

Prepare a short proposal for the programming language to be the topic of your research paper. Your proposal should be presented in a professional manner in a Word document. It should specify what language you wish to analyze in your paper and then present the reasons why you wish to choose that language. Following the proposal for your first choice, you may specify up to two more alternative choices. Although justification for these secondary choices is not required, it might make the selection more likely. Since this is such a large class, being persuasive in your justification could be the tie-breaker if two or more students wish to analyze the same language. There will be no duplications of language assignments.

Please upload your proposal in the dropbox under Lessons/Research Paper/ Research Proposal Drop Box by class time on August 26.

Remember that you will be “living” with this language the entire semester. You should spend this next few days researching on the internet and in the library to see what languages could be readily researched and interest you. Just remember that the newer the language, the number of resources which will be available is usually reduced. You will be expected to make use of varied types of research including textbooks as well as journal articles. All sources should be recognized as reliable, valid information. If you are uncertain whether a source is acceptable, you are welcome to email me for approval. **The use of unacceptable sources could result in a research paper being unacceptable.**

In order to facilitate the beginning of research, a session has been scheduled for the library on **Thursday, August 28** during our regular class time. We will meet in the basement classroom in Collier Library. You will be assigned your language by then and will be able to your search. Your goal should be to have located your sources by the end of September with a rough draft of your paper beginning by midterm (October 9).