

Anders Hejlsberg

Few individuals influence an entire industry the way Anders Hejlsberg has. As the architect behind game-changing programming languages like Turbo Pascal, C#, and TypeScript, Anders has revolutionized how developers create software.

His journey began in Denmark, where early exposure to ALGOL and Pascal sparked his passion for elegant, accessible programming tools.

Before joining Microsoft in 1996, Anders worked for Borland, where he developed Turbo Pascal, a product that democratized programming for hobbyists and professionals alike. Microsoft hired him away and put him to work designing a superset of Java—Visual J++—as well as later the .NET Framework, and C#, which seamlessly combined simplicity with power.

Anders continues shaping the future of programming, with a career spanning nearly 30 years at the forefront of innovation.