
Subject: Re: What does an optimal scientific programming language/environment need?

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>

> 5. 100% upwards compatibility with earlier versions of the same

> language/environment, and between platforms.

I don't see this as either necessary or desirable -- Fortran has survived so well precisely because of its ability to move the language definition sideways, without being shackled to earlier imperfections

regards . . . /phil
