CMPT 383 - D100 Comparative Programming Languages

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Calendar Objective/Description:
Various concepts and principles underlying the design and use of modern programming languages are considered in the context of procedural, object-oriented, functional and logic programming languages. Topics include data and control structuring constructs, facilities for modularity and data abstraction, polymorphism, syntax, and formal semantics.

Instructor's Objectives:
The objective of this course is to give the student a better understanding of non-imperative programming, and other important distinctions between languages. Various concepts and principles underlying the design and use of modern programming languages are considered. We will take a detailed look at a pure functional programming language, Haskell, and a logic programming language, Prolog.

Prerequisites:
CMPT 225, and (MACM 101 or (ENSC 251 and ENSC 252)).

Topics:
- Expressing algorithms functionally
- Functional programming in Haskell
- Type systems in programming languages
- Compilers, interpreters, and runtime environments
- Expressing algorithms as logical expressions
- Logic programming in Prolog

Grading:
To be discussed the first week of classes
Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams in the course in order to obtain a clear pass (C- or better).

Recommended Books:
Programming in Haskell, Graham Hutton, Cambridge University Press, 9781316626221, 2nd Edition

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