

Re: FOUR THE BEST LOGICIANS

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In article <ywmpt54gib4.fsf@fast.mm.homeunix.org>, NOSPAMmar@i.amRemove.16695.39767.invalid (MARco Munari) wrote: [snip]

>If you can accept a more modern aproach, i add my specific point of view:
>Mathematics and Logic were basement for computer science,

Sort of. Those who actually built computers (such as Babbage, Aiken, Eckhart and Mauchly) were primarily engineers rather than logicians or mathematicians.

> and now some
>basements are opposite (science fields overlap), for so i want to mention
>-in sci.logic- Larry Wall
>(author/inventor of Perl,

Fac me cocleario vomere!

Perl's syntax IMO climbs to dizzying heights of inelegance, which no logician would ever dream of.

> the first computer language and interpreter [snip incorrect comma] with
> pattern matching, recursive dynamic string interpretation,

Nope. SNOBOL was based entirely on string pattern matching, and LISP and PROLOG support elegant recursive pattern matching and interpretation.

> associative data,

Nope. LISP, etc.

> widely used either for research and data communication interchange)

I very much doubt that Perl is used for any serious logic research.

>with many others

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>Saluti,
>MARco Munari

No, I'm not really interested in participating in a computer-language religious argument, but I just couldn't let those ignorant comments pass unchallenged.

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