Teacher



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Objectives



- Learning the object-oriented and functional programming methodology, both at the conceptual and practical level
- Getting acquainted with object-oriented design and programming patterns
- Acquiring some basic concepts for designing and implementing a programming language

Importance of software productivity, reuse and maintenance



- What is the best programming language?
 - The question hardly makes sense in general
 - many considerations play an important role in the choice of the language
 - application domain, project requirements, developers' skills, software interoperability, compatibility issues, market requests, etc.
- Importance of mastering different computational models, several languages are in fact multi-paradigm



- Compilers and interpreters are very basic tools: every computer professional and graduate in computer science/engineering should have a rough idea of how they are designed and implemented
- Domain specific languages (DSL) enhance software productivity, but require skills in programming language implementation to be developed



Prepare your future career!

- Developer jobs: From SQL to Java, these are the skills companies are looking for now
 - www.zdnet.com/article/ developer-jobs-from-sql-to-java-these-are-the-skills-companies-are-looking-for
- The Top Programming Languages 2019
 - www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index
 - spectrum.ieee.org/computing/software/ the-top-programming-languages-2019



Exams



- Written test (see solutions of past exams)
- Optional oral test (questions from the syllabus), compulsory when written test mark between 15 and 17 (inclusive), or to obtain 30L
- Java project (2-3 students per project) + discussion
- Partial written test (compitino) during the Winter term (typically February)
- Written test: 5 exams, but no more than 3 tries
- All rules available on AulaWeb
- Requirements (prerequisiti): IP and ASD
- Remark: it is strongly recommended (but not compulsory) to pass IP and ASD exams first

Aulaweb



Schedule (semester 1)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-10	class/lab	class		class/lab	
10-11	class/lab	class		class/lab	
11-12					
12-13					
13-14					
14-15					
15-16					

Classes start at 9.20 am and end at 10.55 am with a quick break in the middle Second semester: 2 hours of class/lab per week

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- 2 OCaml labs, 8 Java labs
- applications: JDK (Java Development Kit) and Eclipse/IntelliJ IDEA, OCaml interpreter and OCaml-Top
- more advanced Java labs in the second semester



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Suggested readings



Basic

- D. Ancona, G. Lagorio, and E. Zucca. Linguaggi di Programmazione. Città Studi Edizioni.
- K. Arnold, J. Gosling, and D. Holmes. The Java Programming Language, Fourth Edition, Prentice Hall.
- E. Chailloux, P. Manoury, and B. Pagano. Developing Applications With Objective Caml. (freely available on the Web)

Advanced

- J. Bloch. Effective Java (2nd Edition). Prentice Hall.
- E. Gamma, R. Helm, R. Johnson, J. Vlissides. Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software. Addison-Wesley.

Technical (useful for consultation only)

 J. Gosling, B. Joy, G. Steele, G. Bracha, A. Buckley. The Java Language Specification (Java SE, latest edition). Oracle. (freely available on the Web)

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Students introduce themselves

Please submit the short AulaWeb feedback



Syllabus



A general outline

- Programming language principles (part 1)
 - Syntax: regular expressions, and context-free grammars
- Functional programming in OCaml
- Object-oriented programming and Java
- Programming language principles (part 2)
 - Parser implementation
 - Static and dynamic semantics and their implementation

A more detailed description can be found on AulaWeb

Principles of Programming Languages

Two important problems

- how to provide a precise definition of a programming language?
- how to implement a higher-level programming language?

Formal Specification of Programming Languages

Main parts of a programming language specification

- syntax
- (optional) static semantics
- dynamic semantics