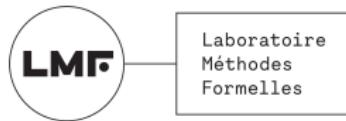


# Pôle Preuves et langages

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- 26 permanent members



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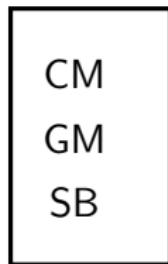


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- 4 postdocs and engineers
- 24 PhD students

- 4 teams
  - Arithmétique des ordinateurs (G. Melquiond)
  - Calcul, langages et compilation (K. Nguyễn)
  - Preuve de programmes (A. Paskevich)
  - Preuve mécanisée (C. Keller)
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  - Deducteam (G. Dowek)
  - Toccata (C. Marché)

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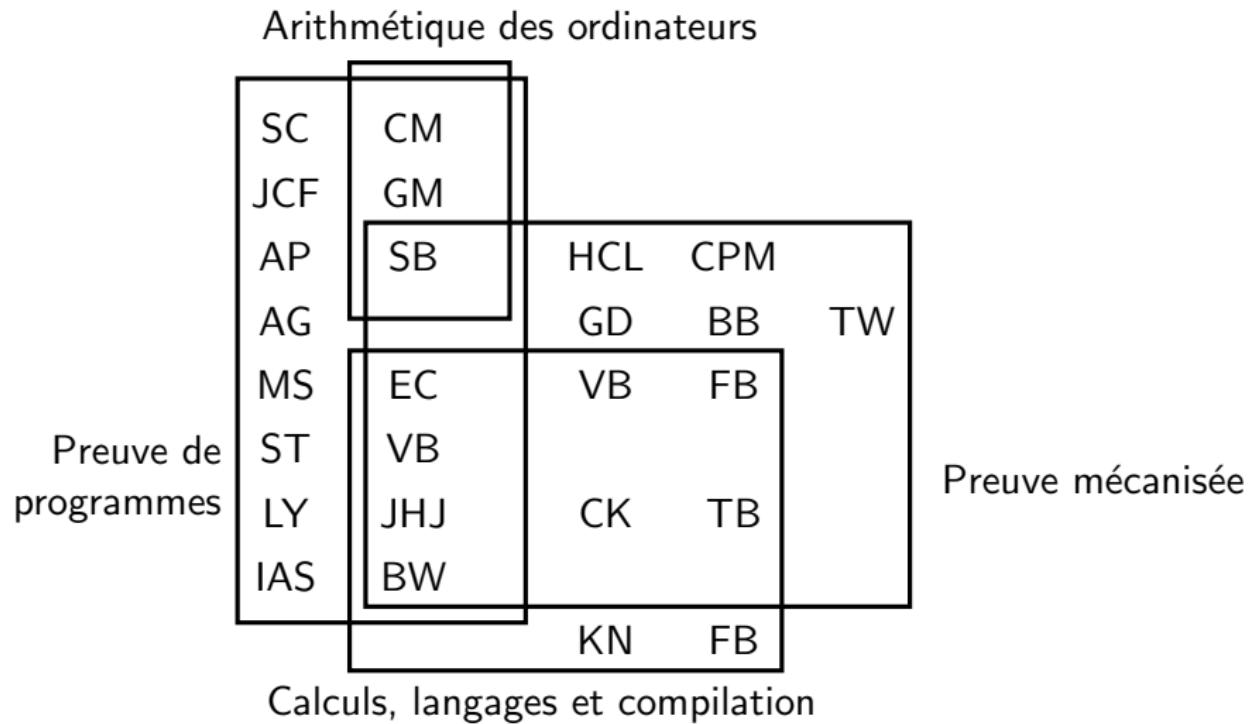
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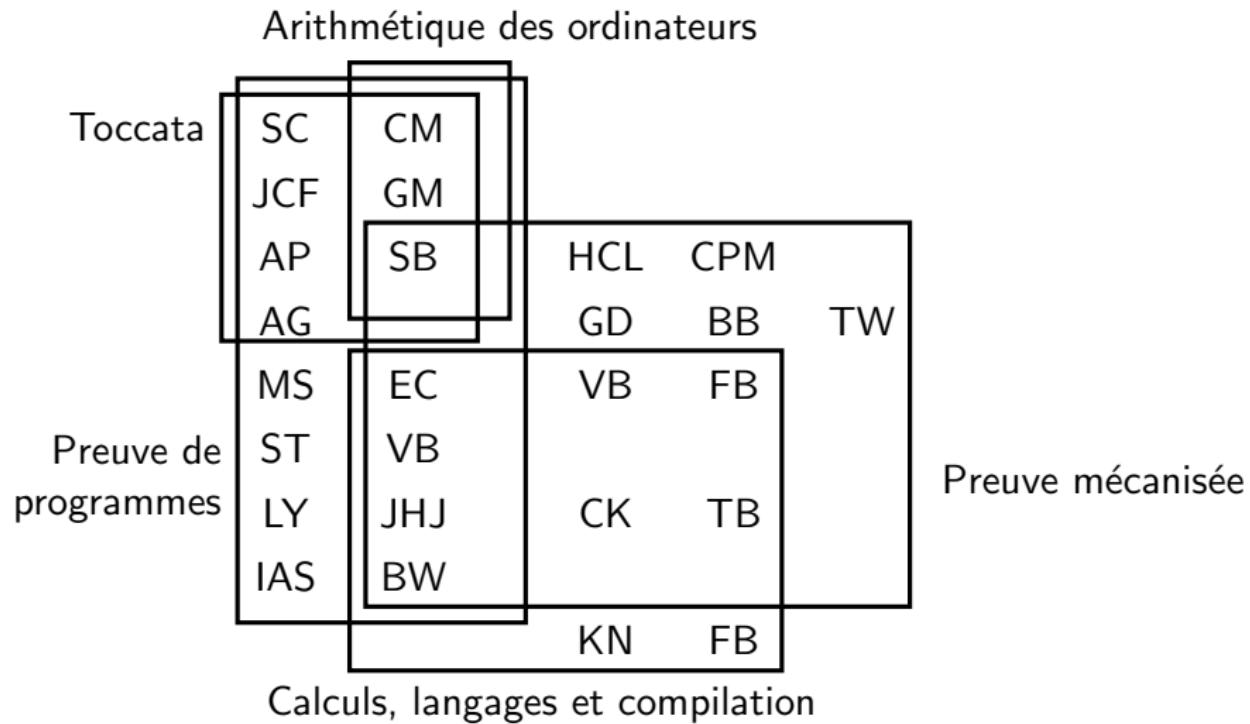
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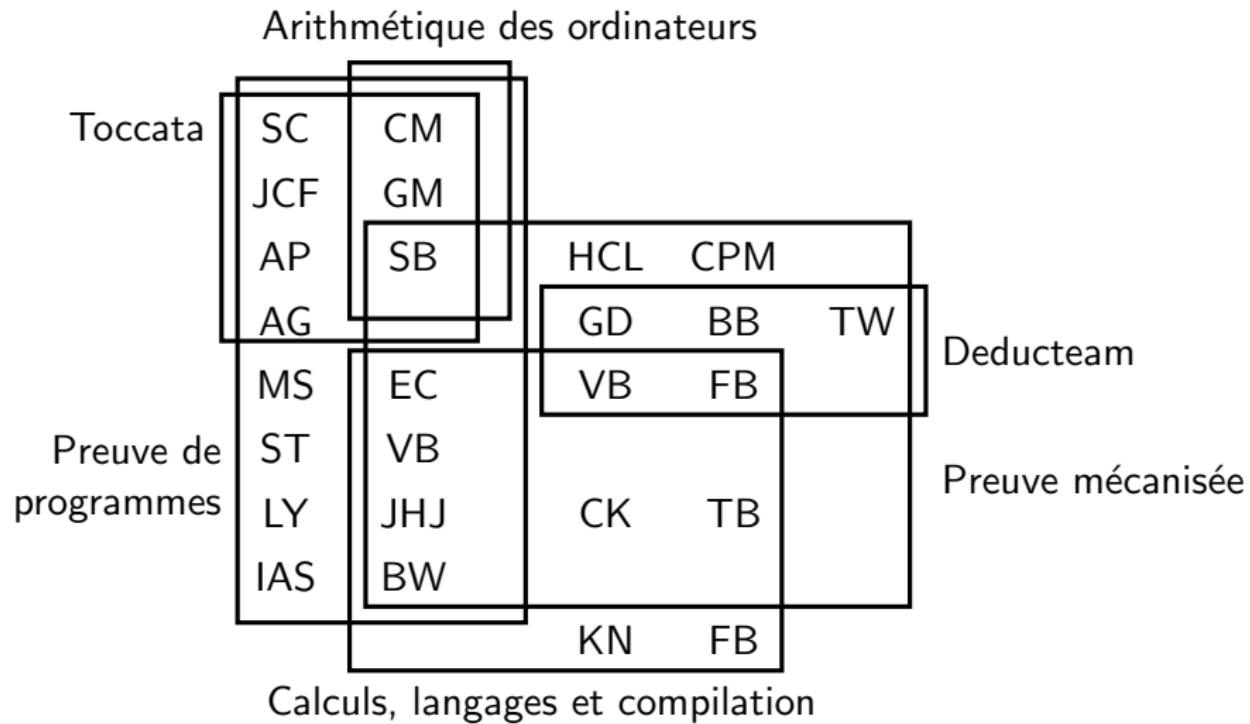
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Preuve mécanisée







Responsable : Guillaume Melquiond

- IEEE 754 floating-point numbers
- GMP-like big integers
- interval arithmetic

 Sylvie Boldo, Guillaume Melquiond.  
*Some Formal Tools for Computer Arithmetic : Flocq and Gappa.*  
ARITH 2021

Sylvie Boldo co-leader GDR IM's GT ARITH

Responsable : Kim Nguy n

- formal semantics
- study and design of languages
- programming and domain-specific languages



Valentin Blot.

*A direct computational interpretation of second-order arithmetic via update recursion. LICS 2022.*

Responsable : Andrei Paskevich

- deductive program verification
- reasoning on mutable memory
- verification of properties of systems

 Cláudio Belo Lourenço Denis Cousineau, Florian Faissole, Claude Marché, David Mentré, Hiroaki Inoue.  
*Automated Verification of Temporal Properties of Ladder Programs.* Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems 2021.

Responsable : Chantal Keller

- proof systems
- interaction between proof systems
- formalized libraries

 Frédéric Blanqui, Gilles Dowek, Émilie Grienengerger, Gabriel Hondet, François Thiré.

*Some Axioms for Mathematics.* FSCD 2021

## International

- EMC2 [ERC Synergy →2025]
- EuroProofNet [COST →2025]
- FRESCO [ERC Consolidator →2026]

## National

- France–Japan [Sakura →2023]
- Gospel [ANR →2026]
- ICSPA [ANR →2024]
- NARCO [ANR →2026]
- NuSCAP [ANR →2025]
- SecurEval

[PEPR Cybersécurité →2027]

## Industrial

- AdaCore [bilatéral →2023]
- Langages dynamiques pour les données  
[Oracle Labs →2022]
- Mitsubishi Electric R&D  
[bilatéral →2023]
- TrustInSoft [bilatéral →2023]
- thèses CIFRE  
[OCamlPro, Tarides →2023]

## Mainly at LMF :

- Alt-Ergo
- CoqInterval
- Coq-num-analysis
- Coquelicot
- CDuce
- Creusot
- Cubicle
- Datacert
- Datalogcert
- Dedukti
- Ekstrakto
- Flocq
- Gappa

- Lambdapi
- OntoEventB
- SMTCoq
- Sniper
- Why3
- WhyMP

## LMF also contributes to :

- Coq
- HOL-TestGen
- Iris
- Isabelle
- OCaml

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- Luc Chabassier
- Xavier Denis
- Louise Dubois De Prisque
- Thiago Felicissimo
- Valentin Fouillard [+LISN]
- Paul Geneau de Lamarlière  
[+MERCE]
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- Baptiste Gueuziec [+CEA]
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- Amélie Ledein
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- Glen Mevel [+Inria]
- Josué Moreau
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- Clément Pascutto [+Tarides]
- Quentin Petitjean [+LIG]
- Andrew Samokhish [+K. Inside]
- Julien Simonnet [+CEA]
- Rébecca Zucchini

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- Gaspard Ferey [06/21]
- Diane Gallois-Wong [+LIP6] [03/21]
- Quentin Garchery [01/22]
- Guillaume Girol [+CEA] [10/22]
- Gabriel Hondet [09/22]
- Yaëlle Vinçont [12/21, +CEA]

# Proof of programs with WHY3 and CREUSOT

Andrei Paskevich    Jacques-Henri Jourdan

LMF — October 19, 2022

# Deductive program verification

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# WHY3 proof session

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# WHY3 in a nutshell

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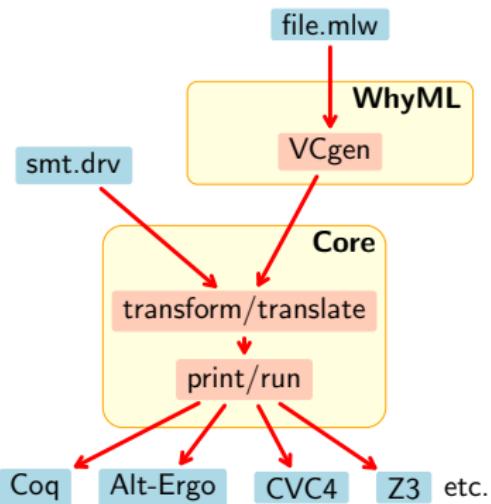
- type polymorphism • variants
- limited support for higher order
- pattern matching • exceptions
- integer & FP computer arithmetic
- mutable data with controlled aliasing
- ghost code and ghost data

## WHY3, a program verification tool

- VC generation using WP or SP
- 70+ VC *transformations* ( $\approx$  tactics)
- support for 25+ ATP and ITP systems
- produces OCaml and C code

## WHYML, a specification language

- polymorphic & algebraic types
- limited support for higher order
- inductive predicates



## Three different ways of using WHY3

- as a logical language
  - a convenient front-end to many theorem provers
  - probabilistic programs: EASYCRYPT (Barthe et al.)
- as a programming language for correct-by-construction software
  - see examples in our gallery  
<https://toccata.gitlabpages.inria.fr/toccata/gallery/why3.en.html>
  - Multiple Precision arithmetic library: WHYMP (Melquiond Rieu-Helft)
- as an intermediate verification language
  - Ada programs: SPARK (AdaCore)
  - C programs: FRAMA-C (Marché Moy)
  - Java programs: KRAKATOA (Marché Paulin Urbain)
  - Rust programs: CREUSOT (Denis Jourdan Marché)

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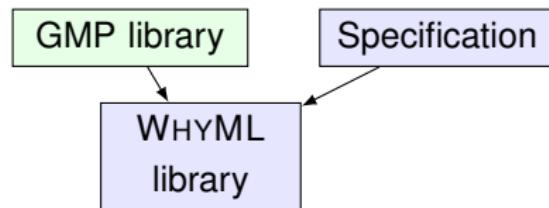
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- produce a verified library compatible with GMP
- attain **performances** comparable to a no-assembly GMP

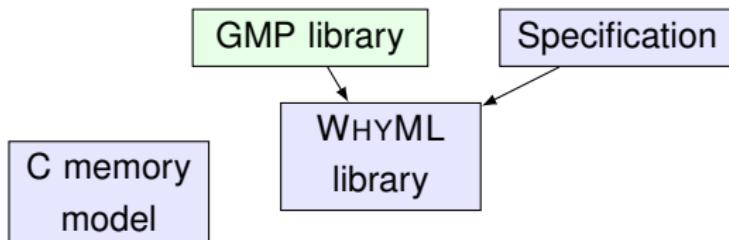
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GMP library

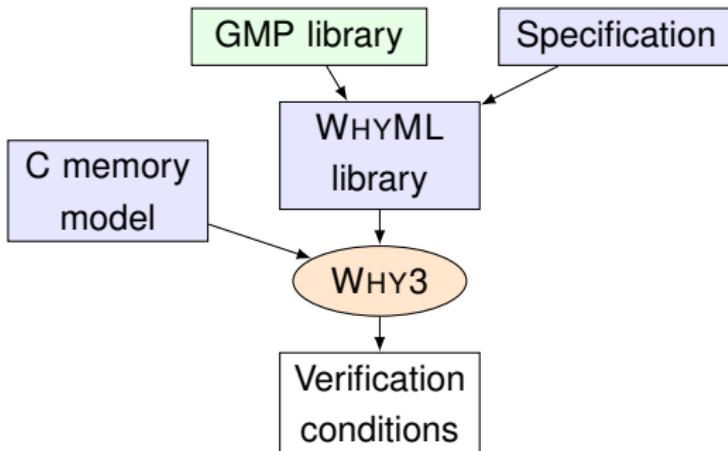
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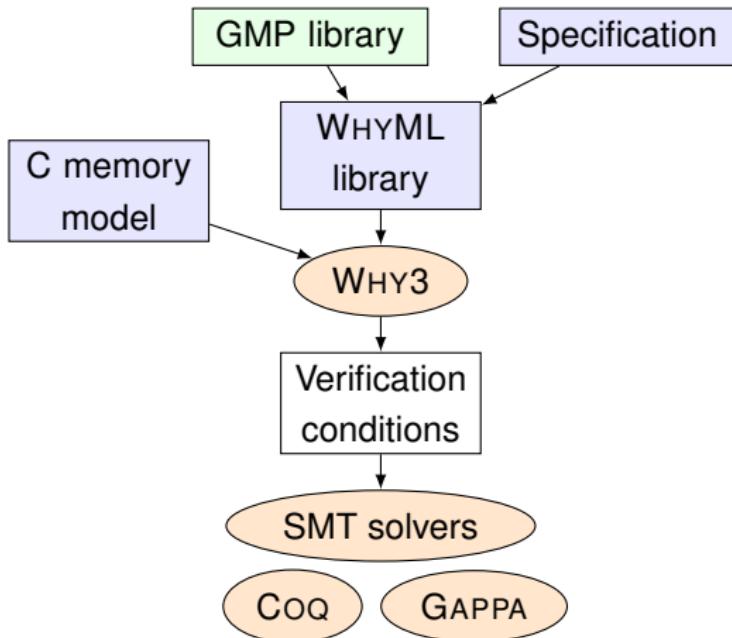
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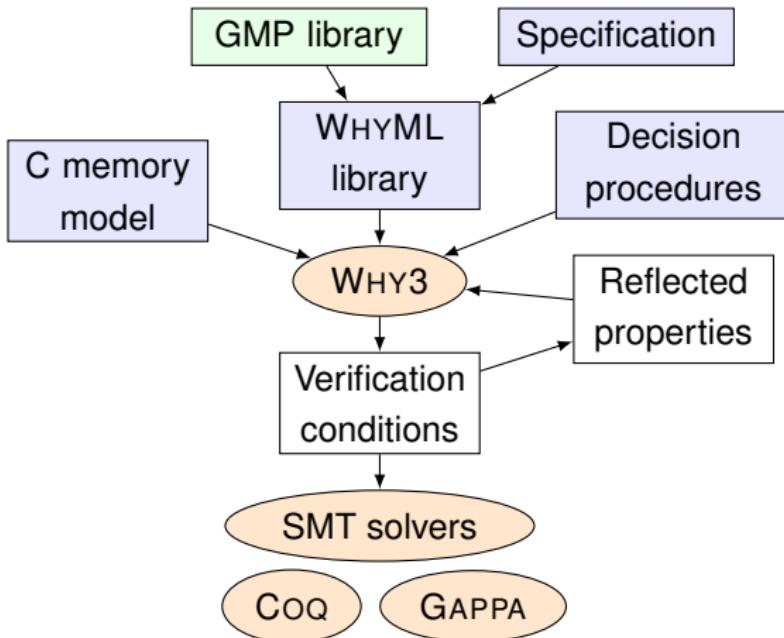
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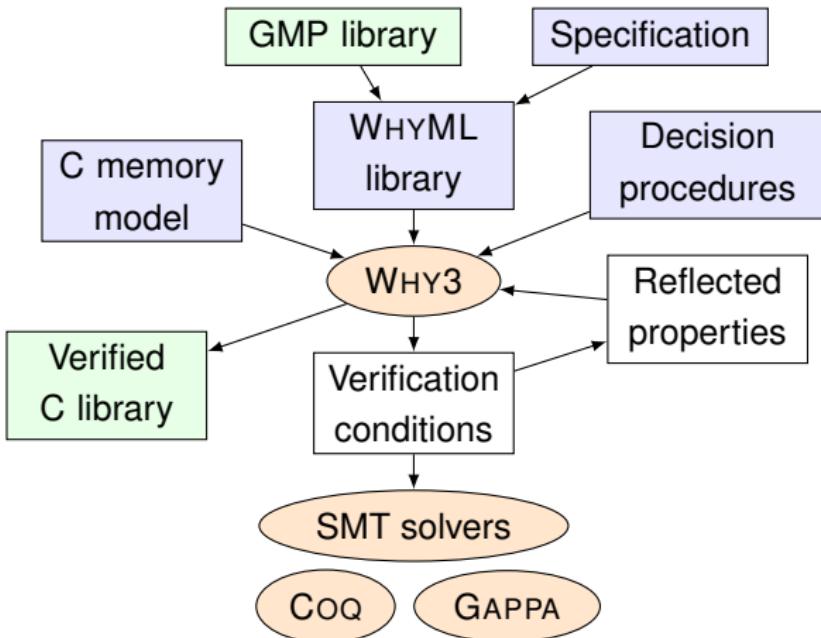
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  requires { 1 <= value p sz } (* <- real bug in GMP *)
  ensures { value p sz = value (old p) sz - 1 }

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Extraction to C

```
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    uint64_t lp = 0;  
    while (lp == 0) {  
        lp = *p;  
        *p = lp - 1;  
        p = p + 1;  
    }  
}
```

22 000 lines of WHYML code — 5 000 lines of extracted C code

Performance: comparable to GMP without assembly code

Supported operations:

- addition, subtraction, comparison
- multiplication: quadratic, Toom-Cook 2, Toom-Cook 2.5
- division: “schoolbook”
- square root: divide-and-conquer
- modular exponentiation with Montgomery reduction
- base conversion and input-output

# A new systems programming language: Rust



High performance, high level of control with safe abstraction mechanisms and concurrency features.

Tends to replace C/C++ for many sensitive applications:

- Web browsers (Firefox),
- Cloud infrastructures (Amazon),
- Operating systems kernels (Linux),
- Embedded systems

How to guarantee correctness of Rust code?

## Rust is well-suited for verification.

It has a rich type system.

- Safety guarantees.
  - No need to prove safety.
- Non-aliasing guarantees.
  - Helps reasoning with pointers.
- Type traits (i.e., type classes): abstraction and genericity mechanism.
  - Easy to write reusable specifications.

## Creusot, a deductive verification tool for Rust.

- The user **annotates Rust code** with specifications.
- Creusot translates Rust into WhyML (**Why3 = Creusot's back-end**).
- **Exploits type system** (non-aliasing, genericity with traits, safety).

One crucial aspect of Creusot: **lightweight handling of pointers**.

Our big secret:

**Rust is a purely functional\*  
programming language**

... and this greatly helps verification.

\*some squinting required.

# Rust as a functional language

## Local variables

```
fn incr(mut x: u64, y: u64) -> (u64, u64) {  
    x += y;  
    do_stuff();  
    (x, y)  
}
```

```
let incr x y =  
    let x = x + y in  
    do_stuff ();  
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```

As long as there is no pointer, **mutating variables = shadowing**.

We give a name to the value of each variable at each program point.  
Variables can only be mutated directly, we can track their modifications.

# Rust as a functional language

Owned pointers

`Box<T>` is Rust's type for **owned pointers**.

- I.e., pointers that are allocated on the heap ( $\simeq \text{malloc}$ ).
- Type system guarantee: **no alias**.

```
fn incr(x: Box<u64>, y: Box<u64>)
    -> (Box<u64>, Box<u64>) {
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Because there is no alias, we know nobody else can mutate `x` and `y`.

Owned pointers functionally behave like their content.

# Rust as a functional language

Borrows

Rust has another notion of pointer: **borrow**s.

- **Temporary** pointer to a memory location.
- They are crucial to effective use of Rust.

Their handling in Creusot requires a new mechanism: **prophecy**s.

- Prophecies allow **concise specifications**.
- But their soundness cause subtle **causality issues**.
  - We have a **strong meta-theoretical formalization**.

# Occurrence Typing and Set-theoretic types for dynamic languages

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# Motivations

## A function in JavaScript

```
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Idiomatic in dynamic languages:

- ▶ JavaScript: optional arguments (`typeof(y) === "undefined"`)
- ▶ JavaScript: poor person's overloading
- ▶ Python: 5400 dynamic type tests in the standard library
- ▶ Python: `isinstance(x,(int, float, str))`

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- ▶ Works for checks with arbitrary expressions (eg, applications of user-defined functions)

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## Functional language

**Types**  $t ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{Bool} \mid t \rightarrow t$

**Expressions**  $e ::= c \mid x \mid \lambda x.e \mid ee$

**Values**  $v ::= c \mid \lambda x.e$

Call-by-value semantics:

$$(\lambda x.e)v \rightsquigarrow e\{v/x\}$$

# Language

Functional language with set-theoretic types

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## Current and future work

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- ▶ Started work on integrating side effects (with Thibaut Balabonski and Philippe Volte-Viera, PEPR Secureval).