Fine-grained language composition

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Language composition challenges
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Python

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Language boxes

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Composed meta-tracing VMs
Meta-tracing interpreter composition
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PL X  PL Y

Interpreters

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PL Z

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Basic functionality
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- PHP has only dictionaries; Python has lists and dictionaries (semantic friction)
Datatype conversion

PHPObject  PHPRoot  PHPInt  PHPFunc
Datatype conversion

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Datatype conversion: primitive types

PHP

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Datatype conversion: user types

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o : PHPObject

Python
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PyRoot

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PyFunc
Datatype conversion: user types

![Diagram showing the hierarchy of data types: PyRoot, PyObject, PyInt, PyFunc, and PyPHPAdapter.](http://soft-dev.org/)
Datatype conversion: user types

Diagram:

- PyRoot
  - PyObject
  - PyInt
  - PyFunc

- PyPHPAdapter
  - php_obj : PHPObject
Datatype conversion: user types

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 Immutable field

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