

Re: Existence of proof verifiers: A comedy

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On Apr 30, 6:18 pm, Marshall <marshall.spi...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Apr 30, 10:44 am, Jan Burse <janbu...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

This reminds me of the battle between CBL and Meghill:
[...]
Backhouse: I was using the Hindu System.

(Probably the author meant Jim Backus?)

That was pretty funny.

Some time ago in comp.databases.theory I parodied a blog post entitled "Is Codd Dead?", Codd being Ted Codd, the father of modern data management techniques.

Codd noticed that databases contain relations. The rest of what he said was a totally failed attempt to formalize and automate database query processing. SQL is an example of that failure, by virtue of it being only a programming language rather than an automatic query processor.

See <http://arxiv.org/html/cs/0003071>

People whose name resembles "God" or contain punctuation characters are more likely to become famous.

God
Godel
Codd
Cuddle

In most presidential elections, the taller candidate wins.

For 100 years people owned people in this country and people from the president on down said it was ok.

C-B

The blogger was no fan of the relational algebra, and advocated a return to pre-theoretic approaches to data management.

My post was titled:

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and took the position that our decimal number system was taught uncritically to unthinking students, even though it had only reached its position due to a firestorm of marketing hype backed by Big Math. Of course the solution to this problem was "RN."

http://groups.google.com/group/comp.databases.theory/browse_frm/threa...

Possibly slightly amusing if your the sort of person who dislikes XML.

Marshall