

Re: Why I am unwilling to use Mathematica if I can help it

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Minor correction: there *is* a TeX front end (the WEB system of literate programming) that DLK himself wrote in 1982 to typeset programs. In fact, the original (frozen) source of TeX is written in WEB-Pascal.

WEB seems to have had little use since as compared to TeX and LaTeX, though. I gave it a quick try in the mid 1980s and debugging a large code (~2M lines on a vax) was a nightmare. It was not a tool suitable for team development because of total lack of source control mechanisms.

If TeX80 had been originally developed on Unix systems, which were not that common at that time, the story might be different.

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