

**REXX—THE FUTURE**

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# REXX—The Future

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# The Future of REXX

- ◆ Where are we now?
- ◆ REXX assets
- ◆ Trends and directions
- ◆ Discussion

# Where are we now?

- ◆ 17 implementations, on most significant platforms
- ◆ 35 published books and manuals  
(Over 50, if service guides, second editions, and translations are included.)
- ◆ Accessible to over ten million users
- ◆ Widely used, with an international following
- ◆ ANSI standard work well under way.

# Which assets are most important for the future?

## ◆ Simplicity:

- A small, readable, language
- Just one data type—the string
- Decimal arithmetic
- Few limits

## ◆ Flexible and extendible

- Existing and future system interfaces

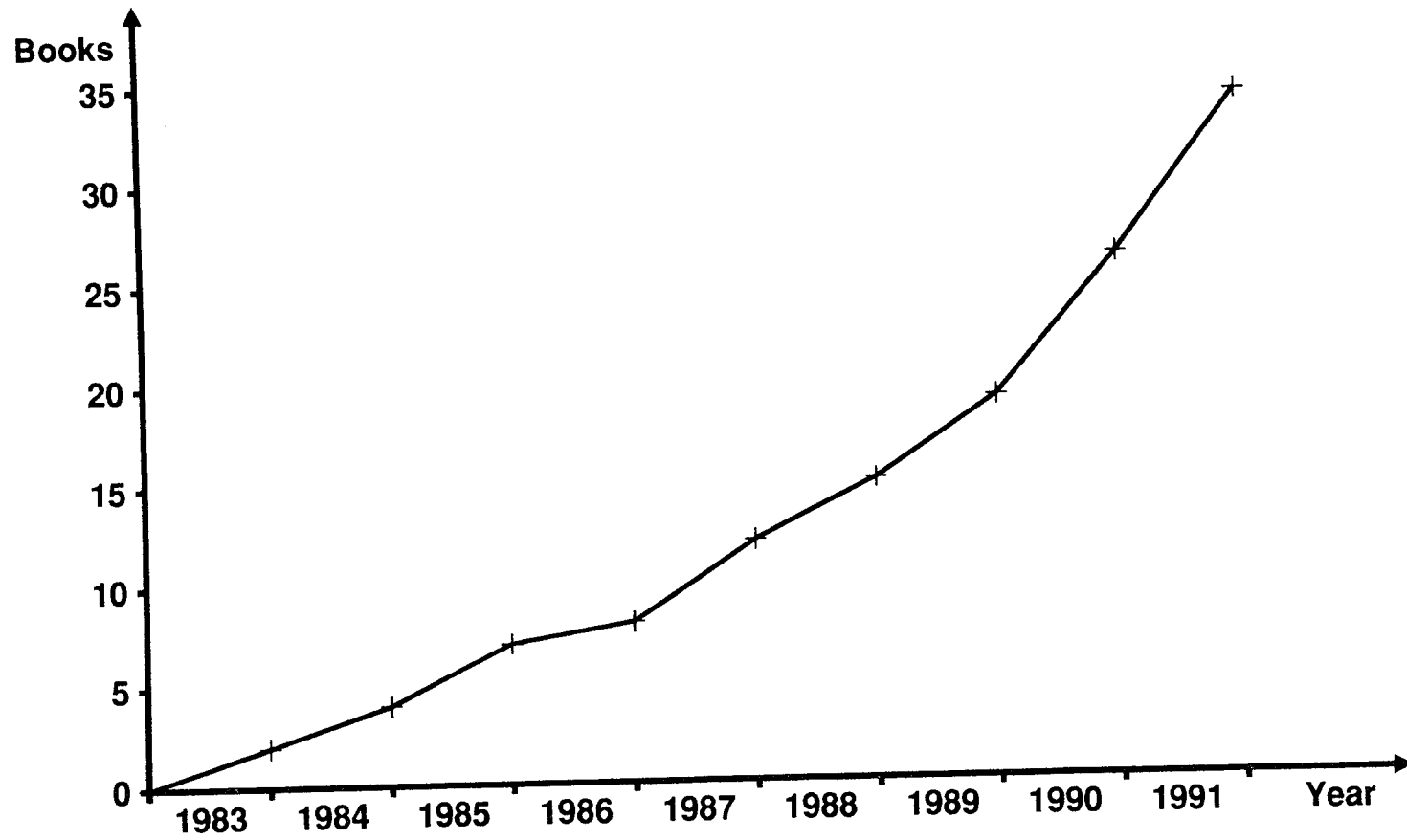
## More assets...

- ◆ *Designed* as a multi-purpose extension language
  - Highly system and hardware independent
  - Keywords reserved only in context, so macros in source form are resistant to breakage
  - Adds value to almost all platforms and applications
- ◆ Skills reuse between platforms
  - Reduced education costs.

# Trends and directions

- ◆ Mainframe interactive applications continue to move to workstations and PCs
- ◆ Networking of workstations and PCs encourages standardization of applications and languages
- ◆ Increasing complexity of applications, and sophistication of users, demands extensive subsetting and customization.

# REXX Books and Manuals



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# REXX Language Products Available

