CSE 114A: Fall 2023 Foundations of Programming Languages

Lecture 1: Course Overview

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A Programming Language

- Two variables
 - -x, y
- Three operations
 - x++
 - x--

- (x=0)? L1:L2;

Fact: This is "equivalent to" to every PL! Good luck writing quicksort ... or Windows, Google, Spotify! So why study PL ?

Programming language shapes Programming thought

So why study PL ?

Language affects how:

- Ideas are expressed
- Computation is expressed





"Free your mind" -Morpheus

Learn New Languages/Constructs



- New ways to:
- describe
- organize
- think about computation

Goal: Enable you to Program



- Readable
- Correct
- Extendable
- Modifiable
- Reusable



Goal: How to learn new PLs

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





Goal: How to design new PLs

..."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 ...



Enables you to choose right PL

- "...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



Imperative = Mutation

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Don't take my word for it

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



Don't take my word for it

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?!



MapReduce



Microsoft[®]

LINQ, F#



Erlang



Scala

Wall Street (all of the above)

...CSE 114A

Course Mechanics and Logistics



Course website:

https://ucsc-cse-114a.github.io/fall23/

Resources

Course texts (optional):

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

Resources

Haskell Dev Container



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

Recommended IDE: VS Code

- Legit IDE setup for Haskell!
 - Devcontainer: A Haskell dev environment is built in a container and VS Code automatically mounts the container volume
 - Codespaces: devcontainers in the cloud!!
 - Also some integrations with Git and GitHub Classroom

VS Code



VS Code

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Peer Instruction (ish)

Peer Instruction

- 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

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

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

Make your individual choice

In Class Exercises

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



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

Requirements and Grading

•	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

- Online lecture notes
- Readings and exercises
- Lecture capture available in Yuja
- Pay attention to lecture and section!
- Do assignments yourself (+partner)!

Ask for help!

- Lots of help available, will be adding more soon. (watch website)
- Goal: course staff available every day of the week
 - Discussion sections with TAs to help with lecture concepts and get unstuck on assignments

Programming Assignments

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

Unfamiliar languages+ Unfamiliar environments

Start Early!

Weekly Programming Assignments

Scoring = Test suite

No Compile, No Score

Weekly Programming Assignments



Forget Java, C, C++ other 20th century PLs

Don't complain ... that Haskell is hard ... that Haskell is @!%@#

Immerse yourself in new language

lt is not.

(You can do it)

Immerse yourself in new language



Word from our sponsor ...

- 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

