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:
This course explores various concepts and principles underlying the design and use of modern programming languages. A major focus of the course will be on functional programming, an elegant and useful set of techniques that are slowly finding their way into many mainstream languages such as C++, JavaScript, Python, Swift, and more. Declarative programming in Prolog will be discussed, and, time permitting, we will see how the Go language supports concurrency.

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

Topics:
- Lisp/Scheme: basic functional programming
- Haskell: typed functional programming
- Prolog: declarative programming
- Go: Concurrency (time permitting)

Grading:
The marking scheme will be provided in the first week of class.

Required Books:

Recommended Books:
Concepts of Programming Languages (11th Edition), Robert Sebesta, Addison-Wesley, 2015, 9780133943023, It is okay to use the 10th edition, if you prefer.


Reference Books:
Programming Language Pragmatics, Michael L. Scott, Morgan Kaufmann, 2015, 9780124104099, General discussion of programming language topics.

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