

Lecture 0 – Course Overview

COSE212: Programming Languages

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Passcode:

- **4 Homework Assignments: 30%**

- Programming assignments in Scala (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 23 (Wed.) 18:00 – 20:30 (150 min.)
- In classroom, closed book, closed notes

- **Final exam: 30%**

- December 18 (Wed.) 18:00 – 20:30 (150 min.)
- In classroom, closed book, closed notes

- **Attendance: 10%**

- Please use [Blackboard](#) to attend the class **by yourself**.

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1	Introduction	9	Continuations
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4	First-Class Functions and Recursion	12	Algebraic Data Types
5	Mutable Variables	13	Parametric Polymorphism
6	Garbage Collection	14	Subtype Polymorphism
7	Lazy Evaluation	15	Type Inference
8	Midterm Exam (Oct. 23 - Wed.)	16	Final Exam (Dec. 18 - Wed.)

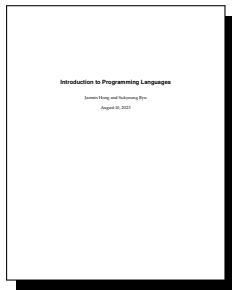
On the four days listed below, there will be no offline lectures. Instead, lecture videos will be uploaded to [Blackboard](#).

- Sep. 16 (Mon.) / 18 (Wed.) – 추석
- Oct. 9 (Wed.) – 한글날
- Nov. 20 (Wed.) – External Schedule

- **Self-contained lecture notes.**

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- **Reference: “Introduction to Programming Languages”** written by Jaemin Hong and Sukyoung Ryu



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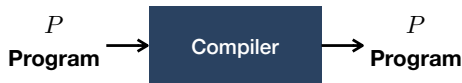
To learn **essential concepts** of **programming languages**

- Why? After this course, you will be able to:
 - **learn new programming languages** quickly.
 - **evaluate** and pick the best language for a given task.
 - **design** your own **specialized languages** for specific tasks.
- How? You will learn how to:
 - **design** programming languages in a **mathematical** way.
 - **implement** their **interpreters** using **Scala**.
- However, note that:
 - You will **NOT learn** particular programming languages.
 - You will **NOT learn** how to write programs in those languages.
 - This is **NOT** an introductory course. You should have a **strong understanding** of introductory computer science courses. (i.e., theory of computation, discrete mathematics, and data structures)

- An **interpreter** takes and executes a program to produce the result.



- Good for **understanding** program behavior, easy to **implement**.
 - For example, scala, python, bash, desktop calculator, etc.
 - You will implement interpreters of various languages in this course.
- 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**.

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
- **Algebraic Data Types** – Variants, Pattern Matching
- **Polymorphism** – Parametric Polymorphism, Subtype Polymorphism
- **Type Inference** – Type Variables, Type Unification

- Basic Introduction of Scala

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