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"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me."
-Noel Coward

Maple

By Bill Melcher ~ Daily Bull

Mathematica has torn into the nightmares of Tech students for years. How long will my math lab take this week? 45 minutes? 3 hours? Will there be any horrendous 3-D graphs? Will my partner find the most annoying TA and ask 7 questions per problem this time??

The nightmares are over. Recently, a discovery has been made of a new and more suitable program. Bitwise.com had this to say about Maple 10 when compared to Mathematica 5.2: "If you are a procedural programmer from, say, an engineering background, then the Maple procedural language may suit you better."

[Editor's Note: I've never used Maple, but I'm assuming it's awesome because it sounds Canadian.]

Bitwise likes it, other schools like it, but why doesn't Tech? Easy. Bitwise said they "...

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Micromanagement Quarterly: A Look Inside UBS

By Cameron Long ~ Daily Bull

Officials of Swiss bank UBS - not UPS, that's not a bank - have announced that, in light of the response to its 44-page manual which regulates the clothing, hygiene, and dining habits of employees, they will take the manual back to the drawing board.

The etiquette tome regulates everything from diet (no garlic or onions) and make-up application to the

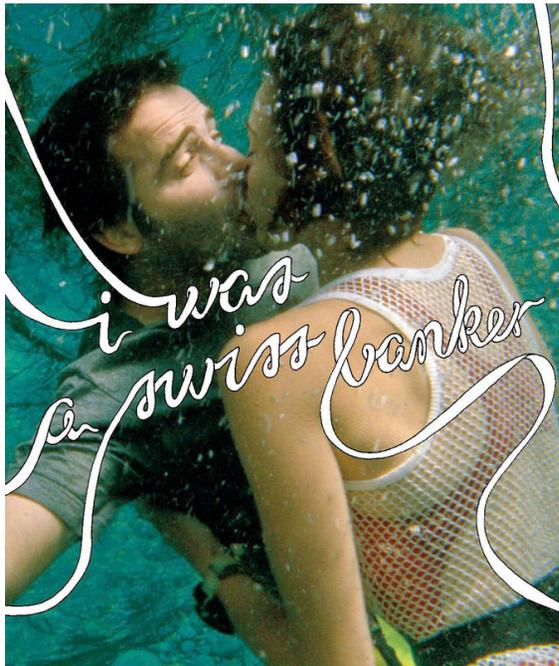
color of underwear. Yes, the color of underwear (only flesh-colored). Other guidelines include the kinds of perfume to wear, how to knot a tie, for men to avoid

earrings and beards, acceptable stocking and nail polish colors, the recommendation to always wear wristwatches, and to always keep glasses clean. Side note: as someone who has needed corrective lenses of one sort or another for over a decade, not keeping them clean is GROSS. Those people shouldn't have been hired in the first

place. *steps off soapbox*

The goal for the instructions is to impress customers with a sense of precision and

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Such actions will be prohibited. Kissing, and kissing under water, will be unlawful under the new stipulations.

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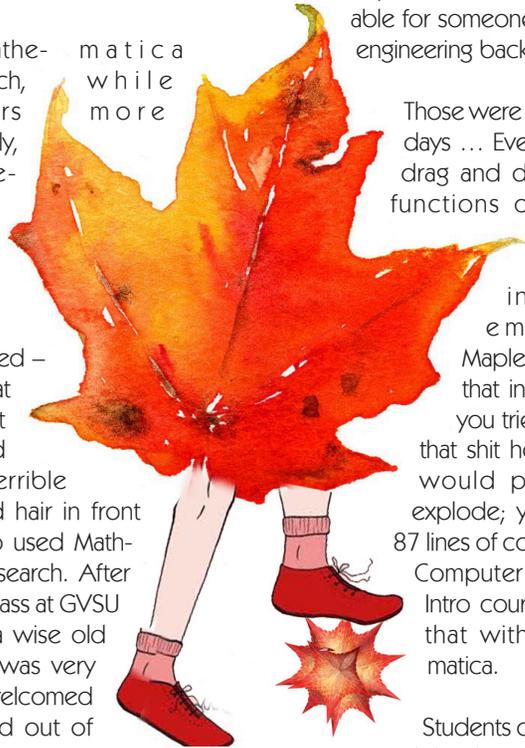
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found the Mathematica approach to be the better for rapid prototyping and exploration."

Ah, I see. Mathematica smells like research, while Maple appears more like a user-friendly, undergraduate-level program suitable for Calculus one through three.

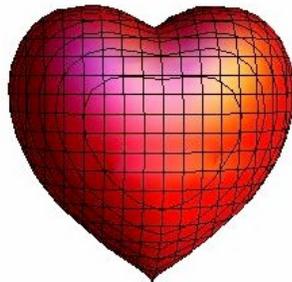
Just as I suspected - My Calc 2 class at Tech was taught by a jittery grad student with terrible handwriting and hair in front of his eyes who used Mathematica to do research. After that, my Calc 3 class at GVSU was taught by a wise old professor who was very thorough and welcomed questions in and out of



class (cheers, Professor Sundstrom!). We used Maple, and just like Bitwise said, it's much more suitable for someone from an engineering background.

Those were the good days ... Ever tried to drag and drop two functions onto the same graph in Mathematica? Maple makes it that intuitive. If you tried to pull that shit here, Linux would probably explode; you need 87 lines of code and a Computer Science Intro course to do that with Mathematica.

Students come and while the Maple vs Mathematica debate goes on in academia. I prefer Maple, and I think it's a more appropriate program for Tech to let their undergrads play with. But Tech saw research potential and made up their mind on the spot, so that's the way it is here.



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perfection. However, after the manual was released, it received worldwide ridicule and UBS decided to take another look at it.

"We're reviewing what is important to us," said spokesman Andreas Kern. "Everyone knows the staff in our banks strive for the perfect look."

Said rival bank Credit Suisse, "...in general it's a good thing for people to have some guidance."

UBS has taken this statement to heart: after careful consideration, the bank has decided that more stringent rules are required, saying, "It just wasn't enough. We want our employees to function like a domestic watch. Literally." UBS representatives will also check up on employees at their homes, à la the Ford Motor Company of the early 20th century. Rounds will be made to ensure that workers are in bed promptly at 10:00 PM; this will prevent unsightly dark spots under the eyes. Pantries and refrigerators will be monitored to make absolutely certain that no prohibited foods are being consumed at home.



Look at these fine upstanding examples of Swiss Bankery!

Asparagus has been added to that list, as well as pickled herring (delicious), anchovies, and scallops - because scallops are terrible.

"With these new guidelines, we're confident we can really take UBS to the next level," says Kern. "Besides, if we don't push this through, who will? Credit Suisse? They couldn't tell an annuity apart from their lederhosen."

Other steps the bank is taking include making sure employees brush their teeth for the recommended two minutes, although they are not just made up of diet and hygiene tips. Also incorporated are such things as, "Closets and dressers will be checked biweekly and unacceptable items will be confiscated," followed by, "Garments that deviate from acceptable bankwear attire will be deemed unacceptable at the UBS representative's discretion." "I'm really proud of that last bit," said Sabine Geisert, Vice President of Employee Compliance, "It really speaks about who we are as an organization." Rumors of Foxcomm-style netting installation have been dismissed as false.



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