

Lecture 1:

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- Intro to MyPL

Homework:

- HW-0 out (setup)

Course Overview

Deep dive into programming language (PL) design & implementation

- implement a “made up” typed, procedural programming language (MyPL)
- explore functional programming (using **Haskell**)

General course goals

- More programming experience (using ideas/techniques you've already learned)
- Better understanding of how compilers/interpreters work
- Better understanding of language design (syntax, types, constructs, trade-offs)
- Exposure to different programming “paradigms” (procedural vs functional)

Why study language implementation (“compilers”) ...

1. Essential part of computer science (and most computer-science curriculum)
2. Complicated engineering problems (example of how to build larger systems)
3. Techniques useful for a wide range of software development problems
4. Better understanding of how languages work (can improve your programming)

Why study functional programming?

1. Functional constructs have gained popularity in most (non-FP) languages
2. New ways to think about programming, new tools for problem solving

Logistics

1. Course webpage: www.cs.gonzaga.edu/bowers/courses/cpsc326
2. Piazza: for Q & A, announcements (see invite)
3. GitHub: for homework assignments
4. Canvas: for tracking grades (but not “official” gradebook)
5. Office hours: MW 3-4:30, F 12-1
6. Grading: 700 points total (see syllabus) ... *note*: **individual work!**
 - Homework: 300 pts ... HW 0 (10), HW 1–6 (40 ea), HW 8-9 (25 ea)
 - Final Project: 80 pts ... MyPL extension
 - Quizzes: 80 pts ... 8 quizzes (10 ea), 1 make-up quiz
 - Exams: 200 pts ... 2 midsemester (50 ea), 1 final (100)
 - Attendance: 40 pts ... \approx 40 lectures (1 ea)

*To pass must score 60% on homework + project **and** 60% on exams + quizzes*
7. HW Late Policy: 25% penalty up to 2 weeks after due date (excludes HW 7, 8)
8. Need: **python** 3.10.12+, **pytest** 7.4.4+, **ghci** 8.8.4+, **git** (GitHub account)

Warning: Programming heavy, HWs build on each other, don't get behind!

Brief Intro to MyPL (v7)

Basics:

- Simple PL for exploring design and implementation ideas
- Strongly typed language
- Includes typical base types, functions, structs, and arrays
- Struct and list “objects” are allocated on the heap
- Functions use pass-by-value, objects passed as “references” (object ids)

1. Comments:

```
// this is a single line comment  
// only single-line comments are supported
```

2. Primitive Data Types:

```
int           // integer (any size, like in Python)  
double       // floating-point (double precision)  
bool         // either true or false (not 0, 1)  
string       // sequence of characters  
void         // used as function return types
```

3. Values:

```
0, 1, 7, 10, 20, 876132    // int values  
1.0, 1.01, 10.3, 0.505    // double values  
true, false           // bool values  
"foo", "bar", ""      // string values  
null                 // legal value (any type)
```

... to be continued