

Xerox ./ Bulatov: tree visualisation patent inhibits optimisation research

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A Patent of Xerox Inc has cause Prof. Bulatov to withdraw his opensource Java profile browser HyperProf from the Net. HyperProf has been very useful for analysing the optimisation potentials of programs. Its withdrawal from the research community is a loss both to the developping mathematician, his user community and the end users of the programs which are developped thereby. So far we do not know against which US patents HyperProf is claimed to infringe and what, if any, their EP equivalentents are.

Contents

- Explanations by Prof. Bulatov¹
- An example of the kind of tree visualisation that Xerox has apparently patented.²
- Hinweise von Xuân Baldauf³

*<http://www.ffii.org/~phm>

¹<http://www.physics.orst.edu/~bulatov/HyperProf/>

²<http://www.physics.orst.edu/~bulatov/HyperProf/snapshot.gif>

³<http://lists.ffii.org/archive/mails/swpat/2001/Apr/0097.html>