CMSC 22610 Winter 2011

Implementation of Computer Languages - I

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Course Information

General Information

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Overview

The course covers principles and techniques for implementing computer languages, such as programming languages, query languages, specification languages and domain-specific languages. Topics include lexical analysis, parsing, tree representations of programs (both parse trees and abstract syntax trees), types and type checking, interpreters, abstract machines, and run-time systems. This is a project-based course involving the implementation of a small language using Standard ML.

This course is the first in a sequence of two courses that cover the implementation of computer languages. The second course (CMSC 22620; Spring 2011) covers more advanced issues related specifically to the translation of general purpose programming languages.

Text Books

Required:

Title: Modern Compiler Implementation in ML

Author: Andrew Appel

Publisher: Cambridge University Press

ISBN: 978-0521607643

Errata: http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~appel/modern/ml/errata.html

Strongly recommended:

Title: ML for the Working Programmer

Author: Lawrence Paulson

Publisher: Cambridge University Press

ISBN: 978-0521565431

Optional:

Title: The Standard ML Basis Library
Editors: Emden Gasner and John Reppy
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

ISBN: 978-0521794787

The Appel is available at Seminary Co-op. That textbook and the other two books are also available at Amazon.com.

Assignments, Exams, and Grades

There will be both homework assignments and programming projects. Homework assignments should be submitted at the beginning of class (1:30pm) on the due date. Programming projects will be automatically collected from the course GForge server at 10:00pm on the due date. Late homework assignments and programming projects will not be accepted, unless special circumstances have been discussed with the course staff *in advance* of the due date and/or other arrangements have been made.

There will be both a midterm exam (in class) and a final exam; see below for dates.

Grades will be assigned based on the following grading scheme:

Homework: 20% Midterm exam: 20% Project: 40% Final exam: 20%

Course Project

The project for the course is to implement a small functional programming language, called Fun. (Students who have taken CMSC 22100 should recognize the language as an a variant of the language PTFun (also known as $System\ F$, or the polymorphic λ -calculus.) The project will be divided into four parts, each requiring a significant programming effort. The implementation will be undertaken using the Standard ML programming language and submission of the project milestones will be managed using the course GForge server. Programming projects will be individual efforts (no group submissions).

Important Dates

January 20: First project milestone (scanner)
February 7: Second project milestone (parser)

February 10: Midterm exam (in class: 10:30am – 11:50am; Ryerson 251)

February 25: Third project milestone (type-checker)

March 15: Final exam (10:30am – 12:30pm; Ryerson 251)

March 17: Fourth project milestone (code-generator)

Academic Honesty

As with all courses, the University of Chicago's policy on *Academic Honesty and Plagiarism* (http://studentmanual.uchicago.edu/academic/index.shtml#honesty) applies.

In this course, all submitted work must be your own work (i.e., written up or programmed by you alone) and must include acknowledgments of any collaborators or sources (other than course text books or handouts) used to produce your submission.

You are encouraged to discuss course material with other students. Discussion of homework assignments and programming projects is also allowed, but sharing solutions or code is not allowed.

Disclaimer

I reserve the right to make any changes to the syllabus as I deem necessary throughout the course. Minor changes, such as programming project due dates, will be announced orally during class and posted on the course mailing list and home page. Major changes, such as grading percentages, will additionally be provided in writing.