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a survey course:



an object-oriented language



a functional language



a logic language

Not a survey course:



an object-oriented language



a functional language



a logic language

This course is about programming language concepts

lexical scope closures recursion

λ-calculus objects classes

continuations eager and lazy evaluation

state type checking polymorphism

soundness type inference subtyping

compilation garbage collection

... especially **functional programming** concepts

use one language, implement many languages

This course is about programming language **concepts**

- To help you understand new programming languages
- To make you a better programmer in any language

Course Details

See syllabus in Canvas In person, livestreamed and recorded via Zoom

Formal prerequisite: CS 3500

Informal prerequisite: more programming experience than that

Grading:

- Weekly homework (55%)
- Two mid-term exams (30%)
- Extended final homework (10%)
- Online quizzes (5%)

Late policy for homework: up to 48 hours, two automatic "free lates"

Lectures are Online

All slide presentations are online

- Watch the videos before class
- Take the quiz before class
 - $\circ \ge 60\%$ over semester $\Rightarrow 100\%$
 - o no late quizzes
- Meet as a class for more examples and homework solutions
 - o a.k.a. "recitation"
 - o guideline: no new material introduced in class
 - o will need in-class volunteers

Interpreters

Learn concepts by implementing interpreters



new concept ⇒ new interpreter

We'll always call the language that we implement **Moe**, even though the language keeps changing

Moe = successor to Curly

Racket and Shplait

Implement interpreters using Shplait, a variant of Racket

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Historically: Lisp ⇒ Scheme ⇒ Racket ⇒ Rhombus ⇒ Shplait
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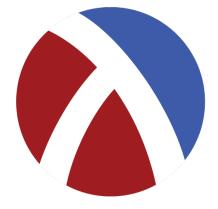
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Racket is

- a programming language
- a language for creating programming languages



... including **Shplait**

Sh = Shrubbery, a notation

PLAI = Programming Languages: Application and Interpretation, a textbook t = types, a la ML

DrRacket

```
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                          add1.rhm - DrRacket
                       Debug ► Macro Stepper 🐃 Run ► Stop
add1.rhm ▼ (define ...) ▼
#lang shplait
    fun f(x):
2
3
       x + 1
 4
Welcome to DrRacket, version 8.9 [cs].
Language: shplait, with debugging; memory limit: 256 MB. > f(2)
- Number
3
>
                                                6:2 685.71 MB
Determine language from source ▼
```

Preview: Shplait Tutorial

http://docs.racket-lang.org/shplait

v8.9

Shplait

The Shplait language syntactically resembles the Rhombus language, but the type system is close to that of ML. For a quick introduction, see the tutorial section or the tutorial videos.

#lang shplait package: shplait

1 Tutorial

1.1 Getting Started

Preview: Shplait Notation

Preview: Shplait Data

Preview: Shplait Quoted Code

Single quote ' instead of string ' 'x'
'x + 1'
'fun f(x):
x + 1'

Preview: Shplait Datatypes

Preview: Interpreters

See lambda.rhm

Example **Shplait** program:

Example **Moe** program:

Example **Moe** program as a **Shplait** value:

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```
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| rectangle(width :: Int,
            height :: Int)
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           right :: Shape)
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  | rectangle(w, h): w * h
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Course Outline

Functional programming

Interpreters

State

Control

Compilation and GC

Objects and classes

Types

Macros and more

Rest of Today

- Take "Syllabus" quiz
- Watch "Shplait Tutorial" videos (~30 minutes)
- Take "Shplait Tutorial" quiz

Quizzes due by the end of the day

Homework 0

- Create handin account
- Shplait warm-up exercises

Due Friday, August 25