

**A bird's-eye view of LISPLOG:**

**The LISP/PROLOG integration  
with initial-cut tools**

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## Abstract:

A combined LISP/PROLOG system was designed, implemented and tested, via stepwise refinement of Kenneth M. Kahn's operational LISP semantics for pure PROLOG.

LISPLOG.1 utilizes the representation of PROLOG terms as LISP-S-expressions for two generalizations of Edinburgh PROLOG : varying length structures, and goals with predicate variables. On the other hand, a goto>while-like specialization is studied in this language: the cut>initial cut restriction, which improves both readability and parallelization of PROLOG programs.

For accessing LISP from PROLOG, we permit LISP predicates as goals, and LISP functions as right-hand sides of the is-predicate. In the other direction, the first n PROLOG solutions can be returned as a LISP list.

LISPLOG.2 augments the trace and break tools already available in LISPLOG.1 by an (initial) 'cut-indicator'/manual cutter' for making the cuts in the search tree observable and interactive.

For improving efficiency, the originally recursive interpreter is reformulated iteratively, the binding environment is represented as an array structure, and the database is indexed by predicates and arguments.

As the main application, LISPLOG runs a knowledge-based system,  $\mu$ -UNIXPERT, for diagnosing printing problems.

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## 1. How to get the LISPLOG system and documentation

The LISP source of the LISPLOG system is available both in FRANZ LISP for UNIX™ systems and in COMMON LISP.

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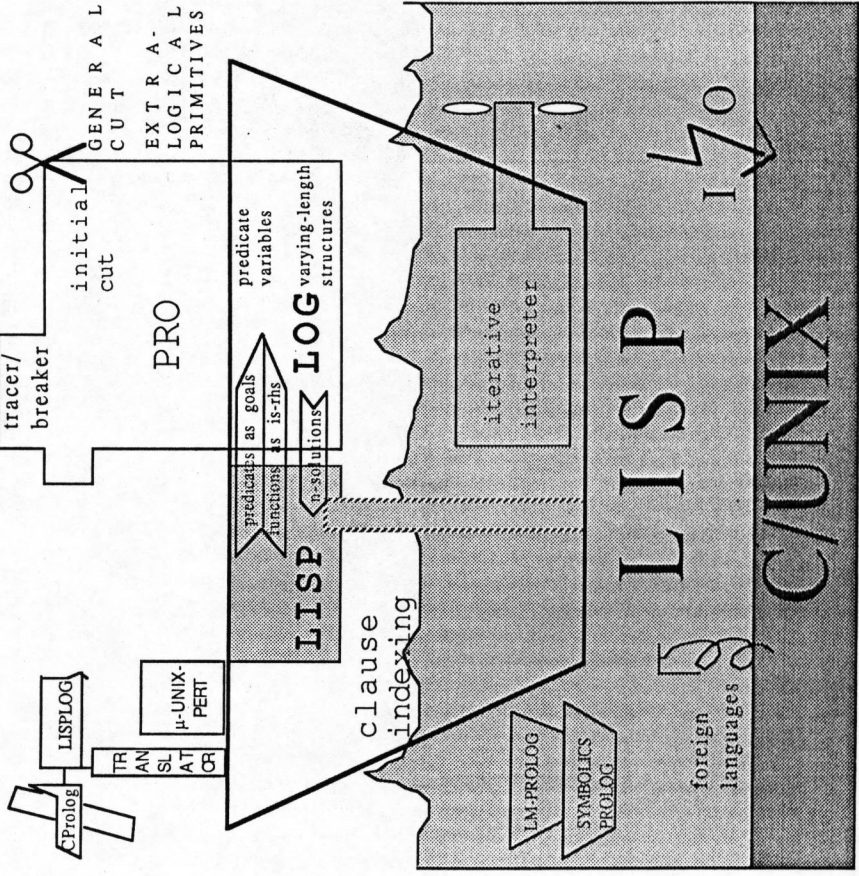
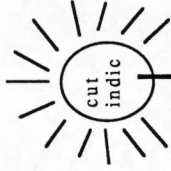
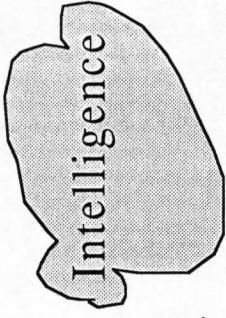
# LISPLOG

## A LISP-based LISP/PROLOG Integration

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## 2. LISPLOG: A LISP-based LISP/PROLOG integration

This chapter is a collection of overhead transparencies, versions of which have been used for oral presentations of the LISPLOG project since 6 November 1986.



## General motivation

- Study a PROLOG model at a LISP workbench
  - Examine PROLOG-related AI(XPS) formalisms ("shells") above instruction level.
  - Develop PROLOG-in-LISP merger under AI application control.
  - Prepare logical/functional synthesis beyond PROLOG/LISP.

## - Bridge gap between Horn-logic theory and XPS practice

- Augment Horn clauses by function-call premises.
- Permit certain higher-order features, such as predicate variables.
- Introduce types, modules, data structures, etc.
- Supply options for search control more readable than general cuts.
- Resort to LISP for lower-level algorithms.

## - Gain experience in LISP/PROLOG-based AI languages

- Acquire project-specific know-how about the entire spectrum of
  - Conceptual design
  - Operational semantics
  - Efficient implementation
  - Interactive interface
  - AI application
- Apply this know-how to
  - Assess available languages more accurately.
  - Tailor them to one's own requirements.
  - Develop new tools or languages if/when necessary.
  - Provide the accumulating software to others.

## Design & Implementation Approach: Stepwise Refinement of Kahn's Interpreter

Embed Kahn's PROLOG into FRANZ LISP (LISPLOG.0).

Then modify it (LISPLOG.1):

Generalization : Structures of varying lengths (e.g.: appimp).

Goals with predicate variables (e.g.: someq/everyq).

Specialization : Cut operator only as initial premise (e.g.: fac).

Edinburgh primitives excised if too extra-logical.

And integrate them (LISPLOG.1):

LISP-from-PROLOG access :

Call LISP predicates as ground goals.

Call LISP functions as right-hand sides of **is** primitive.

PROLOG-from-LISP access :

Return first n solutions as a LISP list.

Add interactive support :

Tracer/Breaker (LISPLOG.1)

Cut tools (LISPLOG.II+2)

Finally improve efficiency :

Recursion removal (LISPLOG.2)

Environment handling (LISPLOG.2)

Clause indexing (LISPLOG.II+2)

Edinburgh translator (LISPLOG.1+2)



# Long-term R&D Goal: Provide LISP Alternative to Edinburgh PROLOG

- Higher purity implies easier :  
Understandability (e.g.:acquisition of new  
team members)

Portability (e.g.:transfer to SYMBOLICS  
COMMON LISP)

- User-friendly interface (see above)

- Acceptable efficiency (see above)

- Testbed for innovative concepts in  
functional/logical languages :  
Lazyness (streams)  
Goal reducer (functional pre-reduction of  
logical goals à la LOGLISP)

Cut options (initial&dynamic cuts,  
stream cuts)  
Modules (pragmatic concept,  
integrated with clause  
indexing)

-Application case studies :

Bridge & Chess  
LLshLL.0 (Frame & Production Shell)  
μ-UNIXPERT (UNIX printer diagnosis)  
SPADE (difference-methods stability  
analysis)

# Sample LISPLOG Programs

Varying-length structures: appimp

```
(ass (appimp nil))
(ass (appimp _res _firstarg . _remarg)
      (append-r _firstarg _int _res)
      (appimp _int . _remarg))
(ass (append-r nil _list _list))
(ass (append-r (_first . _rest1) _list (_first . _rest2))
      (append-r _rest1 _list _rest2))
```

Predicate variables: someq and everyq

```
(ass (someq _pred _arg . _remarg) (_pred . _arg))
(ass (someq _pred ID . _remarg) (someq _pred . _remarg))
```

```
(ass (everyq _pred))
(ass (everyq _pred _arg . _remarg)
      (pred . _arg)
      (everyq _pred . _remarg))
```

```
(ass (knows john _x))
```

Initial cut: fac

```
(ass !(fac 0 1))
(ass (fac _x _res)
      (is _z (sub1 _x))
      (fac _z _z1)
      (is _res (times _x _z1)))
```



General motivation:

- The development of functional/relational programs with LISPLOG requires an integrated and interactive programming environment which should be both powerful and easy to use.
- It should consist of:
  - an integrated tracer supporting backtracing for LISP functions and PROLOG relations
  - a break-package with powerful debugging aids activated via breakpoints or interrupts
  - a step-by-step execution mode
  - special innovative tools supporting the non-standard concepts of LISPLOG like the initial-cut operator
- There should be no overhead caused by the programming environment when running programs without using the debugging tools.

How to trace a LISPLOG program ?

- (1) Use LISP trace to watch the execution of the LISPLOG program:
  - advantage: usefull for tracing the functional part of the LISPLOG program
  - disadvantage: no information about the execution of LISPLOG predicates
- (2) Use the standard box model (by L. Byrd) instead:
  - advantage: good model for describing the operational semantics of PROLOG
  - disadvantage: no representation for the functional part of LISPLOG
- (3) Extend the box model in order to represent the evaluation of LISP functions too:
  - advantage: well suited (integrated) model for describing both the functional and the relational part of the LISPLOG program



























































## Examples :

1. premise :

```
(member a (append _l1 _l2))  
->  
append(_l1,_l2,_r08),  
member(a,_r08).
```

2. premise :

```
(is_x (length (member a _l)))  
->  
member(a,_l,_r09),  
length(_r09,_x).
```

3. premise :

```
(progn (print _x)  
(princ ":")  
(writeblanks (diff 20 (flatsize1 _x)))  
t)  
->  
write(_x),  
write(:),  
flatsize1(_x,_r12),  
_r11 is (20 - _r12),  
writeblanks$p(_r11),  
true.
```

## Example :

```
(def member  
  (lambda (a l)  
    (cond ((null l) nil)  
          ((eq a (car l)) l)  
          (t (member a (cdr l)))))))
```

----->  
predicate

```
member(_a,[]) :-  
fail.
```

```
member(_r26,[_r26|_x29]).
```

```
member(_a,[_r27|_x30]) :-  
not(_a == _r27),  
member(_a,_x30).
```

----->  
non-predicate

```
member(_a,[],[]).
```

```
member(_r18,[_r18|_x22],[_r18|_x22]).
```

```
member(_a,[_r19|_x23],_r21) :-  
not(_a == _r19),  
member(_a,_x23,_r21).
```



## Example :

```
clause: (ass (test _x _y)
             (cond ((greaterp 3 _x) (eq a _y))
                   ((lessp 3 _x) (eq b _y))
                   (t (eq c _y))))
```

```
----> test(_x,_y) :-
      3 > _x,
      a == _y.
test(_x,_y) :-
      not(3 > _x),
      3 < _x,
      b == _y.
test(_x,_y) :-
      not(3 > _x),
      not(3 < _x),
      true,
      c == _y.
```

with Cut:

```
----> test(_x,_y) :-
      3 > _x,
      !,
      a == _y.
test(_x,_y) :-
      3 < _x,
      !,
      b == _y.
test(_x,_y) :-
      true,
      !,
      c == _y.
```

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## 3. A LISPLOG sample dialog

```
Script started on Wed Nov 12 15:14:35 1986
1:lisplog
```

```
Franz Lisp, Opus 38.89 mit Cmu-, Ktu- und Flavors-Erweiterungen
08.02.1985
```

```
Patch Nr. 38.3 geladen
Patch Nr. 38.4 geladen
Patch Nr. 38.5 geladen
LISPLOG System geladen.
```

Diese Version umfasst :

- LISPLOG Interpreter Version 2
- Box Modell Tracer
- Modul System
- schaltbare Quotierungsautomatik
- Streams
- Indexierungssystem

starte LISPLOG mit (lisplog)  
weitere Informationen dann mit help

Auf dem LISPLOG-Toplevel habe alle Kommandos die Form :  
<Kommando> {<argumente>} \*

Namen, die keine Kommandos sind,  
werden als Anfragen eines LISPLOG-Goals interpretiert.

Die Form (<g1> {<a1>}\*) (<g2> {<a2>}\*) ... kann benutzt werden,  
um mehrere konjunktiv verknuepfte Ziele zu beweisen.

News sind mit der Funktion (news) zu erhalten Stand : 00-00-0000

```
1.[user] lisplog
*[user] destroy
t
*[user] consult ../datenbasen/appimp.db
[load ../datenbasen/appimp.db]
nil
*[user] l
(ass (appimp nil))
(ass (appimp _res _firstarg . _remarg))
```

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```

(append-r _firstarg _int _res)
(append _int . _remarg))

(ass (append-r nil _list _list))
(ass (append-r (_first . _rest1) _list (_first . _rest2))
(append-r _rest1 _list _rest2))

t
*user] appimp _x (a b) (c d) (e) (f)
success :
((x = (a b c d e f)))
*user] more
nil
*user] (appimp (a b c d e f) _x _y _z)
success :
((z = (a b c d e f)) (_y = nil) (_x = nil))
*user] more
success :
((z = (b c d e f)) (_y = (a)) (_x = nil))
*user] more
success :
((z = (c d e f)) (_y = (a b)) (_x = nil))
*user] more
success :
((z = (d e f)) (_y = (a b c)) (_x = nil))
*user] more
success :
((z = (e f)) (_y = (a b c d)) (_x = nil))
*user] more
success :
((z = (f)) (_y = (a b c d e)) (_x = nil))
*user] more
success :
((z = nil) (_y = (a b c d e f)) (_x = nil))
*user] more
success :
((z = (b c d e f)) (_y = nil) (_x = (a)))
*user] more
success :
((z = (c d e f)) (_y = (b)) (_x = (a)))
*user] (appimp _x (a b) _y (c d))
success :
((y = nil) (_x = (a b c d)))
*user] more
success :

```

```

((y = (_first-6)) (_x = (a b _first-6 c d)))
*user] more
success :
((y = (_first-6 _first-7)) (_x = (a b _first-6 _first-7 c d)))
*user] more
success :
((y = (_first-6 _first-7 _first-8))
(x = (a b _first-6 _first-7 _first-8 c d)))
*user] more
success :
((y = (_first-6 _first-7 _first-8 _first-9))
(x = (a b _first-6 _first-7 _first-8 _first-9 c d)))
*user] more
success :
((y = (_first-6 _first-7 _first-8 _first-9 _first-10))
(x = (a b _first-6 _first-7 _first-8 _first-9 _first-10 c d)))
*user] more
success :
((y = (_first-6 _first-7 _first-8 _first-9 _first-10 _first-11))
(x = (a b _first-6 _first-7 _first-8 _first-9 _first-10 _first-11 c d)))
*user] abolish appimp
t
*user] l

(ass (append-r nil _list _list))
(ass (append-r (_first . _rest1) _list (_first . _rest2))
(append-r _rest1 _list _rest2))

t
*user] destroy
t
*user] + (fac 0 1)
t
*user] + (fac _x _y) (is_z (- _x 1)) (fac_z _z1) (is_y (* _x _z1))
t
*user] l

(ass (fac 0 1))
(ass (fac _x _y) (is_z (- _x 1)) (fac_z _z1) (is_y (* _x _z1)))

t
*user] (fac 0 _x)
success :
((x = 1))

```



```

[user] (fac 1 _x)
success :
((_x = 1))
[user] (fac 3 _x)
success :
((_x = 6))
[user] spy fac
(fac)
[user] (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 2 _z1-1)
|CALL (fac 1 _z1-2)
|CALL (fac 0 _z1-3)
|EXIT (fac 0 1)
|EXIT (fac 1 1)
|EXIT (fac 2 2)
|EXIT (fac 3 6)
success :
((_x = 6))
[user] more
|REDO (fac 3 _x)
|REDO (fac 2 _z1-1)
|REDO (fac 1 _z1-2)
|REDO (fac 0 _z1-3)
|CALL (fac -1 _z1-4)
|CALL (fac -2 _z1-5)
|CALL (fac -3 _z1-6)
|CALL (fac -4 _z1-7)
|CALL (fac -5 _z1-8)
|CALL (fac -6 _z1-9)
|CALL (fac -7 _z1-10)
|CALL (fac -8 _z1-11)
|CALL (fac -9 _z1-12)
|CALL (fac -10 _z1-13)
|CALL (fac -11 _z1-14)
|CALL (fac -12 _z1-15)
|CALL (fac -13 _z1-16)
|CALL (fac -14 _z1-17)
|CALL (fac -15 _z1-18)
|CALL (fac -16 _z1-19)
|CALL (fac -17 _z1-20)
|CALL (fac -18 _z1-21)
[user enters interrupt key]

user-break:reset-to-LISPLOG-Top-Level
*[user] cut fac
(fac)
*[user] (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 2 _z1-1)
|CALL (fac 1 _z1-2)
|CALL (fac 0 _z1-3)
|EXIT (fac 0 1)
|EXIT (fac 1 1)
|EXIT (fac 2 2)
|EXIT (fac 3 6)
success :
((_x = 6))
*[user] more
|REDO (fac 3 _x)
|REDO (fac 2 _z1-1)
|REDO (fac 1 _z1-2)
|REDO (fac 0 _z1-3)
Do you want to cut clause (ass (fac 0 1))? [user] y
| FAIL (fac 1 _z1-2)
| FAIL (fac 2 _z1-1)
| FAIL (fac 3 _x)
nil
*[user] 1
(ass (fac 0 1))
(ass (fac _x _y) (is _z (- _x 1)) (fac _z _z1) (is _y (* _x _z1)))

t
*[user] - (fac 0 1)
t
*[user] assa (cut (fac 0 1))
t
*[user] spy fac
(fac)
*[user] 1
(ass !(fac 0 1))
(ass (fac _x _y) (is _z (- _x 1)) (fac _z _z1) (is _y (* _x _z1)))

t
*[user] (fac 3 _x)

```

```

<<< LISPLOG - Break - Modus >>>
Please enter Break-command: [user] t
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```





```

|CALL (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 2 _z1-1)
|CALL (fac 1 _z1-2)
|CALL (fac 0 _z1-3)
|Cutting 1 [1] clauses after clause (ass (cut (fac 0 1)))
|EXIT (fac 0 1)
|EXIT (fac 1 1)
|EXIT (fac 2 2)
|EXIT (fac 3 6)
success :
((_x = 6))
*[user] more
|REDO (fac 3 _x)
|REDO (fac 2 _z1-1)
|REDO (fac 1 _z1-2)
|REDO (fac 0 _z1-3)
|FAIL (fac 0 _z1-3)
|FAIL (fac 1 _z1-2)
|FAIL (fac 2 _z1-1)
|FAIL (fac 3 _x)
nil
*[user] 1
(ass !(fac 0 1))
(ass (fac _x _y) (is _z (- _x 1)) (fac _z _z1) (is _y (* _x _z1)))

t
*[user] destroy
t
*[user] + (fac 0 1)
t
*[user] + (fac _x _y) (greaterp _x 0) (is _z (- _x 1)) (fac _z _z1) (is _y (* _x
_z1))
t
*[user] 1
(ass (fac 0 1))
(ass (fac _x _y)
(greaterp _x 0)
(is _z (- _x 1))
(fac _z _z1)
(is _y (* _x _z1)))
t

```

```

*[user] spy fac
(fac)
*[user] (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 2 _z1-1)
|CALL (fac 1 _z1-2)
|CALL (fac 0 _z1-3)
|EXIT (fac 0 1)
|EXIT (fac 1 1)
|EXIT (fac 2 2)
|EXIT (fac 3 6)
success :
((_x = 6))
*[user] more
|REDO (fac 3 _x)
|REDO (fac 2 _z1-1)
|REDO (fac 1 _z1-2)
|REDO (fac 0 _z1-3)
|FAIL (fac 0 _z1-3)
|FAIL (fac 1 _z1-2)
|FAIL (fac 2 _z1-1)
|FAIL (fac 3 _x)
nil
*[user] spy is greaterp
(is greaterp fac)
*[user] (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (fac 3 _x)
|CALL (greaterp 3 0)
|EXIT (greaterp 3 0)
|CALL (is _z-1 (- 3 1))
|EXIT (is 2 (- 3 1))
|CALL (fac 2 _z1-1)
|CALL (greaterp 2 0)
|EXIT (greaterp 2 0)
|CALL (is _z-2 (- 2 1))
|EXIT (is 1 (- 2 1))
|CALL (fac 1 _z1-2)
|CALL (greaterp 1 0)
|EXIT (greaterp 1 0)
|CALL (is _z-3 (- 1 1))
|EXIT (is 0 (- 1 1))
|CALL (fac 0 _z1-3)
|EXIT (fac 0 1)
|CALL (is _z1-2 (* 1 1))
|EXIT (is 1 (* 1 1))
|EXIT (fac 1 1)

```



```

| CALL (is _z1-1 (* 2 1))
| EXIT (is 2 (* 2 1))
More information desired? Enter +p, -p or number of steps: [user] p
| EXIT (fac 2 2)
| CALL (is _x (* 3 2))
| EXIT (is 6 (* 3 2))
| EXIT (fac 3 6)
success :
(( _x = 6))
*[user] more
| REDO (fac 3 _x)
| REDO (fac 2 _z1-1)
| REDO (fac 1 _z1-2)
| REDO (fac 0 _z1-3)
| CALL (greaterp 0 0)
| FAIL (greaterp 0 0)
| FAIL (fac 0 _z1-3)
| FAIL (fac 1 _z1-2)
| FAIL (fac 2 _z1-1)
| FAIL (fac 3 _x)
nil
*[user] translate-db nil
|fasl/usr/users/hinkelma/translator.o)

```

#### Translation of LISPLOG clauses

```

fac(0,1):- !.
    _x > 0,
    _z is (_x - 1),
    fac(_z,_z1),
    _y is (_x * _z1).

```

#### Translation of LISP functions

```

quote(X,X).
null(()).
success
*[user] destroy
t
*[user] consult /usr/users/bernardi/lisplog/timetest
[load /usr/users/bernardi/lisplog/timetest]
nil
*[user] consult index.demo.db
[load index.demo.db]

```

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```

nil
*[user] l
  (ass (father v1 k1))
  (ass (father v1 k2))
  (ass (father v1 k3))
  (ass (father v1 k4))
  (ass (father v1 k5))
  (ass (father v1 k6))
  (ass (father v2 k7))
  (ass (father v2 k8))
  (ass (father v2 k9))
  (ass (father v2 k10))
  (ass (father v2 k11))
  (ass (father v2 k12))
  (ass (father v3 k13))
  (ass (father v3 k14))
  (ass (father v3 k15))
  (ass (father v4 k16))
  (ass (father v4 k17))
  (ass (father v4 k18))
  (ass (father g1 v1))
  (ass (father g1 v2))
  (ass (father g2 v3))
  (ass (father g2 v4))
  (ass (grandparent _x _y) (father _x _z) (father _z _y))
  (ass (frage) (grandparent g1 k8))
  (ass (test) (time-on) (frage) (frage) (time-off) (time-print))
  (ass (dotest) (test) (test) (test))
t
*[user] (dotest)
14 netto 14
15 netto 15
15 netto 15
success :
nil
*[user] index 1 father
Re-indexed
*[user] l father
(index 1 father)

```

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```
(ass (father v1 k1))
(ass (father v1 k2))
(ass (father v1 k3))
(ass (father v1 k4))
(ass (father v1 k5))
(ass (father v1 k6))
(ass (father v2 k7))
(ass (father v2 k8))
(ass (father v2 k9))
(ass (father v2 k10))
(ass (father v2 k11))
(ass (father v2 k12))
(ass (father v3 k13))
(ass (father v3 k14))
(ass (father v3 k15))
(ass (father v4 k16))
(ass (father v4 k17))
(ass (father v4 k18))
(ass (father g1 v1))
(ass (father g1 v2))
(ass (father g2 v3))
(ass (father g2 v4))
```

```
t
*[user] (dotest)
11 netto 11
10 netto 10
10 netto 10
success :
nil
*[user] index 2 father
Re-indexed
*[user] 1 father
(index 2 father)
(ass (father v1 k1))
(ass (father v1 k2))
(ass (father v1 k3))
(ass (father v1 k4))
(ass (father v1 k5))
(ass (father v1 k6))
(ass (father v2 k7))
(ass (father v2 k8))
(ass (father v2 k9))
(ass (father v2 k10))
(ass (father v2 k11))
(ass (father v2 k12))
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(ass (father v3 k13))
(ass (father v3 k14))
(ass (father v3 k15))
(ass (father v4 k16))
(ass (father v4 k17))
(ass (father v4 k18))
(ass (father g1 v1))
(ass (father g1 v2))
(ass (father g2 v3))
(ass (father g2 v4))
```

```
t
*[user] (dotest)
15 netto 15
13 netto 13
14 netto 14
success :
nil
*[user] end-demo
nil
*exit
```

Auf Wiedersehen !!!

script done on Wed Nov 12 15:16:44 1986



#### 4. Abstracts of the LISPLOG papers

This chapter collects the abstracts of all major LISPLOG papers written to date. For ordering information see chapter 1. Since most of the papers are in German, chapter 6 provides some help for translation.

## Using the system

LISPLOG Benutzerhandbuch  
Ansgar Bernardi, Michael Dahmen, Manfred Meyer

SEKI-Working-Paper 87-01

Januar 1987

### ABSTRACT

This paper is intended to serve as a user's manual for LISPLOG.

It gives a short description of the syntax of LISPLOG together with an explanation of all commands available on the top-level of LISPLOG. The concepts and the commands of the LISPLOG tracer/breaker are also described.

This manual should give you the ability to use the LISPLOG system. It doesn't explain the concepts of the LISP/PROLOG integration or its implementation details.





# Approaching the integration of LISP and PROLOG

## LISPLOG

### MOMENTAUFNAHMEN EINER LISP/PROLOG/VEREINHEITLICHUNG

Harold Boley, Franz Kammermeier und die LISPLOG-Gruppe

MEMO SEKI-85-03

August 1985

#### ABSTRACT

In April 1985, the LISPLOG group began with the integration of an abstract PROLOG machine into FRANZ LISP.

This effort, here called "LISP(PRO)LOG", is based on a very concise interpreter for PURE PROLOG in PURE LISP (Kenneth M. Kahn). First, the interpreter was slightly improved and implemented in FRANZ LISP (LISPLOG.0).

Second, the following extensions were completed by July 1985 (LISPLOG.1):

- (Nested) LISP predicates can be used like PROLOG goals; the first n PROLOG solutions can be returned to LISP.
- Selected PROLOG primitives are made available (e.g. a not primitive and a generalized is operator permitting general LISP expressions).
- An "initial" cut operator is usable for clause-choice confirmation (specializing the ordinary cut).
- Clauses are indexed according to their predicate name.
- The user interface is improved considerably (e.g. by a box-model tracer and a break-package).

Furthermore there now exists a translator for transforming a subset of LISPLOG to CPROLOG.

Currently, three applications are running in LISPLOG.1:

- A library of list-processing and set-processing relations.
- The kernel of a self-documentation system for LISPLOG.
- A program playing a chess endgame.

Two innovative interactive tools for non-deterministic languages to be explored in LISPLOG are a "cut indicator" and a "manual cutter".



## LISPLOG

### BEITRÄGE ZUR LISP/PROLOG-VEREINHEITLICHUNG

Michael Dahmen  
Juergen Herr  
Knut Hinkelmann  
Harry Morgenstern

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#### ABSTRACT

This paper includes three sections, discussing in detail extensions and supplementary tools for the LISPLOG system.

The first contribution by Michael Dahmen discusses a translator from CPROLOG to LISPLOG, which effects a partial transformation of PROLOG-programs. This transformation is mainly based upon pattern matching, comparing structures of the program to be transformed with given patterns and substituting structures of the target language for them. This translator is written in PROLOG, which is suited very well for this task because of its built-in capability for unification. Therefore this translator is an example of a task, which is simply and naturally solvable in PROLOG.

The second contribution by Knut Hinkelmann and Harry Morgenstern discusses the translation of programs written in LISPLOG to standard PROLOG.

In order to translate a LISPLOG program into pure PROLOG, it is necessary to flatten nested LISP function calls into a conjunction of relation calls and to translate the corresponding LISP functions into PROLOG clauses. The flattening of a nested LISP function call is treated in the first part.

The second part treats the translation of a LISP function into a conjunction of PROLOG clauses using the syntax of LISPLOG. The LISP functions are translated into pure LISPLOG.

These two contributions describe tools which enable developers of PROLOG programs to vary between the implementations of CPROLOG and LISPLOG without too much effort.

The third contribution by Juergen Herr treats the compilation of LISPLOG clauses into LISP functions and breadth-first search as an alternative control structure for LISPLOG. The first part discusses advantages and disadvantages of breadth-first search and introduces an implementation. The discussion of possible constructions in clause heads and the development of concepts for translating LISPLOG clauses are the main themes in the second part. Furthermore an implementation of some of these concepts is described in the form of a hornclause compiler written in LISP, which assembles predefined function patterns.



Franz Kammermeier

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ABSTRACT

Since 1979 a lot of functional/relational languages integrating LISP and PROLOG have been described in the literature.

In this paper it is tried to find the position of LISPLOG in the context of ten important other hybrids, which are mainly LISP based, e.g. LOGLISP, LM-Prolog and Symbolics Prolog.

After a short introduction and a general view of these hybrids, firstly the integration of programming styles is compared, namely the correspondence of LISP/PROLOG data structures and the facilities to access one formalism from the other.

Implementation techniques of PROLOG interpreters, like implementation of control, representation of term instances and database indexing, are examined in the second part, with the emphasis being on LISP as the implementation language. The comparison is supplemented by a short description of compilation techniques for PROLOG (in LISP) used by compilers of the treated languages.

Finally, some conclusions for present and future improvements of LISPLOG are outlined.

## Adding interactive tools

Entwurf und Implementierung einer Interaktionsumgebung fuer LISPLOG  
- 2. erweiterte Auflage -

Manfred A. Meyer

SEKI-Working-Paper 87-02

Dezember 1987

ABSTRACT

This paper deals with the design and implementation of an interactive programming environment for an integration of LISP and PROLOG called LISPLOG, which is currently developed at the Universitaet Kaiserslautern.

This programming environment consists of an extended box model tracer with backtrace possibility and a comfortable break-package.

Two innovative interactive tools for non-deterministic languages that have been explored in LISPLOG are a "cut indicator" and a "manual cutter".

In addition, an extension of the box model for the functional part of LISPLOG is discussed and prototypically implemented.

Finally, several improvements of the user interface are roughly outlined, and the current implementation is critically reviewed once again.



# Improving efficiency

## ITERATIVER LISPLOG INTERPRETER

Implementierung, Dokumentation und Evaluation

Michael Dahmen

SEKI-Working Paper 86-03

Juni 1986

### ABSTRACT

This paper discusses the iterative interpreter LISPLOG.2, which was developed from the earlier recursive version LISPLOG.1. The goal of this development was to speed up the execution of LISPLOG programs. A comparison between the two LISPLOG versions - given in chapter three - shows to what extent this goal could be achieved.

The first chapter of this paper describes the differences between the two versions and shows how these differences affect the performance.

Chapter two is the documentation of the main aspects of LISPLOG.2. Since LISPLOG.2 was developed from LISPLOG.1 it may be useful to consult the documentation of LISPLOG.1 too.

The appendices include the listing of the LISPLOG.2 interpreter and the programs used for the performance analysis.

Ein Indexierungskonzept für LISPLOG-Datenbasen

Ansgar Bernardi

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### ABSTRACT

LISPLOG is a LISP/PROLOG integration explored at the Universitaet Kaiserslautern.

To improve the performance of the LISPLOG interpreter, an indexing concept has been developed and implemented. Higher efficiency is gained by eliminating unnecessary unifications.

Matching clauses are selected using the predicate and one constant atomic (normally the first) argument of the conclusion.

A special combination of shared lists and binary trees is maintained by the indexing procedure to make this selection rather fast.

The user may optionally specify the indexing argument; the default argument is changeable when installing the system.

The indexing concept and the implemented algorithms and data structures are fully described in this paper, together with a complete source listing (FRANZ LISP) of the implementation.





Ein Ansatz fuer einen LISPLOG Compiler mit LISP als Zielsprache

Juergen Herr

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ABSTRACT

This paper describes my work on compilation of LISPLOG clauses into LISP functions and an improved runtime system for LISPLOG, in which these functions will be interpreted. The first part of this paper introduces and comments on the implemented functions, while the reasons of fundamental design decisions will be shown in the second part. Thus the first part is a program documentation, whereas the second part gives more general informations.

Furthermore the paper discusses in detail the question whether it makes sense to use (portable) LISP as the target language for a Hornclause compiler. This is the main point of the second part of this paper, and I hope it will become apparent by comparison with Warren's abstract machine, that (portable) LISP is not very suitable for this purpose.

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ÜBERSETZUNG VON LISPLOG-PROGRAMMEN NACH CPROLOG  
- 2. erweiterte Auflage -

Knut Hinkelmann

SEKI-Working-Paper 86-05

September 1986

ABSTRACT

A LISPLOG program is a set of horn clauses. Pure PROLOG's proof strategy is a kind of resolution. In LISPLOG, however, LISP predicates can be used like PROLOG goals. These will be proved by evaluating the LISP functions instead of using the resolution theorem prover. To translate a LISPLOG program into CPROLOG, these function applications have to be transformed into applications of PROLOG relations. In order to prove these relations by resolution, new horn clauses have to be added to the database. These new horn clauses are created from the definition of the corresponding LISP function.



## Extending the language

Fone and Fall: Forward-with-Backward Chaining in LISPLOG

Harold Boley

SEKI-Working-Paper 87-03  
Juni 1987

### ABSTRACT

A small extension for incorporating forward chaining into and on top of LISPLOG's backward chaining framework is presented.

Goal: Backward-with-Forward Chaining in LISPLOG

Harold Boley

SEKI-Working-Paper 87-04  
Juni 1987

### ABSTRACT

A tiny extension for performing forward chaining to prove goals set up by LISPLOG's backward chaining framework is introduced.

Frame and Heir: Clausal Frames and Multiple Inheritance in LISPLOG

Harold Boley

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### ABSTRACT

Two related extensions of LISPLOG are given. The first is a frame-to-clause translator permitting 'variable-length slots' and 'goal attachment', where the clauses generated from a frame can be freely mixed with other clauses. The second is an ako-slot interpreter proving a goal by recursively inheriting information from its object's superobjects, for multiple ako links employing LISPLOG's built-in depth-first search.

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Module und Streams in LISPLOG

Michael Dahmen

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### ABSTRACT

This paper discusses two extensions of the LISPLOG system, called modules and streams.

The module system enables the LISPLOG user to build his program from a number of separate databases (modules). The interaction between the modules is defined by special interfaces. The result is a hierarchical structure of the LISPLOG database.

The second part describes an extension of the LISP-LISPLOG interface for delayed computation of the solution of a LISPLOG inquiry. Therefore it becomes possible to compute any number of solutions without specifying that number before the computation starts. Even an infinite number of solutions may be intensional represented by means of a stream.

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## Diagnosing printer problems

micro-UNIXPERT: EIN WISSENSBASIERTES SYSTEM ZUR BEHANDLUNG  
VON PROBLEMEN BEI UNIX-DRUCKKAUFTRAEGEN

Michael Lessel

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### ABSTRACT

micro-UNIXPERT (UNIX<sup>^</sup> - PERiphery - Tester) is an interactive, knowledge-based diagnosis system for the treatment of printer hardware faults and of other problems which can appear in connection with printing (user errors and software faults).

If possible, the system both generates diagnoses and gives proposals for clearing. The entire knowledge of micro-UNIXPERT consists of a set of PROLOG-like facts and rules.

The system is implemented in LISPLUG, a LISP/PROLOG integration running in FRANZ LISP under the UNIX 4.2 BSD operating system on a VAX 11/750.

After a general introduction into the problems of diagnosis systems and a discussion of the most important micro-UNIXPERT features (knowledge acquisition, positive and negative facts, user acceptance, inference mechanism), the method of operation of the system is explained by giving full details of the LISPLUG implementation.

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<sup>^</sup> UNIX is a registered trade-mark of Bell Laboratories

μ-UNIXPERT: Diagnosis of Printer Problems

Michael Lessel  
Harold Boley

SEKI REPORT SR-87-09

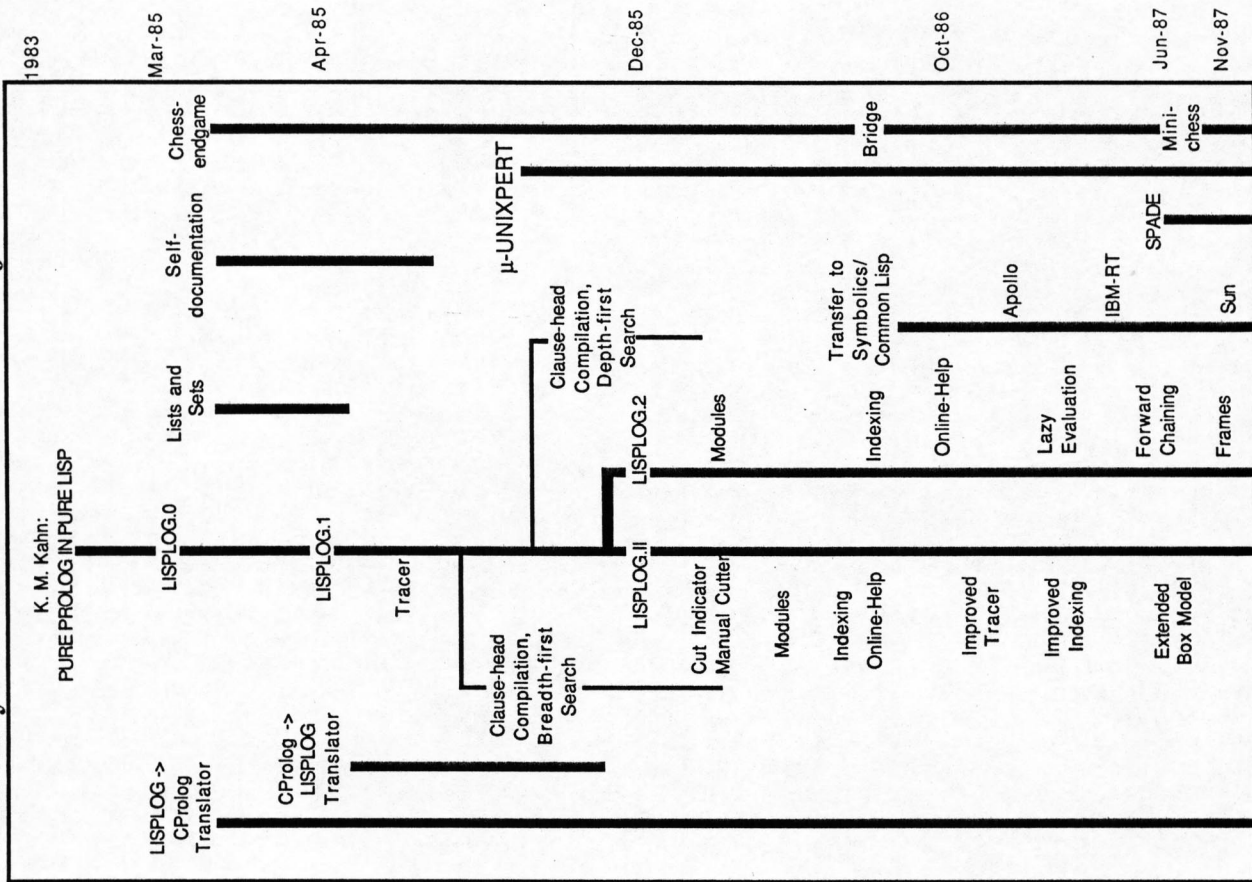
August 1987

### ABSTRACT

The μ-UNIXPERT systems perform knowledge-based diagnosis in the domain of printers as part of the computer periphery. They are implemented in LISPLUG, a functional/logical language that provided the required programming spectrum ranging from operating-system calls to the explanation component.



# 5. History of the LISPLOG Project



## 6. German-English glossary

Ablachen	flattening
Ableitung	derivation
Ausdruck	expression
Berechnung	computation
Beweis	proof
Durchgriff	access
Folgerung	inference
Funktionsaufruf	function application
Hand-Schneider	manual cutter
Loesung	solution
Muster	pattern
Regel	rule
Schachtelung	nesting
Schnitt-Anzeiger	cut indicator
Uebersetzung	translation
Umgebung	environment
Umwandlung	transformation
Vereinheitlichung	unification
Werkzeug	tool
Wert	value
Ziel	goal





<i>LISPLOG-Program</i>	$\equiv$ { <i>clause</i>   <i>function</i> }*
<i>clause</i>	$\equiv$ ( <i>conclusion</i> { <i>premise</i> }* )
<i>conclusion</i>	$\equiv$ <i>cut-conclusion</i>   <i>simple-conclusion</i>
<i>premise</i>	$\equiv$ <i>predicate-call</i>   <i>function-call</i>   <i>primitive-call</i>
<i>predicate-call</i>	$\equiv$ ( <i>predicate</i> { <i>argument</i> }* [ <i>. variable</i> ] )
<i>primitive-call</i>	$\equiv$ ( <i>is argument</i> <i>argument</i> )   ( <i>not premise</i> )
<i>predicate</i>	$\equiv$ <i>predicate-constant</i>   <i>predicate-variable</i>
<i>predicate-constant</i>	$\equiv$ <i>LISP-atom</i>
<i>predicate-variable</i>	$\equiv$ <i>simple-variable</i> (must be bound when called)
<i>cut-conclusion</i>	$\equiv$ ! <i>simple-conclusion</i>
<i>simple-conclusion</i>	$\equiv$ ( <i>predicate-constant</i> { <i>argument</i> }* [ <i>. variable</i> ] )
<i>argument</i>	$\equiv$ <i>variable</i>   <i>LISP-expression</i>
<i>variable</i>	$\equiv$ <i>anonymous-variable</i>   <i>simple-variable</i>
<i>simple-variable</i>	$\equiv$ <i>LISP-atom</i>
<i>anonymous-variable</i>	$\equiv$ <b>ID</b>
<i>LISP-expression</i>	$\equiv$ <i>LISP-atom</i>   <i>list</i>
<i>list</i>	$\equiv$ ( { <i>LISP-expression</i> }* [ <i>. LISP-expression</i> ] )

LISP-atom may not contain !, \_, or ?

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