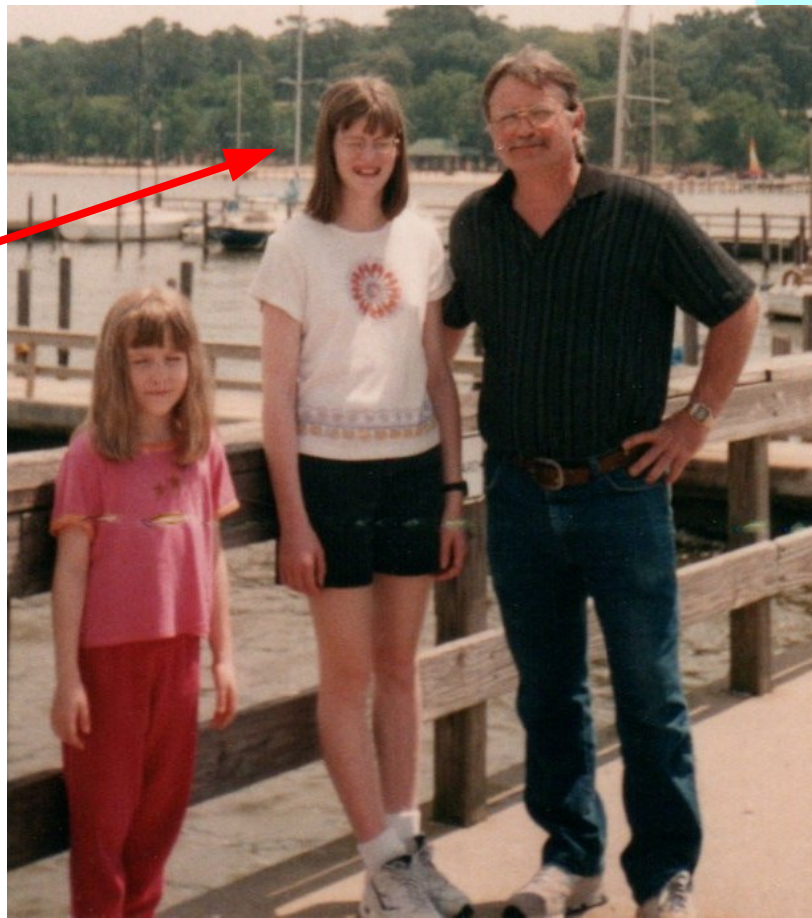
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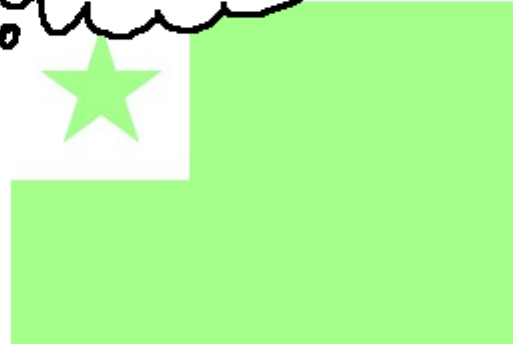
- *Ugly glasses*
- *Shy*
- *Liked anime*
- *Learning Japanese*



Fast forward ~10 years

- A year into my professional programming career*
- Main hobbies were game development and playing video games*
- Coming home after sitting at a computer all day, didn't want to do it more for fun.*

I needed an away-from-screen hobby.





I used to enjoy learning Japanese. Maybe I should find a new language to learn...





Hmm, people create programming languages all the time. Has anyone created a human language?

Whitespace (programming language)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
Whitespace is an **esoteric programming language** developed by Edwin Brady and Chris Morris at the University of Durham (also developers of the **Kaya** and **Udris** programming languages). It was released on 1 April 2003 (April Fool's Day). Its name is a reference to **whitespace characters**. Unlike most programming languages, which ignore or assign little meaning to most

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Not to be confused with **Brain F Scheduler** or **Mindf**.

Brainf*** is an esoteric programming language created in 1993 by **Urban Müller**, and is notable for its extreme minimalism.

The language consists of only eight simple commands and an **instruction pointer**. While it is fully **Turing complete**, it is not intended for practical

Paradigm	Brainf***
Designed by	esoteric, imperative structured
First appeared	Urban Müller
Typing discipline	September 1993 typeless



Heck yes they have.



What Conlangs are there?

Why do they exist?



*Disclaimer: I only speak a few
conlangs, I cannot give
pronunciation examples for all of
these examples.*



Art Langs

Art langs are built for entertainment media, such as movies and television, when the world builders want the language to be convincing and not just “word swaps” or gibberish.

Quenya (1910)

Elvish language from
Lord of the Rings



melme (love)

Na’vi (2005)

Alien language from the
movie Avatar

(no official script)

kaltxì (hello)

Klingon

Alien language from
Star Trek



Qapla' (success/bye)

Dothraki (2009)

Language of the Dothraki in
Game of Thrones



itsano (spicy)



Experimental Langs

Experimental languages are built with some hypothesis in mind about how humans communicate. A language is built to try to create a framework to study some hypothesis from.

Loglan (1955)

Question: Does the language you speak affect how you perceive the world? (Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis) Built to be completely regular and culturally neutral.

La Djan, ga skitu le cersi. (John sits-on the chair.)

Láadan (1982)

Question: Does our language provide adequate tools to describe our more subtle perceptions?

Bíi loláad le bala. (I feel angry, there is a reason, there is someone to blame, and it is not futile.)



Auxiliary Langs

Auxiliary languages are meant to be second languages for people of different backgrounds, meant to be a common tongue.

Esperanto (1887)

Goal: Build a language that's easy to learn, meant to be a global second language for everybody, to help promote world peace. Currently the most popular conlang.

Ĉu vi ofte venas ĉi tien? (Do you come here often?)

Volapük (1879)

Motivation: God told the author to make an international language. This was one of the earliest conlangs to gain traction with other people.

No elogob oli sis lunüp (Long time no see)

Other interesting languages

Toki Pona (2001)

Goal: Remove all the excess in language to simplify your thinking.

nimi sina li seme? (What's your name?)

Solresol (1827)

Goal: Make a language out of the **Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti** sounds, so that it can be spoken, sung, or communicated nonverbally.

Fado resisolre domi? (What's your name?)

Why bother learning a conlang?



*Why would you
learn a constructed
language?*



*(Guy who is really
into HAM Radio)*

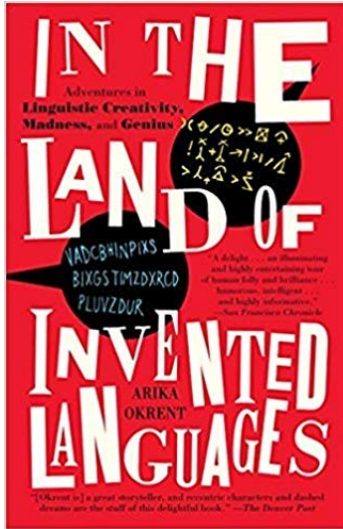


What I've gotten out of it...

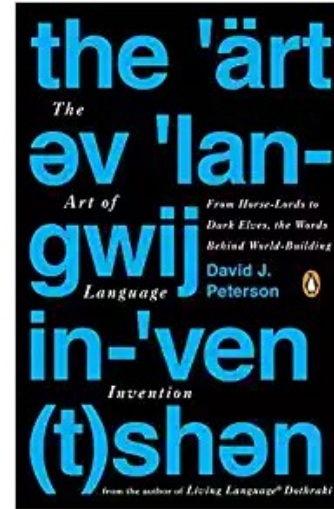
- A better understanding of grammar than what I got from school.*
- A better understanding of etymology.*
- Friends from around the world - some I've met in person.*
- Money \$\$\$.*
- A secret language I can write notes to myself in.*
- A new perspective on culture & languages.*
- Vent on Twitter in Esperanto when I might seem mean.*



See also...



*In the Land of
Invented Languages
by Arika Okrent*



*The Art of
Language Invention
by David Peterson
(the Dothraki creator)*



See also...



duolingo

Duolingo has Esperanto and Klingon currently out.

