

**CSE 114A: Fall 2021**

**Foundations of Programming  
Languages**

*Lecture 1: Course Overview*

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# A Programming Language

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- Two variables

- $x, y$

- Three operations

- $x++$

- $x--$

- $(x=0) ? L1 : L2 ;$

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L1 : x++;
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y--;
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(y=0) ? L2 : L1
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L2 : ...
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Fact: This is “equivalent to” to **every** PL!

Good luck writing quicksort

... or Windows, Google, Spotify!

So why study PL ?

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Programming language

shapes

Programming thought

# So why study PL ?

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Language affects how:

- Ideas are expressed
- Computation is expressed

# Course Goals

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*“Free your mind”*  
-Morpheus

# Learn New Languages/Constructs

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Lorenzo da Ponte  
English version by  
Ruth and Thomas Martin

## Overture

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Andante

The image displays a musical score for the Overture of 'The Marriage of Figaro' by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The score is written for piano and strings. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Andante'. The piano part features a prominent melody in the right hand, while the left hand provides harmonic support. The string part consists of a rhythmic accompaniment. The score is divided into systems, with a 'Presto' tempo marking appearing in the third system. The notation includes various musical symbols such as clefs, notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

New ways to:

- describe
- organize
- think about computation

# Goal: Enable you to Program

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## Overture

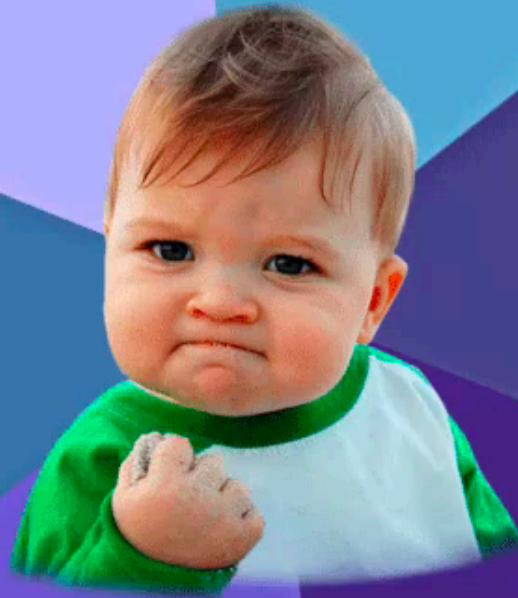
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Andante

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- Readable
- Correct
- Extendable
- Modifiable
- Reusable

**#goals**



**Learn How To Learn**



# Goal: How to learn new PLs

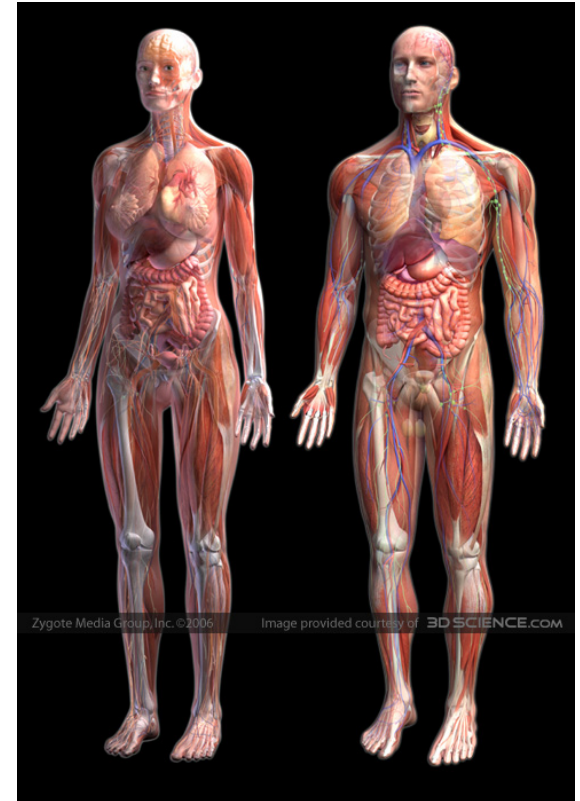
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No Java (C#) 15 (10) years ago  
AJAX? Python? Ruby? Erlang? F#?...

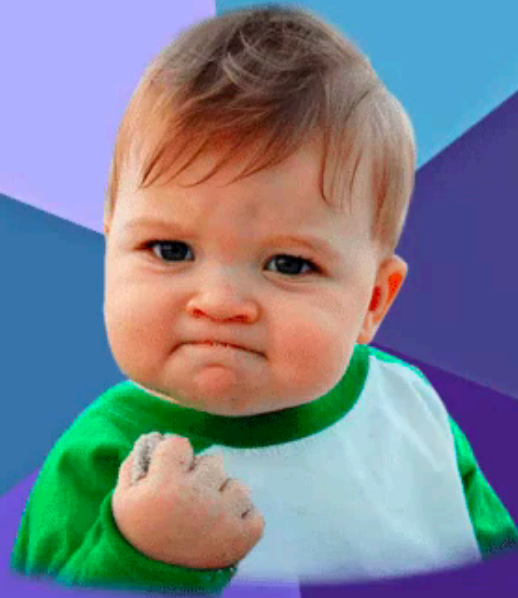
Learn the **anatomy** of a PL

- Fundamental **building blocks**
- Different guises in different PLs

Re-learn the PLs you already know



**#goals**



**Design new languages**

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# Goal: How to design new PLs

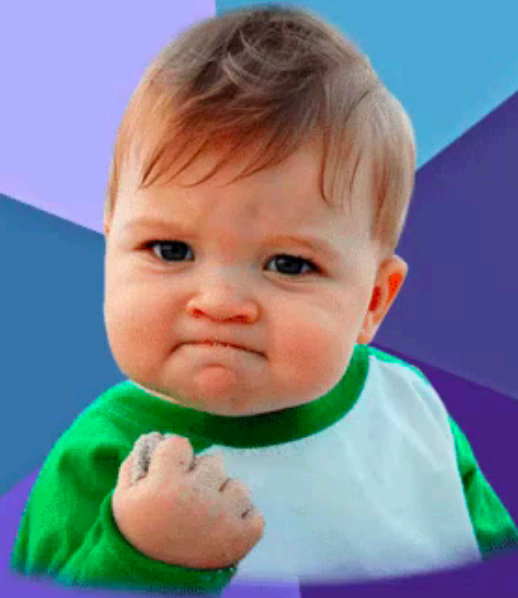
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...“who, me ?”

Buried in *every extensible* system is a PL

- Emacs, Android: Lisp
- Word, Powerpoint: Macros, VBScript
- Unreal: UnrealScript (Game Scripting)
- Facebook: FBML, FBJS
- SQL, Renderman, LaTeX, XML ...

**#goals**



**Choose right language**

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# Enables you to choose right PL

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“...but isn't that decided by

- libraries,
- standards,
- and my boss ?”

Yes.



*My goal: educate tomorrow's tech leaders & bosses, so you'll make informed choices*

Speaking of **Right** and **Wrong**...

# Imperative Programming

$$x = x + 1$$



**WTF?**

$$x = x + 1$$

**Imperative = Mutation**

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**Bad!**

# Don't take my word for it

## John Carmack Creator of FPS: Doom, Quake,...



**John Carmack**  
@ID\_AA\_Carmack



I am starting to remove op= operator overloads to discourage variable mutation.

**39**  
RETWEETS

**16**  
FAVORITES



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# Don't take my word for it

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**Tim Sweeney (Epic, Creator of UNREAL)**

*“In a concurrent world,  
imperative is the wrong default”*



# Functional Programming

# Functional Programming ?

**No Assignment.**

**No Mutation.**

**No Loops.**

**OMG! Who uses FP?!**



So, Who Uses FP ?

The Google logo is displayed in its characteristic multi-colored font: blue 'G', red 'o', yellow 'o', blue 'g', green 'l', and red 'e'.

**MapReduce**

# So, Who Uses FP ?



***Microsoft***<sup>®</sup>

**Linq, F#**

So, Who Uses FP ?

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

**facebook**

**Erlang**

# So, Who Uses FP ?



twitter

**Scala**

So, Who Uses FP ?

**Wall Street**

**(all of the above)**

So, Who Uses FP ?

...**CSE 116**

# **Course Mechanics and Logistics**

# Logistics

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**Course website:**

<https://ucsc-cse-114a.github.io/fall21/>



# Resources

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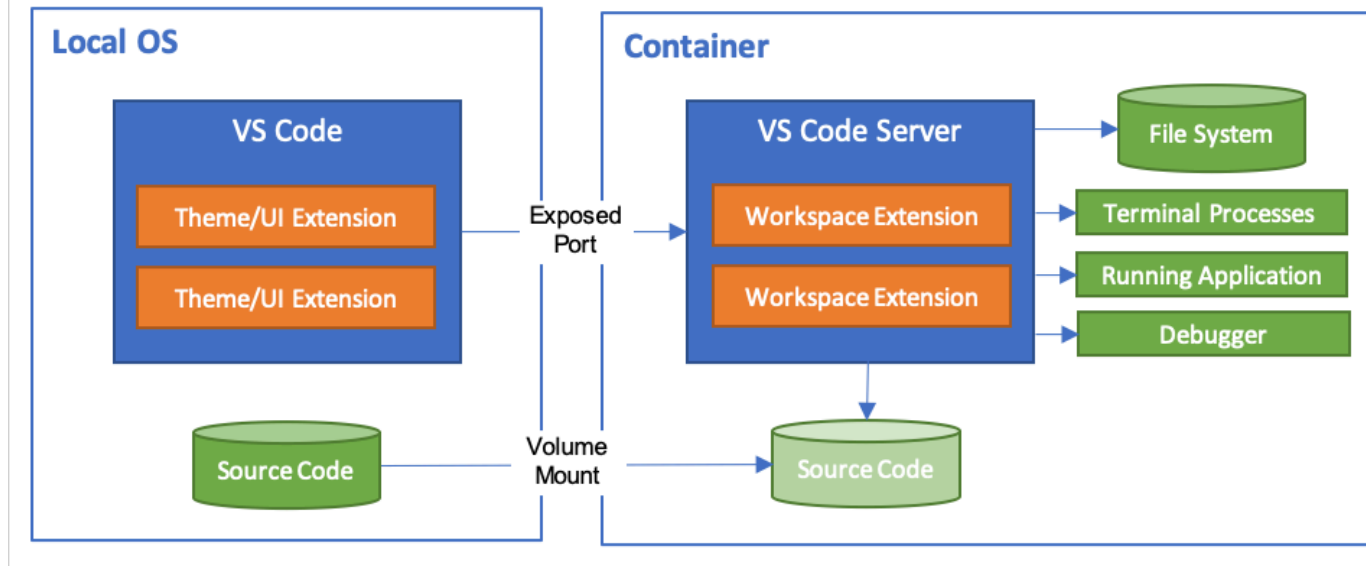
## Course texts (optional):

- [An Introduction to Functional Programming Through Lambda Calculus](#) by Greg Michaelson. Free pre-print.
- [Thinking Functionally with Haskell](#) by Richard Bird. Available online (free via library).
- [Programming in Haskell](#) (2nd ed.) by Graham Hutton.
- [Real World Haskell](#) by Bryan O'Sullivan. Available online (free via library).
- [Learn You a Haskell for Great Good](#) by Miran Lipovača. Available free online
- [Write You a Haskell](#) by Stephen Diehl. (incomplete, but useful) Available free online

# Resources

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## Haskell Dev Container



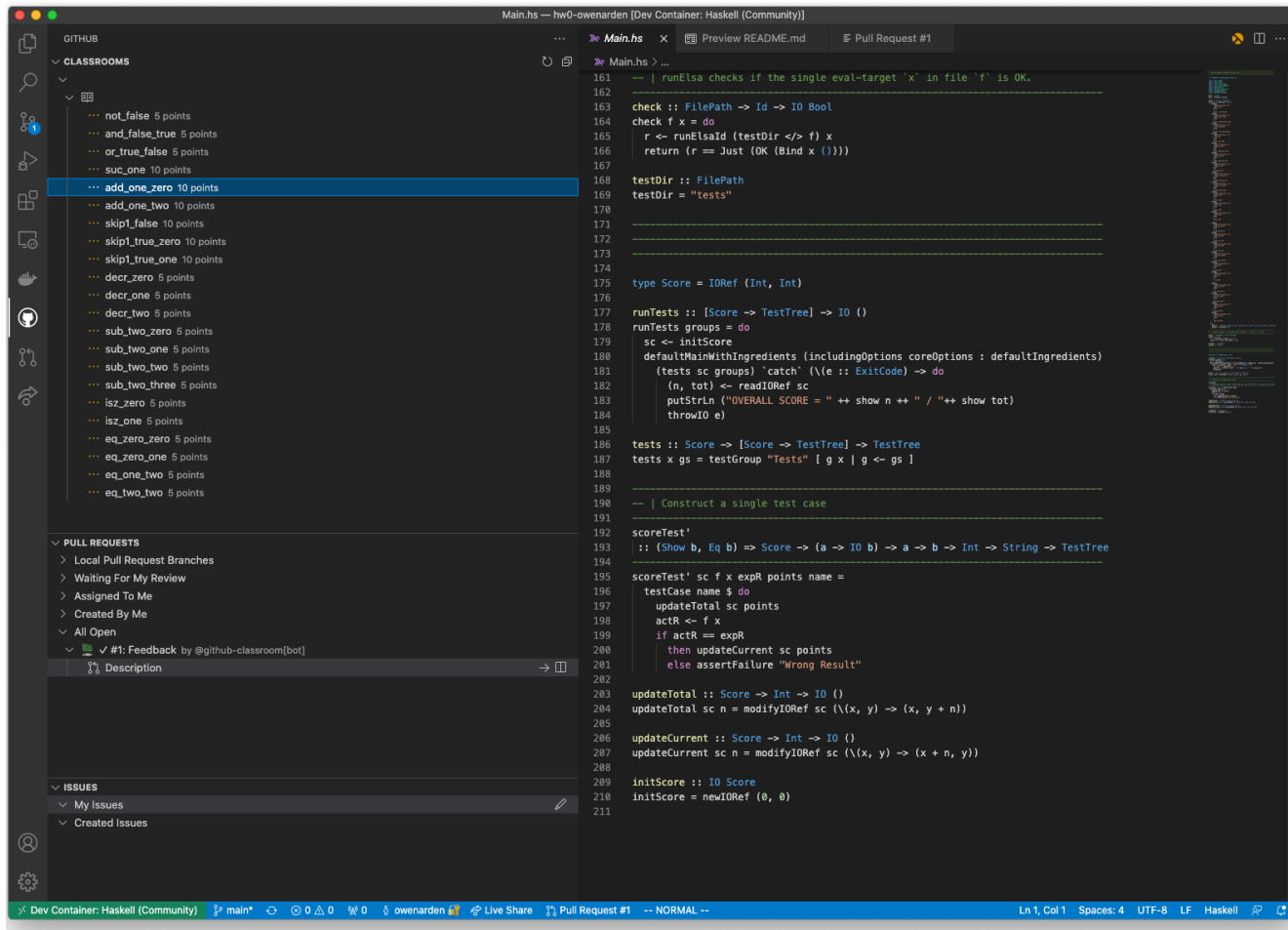
- <https://github.com/UCSC-CSE-114A/cs114a-devcontainer>

# Recommended IDE: VS Code

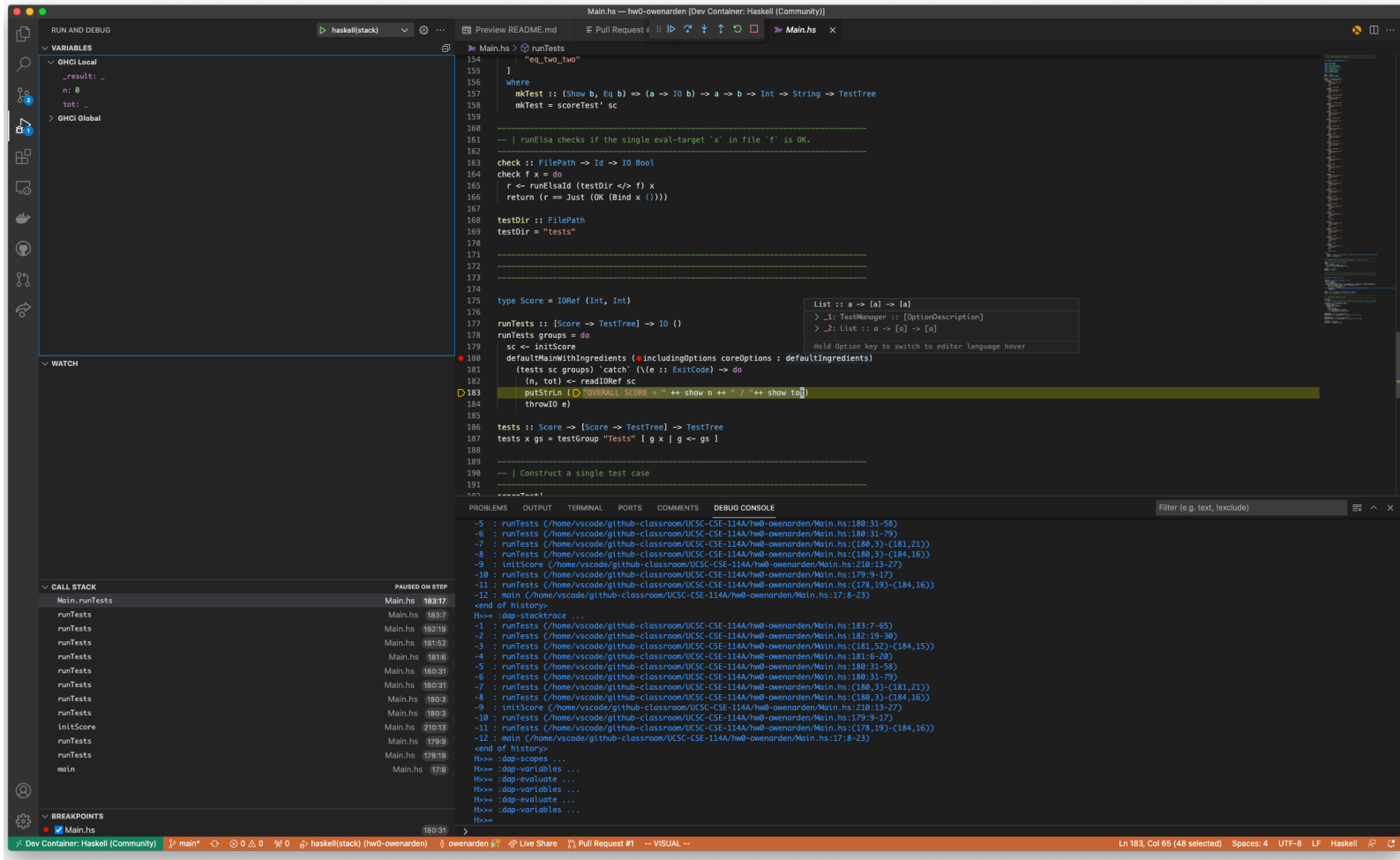
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- New this year, legit IDE setup for Haskell!
  - Devcontainer: A Haskell dev environment is built in a container and VS Code automatically mounts the container volume
  - Also some integrations with Git and GitHub Classroom

# VS Code



# VS Code



**Peer Instruction (ish)**

# Peer Instruction

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- Make class interactive
  - Help YOU and ME understand whats tricky
- Respond to in-class quizzes
  - 5% of your grade
  - Respond to 75% questions
- Bring laptop/phone if you have one

# In Class Exercises

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1. Solo Vote: Think for yourself, select answer
2. Discuss: Analyze Problem with neighbors
  - Practice analyzing, talking about tricky notions
  - Reach consensus
  - Have questions, raise your hand!
3. Group Vote: Everyone in group votes
4. Class-wide Discussion:
  - What did you find easy/hard?
  - Questions from here show up in exams



# In Class Exercises

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Let's try it out (if you have a device):

Indoctrination (a test)

\* Required

$x = x + 1$  \*

1 point



This is fine



This is fine.

<http://tiny.cc/cse116-trial>

Make your individual choice

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Now “confer” with a neighbor and agree on a choice for your group

# Requirements and Grading

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- In-Class Exercises: 5%
- Midterm: 30%
- Programming Assignments (6): 30%
- Final: 35%

Two hints/rumors:

1. Lots of work
2. Don't worry (too much) about grade

**Note:** Regrades must be requested *within two weeks of receiving grade*

# Resources

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- Online lecture notes
- Readings and exercises
- Webcasts:
  - User: cse-116-1
  - Pass: lambda
- Pay attention to lecture and section!
- Do assignments yourself (+partner)!

# Ask for help!

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- Lots of help available, will be adding more soon. (watch website)
- Lab sessions 4 days/wk with tutors to help with assignments
- Discussion sections with TAs to help with lecture concepts

# Programming Assignments

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All assignments are managed through GitHub Classroom (link on course page).

- **You must *push* your submitted code.**

## Deadline Extension:

- Four “late days”, used as “whole unit”
- 5 mins late = 1 late day
- Plan ahead, **no other extensions**

See course webpage for HW deadlines

# Programming Assignments

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Unfamiliar languages  
+ Unfamiliar environments

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**Start Early!**

# Weekly Programming Assignments

Scoring = Test suite

**No Compile, No Score**



# Weekly Programming Assignments

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**Forget** Java, C, C++ ...  
... other 20<sup>th</sup> century PLs

**Don't complain**

... that Haskell is hard

... that Haskell is @!%@#

Immerse yourself in new language

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**It is not.**

# Immerse yourself in new language

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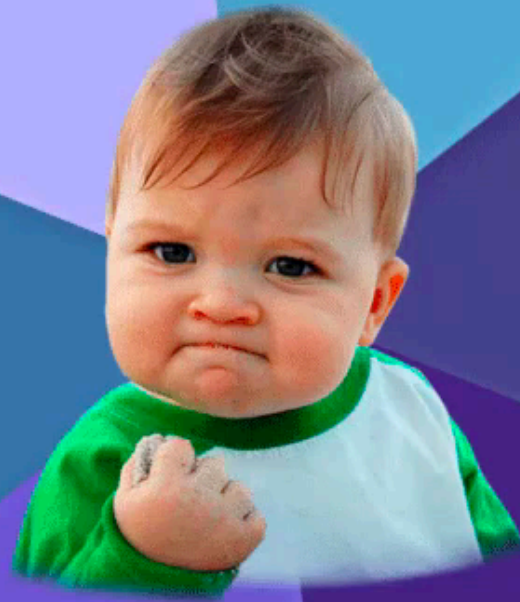


# Word from our sponsor ...

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- Programming Assignments done **ALONE** or in (official) **groups of two** (as permitted)
- We use plagiarism detection software
  - MOSS is fantastic, plagiarize at your own risk
- **Zero Tolerance**
  - offenders punished ruthlessly
- Please see academic integrity statement:
  - <https://ue.ucsc.edu/academic-misconduct.html>

**#goals**



**Ask me questions**