

CSE 114A: Fall 2021

Foundations of Programming Languages

Lecture 1: Course Overview

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A Programming Language

- Two variables
 - x, y
- Three operations
 - $x++$
 - $x--$
 - $(x=0) ? L1 : L2;$

```
L1 : x++;  
      y--;  
      (y=0) ?L2: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

Course Goals



“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

#goals



Learn How To Learn

Goal: How to learn new PLs

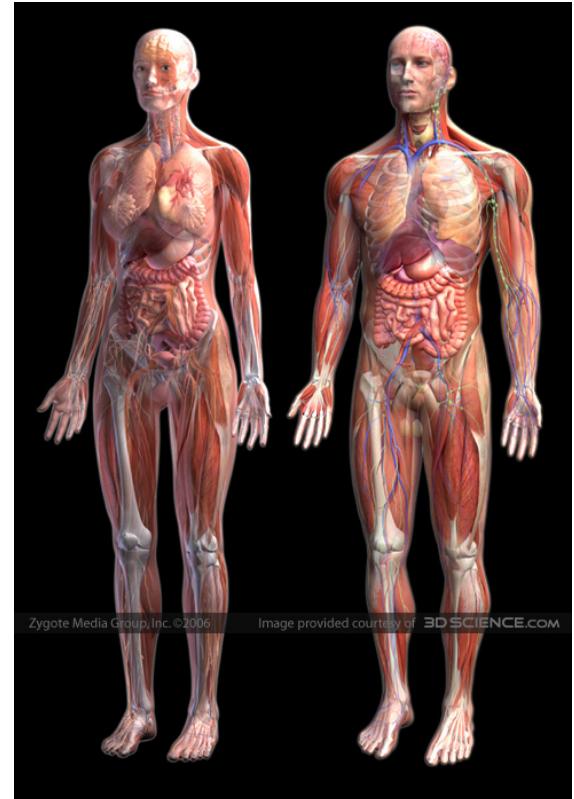
No Java (C#) 15 (10) years ago

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



#goals



Design new languages

livememe.com

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 ...

#goals



Choose right language

livememe.com

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

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

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FAVORITES



2:55 PM - 28 Feb 12 via web · Embed this Tweet

Reply Retweeted Favorite

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 ?

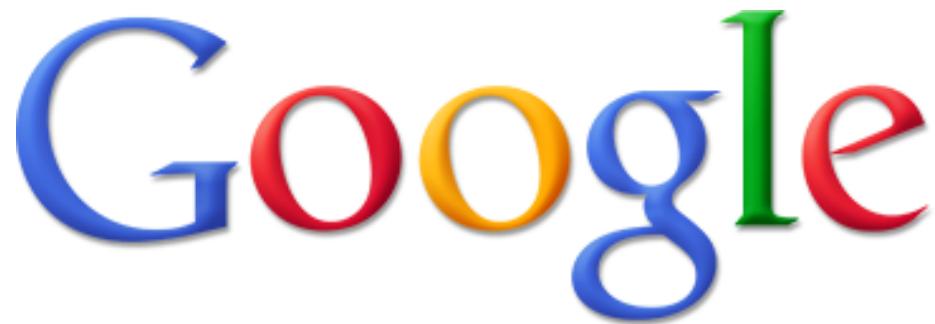
No Assignment.

No Mutation.

No Loops.

OMG! Who uses FP?!

So, Who Uses FP ?



MapReduce

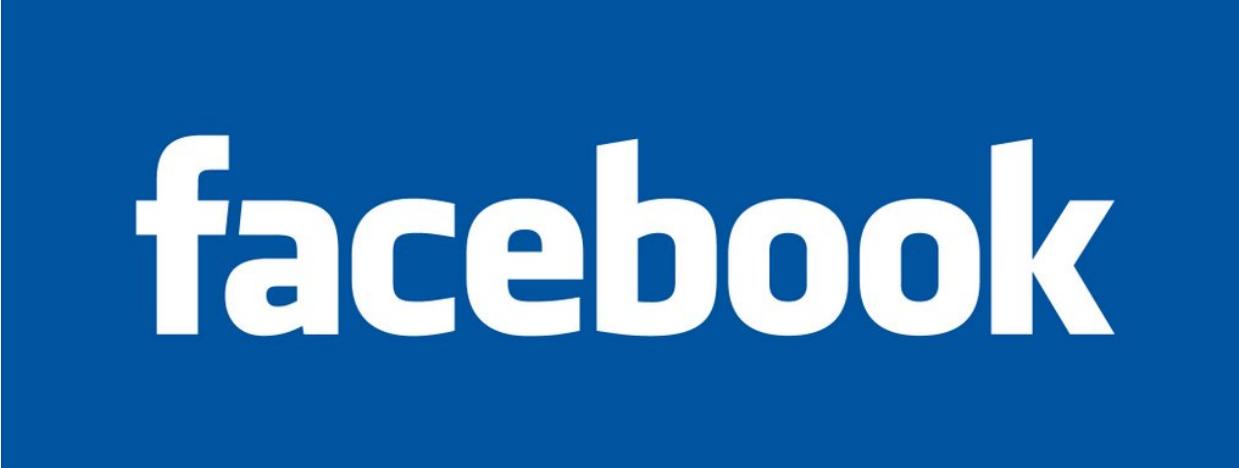
So, Who Uses FP ?



Microsoft[®]

Linq, F#

So, Who Uses FP ?

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in its signature white sans-serif font, centered on a solid 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 ?

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Course Mechanics and Logistics

Logistics

Course website:

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

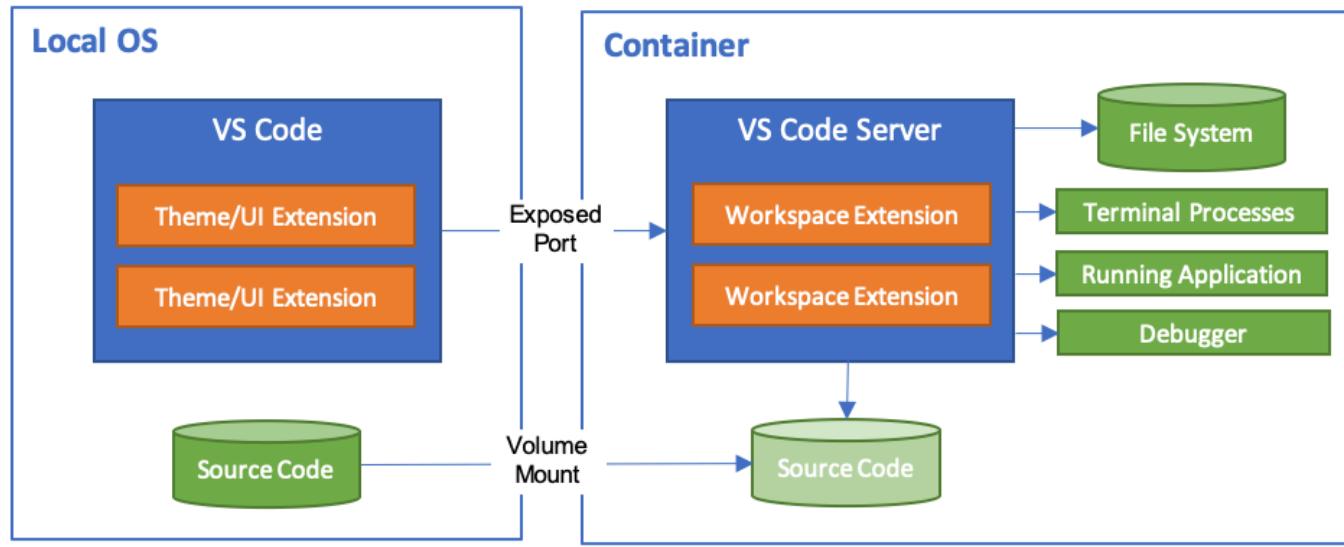
Resources

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

Haskell Dev Container



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

Recommended IDE: VS Code

- 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

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with a Haskell file named `Main.hs` open. The code is a script for running ELSA checks on a Haskell program. It defines several functions like `check`, `runTests`, and `scoreTest`. The code uses Haskell's type system and IORef for managing state.

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Main.hs — hw0-owenarden [Dev Container: Haskell (Community)]
```

```
... > Main.hs > ... Preview README.md Pull Request #1
```

```
... | runElsa checks if the single eval-target 'x' in file 'f' is OK.
```

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161 -- | runElsa checks if the single eval-target 'x' in file 'f' is OK.
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```
163 check :: FilePath -> Id -> IO Bool
```

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164 check f x = do
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165   r <- runElsId (testDir </> f) x
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166   return (r == Just (OK (Bind x _)))
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```
168 testDir :: FilePath
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169 testDir = "tests"
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```
175 type Score = IORef (Int, Int)
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```
177 runTests :: [Score -> TestTree] -> IO ()
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```
178 runTests groups = do
```

```
179   sc <- initScore
```

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180   defaultMainWithIngredients (includingOptions coreOptions : defaultIngredients)
```

```
181   (tests sc groups) `catch` (\e :: ExitCode -> do
```

```
182     (n, tot) <- readIORef sc
```

```
183     putStrLn ("OVERALL SCORE = " ++ show n ++ " / "++ show tot)
```

```
184     throwIO e)
```

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```
186 tests :: Score -> [Score -> TestTree] -> TestTree
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```
187 tests x gs = testGroup "Tests" [g x | g <- gs]
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```
191 -- | Construct a single test case
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```
193 scoreTest' :: (Show b, Eq b) -> Score -> a -> IO b -> a -> b -> Int -> String -> TestTree
```

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```
195 scoreTest' sc f x expR points name =
```

```
196   testCase name $ do
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```
197     updateTotal sc points
```

```
198     actR <- f x
```

```
199     if actR == expR
```

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200       then updateCurrent sc points
```

```
201     else assertFailure "Wrong Result"
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203 updateTotal :: Score -> Int -> IO ()
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204 updateTotal sc n = modifyIORef sc (\(x, y) -> (x, y + n))
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206 updateCurrent :: Score -> Int -> IO ()
```

```
207 updateCurrent sc n = modifyIORef sc (\(x, y) -> (x + n, y))
```

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```
209 initScore :: IO Score
```

```
210 initScore = newIORef (0, 0)
```

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211
```

The left sidebar features a GitHub integration with sections for `CLASSROOMS` (containing a list of assignments like `not_false`, `and_false_true`, etc.), `PULL REQUESTS` (showing a single pull request from `@github-classroom[bot]`), and `ISSUES` (showing `My Issues` and `Created Issues`). The bottom status bar indicates the file is in a `Dev Container: Haskell (Community)`.

VS Code

The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with a Haskell project open. The main editor pane displays the file `Main.hs` containing Haskell code for running tests. The code includes imports, type definitions like `Score`, and functions for running tests and calculating scores. A tooltip is visible over the `initScore` function. The bottom of the editor shows a list of available options. The bottom right corner of the editor has a note: "Hold Option key to switch to editor language hover".

The bottom of the screen features the standard VS Code status bar with tabs for `Dev Container: Haskell (Community)`, `main*`, `haskell(stack) (hw0-ownenarden)`, `ownenarden`, `Live Share`, `Pull Request #1`, and `-- VISUAL --`. It also shows the current line and column (Ln 183, Col 65), the number of selected items (48 selected), and system information like Spaces: 4, UTF-8, LF, Haskell.

On the left side, there are several panels:

- RUN AND DEBUG**: Shows a tree view with `VARIABLES` expanded, displaying `GHC Local` and `GHC Global`.
- VARIABLES**: Shows variables like `_result`, `n`, `tot`, etc.
- WATCH**: Shows a list of variables.
- CALL STACK**: Shows a stack trace with frames like `Main.hs: 183:17` and `Main.hs: 183:7-65`.
- BREAKPOINTS**: Shows a list of breakpoints, with one for `Main.hs` marked with a red dot.

Peer Instruction (ish)

Peer Instruction

- Make class interactive
 - Help YOU and ME understand what's 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.

<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

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

Ask for help!

- 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

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

It is not.

Immerse yourself in new language

#goals



FREE YOUR MIND

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>

#goals



Ask me questions