

# What programming paradigms?

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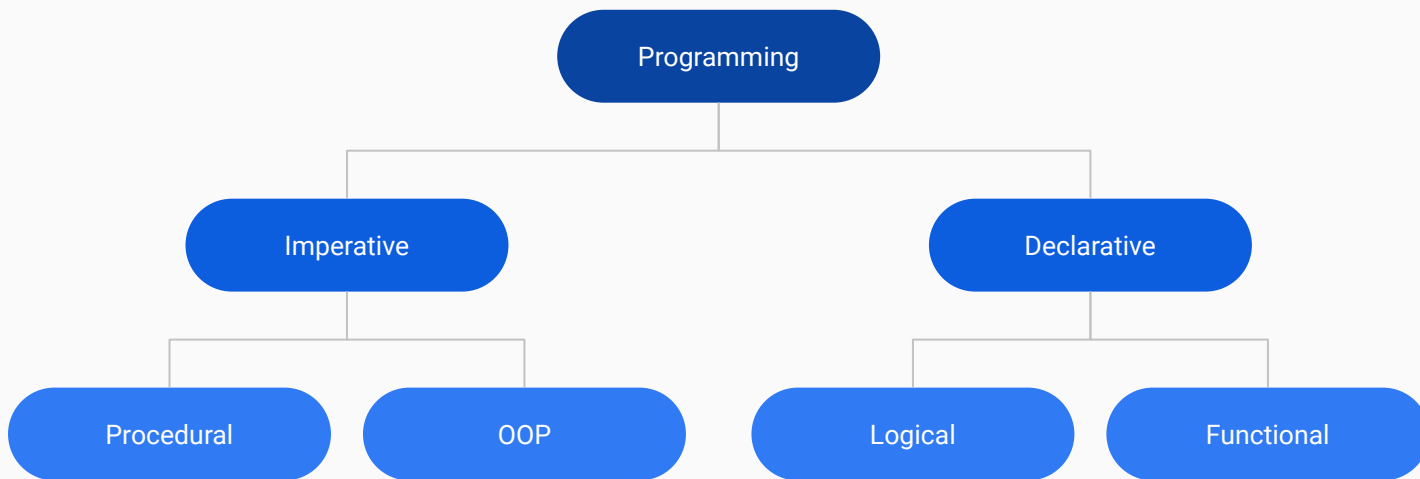
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  - Objektivě orientované
  - Logické
  - Funkcionální
- Praktické učení se pomocí Pythonu a dalších jazyků

# Programming paradigm

“A paradigm is a way of **doing** something (like programming), not a concrete thing (like a language). Now, it’s true that if a programming language L happens to make a particular programming paradigm P easy to express, then we often say “L is a P language” (e.g. “Haskell is a functional programming language”) but that does not mean there is any such thing as a “functional language paradigm”.”

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# Paradigm list



# Separate question - “the level”

## High level programming

- more abstraction from the HW
- majority of modern languages are “high level” but can differ in degree

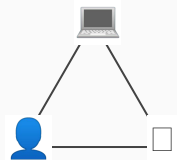
## Low level programming

- close to the actual HW it is running on

# The three tribes

- **ART** You are a poet and a mathematician. Programming is your poetry
- **HACK** You are a hacker. You make hardware dance to your tune
- **TOOL** You are a maker. You build things for people to use

Seen by their source code, code execution, notion of correctness and user-interface (UI) preference.



# “Artist”

**Source code:** dense, hard to read, easy to execute.

**Execution:** exact details of execution are not important, but the code should be elegant.

**Correctness:** A program is correct if it implements the specification exactly.

**UI:** Beautiful code is more important than beautiful UI.

# “Hacker”

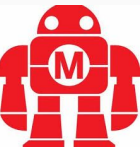
**Source code:** clean, but clean code is less important than a clean execution.

**Execution:** How the computer executes your code is paramount. Always think about the program execution.

**Correctness:** A program is correct if it runs the way you expect it to run, given normal parameters. Execution elegance is more important than correctness.

**UI:** interaction with humans? Optional.

A short video about history and also making fun of this: <http://worrydream.com/dbx/>





# “Doer”

**Source code:** The code should be clean, but only because cleaner code is easier to iterate on.

**Execution:** The program only has to be fast enough for the users. Don't optimize, add features.

**Correctness:** Bugs are bad only in proportion to their impact. The program should act the way the users expect it to act.

**UI:** Users are important and thus also the UI!

# Example

```
float Q_rsqrt( float number )
{
    long i;
    float x2, y;
    const float threehalfs = 1.5F;

    x2 = number * 0.5F;
    y = number;
    i = * ( long * ) &y; // evil floating point bit level hacking
    i = 0x5f3759df - ( i >> 1 ); // what the fuck?
    y = * ( float * ) &i;
    y = y * ( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // 1st iteration

    // y = y * ( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // 2nd iteration, this can be removed
    return y;
}
```

# References

LMU notes: <https://cs.lmu.edu/~ray/notes/paradigms/>

Three tribes article: <https://josephg.com/blog/3-tribes/>