

## Assorted Announcements

- HKN Survey at end of lecture (worth 5 points).
- Project due next Wednesday. Autograder sometime Monday.
- **Final:** Thursday, 19 December at 11:30AM here.
- Please make sure to get in requests for alternative finals by next Wednesday.
- Team sign-up sheet on my office door tomorrow for oral presentations next week.

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## Course Summary

- Programming Languages
- Translation of Programming Languages
- Tools
- Construction of Complex Software

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## Programming Languages

- Scope of declarations
- Scope vs. extent (lifetime) of variables
- Interactions between language design and runtime structures:
  - Function representation
    - \* Effects of recursion, variable-sized data, functional values
  - Inheritance
    - \* Single vs. multiple inheritance
    - \* Java-style interfaces
- Formal methods for describing languages: type systems
- Specific languages used here: Prolog, Python, C++.

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## Translation of Programming Languages

- Lexical analysis
  - regular expressions, finite automata
- Context-free syntax
  - BNF
  - Top-down, recursive descent
  - Bottom-up, shift-reduce parsing
  - Terminology: derivation
  - Syntax-driven translation
- Static semantics
  - Symbol tables, relation to environment diagrams
  - Types, type inference

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## Translation of Programming Languages, contd.

- Code generation, intermediate forms
- Runtime representations for "special effects"
  - Exceptions
  - Procedure calls
  - Object-oriented method dispatch
  - Garbage collection
- Optimization
  - Terminology: basic blocks, control-flow graph
  - "Classical" optimizations
  - Structure of flow analysis

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## Tools

- Lexer-generation, use of regular expressions and states
- Parser generators, rule-based programming
- Version-control concepts

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## Construction of Complex Software

- Be familiar with project, including parts you didn't write.
- Concept of a "pass" or "phase".
- Use of object-orientation to partition task
- Importance of intermediate forms; how used to reduce work of porting compilers

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## Parting Remarks

- It's not just compilers:
  - Ideas in this course are general-purpose tools
  - Think domain-specific languages
- Opportunities for research
  - Parallelism and distributed computation
  - Static program analysis:
    - \* Supports compiling for parallelism & distributed computation.
    - \* Analyzing programs for security attacks/flaws
    - \* Formal analysis for program validation (e.g., avionics)

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