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# Fun with Java Seminar

CS 610, Section AB, GL, or RS, Summer 1997

Learn the latest "hot" language! Learn object-oriented programming in Java this summer!

The "Fun with Java" seminar will meet once a week for 2 hours at which time we will discuss, solutions to programming problems that we will pose for the class. There will be *no lectures* in this course. Instead, we will lead discussion of the programs you write, how they could be better, and other related topics.

In addition, some of the meetings would be set aside for discussion and analysis on several important topics related to Java. The seminar participants would be expected to form groups, each of which will lead one of these discussions. The list of discussion topics will be selected based on participant input, and is likely to include such topics as:

- Security, Safety and Java
- Java Vs. C++, or is Java Ready for Prime Time?
- Java and Distributed Objects

If you want to join in the "fun", are a Com S graduate student, and are serious about doing programming exercises in Java take the following steps:

1. Send e-mail to `leavens@cs.iastate.edu` so we can put you on a mailing list.
2. Buy yourself a book on Java (see below).
3. Sign up for CS 610, section AB, GL, or RS for 2 credits.

We will ask the bookstore to stock the following books for the course. You should buy at least one of them.

- J. Gosling, B. Joy, and G. Steele, *The Java Language Specification* (Addison-Wesley, 1996, ISBN 0-201-63451-1).
- K. Arnold and J. Gosling, *The Java Programming Language* (Addison-Wesley, 1996, ISBN 0-201-63455-4).
- P. van der Linden, *Just Java*, 2nd ed., (Prentice-Hall, 1996, ISBN 0-13-272303-4).

These are probably in lots of books stores, and you can get whichever you want (or all three).

Meetings will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:10–5 PM, in 214 Atanasoff Hall. The first meeting will be June 10.