#### Cognitive Augmentation Languages for Collective Intelligence and Human Development

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## Dynamics of Human Development in the Cyberspace Era



A creative, diverse, evolving and complex self-organizing process

#### Human Developement

- Cultural heritages (transmission of)
- Democracy (political pluralism, peacefull and legal government change)
- Health and well-being of the whole population
- Human rigths (equality of rights, freedom of expression and association, property rights...)
- Economic prosperity
- Education (long life)
- Innovation (technical, legal, administrative, economic, esthetic...)
- Peace and security
- Scientific research (fecundity and social benefits of)
- Sound environment

# Successive Linguistic Layers in Cyberspace's evolution







Semantic Web + Visualization technologies + Cognitive Augmentation Languages

WWW+ Broadband + WIFI + grid computing + XML + RDF + Ontologies + Intelligent agents



Internet + URL + HTML



Servers + Telecom Networks + PCs + **TCP-IP** + **e-mail** + **FTP** 



Computers + Micro-chips + Application Software + WYSIWYG Interfaces



Transistors + Formal Logic + Digital Coding + Programming Languages

## Cognitive Augmentation Languages

- Fully computable (including semantics and pragmatics).
- Cognitive augmentation through symbolic system.
- Cognitive addressing.
- Cognitive geometries for measurement and mapping of the cognitive space.

## P2P Metaphysics

- Each (virtual) community is at the center of an original and valid universe of meaning.
- Each community recognizes that the other communities are at the center of an original and valid universe of meaning.
- Except an inescapable *sustainability* in a context of global *interdependance*, there is no limit *a priori* to the development of new ontological standpoints.
- Communities share the coordinate system of an infinite cognitive space where semantic and pragmatic phenomena are measured, analysed, simulated and shared from every possible ontological standpoint.

- Information Economy Metalanguage: **IEML** CAL developped at the Collective Intelligence Lab. of the University of Ottawa
  - Fractal grammar (same search and semantic distance algorithm from the phrase scale to the library scale)
  - Open possible creation of sub-languages for specialized domains (like health !), but all specialized languages share a common semantic coordinate system => automatic cross translation
  - Only two primitives, one pragmatic p. with 2 possible values, one semantic p. with 3 possible values.









