Lecture 0 – Course Overview COSE212: Programming Languages

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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.)



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 - Please use Blackboard to attend the class by yourself.

Course Materials



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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 learn how to define syntax and semantics of target languages.
- You will implement interpreters of the target languages.
- You will use **Scala** as an implementation language.

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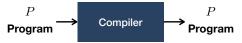


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• A **compiler** takes a program and produces another program.



- Good for **speed**, but more **complex**.
- For example, scalac, gcc, javac, etc.
- If you're interested in compilers, take **COSE312: Compilers**.

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Part 2: Typed Languages

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- **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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