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- generic types in 

polymorphic data types in mainstream Java

```
public class Pair<T,U> { public T x; public U y; }
```

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- foreign language interface for Prolog
interface Prolog with Java using InterProlog
- meta programming in Prolog
assert, retract, and clause for implementing expert systems
- database queries using Datalog
restricted Prolog as a query language for databases
- writing parsers in Prolog
declarative clause grammars

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Advanced Concepts in Functional Programming

- combined functional and logic languages
the functional logic language Curry as an extension of Haskell
- parallel programming in Haskell
exploit multiple processors/machines using parallel/distributed Haskell
- web interfaces using Haskell
use the `cgi` and `xhtml` modules to create web interfaces
- graphical user interface in Haskell
use `Java Swing` and the `LambdaVM`

Research Topics

Possible Areas for Bachelor or Master Theses

- verification of Java, Haskell, and Prolog programs
 - termination analysis
 - correctness, liveness, and safety
- programming languages
 - optimizing compilers
 - virtual machines
- software development tools
 - push-button verification tools
 - integrating verification tools into IDEs
- constraint solving
 - satisfiability solving and optimization
 - constraint solving over finite domains

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