

# Ten Years of Agda2

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## Agda meetings (AIMs)

			2004	Oct	Gothenburg (I)
Apr	Osaka (II)		2005	Sep	Gothenburg (III)
spring	Osaka (VI)		2006	fall	Gothenburg (V)
May	Gothenburg (VI)		2007	Nov	Osaka (VII)
Jun	Gothenburg (VIII)		2008	Nov	Sendai (IX)
			2009	Sep	Gothenburg (X)
Mar	Awaji (XI)		2010	Sep	Nottingham (XII)
Apr	Gothenburg (XIII)		2011	Sep	Shonan (XIV)
Feb	Fischbachau (XV)		2012	Oct	Copenhagen (XVI)
May	Shonan (XVII)		2013	Sep	Gothenburg (XVIII)
May	Paris (XIX)		2014	Oct	Tallinn (XX)

## Agda 2: Beginnings

- 2004 Prototype *AgdaLight* started in the *Cover* project: Thierry, Ulf, and me.
- 2005 Nisse formalizes LF in AgdaLight.
- 2005 September: Jeff Polakow and Ulf discuss the design of Agda 2. Coding starts.
- 2006 Agda 2 is implemented.
- 2007 Release of Agda 2.0.0 after AIM6 (May 2007).
- 2007 Sep: Agda Language Review.

## Agda 2.0.0 Feature list

- Inductive families.
- The with-construct (magic from 2.1.0).
- Records.
- Termination checker for structural recursion.
- The Alonzo compiler.
- Fancily coloured Emacs mode.

# Agda 2.2.0 (Mar 2009) – 2.2.4

- Coverage checker and interactive case splitting (C-c C-c)
- codata
- Sized types
- MALonzo compiler and Haskell FFI
- Unicode syntax and Agda input mode
- HTML rendering
- Standard library
- Windows installer and hackage

# Agda 2.2.6 (Dec 2009)

- Universe polymorphism: AIM 8 (May 2008) – AIM 10 (Sep 2009)
- Records: constructors and hidden fields
- `rewrite`
- `trustMe`
- `intro` command
- Relocatable interface files containing highlighting info
- Retired: Agate and Alonzo compilers

## Agda 2.2.8 (Sep 2010, post AIM 12)

- Record pattern matching
- Non-dependent irrelevance
- syntax
- Musical coinduction
- Reflection: quote, quoteGoal
- Auto (Agsy) (C-c C-a)

# Agda 2.2.10 (Feb 2011)

- --without-K without foundation
- Epic compiler

# Agda 2.3.0 (Nov 2011, post AIM 13/14)

- Mutual definitions without `mutual` keyword
- Pattern matching lambdas (extended lambdas)
- Record update
- Unification improvements following Abel/Pientka (TLCA 2011)
- Instance arguments
- Dependent irrelevance
- Reflection: `unquote`, `quoteTerm`
- JavaScript compiler

# Agda 2.3.2 (Nov 2012)

- Let record patterns
- Pattern synonyms
- Qualified mixfix operators
- Anonymous parameterized modules
- Smarter coverage checker
- Interactive syntax highlighting
- $\text{\LaTeX}$  backend

# Agda 2.4.0 (June 2014)

- Development now using git on `github.com`
- Levels defined in `Agda.Primitive`
- Copatterns
- Anonymous top level module
- Lets in telescopes
- Proper `--without-K`
- Generate helper function (`C-c C-h`)
- Improvements, improvements, ...

## Agda 2.4.2 (August 2014)

- Recursive instance search
- tactic keyword
- Unquoting declarations

## Agda: Outside View

- A language to formalize math and computer science
- A language to write papers (ca. 100 on the wiki)
- A language for teaching (15 courses on the wiki)
- A brand: *Coq and Agda*
- A user community

Martin Escardo, Wolfram Kahl, Dan Licata, Serge Mechveliani, Andy Pitts ...

## Agda: Inside View

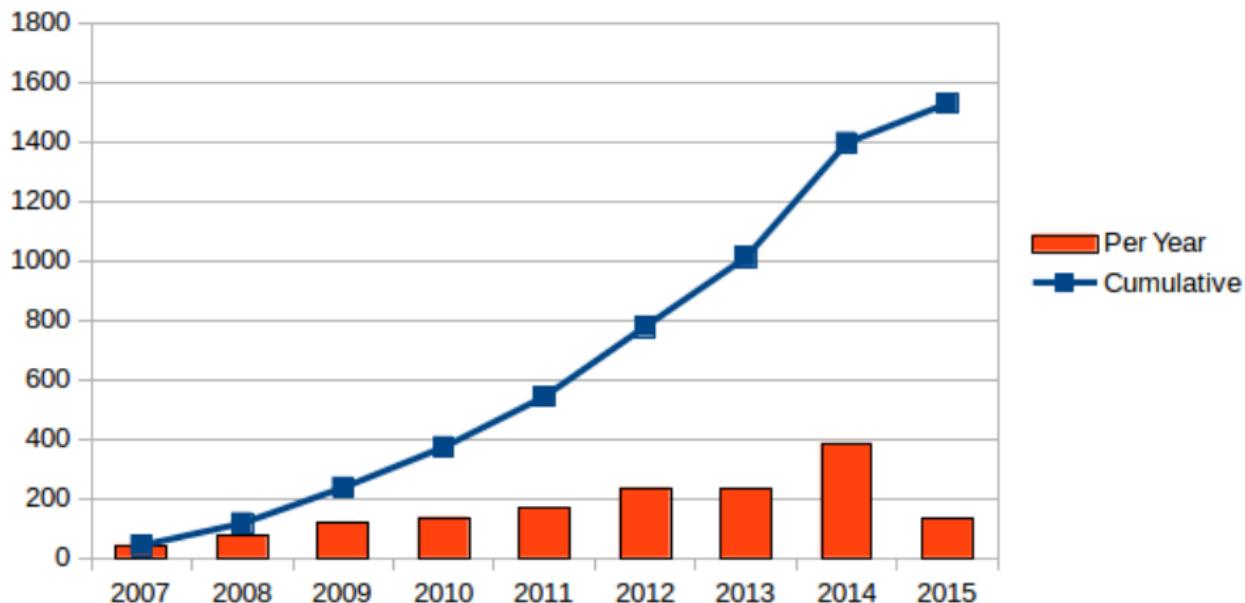
- 3 main developers (part-time)
- 1 packaging, integration, and release engineer (part-time)
- a dozen contributors (sporadically active)
- a long tail of single-patch submitters
- 93.000 loc (3.4MB) [2014: 70.000 loc]
- 1528 issues on the bug tracker (249 open) [2014: 1076 (165)]

2007-2010    100 bugs/year  
2010-2013    200 bugs/year  
2013-          300 bugs/year ?

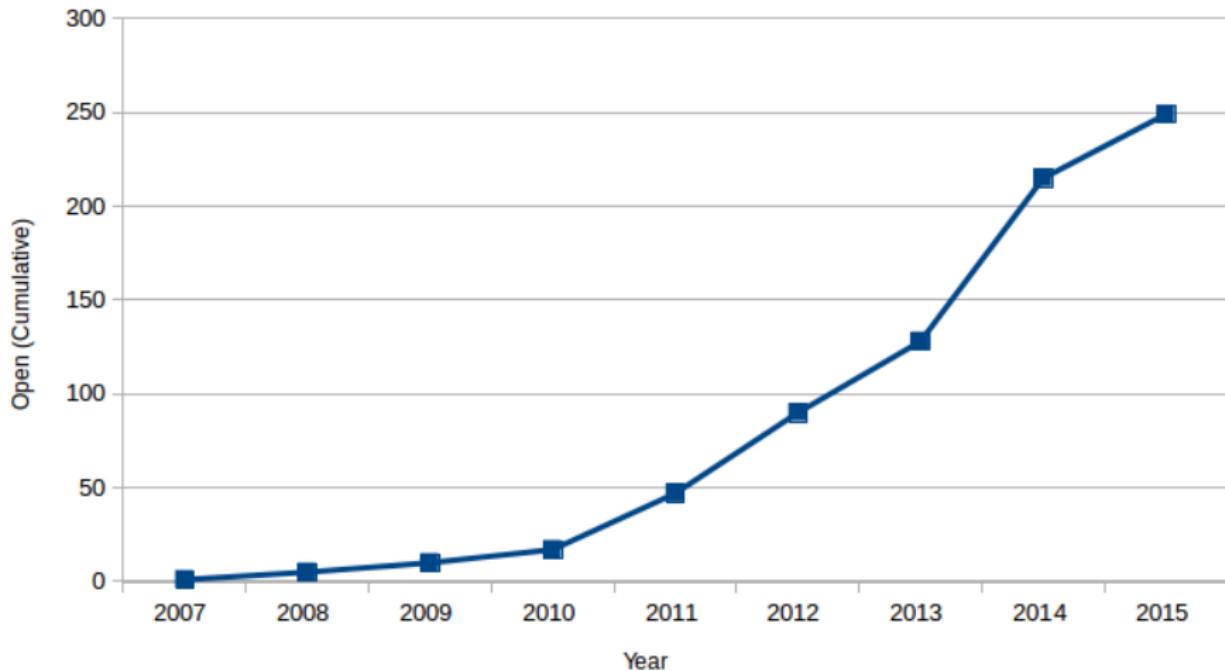
# Agda: Where do the 93kloc come from?

Component	loc ('15)	loc ('14)
Utility functions	8000	4100
Syntax (parsing, printing, scope checking)	19000	16000
Type checker (+ eval, coverage)	39000	30000
Termination checker	5800	4600
Interaction (+ highlighting, imports)	7400	6600
Agsy	4200	4100
Compiler	8000	5200

## All Agda Issues



## Open Issues (May 2015)



# Bug fixing is sometimes like Whack-A-Mole



# Long on the Wish List

- User manual
- Packaging
- Type classes (WIP)
- Universe cumulativity
- Reflection/tactics (WIP)
- Efficient type-checking
- Usable compiler (WIP)

# Core Language / Internal Syntax

- Sharing
- Independent checking
- Termination certificates
- Shared optimizations/transformations used by compiler backends

# Research topics

- Equality (HoTT, OTT)
- Parametricity/colors
- Sized dependent types
- Proof-instance search and unification
- Foundation for hidden/named arguments (Msc: Marcus, Jesper)
- Telescopes/ $\Sigma$ -types at framework level
- Printing