

Esoteric Programming Languages

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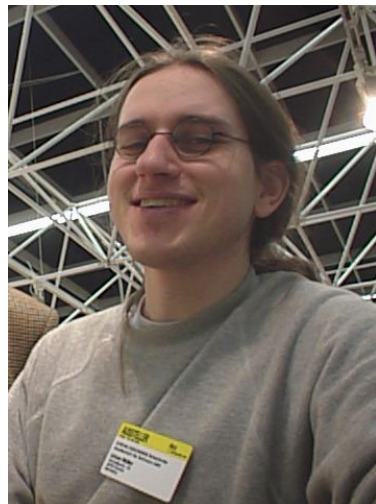
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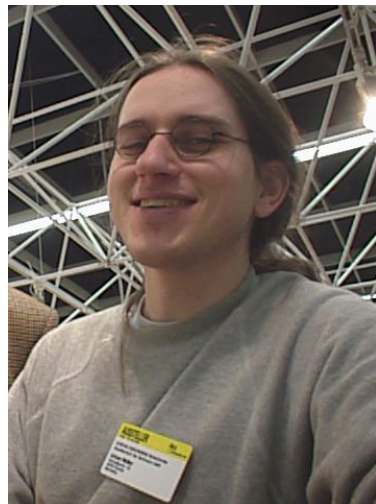
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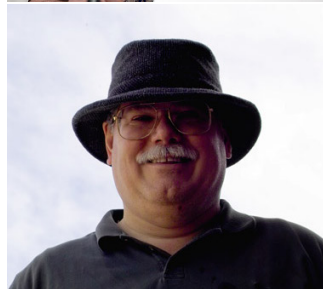
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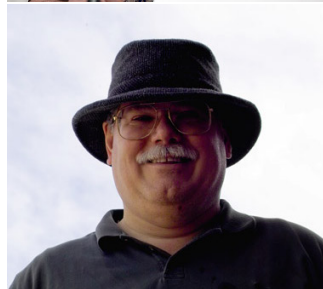
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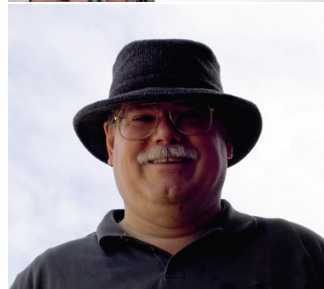
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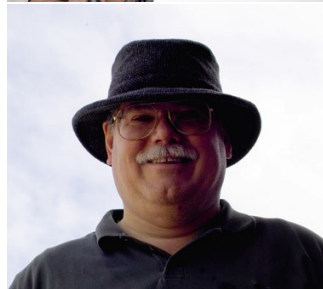
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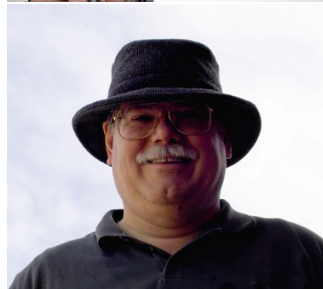
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ello, world!

Output

Example: ROT13

```

1 >~:""!"!v
2 ,v      _:"z"!"v
3 ^              _:"m"!"v
4 ^      -4-9<
5          |          <
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113

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ello, world!

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113 4

Input

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117

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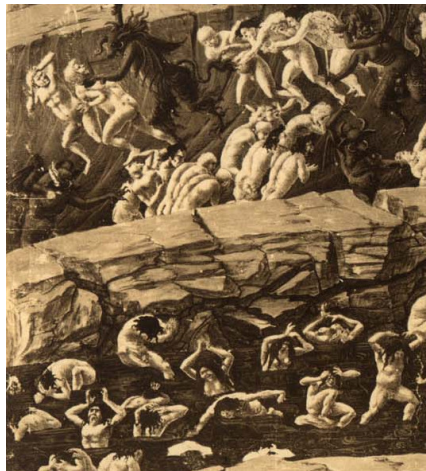
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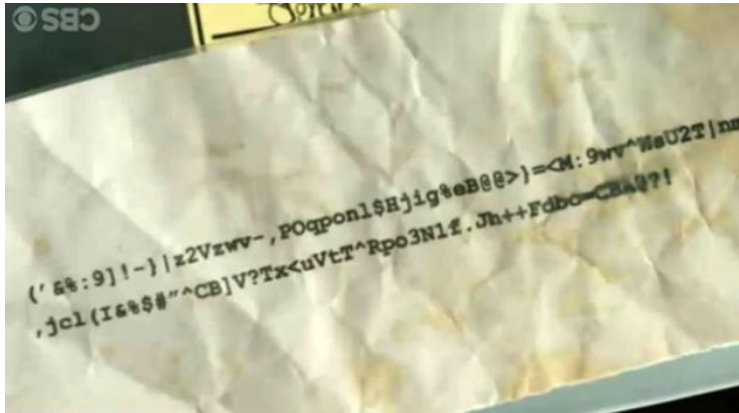
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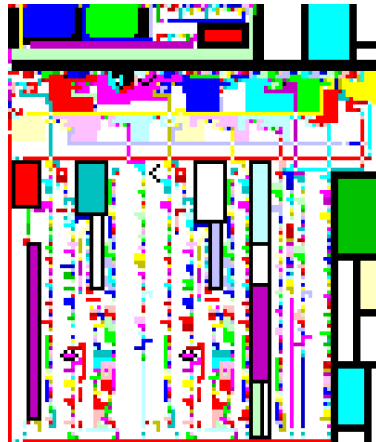
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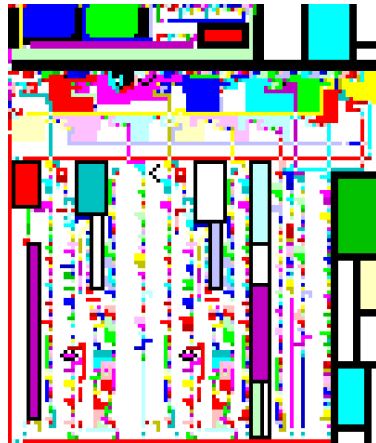
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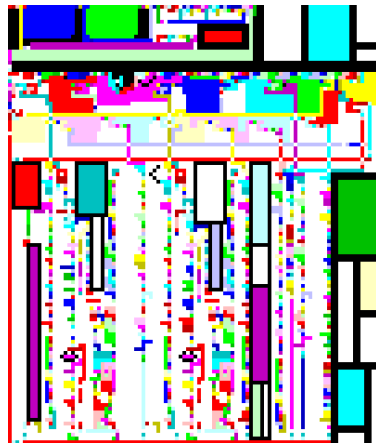
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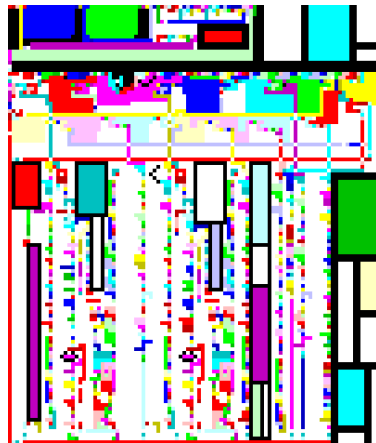
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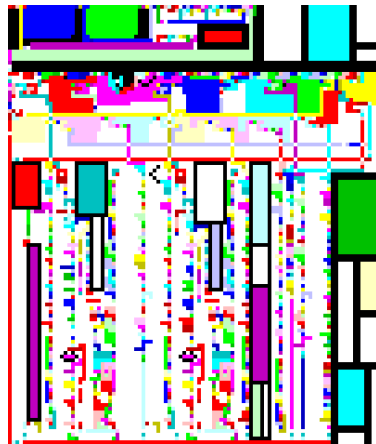
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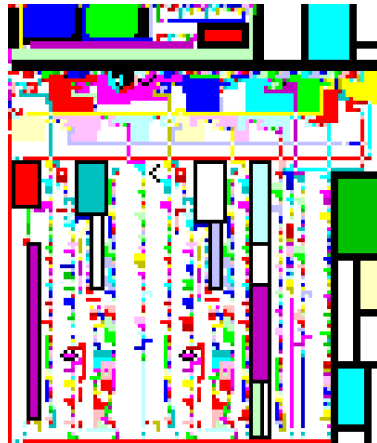
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