

# Typing in Coq

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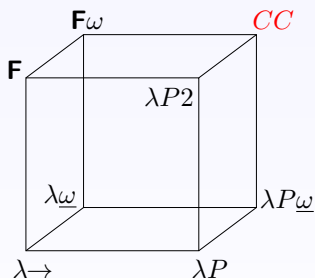
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Coq — calculus of constructions (CC) + inductive definitions



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- 1989 first public release (version 4.10)
- 1991 Coq - calculus of inductive constructions - C. Paulin (version 5.6)
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- 2000 version 7.0 with new (safer) architecture
- 2003 version 7.4 with modules
- 2004 version 8.0 with new syntax
- 2009 version 8.2 with “type classes”
- 2012 version 8.4 with eta-reduction, structural proof syntax...
- 2018 version 8.7.2 — fixes a critical bug in the universes (present since 8.5)



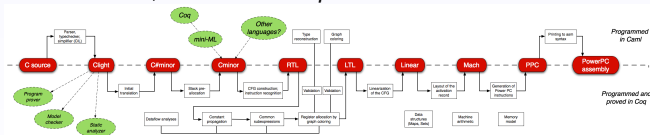
# Coq — famous formalizations

- Fundamental theorem of algebra, Nijmegen 2000
- JavaCard Platform formalization, Trusted Logic 2003

*September 2007: a big step in program certification in the real world: The Technology and Innovation group at Gemalto has successfully completed a Common Criteria (CC) evaluation on a JavaCard based commercial product. This evaluation is the world's first CC certificate of a Java product involving EAL7 components.*  
(the official press release)

- Four color theorem, Cambridge 2004
- CompCert certified Clight compiler, 2008-now

*The main result of the project is the CompCert C verified compiler, a high-assurance compiler for almost all of the ISO C90 / ANSI C language, generating efficient code for the PowerPC, ARM and x86 processors.*



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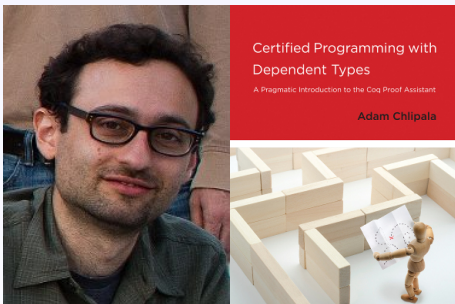
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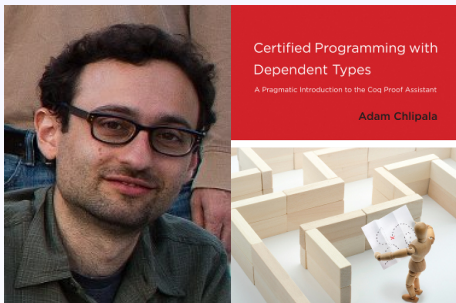


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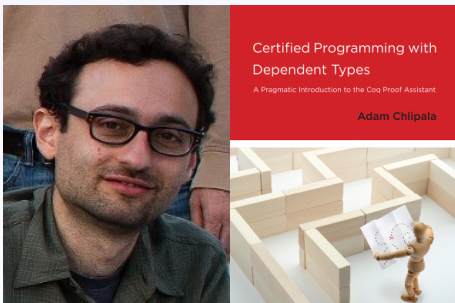


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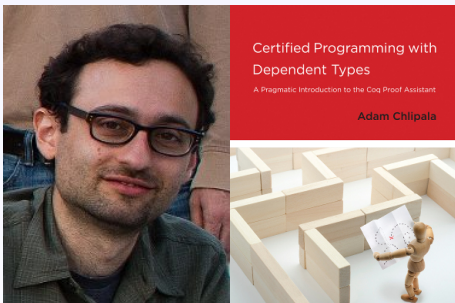


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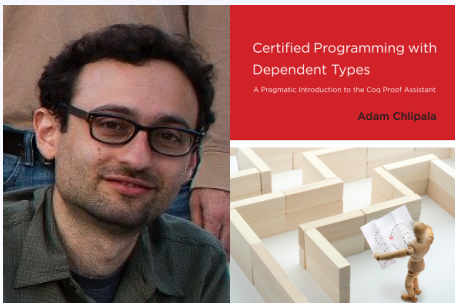


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```

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```

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## Scheme — generation of induction principles

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# Reflexive type: formula

```

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| Eq : nat → nat → formula
| And : formula → formula → formula
| Forall : (nat → formula) → formula.

```

Check formula\_ind.

```

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  : ∀ P : formula → Prop,
    (∀ n n0 : nat, P (Eq n n0)) →
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| And : formula → formula → formula
| Forall : (nat → formula) → formula.

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