

# Welcome

## Wren is a small, fast, class-based concurrent scripting language

Think Smalltalk in a Lua-sized package with a dash of Erlang and wrapped up in a familiar, modern [syntax](#).

```
System.print("Hello, world!")

class Wren {
  flyTo(city) {
    System.print("Flying to %(city)")
  }
}

var adjectives = Fiber.new {
  ["small", "clean", "fast"].each {|word| Fiber.yield(word) }
}

while (!adjectives.isDone) System.print(adjectives.call())
```

- **Wren is small.** The VM implementation is under [4,000 semicolons](#). You can skim the whole thing in an afternoon. It's *small*, but not *dense*. It is readable and [lovingly-commented](#).
- **Wren is fast.** A fast single-pass compiler to tight bytecode, and a compact object representation help Wren [compete with other dynamic languages](#).
- **Wren is class-based.** There are lots of scripting languages out there, but many have unusual or non-existent object models. Wren places [classes](#) front and center.
- **Wren is concurrent.** Lightweight [fibers](#) are core to the execution model and let you organize your program into an army of communicating coroutines.
- **Wren is a scripting language.** Wren is intended for embedding in applications. It has no dependencies, a small standard library, and [an easy-to-use C API](#). It compiles cleanly as C99, C++98 or anything later.

If you like the sound of this, [let's get started](#). You can even try it [in your browser](#)! Excited? Well, come on and [get involved](#)!

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