

CS 6246: Object-Oriented Systems and Languages

Fall 2003 Syllabus

Meeting Times:T-Th, 4:35-5:55, CCB 101

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Prerequisites: This is an advanced topics course. Prerequisites are not enforced, but you should have knowledge of programming languages equivalent to an undergraduate PL survey course and fluency in at least one OO language.

Evaluation: Grades will be based on a midterm and final exam (50%), 3 small programming assignments (15%), class participation (10%), one larger programming project (10%) and either a presentation or a second project (15%) depending on the size of the class.

Other Resources:
Newsgroup: [git.cc.class.cs6246](mailto:git.cc.class.cs6246@news.cc.gatech.edu) on the CoC news server (news.cc.gatech.edu).
Web Page:http://www.cc.gatech.edu/classes/AY2004/cs6246_fall/

Course Outline:
The course will cover an extensive sample of work from the Object-Oriented Systems and Languages literature—mostly the OOPSLA and ECOOP conferences. Depending on student interests, the course emphasis may switch. Areas to be covered include:

- Design Patterns—a critical view and analysis (not tutorial)
- Aspect-Oriented Programming, Subject-oriented Programming, Adaptive Programming
- OO Type Systems: parameterization mechanisms for Java, virtual types, module systems
- Language Extensibility: meta-object protocols, reflection
- Implementation issues: efficient dynamic dispatch, multiple inheritance and object layout, garbage collection for Java

Reading Material:
There is no textbook for this course. Papers from the literature will be used. The reading list, below, offers a sampling of selected papers and books. The list is not complete (does not include very recent papers and some of the more systems-oriented material) but it is meant to give you a taste of the material we will study.

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- James Gosling, Bill Joy, Guy L. Steele, *The Java Language Specification*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, Massachusetts, 1996.
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- R. Keller, U. Hoelzle, "Binary Component Adaptation", *ECOOP 1998*.
- G. Kiczales, J. Lamping, A. Mendhekar, C. Maeda, C. Lopes, J. Loingtier, and J. Irwin, "Aspect-Oriented Programming", *ECOOP 1997*, 220-242.
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- K.J. Lieberherr, *Adaptive Object-Oriented Software: The Demeter Method with Propagation Patterns*, PWS Publishing Company, Boston, 1996.
- O. L. Madsen and B. Møller-Pedersen, "Virtual classes: A powerful mechanism in object-oriented programming", *OOPSLA 1989*, 397-406.
- O. L. Madsen, B. Møller-Pedersen, and K. Nygaard, *Object-Oriented Programming in the BETA Programming Language*. Addison-Wesley, 1993.
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