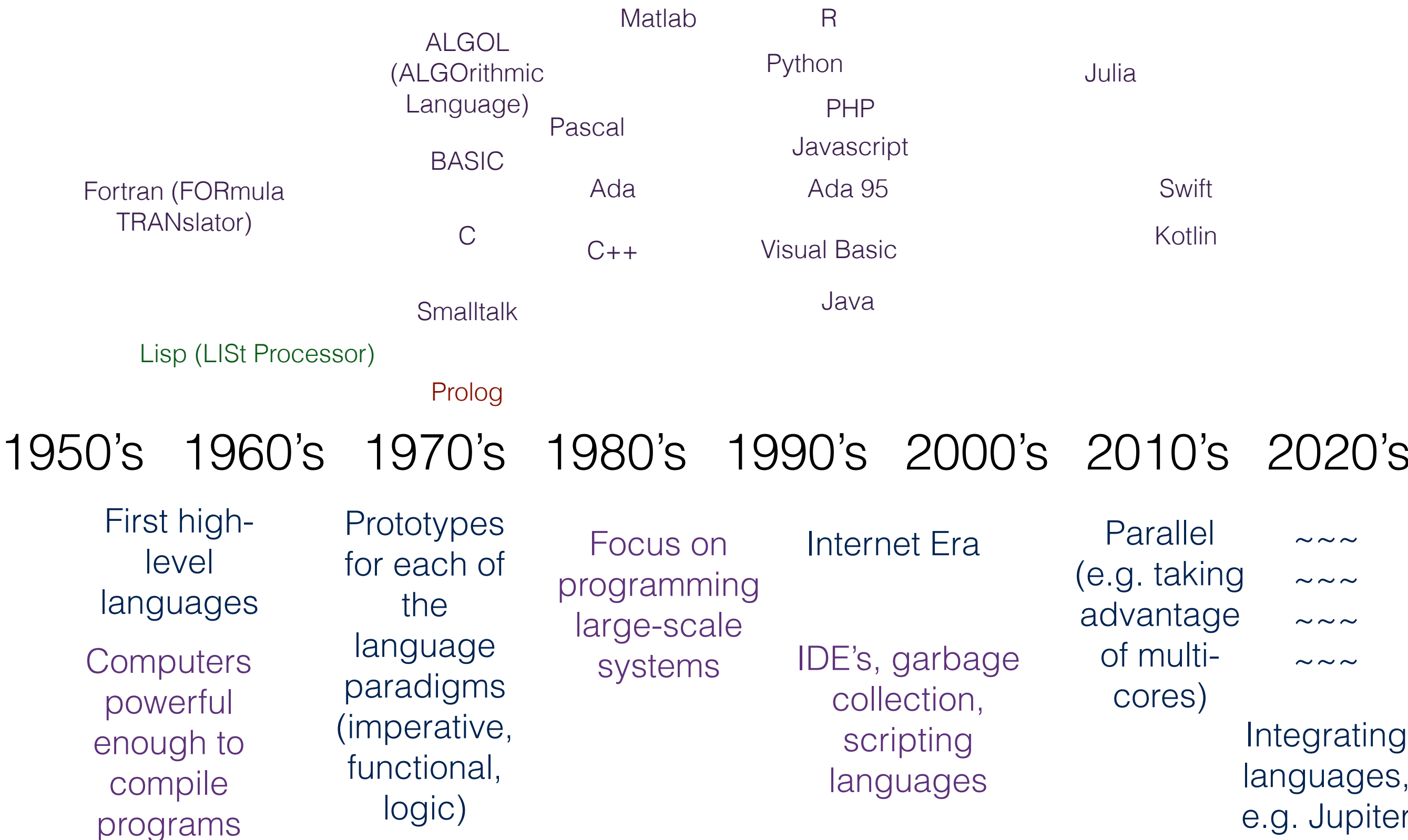
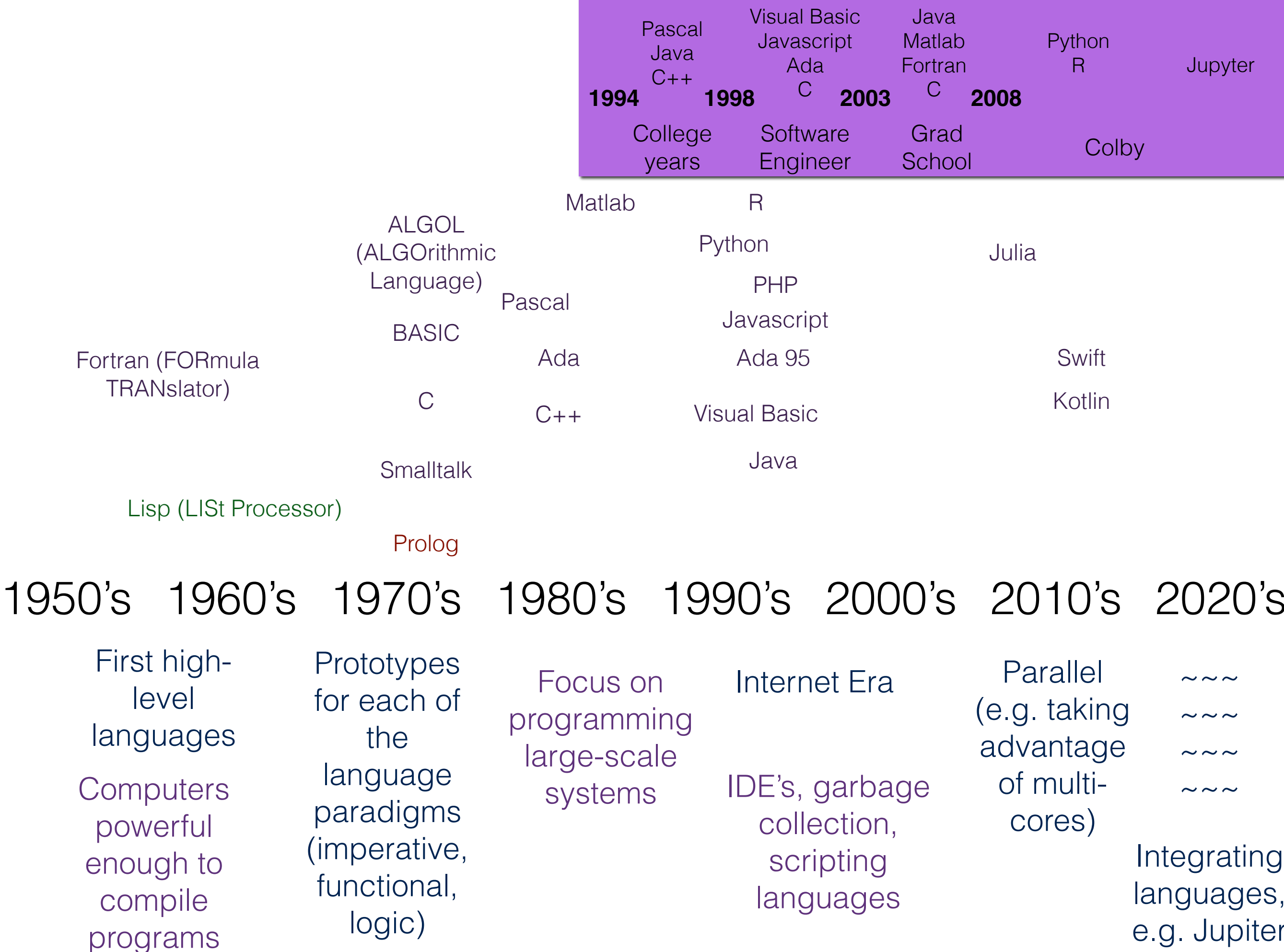


Brief History of Programming Languages





- New languages are developed to accomplish specific tasks or to take advantage of new computing power or technologies
- Over your career, you will likely need to learn many languages (some old, some new)
- Learning new languages is faster if you understand the principles behind them (what is common, what the technical terms are, how they can be formally defined)
- C is here to stay, is close to the hardware (which means it can be super efficient), so it is important to learn it

What do we do in CS333?

- ◆ Generally speaking, we do two things in CS333
 - Learn C language
 - Inspect the fundamentals of programming languages
 - ▶ Use C Lite (a lite version of C) to study the theoretical problems
 - ▶ Use C/Java/Python for the practical problems
- ◆ Ultimate goal: know how to learn a new programming language easily and write more efficient programs

Coursework & Evaluation

- ♦ Two-week Projects: *45%*
 - *Six projects*: The usual deadline is the *Thursday 11:59pm*
 - Every project has *two parts*: C language part (individual work) and the selected language part (**individual work**)
 - *Late submission* will receive a *maximum score of 26/30* (because we will not grade extensions).
 - *One four-day extension* for you to use at your discretion over the semester
 - We will be using Google Sites for your the Selected Language part of the projects - they will be organized like a multi-page tutorial.
 - The first project has been posted and is due on September 18, 2025.

Coursework & Evaluation (cont.)

- ♦ A handful of homework assignments: *10%*
 - Assigned some Wednesdays, and the deadline is the following *Friday at the beginning of the class*.
 - *Hard deadline*. We discuss the solution in Friday's class, so late submission will not be accepted.
 - *Graded in a binary fashion*: hand in a reasonable attempt before deadline, you get a 1, otherwise a 0.
 - Email your homework to me with the subject in the format “*CS333 HW#*” (e.g., CS333 HW1).

Coursework & Evaluation (cont.)

- ♦ A handful of quizzes: *20%*
 - 10-15 minute in class quiz, on some weeks (on the same day a HW due)
 - Each quiz may be made up when a prior request is made or there is a documented health issue. Please contact me immediately in the event of illness and other unforeseen circumstances, we will work out accommodations.
 - The *lowest quiz grade will be dropped.*

Coursework & Evaluation (cont.)

♦ Final Presentation: 15%

- Group or individual presentations about the language you teach yourself this semester
- In person during the last week of class or during the final exam period
- Video recording

♦ Participation: 10%

- You are expected to *attend every lecture* and *actively join the class discussions*
- If you have to miss one or more lectures for any reason, please let me know in advance. I'm happy to work with you and direct you to the lecture notes and coursework.
- Lecture notes will be posted in the *Notes* section of the course webpage few hours after the class.
- Don't hesitate to *come to my office hours* or email me. I'm happy to help if you let me know your questions.
- Participation also includes *asking for help from the TAs*.

How to Succeed

- ♦ **Projects:** Start working on the projects as early as possible. Ask the TA and me for help if you need. Talk with your peers about the course concepts.
- ♦ **Homework:** Homework assignments help you self-check your understanding of the course contents and prepare you better for the quizzes. You are strongly encouraged to try out the homework questions before reading my homework solutions.
- ♦ **Quizzes:** Study for the quizzes by doing the homework assignments. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped. So, your grade won't be affected by that single underperformed quiz.
- ♦ **Participation:** Be active in class, asking questions and joining discussions. Come to office hours. Ask Stephanie or TAs for help.
- ♦ **Final Presentation:** Learn your selected language and C language well enough during the semester to feel comfortable talking about these languages. Start working on the exam early after it's assigned.

Help Outside of Class

- ♦ Stephanie's Office Hours (Davis 111 or Davis 122)
 - Monday 1:30-4:00pm
 - Wednesday 1-4pm
 - Friday noon-1pm
 - But I often have to make adjustments, so I post my schedule on my web page and on my door. (<https://cs.colby.edu/srtaylor/>)

- ♦ TA Session in Davis 122 (starting next week)

Date, Time	TA (Email)
Wednesday, 7:00 - 10:00 pm	Rishit Chatterjee (rchatt28@colby.edu)
Thursday, 4:00 - 7:00 pm	Benjamin Jaffe (bmjaff26@colby.edu)
Thursday, 7:00 - 10:00 pm	Abisa Osei-Amankwah (aaosei26@colby.edu)

The entryway to the course webpage:
Go to: cs.colby.edu; Click: CS333 link

You can find all the course information, lecture notes, assignments, and more on the course webpage.