CSCI 334: Principles of Programming Languages

Lecture 22-1: Wrap up

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Your to-dos

- Project checkpoint #3, "mostly working," due Sunday 12/11.
- 2. Final project due Sunday 12/18.

Topics

Why OO matters
Turing tarpits
Why PL matters
How to give a good talk
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Announcements



Amy Babay, University of Pittsburgh

Friday, Dec 9 @ 2:35pm (last colloquium of 2022!) Computer Science Colloquium – Wege TCL 123 Toward Intrusion-Tolerant Critical Infrastructure

As critical infrastructure systems are becoming increasingly exposed to malicious attacks, it is crucial to ensure that they can withstand sophisticated attacks while continuing to operate correctly and at their expected level of performance.

In this talk, I will present our work on making intrusion-tolerant critical infrastructure systems possible and practical. I will start by discussing our Spire system, the first Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the power grid that is resilient to both system-level compromises and sophisticated network-level attacks.

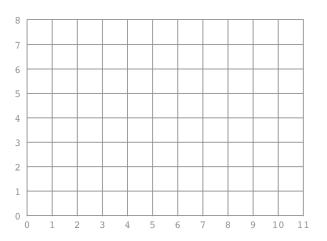
Then, I will present our recent work offering a practical deployment path for Spire and similar BFT-based systems through a new model for "intrusion tolerance as a service". The intrusion-tolerance-as-aservice model enables critical infrastructure operators to gain the resilience benefits of intrusion tolerance, while offloading significant parts of the system management to a service provider. Critically for practical acceptance, our work shows how these benefits can be achieved without requiring critical infrastructure operators to expose confidential or proprietary data and algorithms to the service provider.

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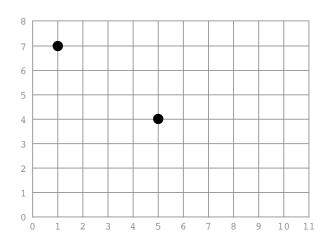
i.e., the "rectangle test"

• The test is about the ability to extend software *after* it has already been designed and written.

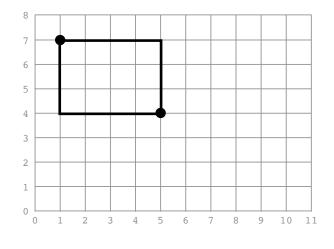
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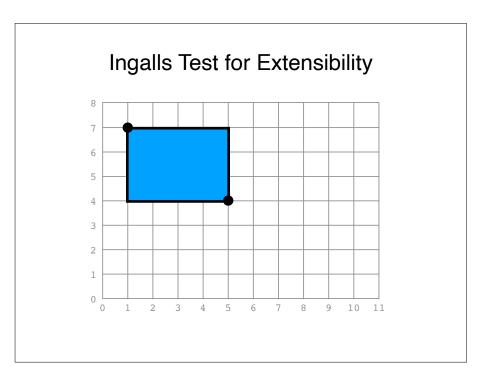


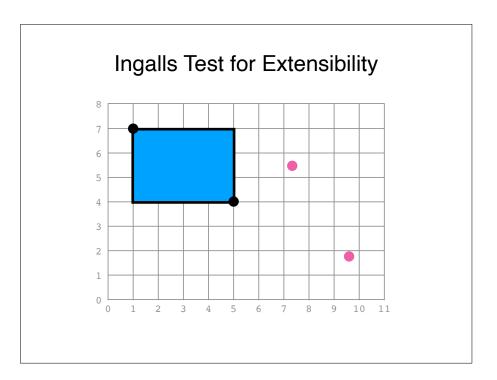
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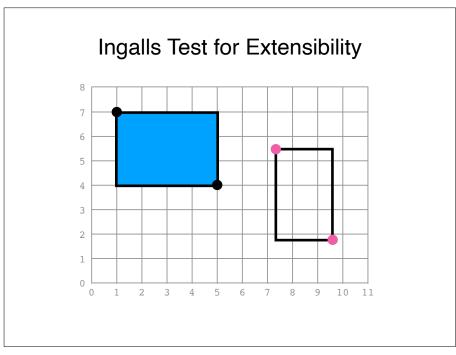


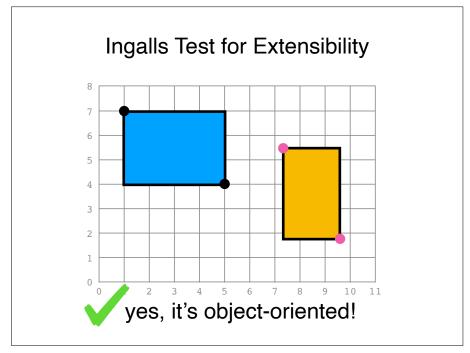
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Java, Python, etc. pass the rectangle test

Which language do I use?

Turing Tarpit

A **Turing tarpit** is a programming language flexible enough to do anything (i.e., it is **Turing equivalent**) while also being **difficult to learn and use** for everyday tasks.

"Beware of the Turing tar-pit in which everything is possible but nothing of interest is easy." —Alan Perlis

Examples:

- Turing machines
- The Lambda Calculus
- Breph
- C?

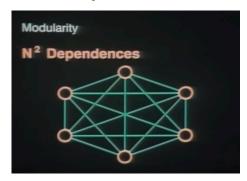
The right choice depends on the problem

- OO offers a **different kind of extensibility** than functional (or function-oriented) languages.
- Suppose you're modeling a hospital.

Operation	Doctor	Nurse	Orderly
Print	Print Doctor	Print Nurse	Print Orderly
Pay	Pay Doctor	Pay Nurse	Pay Orderly

- FP makes it easy to add operations (rows above).
- OOP makes it easy to add data (columns above).

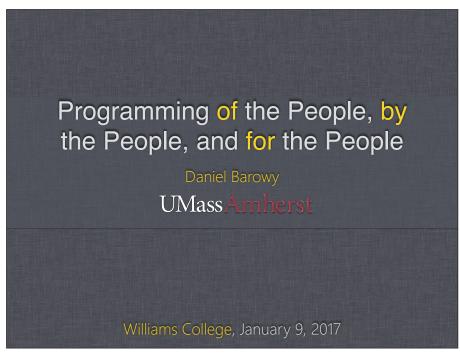
Why I like OO



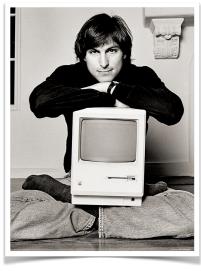
OO is fundamentally based on the idea that people matter in the design of a programming language.

How do we **minimize human effort** while designing large pieces of software?





A Bicycle for the Mind

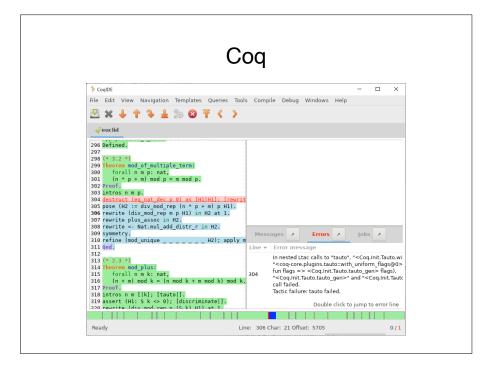


This work is not done yet.

Some things to think about

Would it be better to

- Have a programming language where bugs are impossible, but programming is difficult, or
- have a programming language where bugs are possible but their consequences are minimized?



TypeScript

Would it be better to

- Have one language to rule them all, or
- have many different, small specialpurpose languages?

Clojure

```
poetry.core
 :require [clj-http.client :as http]
            [clojure.string :as str])
def haiku-url
"http://search.twitter.com/search.json?q=%23haiku
defn raw-haikus 🔲
(->> (http/get haiku-url {:as :json})
      :body
      :results
      (map :text)))
defn trim-lines [s]
(->> (str/split-lines s)
      (map str/trim)
      (remove str/blank?)
      (str/join "\n")))
defn sanitize-haiku [haiku]
     (str/replace #"RT" "")
(str/replace #"#\w+" "")
(str/replace #"@\w+:?"
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And if "many languages" is the answer, would it be better to

- Have many **standalone languages**, or
- have many languages that can be embedded in a host language?

LINQ

```
NorthwindDataContext db = new NorthwindDataContext();

var products = from p in db.Products

where p.Category.CategoryName == "Beverages"

select p;
```

Would it be better to

- Leave programming to the experts, or
- let anybody do it?

C++

```
// Look for a matching path substitution and return the path this command should use

string Command::substitutePath(string p) neexcept {

auto iter = _current_run._substitutions.end(p);

if (iter == _current_run._substitutions.end()) return p;

log(exec) << this << ": Replacing path " << p << " with " << iter->second;

// Lof(exec) << this << ": Replacing path " << p << " with " << iter->second;

// Inform this command that it used a temporary file

void Command::addTempfile(shared_ptr-Artifact> tempfile) neexcept {

// Add the tempfile and mark it as not accessed (the value in the map)

_current_run._tempfiles.emplace(tempfile, false);

// Get a reference from this command's reference table

const shared_ptr-Ref>& Command::getRef(Ref::ID id) neexcept {

ASSERT(id >= 0 && id < _current_run._refs.size())

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// ASSERT(_current_run._refs[id]) << "Access to null reference ID " << id << " in " << this;

return _current_run._refs[id];

// Store a reference at a known index of this command's local reference table

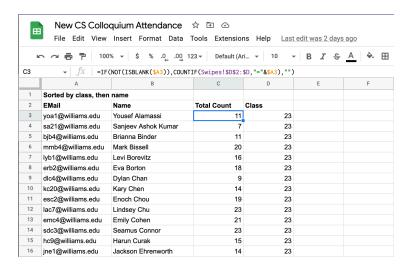
void Command::setRef(Ref::ID id, shared_ptr-Ref> ref) neexcept {

ASSERT(ref) <= "Attempted to store null ref at ID " <= id << " in " << this;

// Are we adding this ref onto the end of the refs list? If so, grow as needed

if (id >= _current_run._refs.size()) | current_run._refs.resize(id + 1);
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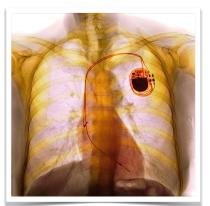
Spreadsheets



PL matters because computers are everywhere







It's up to us how we want to use our machines



"A tasteful watercolor painting of a person pondering what to do with a computer." (DALL·E, Dec 2022)

Next steps (aka, some things to do over the summer)

- Teach yourself another programming language.
- Dig in to a problem that bugs you.
 (me: I've always wanted to write a computer algebra solver)
- Keep playing with your project! It's yours! (and you can show it off to interviewers)
- Most of all, do something that excites you.

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Lecture 22-2: How to give a **good** talk

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Video presentation

DARPA operates on the principle that generating big rewards requires taking big risks. But how does the Agency determine what risks are worth taking?

George H. Hellmeler, a tormer DARPA director (1975-1977), crafted a set of questions known as the "Hellmeler Catachism" to help Agency officials think through and evaluate proposed research programs.

What are you trying to do? Articulate your objectives using absolutely no jargon.

How is it done today, and what are the limits of current practice?

What are a you trying to do? Articulate your objectives using absolutely no jargon.

What is new in your approach and whyt do you think it will be successful?

Who cares? If you are successful, what difference will it make?

https://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/heilmeier-catechism

How to give a good talk

Five tips

One: Have a story



Two: Don't "bury the lede"



Three: Don't make your audience read



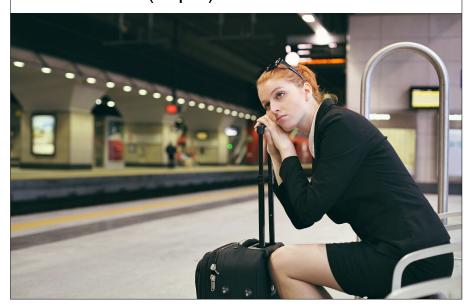
Four: Show by example



Five: Stay on script



Six (oops!): Finish on time



Recap & Next Class

This lecture:

Why PL matters

How to give a good talk

Next lecture:

No next lecture!

Evaluation Forms

(all of these are anonymous)

We **listen carefully** to what you say in these forms. Please take your time and write thoughtful responses.

Your feedback is very valuable to us!

Purpose of SCS Forms

"[T]he SCS provides instructors with feedback regarding their courses and teaching. The faculty legislation governing the SCS provides that SCS results are made available to the appropriate department chair, the Dean of the Faculty, and at appropriate times, to members of the Committee on Appointments and Promotions (CAP). The results are considered in matters of faculty reappointment, tenure, and promotion."

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Purpose of "Blue Sheets"

Student comments on the blue sheets [...] are solely for [instructor] benefit. They are not made available to department or program chairs, the Dean of the Faculty, or the CAP for evaluation purposes.

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Blue sheet prompts:

- * What course topic did you enjoy the most?
- * What **course topic** did you **least enjoy**? Do you think that it was valuable to learn anyway?
- * Are there **other aspects** of the course that you **liked** or **disliked**? (E.g., *office hours, TAs, assignments, course structure, meeting times*, etc.) Feel free to suggest alternative approaches!
- * Did you look forward to coming to class?