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The *fundamental ideas* for transformation systems are:

*domains* — where/when does one define a notation for a problem area;

*semantics* — how the meaning of a notation is defined;

*implementation* — what it means for one spec fragment to “implement” another; and

*control* — how to choose among possible implementations.

The following references describe various ways of implementing one or more of the above ideas. Unfortunately, there aren't any easy, obviously good articles or books on the topic, and there is a lot of exotic technology.

I recommend:

the Agresti book (a number of short papers) for overview,

the Feather survey paper for conciseness and broadness.

These are the minimum required reading to get a sense of the field. The Partsch book is excellent for a view of transformational development using wide spectrum languages, but fails to address domains and control. The Turski book is very good for some key theory, but you have to be determined to wade through it.

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