

## Class 20: Growing a Language

**Held:** Wednesday, 9 March 2011

**Summary:** We consider one of the classic lectures in programming language design, Guy Steele's "Growing a Language".

**Related Pages:**

- EBoard.

**Notes:**

- Sorry that Assignment 7 is still in rough shape.
- I know that most of you will sleep through class today and Friday. You are still responsible for viewing the videos. I've asked our academic support assistant to put them on reserve.

**Overview:**

- A video lecture.
- Discussion questions.

## Growing a Language

- A comparatively early talk on the Java language.
- What is Steele's thesis?
- Is this a good language design approach? Why or why not?
- BEtter yet, gather evidence on either side.