

# Introducing the D programming language to Insurance

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# What is D?

## A Brief Overview

- 1 Static compiled language created in 2001 (D1)
  - Modernised more productive C/C++ style language
  - Created by Walter Bright
  - Joined by Andrei Alexandrescu in 2007
  - D2 released in 2007
- 2 Characteristic language features
  - Powerful template, compile-time, & metaprogramming features
  - Moto: “write fast, read fast, run fast”
  - Multi-paradigm non-prescriptive language
- 3 Tooling
  - Compilers: DMD (reference), LDC2 (LLVM), GDC (GCC)
  - Full C and good C++ compatibility, support for Fortran
  - Easy to use package manager (Dub)



# Simple Example

Let's take a peek

```
1  enum isFloatingPoint(T) = is(T == float) || is(T == double) || is(T == real);

3  auto dot(T)(T[] x, T[] y)
4  if (isFloatingPoint!T)
5  {
6      import std.range: iota;
7      import std.parallelism: parallel, taskPool;

9      immutable n = x.length;
10     auto sums = taskPool.workerLocalStorage(0.0L);
11     foreach(i; parallel(iota(n)))
12     {
13         sums.get += x[i]*y[i];
14     }
15     T result = 0;
16     foreach(threadResult; sums.toRange)
17     {
18         result += threadResult;
19     }
20     return result;
21 }

23 unittest {
24     double[] x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
25     double[] y = [6, 7, 8, 9, 10];
26     assert(dot(x, y) == 130);
27 }
```



### 1 More features

- Support for functional programming including @pure functions
- Support for @safe functions
- Memory safety
- Compiler & library support for SIMD

### 2 Resources

- Great book (free): “Programming in D” by Ali Çehreli  
<http://ddili.org/ders/d.en/index.html>
- D conference website <http://dconf.org/>
- Website <https://www.dlang.org>
- D Language forums <https://forum.dlang.org/>



# Thank You

