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Department of Computer Science
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**Compiler Design
COMP 442/6421 --- Winter 2014**

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Schedule

lectures LECT NN M----- 17:45-20:15 H544 Paquet, Joey paquet@encs.concordia.ca
laboratories LAB NN NI M----- 20:30-22:20 TBD
 LAB NN NJ M----- 15:45-17:30 TBD

Calendar Description

Prerequisites (COMP442): COMP228 or SOEN228 or COEN311; COMP335; COMP352 or COEN352; (COMP6421) : COMP5201, COMP5361; COMP5511. Compiler organization and implementation: lexical analysis and parsing, syntax-directed translation, code optimization. Run-time systems. A project.

Course outline

This course is oriented on the design and implementation of a compiler. Most lectures are directly related to the project. Assignments sequentially cover all the implementation steps of the compiler. The final examination is used to assess the students' theoretical understanding of the material covered in class, which is a fundamental component of this course.

Grading

Assignments (4)	40%
Final Examination	30%
Final Project	30%

Late assignments are assessed a penalty of 50% for each late working day. In all assignments, good design of programs, documentation, and proper testing carry considerable weight. At the end of the course, each student must demonstrate the capabilities of the complete compiler. The final examination covers all material covered in class. The grading scheme used is the same for all students, undergraduate or graduate.

Project Details

The project is about the design and implementation of a compiler for a simple programming language. The project is divided into four assignments. Each assignment corresponds to the design and implementation of a major component of the compiler, and makes use of the code base of all previous assignments. Thus, the project involves a substantial amount of incremental coding. You can write the compiler in any language you are proficient with. You are not allowed to use compiler-generation tools. You are allowed to use any computer that is available to you for the implementation. However, you must do the final project demonstration in the allocated laboratory. The project is due on the last week of classes, where final project demonstrations are to be done individually. No extensions of this deadline is possible. Students are encouraged to discuss the design and implementation issues of the project among them. However, each student must work on his/her individual implementation of the project. Note that you are responsible for the design of a complete set of tests for each part of the project. You are encouraged to cooperate with other students on this matter. Completeness of testing will be a major issue in the grading of the assignments and the project.

Textbooks

Main Reference

K.C. Louden. *Compiler Construction: Principles and Practice*, International Thomson Publishing Inc., 1997.

Other Relevant Sources

T.W. Parsons. *Introduction to Compiler Construction*, W.H. Freeman and Company, 1992.

A.V. Aho, R. Sethi and J.D. Ullman. *Compilers, Principles, Techniques, and Tools*, Addison-Wesley, 1986.

C.N. Fischer and R.J. LeBlanc Jr., *Crafting a Compiler*, Benjamin-Cummings Publishing Company, 1988.