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# CS40032: Principles of Programming Languages

## Module 01: Course Information

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# Expectations

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What do you expect from this course?



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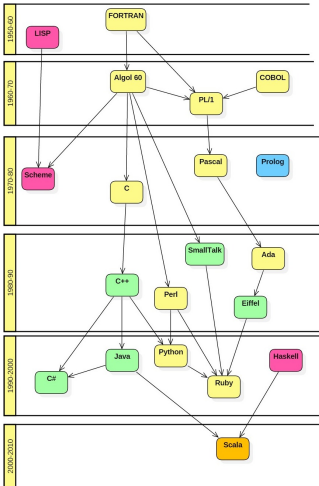
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## History of Programming Languages



**Paradigms:** *Imperative:* Algorithms + Data, *Object:* Data, *Logic:*

Facts + Rules + Queries, and *Functional:* Functions

- **FORTRAN:** IBM
- **LISP:** John McCarthy
- **Algol 60:** John Backus & Peter Naur
- **COBOL:** Grace Murray Hopper
- **PASCAL:** Niklaus Emil Wirth
- **Prolog:** Alain Colmerauer & Philippe Roussel
- **Scheme:** Guy L. Steele & Gerald Jay Sussman
- **C:** Brian W. Kernighan & Dennis M. Ritchie
- **SmallTalk:** Alan Kay, Dan Ingalls, & Adele Goldberg
- **Ada:** Jean Ichbiah & Tucker Taft
- **C++:** Bjarne Stroustrup
- **Objective-C:** Brad Cox
- **Perl:** Larry Wall
- **Java:** James Gosling
- **Python:** Guido van Rossum
- **Haskell:** Paul Hudak
- **C#:** Microsoft Corporation
- **Ruby:** Yukihiro Matsumoto
- **Scala:** Martin Odersky



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## TIOBE Index of Programming Languages

Dec 2019	Dec 2018	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	1		Java	17.253%	+1.32%
2	2		C	16.086%	+1.80%
3	3		Python	10.308%	+1.93%
4	4		C++	6.196%	-1.37%
5	6	▲	C#	4.801%	+1.35%
6	5	▼	Visual Basic .NET	4.743%	-2.38%
7	7		JavaScript	2.090%	-0.97%
8	8		PHP	2.048%	-0.39%
9	9		SQL	1.843%	-0.34%
10	14	▲▲	Swift	1.490%	+0.27%
11	17	▲	Ruby	1.314%	+0.21%
12	11	▼	Delphi/Object Pascal	1.280%	-0.12%
13	10	▼	Objective-C	1.204%	-0.27%
14	12	▼	Assembly language	1.067%	-0.30%
15	15		Go	0.995%	-0.19%
16	16		R	0.995%	-0.12%
17	13	▼	MATLAB	0.986%	-0.30%
18	25	▲	D	0.930%	+0.42%
19	19		Visual Basic	0.929%	-0.05%
20	18	▼	Perl	0.899%	-0.11%

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- Domain Abstractions  $\Rightarrow$  Programming Language Models / Features
- Model of Programming Language  $\Rightarrow$  Design and Implementation of Abstraction

*Why Undergraduates Should Learn the Principles of Programming Languages?* by ACM SIGPLAN (2011)

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- Verilog and VHDL – describing computer hardware circuit designs
- Cg (C for Graphics) – rendering algorithms that run directly on graphics hardware
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## 3 Learning New Computational Models and Speeding Language Learning

- Knowledge of OOP (Java) expedites learning of C++ / C# / Python
- Knowledge of Managed Resources (Java) expedites learning of C# / Python
- Knowledge of Functional Programming (LISP) expedites learning MapReduce mechanism

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## 4 Choosing the Right Language

- Most systems need several languages for different parts of the system
  - HTML for front-end rendering and Javascript for active front-end logic
  - Java for servlet (business layer) and JSP for server-end embedding
  - SQL for data manipulation
- Nature of Application decides the suitable language
  - Systems Programming  $\Rightarrow$  C++ (very high performance with complex behavior)
  - Embedded Programming  $\Rightarrow$  C (very high performance with frugal dev tools)
  - Application Programming  $\Rightarrow$  Java (medium performance with quick & robust app)
  - Web Programming  $\Rightarrow$  Python (low performance with portability)

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# Understanding Computation

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- 1 **Languages:**
  - Fortran, LISP, Algol, Cobol, APL, Simula, SNOBOL, BASIC, PL/1, B, Pascal, Forth, C, Smalltalk, Prolog, ML, Scheme, C++, Ada, Eiffel, Objective-C, Erlang, Perl, Tcl, Haskell, Python, Visual Basic, Ruby, R, Java, Javascript, PHP, D, C#, AspectJ, Visual Basic.NET, AspectC++, Scala, F#, Go
  - SQL
  - MATLAB
  - VHDL, Verilog, SystemC, e
- Unheard of, Aware, Can read programs, Can write programs, Have developed meaningful applications
- 2 **Paradigms:**
  - Imperative / Procedural, Object-Oriented, Functional, Logic, Generic / Meta-Programming, Declarative, Concurrent / Parallel
- Unknown, Heard of, Vaguely understand, Wholly understand, Is master of
- 3 **Computation Model:**
  - Turing Machine, Lambda Calculus, Predicate Calculus, Relational Calculus, Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP)
- Unknown, Heard of, Vaguely understand, Wholly understand, Is master of
- 4 **Application Domains:**
  - System Applications, Business Applications, Web Applications, Embedded Applications, Engineering Applications, Graphics Applications
- Unfamiliar, Remotely familiar, Deeply familiar, Have developed meaningful applications
- 5 **Language – Library Trade-off:** (C++, pthread) & Java; (C++, list) & Python; (C, setjmp) & C++; (C++, SystemC) & e; (C, string) & Python;
- 6 ...



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- 1 Programming
- 2 Data Structure
- 3 Algorithms
- 4 Software Engineering
- 5 Compilers
- 6 Formal Languages and Automate Theory
- 7 Theory of Computation (desirable)



# Syllabus Modules

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- ➋ Module 02:  $\lambda$  Calculus – Syntax
- ➌ Module 03:  $\lambda$  Calculus – Languages
- ➍ Module 04:  $\lambda$  Calculus – Semantics
- ➎ Module 05: PoPL Overview
- ➏ Module 06: Syntax & Analysis
- ➐ Module 07: Names
- ➑ Module 08: Types & Type Systems
- ➒ Module 09: Semantics & Interpretation
- ➓ Module 10: Typed Lambda Calculus
- ➑ Module 11: Type Systems
- ➒ Module 12: Denotational Semantics
- ➓ Module 13: Imperative Languages



# Module 02: $\lambda$ Calculus – Syntax

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- ➊ Relations
- ➋ Functions
  - ➊ Compositions
  - ➋ Currying
- ➌  $\lambda$  Calculus
  - ➊ Concept of  $\lambda$
- ➍  $\lambda$  Syntax
  - ➊  $\lambda$  Expressions
    - ➊ Notation
  - ➋ Example
    - ➊ Simple
    - ➋ Composition
    - ➌ Boolean
    - ➍ Numerals
    - ➎ Recursion



# Module 03: $\lambda$ Calculus – Languages

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- 1 Overview of Functional Programming
- 2 Haskell
- 3 Scheme
- 4 Lisp



# Module 04: $\lambda$ Calculus – Semantics

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➊ Free and Bound Variables

➋ Substitution

➌ Reduction

➊  $\alpha$ -Reduction

➋  $\beta$ -Reduction

➌  $\eta$ -Reduction

➍  $\delta$ -Reduction

➎ Order of Evaluation



# Module 05: PoPL Overview

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## 1 Principles

- 1 Syntax
- 2 Name
- 3 Types
- 4 Semantics

## 2 Paradigms

- 1 Imperative
- 2 Object-Oriented
- 3 Functional
- 4 Logic
- 5 Generic / Meta Programming

## 3 Special Topics

## 4 History

## 5 On Language Design

## 6 Compilers and Virtual Machines



# Module 06: Syntax and Analysis

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- 1 Chomsky's Hierarchy (of Languages)
- 2 Lexical Analysis
- 3 Syntactic Analysis

*Mostly self-study*





# Module 07: Names

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- 1 Syntactic Issues
- 2 Variables
- 3 Scope
- 4 Symbol Table
- 5 Resolving References
- 6 Dynamic Scoping
- 7 Visibility
- 8 Overloading
- 9 Lifetime

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# Module 08: Types and Type System

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- 1 Type Errors
- 2 Static and Dynamic Typing
- 3 Basic Types
- 4 Non-Basic Types
- 5 Recursive Data Types
- 6 Functions as Types
- 7 Type Equivalence
- 8 Subtypes
- 9 Polymorphism and Generics
- 10 Programmer-Defined Types

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# Module 09: Types and Type System

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- 1 Motivation
- 2 Expression Semantics
- 3 Program State
- 4 Assignment Semantics
- 5 Control Flow Semantics
- 6 Input/Output Semantics
- 7 Exception Handling Semantics

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# Module 10: Typed $\lambda$ Calculus

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## 1 $\Lambda \rightarrow$

- 1 Type Expression
- 2 Pre-Expression & Expression
- 3 Type-checking Rules
- 1 Examples

## 2 $\Lambda_{rr} \rightarrow$

- 1 Types
  - 1 Tuple Type
  - 2 Record Type
  - 3 Sum Type
  - 4 Reference Type
- 2 Type Expression
- 3 Pre-Expression
- 4 Type-checking Rules



# Module 11: Type Systems

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- 1 Overview
- 2 Untyped Systems



# Module 12: Denotational Semantics

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- ① Styles
- ② Syntax
- ③ Domains
  - ① Domains
    - ① Product
    - ② Sum
  - ② Rat
- ④ Algebra
  - ① Nat, Tr
  - ② String
  - ③ Unit
  - ④ Product Dom
  - ⑤ Sum Dom
  - ⑥ Lists
  - ⑦ Function
  - ⑧ Arrays
  - ⑨ Lifted Domain
  - ⑩ Recursive Function
- ⑤ Denotational Definitions
  - ① Binary
  - ② Calculator



# Module 13: Imperative Languages

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- ① Imperative Languages
  - ① Lifted Domains
- ② Language with Assignment
- ③ Programs are Functions
- ④ Interactive File Editor
- ⑤ Dynamically Typed Language with IO
- ⑥ Recursively Defined Functions



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- Slides will be uploaded to Moodle
- Books:
  - Programming Languages: Principles and Practices by Kenneth C. Louden and Kenneth A. Lambert (Cengage Learning)
  - Programming Language: Principles and Paradigms by Allen Tucker and Robert Noonan (McGraw-Hill Education)
  - Principles of Programming Languages: Design, Evaluation, and Implementation by Bruce J. MacLennan (Oxford University Press)
  - Concepts of Programming Languages by Robert W. Sebesta (Pearson)
  - Programming Language Pragmatics by Michael L. Scott (Morgan Kaufmann)
  - Compilers: Principles, Techniques, and Tools by A. V. Aho, Monica S Lam, R. Sethi, Jeffrey D. Ullman (Pearson / Addison-Wesley)
  - Books and Websites of various languages, computation models etc.





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- MON(10:00-10:55), WED(08:00-08:55),  
WED(09:00-09:55): NC233

- Evaluation

Mid-semester 30%

End-semester 50%

Assignments 20%

- Attendance: Compulsory
- Meeting Outside Class: By appointment through mail



# The Coordinating Platforms

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- Moodle will be used for the course. Register on Moodle immediately to:
  - CS40032: Principles of Programming Languages
- All assignments / material will be uploaded to Moodle
- All announcements will be made on Moodle. Keep checking
- ERP will also be used at times for communication. Make sure that your registered email at ERP works



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