

Special Issue on ML

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The MetaLanguage of the Edinburgh LCF theorem proving system has become a programming language in its own right, popular among a reasonably wide segment of the research community. ML has also become a *lingua franca* among applied type theorists, as they investigate type systems for the 90's as extensions of the remarkably influential Hindley-Milner type system.

In this issue, the papers by Appel, Berry, and Adams are concerned with Standard ML as a practical programming language; the papers of Leroy and Mauny, of Harper, Duba, and MacQueen, and of DiCosmo show the flexibility and extensibility of its type system and also have practical application.

The appearance of this special issue should serve to emphasize that the scope of the *Journal of Functional Programming* encompasses research not only on pure functional languages (such as Miranda or Haskell) but also mostly-functional programming in languages such as ML or Scheme.

To minimise conflicts of interest, the Appel paper was edited by Harper, and the Duba, Harper, MacQueen paper was edited by Philip Wadler.

Erratum

Special Issue on Partial Evaluation, Guest Editor, Neil Jones

Issue 3(3) of JFP was a Special Issue on Partial Evaluation, edited by Neil Jones. Three additional papers, submitted for this issue and edited by Neil Jones, will appear in subsequent issues:

WEI-NGAN CHIN, *Safe Fusion of Functional Expressions II*

ROBERT GLUCK, *On the Generation of Specializers*

BJORN LISPER, *Total Unfolding: Theory and Applications*

The editors apologize for a grievous oversight that meant this information did not appear in the issue itself. We extend our thanks to Neil for a superb job as guest editor, and we promise our readers that we will not make such an oversight again.