

Code Golf

Programming Style

Constraints

- As few lines of code as possible

Notes

- Usually writing in the fewest lines possible implies that libraries are leveraged to perform high-level functionality
- Shorter \neq better. Understandability often suffers, which makes bugs more likely
 - But, if done well, there can be less code to maintain
- In the 60s, 70s, and beyond competitions were held to see who could implement functionality with the fewest characters
- Dedicated code-golf programming languages: GolfScript, Flogscript, Pyth, CJam