Lecture 0 – Course Overview COSE212: Programming Languages

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- Please use **Blackboard** when asking questions, checking the attendance, uploading your homework, etc.

Schedule



Weak	Contents
1	Introduction
2	Syntax and Semantics
3	Identifiers and First-Order Functions
4	First-Class Functions and Recursion
5	Mutable Variables
6	Garbage Collection
7	Lazy Evaluation
8	Midterm Exam (Oct. 25 - Wed.)
9	Continuations
10	First-Order Representation of Continuations
11	Type Systems
12	Type Inference
13	Algebraic Data Types
14	Parametric Polymorphism
15	Subtype Polymorphism
16	Final Exam (Dec. 20 - Wed.)

Grading



- 2–4 Homework Assignments: 20%
 - Programming assignments (submission in blackboard)
 - You can utilize or refer to any other materials (e.g., ChatGPT), but you MUST write your OWN solution.
 - Cheating is strictly prohibited. Cheating will get you an F.
- Midterm exam: 30%
 - October 25 (Wed.) 13:30 14:45 (in class, 75 min.)
- Final exam: 40%
 - December 20 (Wed.) 13:30 14:45 (in class, 75 min.)
- Attendance and Participation: 10%
 - Please use blackboard to attend the class.

Course Materials



Self-contained lecture notes.

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 Reference: "Introduction to Programming Languages" written by Jaemin Hong and Sukyoung Ryu



https://hjaem.info/itpl







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By Implementing Interpreters using Scala

- You will design **syntax** and **semantics** of diverse target languages.
- You will implement **interpreters** of the target languages.
- You will use Scala as an implementation language.

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- Good for **speed**, but more **complex**.
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Roadmap: Growing a Language



We will grow a language step by step from a simple arithmetic language to a complex language with various features.

- Part 1: Untyped Languages
 - Syntax, Semantics, Identifiers
 - Functional Functions, Closures, Recursion
 - Imperative Mutation, Sequences, Garbage Collection
 - Advanced Lazy Evaluation, Continuations
- Part 2: Typed Languages
 - Type Systems Types, Typing Rules, Typed Languages
 - Type Inference Type Variables, Type Unification
 - Algebraic Data Types Variants, Pattern Matching
 - Polymorphism Parametric Polymorphism, Subtype Polymorphism

Next Lecture



Basic Introduction of Scala

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