

## Will Clinger

**Professional Preparation** BSMath with Highest Honors, University of Texas, 1975; PhD in Mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1981.

**Appointments** September 1994–present: Associate Professor, College of Computer Science, Northeastern University. July 2000–August 2001: Visiting Professor, Java Technology Group, Sun Microsystems Laboratories. September 1988–June 1994: Assistant Professor, University of Oregon. January 1988–August 1988: Semantic Microsystems, Beaverton, Oregon. 1985–January 1988: Principal Scientist, Tektronix Computer Research Laboratory, Beaverton, Oregon. 1981–1985: Assistant Professor, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

**Publications most relevant to the proposed research** Most are online at <http://www.ccs.neu.edu/home/will/papers.html>.

1. William D Clinger and Fabio V Rojas. Linear combinations of radioactive decay models for generational garbage collection. In *Science of Computer Programming*, Volume 62, Issue 2, 1 October 2006, pages 184-203.
2. David L Detlefs and William D Clinger. Eliminating write barriers for young objects. US Patent 6999980, 14 February 2006.
3. Lars T Hansen and William D Clinger. An experimental study of renewal-older-first garbage collection. In the *Proceedings of the 2002 ACM International Conference on Functional Programming*, pages 247–258, October 2002.
4. David Detlefs, Ross Knippel, William D Clinger, and Matthias Jacob. Concurrent Remembered Set Refinement in Generational Garbage Collection. In the *Proceedings of the 2002 USENIX Java VM Research and Technology Symposium*, August 2002.
5. William D Clinger and Lars Hansen. Generational garbage collection and the radioactive decay model. In the *Proceedings of the 1997 ACM Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, June 1997, pages 97-108.

### Other significant publications

1. Mitchell Wand and William D Clinger. Set constraints for destructive array update optimization. *Journal of Functional Programming*, 11(3), May 2001, pages 319–346.

2. William D Clinger, Anne Hartheimer, and Eric Ost. Implementation Strategies for First-Class Continuations. *Journal of Higher-Order and Symbolic Computation*, 12(1), 1999, pages 7–45.
3. Richard Kelsey, William Clinger, and Jonathan Rees [editors]. Revised<sup>5</sup> Report on the Algorithmic Language Scheme. *Journal of Higher-Order and Symbolic Computation*, 11(1), 1998, pages 7–105.
4. William D Clinger and Jonathan Rees. Macros that work. *Proceedings of the 1991 ACM Conference on Principles of Programming Languages*, January 1991, pages 155–162.
5. William D. Clinger. How to read floating point numbers accurately. *Proceedings of the ACM SIGPLAN '90 Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, June 1990, pages 92–101. Reprinted with a short retrospective in *20 Years of the ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (1979–1999): a Selection*.

**Synergistic Activities** Standards: IEEE Std-1178, R5RS, R6RS, ERR5RS, and correct rounding for decimal-to-binary conversions in Java, XML Schema, and IEEE Std-754R. Software: Larceny, Petit Larceny, and Common Larceny. Education: Common Larceny, which connects Scheme to .NET, supports the Microsoft-funded Bootstrap project that uses Scheme to develop creative and rigorous thinking among high school students in Massachusetts and other states.

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