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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth:	August 09, 1964
Citizenship:	German
Languages:	German, English, Russian

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Databases
- World Wide Web Query Languages & Search Agents
- Logic Programming, Knowledge Representation

EDUCATION

Habilitation:

Academic Degree:	Dr. rer. nat. habil. (postdoctoral teaching qualification, includes the "venia legendi" for computer science). University of Hannover, January 1997.
Thesis:	Bottom-Up Query Evaluation in Extended Deductive Databases.
Referees:	Prof. Dr. Udo Lipeck (University of Hannover) Prof. Dr. Rainer Manthey (University of Bonn) Prof. Dr. Georg Gottlob (Vienna University of Technology)

Ph.D.:

Academic Degree:	Dr. rer. nat. University of Hannover, July 1992. Graduated "summa cum laude" (the best possible mark).
Thesis:	Defaults in Deductive Databases (in German, as required).
Advisors:	Prof. Dr. Udo Lipeck (University of Hannover) Prof. Dr. Hans-Dieter Ehrich (Technical Univ. of Braunschweig)

Diploma:

Academic Degree:	Dipl.-Inform. (Diploma in Computer Science) Technical University of Braunschweig, September 1988. Graduated "with honours" (the best possible mark).
Thesis:	Completions for Logic Databases (in German).
Advisor:	Prof. Dr. H.-D. Ehrich (Technical University of Braunschweig)

WORK EXPERIENCE

since 1998	Assistant Professor in the Department of Information Science and Telecommunications at the University of Pittsburgh
1996–1998	Substitute for the vacant full professorship for information systems at the University of Hildesheim (includes all duties and rights of a professor).
1992–1996	"Scientific Assistant" ($\approx$ Assistant Professor) at the University of Hannover Duties: 60% independent research; 40% advanced teaching.
1990–1992	Research Assistant at the University of Hannover (Institute for Computer Science, Database Group)
1988–1990	Research Assistent at the University of Dortmund (Institute VI, "Databases and Information Systems")
1985–1987	Teaching Assistent at the Technical University of Braunschweig Duties: leading exercise groups; graphics programming.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1998	I was selected for a Heisenberg Fellowship of the German Science Foundation (DFG). Since I already accepted the position at the University of Pittsburgh, I have to reject the fellowship.
1988	Nixdorf AG award for distinguished diploma theses (best thesis of the semester in that university).
1982, 1983	First prize in the second round of a mathematical competition for pupils ("Bundeswettbewerb Mathematik"). Only about 3–5 pupils in each state of Germany got this.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications (Formally Published):

[BL89] S. Brass, U. W. Lipeck: Specifying closed world assumptions for logic databases. In J. Demetrovics, B. Thalheim (eds.), *2nd Symposium on Mathematical Fundamentals of Database Systems (MFDBS'89)*, 68–84, LNCS 364, Springer, 1989.

[Bra90] S. Brass: Beginnings of a theory of general database completions. In S. Abiteboul, P. C. Kanellakis (eds.), *Third International Conference on Database Theory (ICDT'90)*, 349–363, LNCS 470, Springer, 1990.

[BL91] S. Brass, U. W. Lipeck: Semantics of inheritance in logical object specifications. In C. Delobel, M. Kifer, Y. Masunaga (eds.), *Deductive and Object-Oriented Databases, 2nd Int. Conf. (DOOD'91)*, 411–430, LNCS 566, Springer, 1991.

[BL92] S. Brass, U. W. Lipeck: Generalized bottom-up query evaluation. In A. Pirotte, C. Delobel, G. Gottlob (eds.), *Advances in Database Technology — EDBT'92, 3rd International Conference*, 88–103, LNCS 580, Springer, 1992.

[Bra93a] S. Brass: Deduction with supernormal defaults. In G. Brewka, K. P. Jantke, P. H. Schmitt (eds.), *Nonmonotonic and Inductive Logics, 2nd International Workshop (NIL'91)*, 153–174, LNAI 659, Springer, 1993.

[Bra93b] S. Brass: On the semantics of supernormal defaults. In R. Bajcsy (ed.), *Proc. of the 13th Int. Joint Conf. on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'93)*, 578–583, Morgan Kaufmann, 1993.

[BL93] S. Brass, U. W. Lipeck: Bottom-up query evaluation with partially ordered defaults. In S. Ceri, K. Tanaka, S. Tsur (eds.), *Deductive and Object-Oriented Databases, Third Int. Conf., (DOOD'93)*, 253–266, LNCS 760, Springer, 1993.

[LB94] U. W. Lipeck, S. Brass: Object-oriented system specification using defaults. In K. von Luck, H. Marburger (eds.), *Management and Processing of Complex Data Structures, Third Workshop on Information Systems and Artificial Intelligence*, 22–43, LNCS 777, Springer, 1994.

[Bra94a] S. Brass: Improved bottom-up query evaluation in positive disjunctive databases. In B. Wolfinger (ed.), *Innovationen bei Rechen- und Kommunikationssystemen, (IFIP-Congress, Workshop FG2: Disjunctive Logic Programming and Disjunctive Databases)*, 75–82, Springer, 1994.

[BD94] S. Brass, J. Dix: A disjunctive semantics based on unfolding and bottom-up evaluation. In B. Wolfinger (ed.), *Innovationen bei Rechen- und Kommunikationssystemen, (IFIP-Congress, Workshop FG2: Disjunctive Logic Programming and Disjunctive Databases)*, 83–91, Springer, 1994.

[Bra94b] S. Brass: Modular specifications with supernormal defaults. *Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence 12 (1994)*, 189–213.

[BD95a] S. Brass, J. Dix: Disjunctive semantics based upon partial and bottom-up evaluation. In: L. Sterling (ed.), *Proc. of the Twelfth Int. Conf. on Logic Programming (ICLP'95)*, 199–213, MIT-Press, 1995.

[BD95b] S. Brass, J. Dix: Characterizations of the stable semantics by partial evaluation. In: A. Nerode (ed.), *Logic Programming and Nonmonotonic Reasoning, Proc. of the Third Int. Conf. (LPNMR'95)*, 85–98, LNCS, Springer, 1995.

[BD95c] S. Brass, J. Dix: A general approach to bottom-up computation of disjunctive semantics. In: J. Dix, L. M. Pereira, T. C. Przymusinski (eds.): *Non-Monotonic Extensions of Logic Programming*, 127–155, LNAI 927, Springer, 1995.

[DLB95] F. M. Dionísio, U. W. Lipeck, S. Brass: Composition of default specifications. In R. J. Wieringa, R. B. Feenstra (eds.), *Information Systems — Correctness and Reusability, Selected Papers from the IS-CORE Workshop*, 207–221, World Scientific, 1995.

[Bra95a] S. Brass: Magic sets vs. SLD-resolution. In J. Eder, L. A. Kalinichenko (eds.), *Advances in Databases and Information Systems (ADBIS'95)*, 185–203, Springer, 1995.

[Bra96a] S. Brass: SLDMagic — An improved magic set technique. In B. Novikov, J. W. Schmidt (eds.), *Advances in Databases and Information Systems — ADBIS'96*, 75–83, MEPhI Publishing, Moscow, 1996. Also published in: Springer Workshops in Computing (1997).

[BD96a] S. Brass, J. Dix: Characterizing D-WFS: Confluence and iterated GCWA. In: J. J. Alferes, L. M. Pereira, E. Orlowska (eds.): *Logics in Artificial Intelligence, European Workshop (JELIA'96)*, 268–283, Springer, LNAI 1126, 1996.

[BDP96] S. Brass, J. Dix, T.C. Przymusinski: Super Logic Programs. In L.C. Aiello, J. Doyle, S.C. Shapiro (eds.), *Proc. of the Fifth Int. Conf. on Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KR'96)*, 529–541, Morgan Kaufmann, 1996.

[BZF97] S. Brass, U. Zukowski, B. Freitag: Transformation-based bottom-up computation of the well-founded model. In J. Dix, L.M. Pereira, T.C. Przymusinski (eds.), *Non-Monotonic Extensions of Logic Programming (NMELP'96)*, 171–201, Springer, LNAI 1216, 1997.

[BD97] S. Brass, J. Dix: Characterizations of the disjunctive stable semantics by partial evaluation. *The Journal of Logic Programming 32:3 (1997)*, 207–228.

[ZBF97] U. Zukowski, S. Brass, B. Freitag: Improving the alternating fixpoint: The transformation approach. In J. Dix, U. Fuhrbach, A. Nerode (eds.), *Proc. of the 4th International Conference on Logic Programming and Non-Monotonic Reasoning (LPNMR'97)*, 40–59, Springer, LNAI 1265, 1997.

[BD98] S. Brass, J. Dix: Characterizations of the disjunctive well-founded semantics: Confluent calculi and iterated GCWA. *Journal of Automated Reasoning 20:1 (1998)*, 143–165.

[BDNP98] S. Brass, J. Dix, I. Niemelä, T. Przymusinski: A Comparison of the Static and the Disjunctive Well-Founded Semantics. In: A. G. Cohn, L. K. Schubert, S. C. Shapiro (eds.), *Proc. of the Sixth Int. Conf. on Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KR'98)*, Morgan Kaufmann, 1998.

[BD99] S. Brass, J. Dix: Semantics of disjunctive logic programs based on partial evaluation. *The Journal of Logic Programming 40:1 (1999)*, 1–46. `http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~sbrass/publ/BD98b.ps.gz`

[BDIP99] S. Brass, J. Dix, I. Niemelä, T. C. Przymusinski: On the Equivalence of the Static and Disjunctive Well-Founded Semantics and its Computation. *Journal of Theoretical Computer Science*, to appear (1999/2000). `http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~sbrass/publ/BDIP99.ps.gz`

[BDP99] S. Brass, J. Dix, T. C. Przymusinski: Computation of the Semantics of Autoepistemic Belief Theories. *Journal of Artificial Intelligence 112*, 1999. `http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~sbrass/publ/BDP99.ps.gz`

Invited Papers:

[Bra98a] S. Brass: Search Services in the Internet (in German). In U. Behrens (ed.), *Erfolgreich Studieren — Eltern im Netz. Die Dokumentation zur 4. Tagung im Rahmen des Netzwerkes Campuseltern*, 74–97, InnoVatio Verlags AG, 1998.

(Co-)Edited Publications:

[LBS90] U. W. Lipeck, S. Brass, G. Saake (eds.): *Kurzfassungen des 2. Workshops "Grundlagen von Datenbanken"*, Informatik-Bericht 90-02. TU Braunschweig, 1990.

Refereed Workshop-Contributions Published in Technical Reports:

[DBRL93] F. M. Dionísio, S. Brass, M. Ryan, U. W. Lipeck: Reasoning about extensions. In *Working Notes from the Dutch/German Workshop on Nonmonotonic Reasoning Techniques and Their Applications, Part 1*, RWTH Aachen, 1993.

[BD94b] S. Brass, J. Dix: A characterization of the stable semantics by partial evaluation. In N. E. Fuchs, G. Gottlob (eds.), *Proc. of the Tenth Logic Programming Workshop (WLP'94)*, Universität Zürich, Bericht Nr. 94.10, 1994.

[Bra95b] S. Brass: DP — a system for reasoning with supernormal defaults. In: G. Brewka, C. Witteveen (eds.), Second Dutch/German Workshop on Non-Monotonic Reasoning, 17–24, Technical Report, Delft University of Technology / Utrecht University, 1995.

[BDNP97] S. Brass, J. Dix, I. Niemelä, T. C. Przymusinski: A comparison of the static and the disjunctive well-founded semantics. In G. Brewka, C. Witteveen (eds.), *Third Dutch-German Workshop on Nonmonotonic Reasoning Techniques and their Applications*, Max Planck Institut für Informatik, Saarbrücken, 1997.

[DBRL98] F. M. Dionisio, S. Brass, M. Ryan, U. Lipeck: Hypothetical Reasoning with Defaults. In I. Niemelä, T. Schaub (eds.), *Workshop on Computational Aspects of Nonmonotonic Reasoning* (at *Seventh International Workshop on Nonomotonic Reasoning*), `http://saturn.hut.fi/~ini/cnmr98.html`, 1998.

Non-Refereed Scientific Publications (Selection):

[Bra88] S. Brass: Completions for Logic Databases (in German). Diplom Thesis, Techn. Univ. Braunschweig, 1988. Revised Version appeared as Technical Report 315/1989, Univ. Dortmund.

[Bra89] S. Brass: Specification of Closed World Assumptions (in German). In H.-D. Ehrich, G. Engels, M. Gogolla, G. Saake (eds.), *Abstracts des Workshops "Grundlagen von Datenbanken"*, Informatik-Bericht 89-02, TU Braunschweig, 1989.

[Bra92] S. Brass: Defaults in Deduktive Databases (in German). Dissertation, Universität Hannover, 1992.

[BLR93] S. Brass, U. W. Lipeck, P. Resende: Specification of object behaviour with defaults. In U. W. Lipeck, G. Koschorreck (eds.), *Proc. of the Int. Workshop on Information Systems — Correctness and Reusability (ISCORE'93)*, 155–177, Informatik-Bericht 01/93, Universität Hannover, 1993.

[Bra93c] S. Brass: Modular specifications with supernormal defaults. Research report, Institut für Informatik, Universität Hannover, 1993. Presented at Dagstuhl-Seminar "Non-classical Logics in Computer Science", Schloß Dagstuhl, 20.-24.09.1993.

[Bra95c] S. Brass: An Information System for Improving the Communication among Database Researchers (in German). In C. Eckert, H.-J. Klein, T. Polle (eds.), *7. Workshop "Grundlagen von Datenbanken"*, 30–33, Bericht 12/95, Universität Hildesheim, Insitut für Informatik, 1995.

[Bra96b] S. Brass: SLDmagic — An improved magic set technique. In S. Conrad, G. Saake, I. Schmitt, C. Türker (eds.), *Kurzfassungen, 8. Workshop "Grundlagen von Datenbanken"*, 1–5, Preprint 3/1996, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, 1996.

[Bra96c] S. Brass: Bottom-up query evaluation in extended deductive databases. Habilitation Thesis, University of Hannover, 1996.
http://www.informatik.uni-hannover.de/~sb/habil.html.

[Bra97a] S. Brass: Querying semistructured data and the WWW. In C. Eckert, T. Polle, T. Stülten (eds.), *9. Workshop über Grundlagen von Datenbanken*, unilab Software GmbH, Braunschweig, 1997.

[BDP98] S. Brass, J. Dix, T. C. Przymusinski: Super Logic Programs. Technical Report, Institut für Informatik, University of Hannover, 1998.
http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~sbrass/publ/BDP98a.ps.gz

[BDFZ98] S. Brass, J. Dix, B. Freitag, U.Zukowski: Transformation-Based Bottom-Up Computation of the Well-Founded Model. Technical Report, University of Passau, 1998.
http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~sbrass/publ/BDFZ98a.ps.gz

Teaching Material (Selection):

[Bra96d] S. Brass: Information Systems (in German).
Institute for Computer Science, University of Hildesheim, 1996.
http://www-b.informatik.uni-hannover/~sb/is96/.

[Bra97b] S. Brass: Information Systems II (in German).
Institute for Computer Science, University of Hildesheim, 1997.
http://www-b.informatik.uni-hannover.de/~sb/isII/.

[Bra98b] S. Brass: Deductive Databases (in German).
Institute for Computer Science, University of Hildesheim, 1998.
http://www-b.informatik.uni-hannover/~sb/ddb98/.

[Bra99a] S. Brass: Data Structures and Programming Techniques (INFSCI 0015).
University of Pittsburgh, 1999.
http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~brass/ds99_2/.

[Bra99b] S. Brass: Database Management (INFSCI 2710).
University of Pittsburgh, 1999.
http://www2.sis.pitt.edu/~brass/db99_3/.

Software (Selection):

[Bra96e] S. Brass: STATIC — A prototype implementation of the static semantics.
Institute for Computer Science, University of Hannover.
ftp://ftp.informatik.uni-hannover.de/software/static/static.html

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. Programming Lab for Non-CS Majors
   (Winter 1985/86, Technical University of Braunschweig, as teaching assistant)
2. Programming Lab for Non-CS Majors
   (Summer 1986, Technical University of Braunschweig, as teaching assistant)
3. Exercises for “Data Structures”
   (Winter 1988/89, University of Dortmund)
4. Exercises for “Information Systems”
   (Summer 1989, University of Dortmund)
5. Software Project “Tools for the Integrity-Centered Design of DB Application Systems”
   (Winter 1989/90 and Summer 1990, University of Dortmund)
6. Exercises for “Database Systems”
   (Winter 1990/91, University of Hannover)
7. Exercises for “Database Design”
   (Summer 1991, University of Hannover)
8. Exercises for “Database Systems”
   (Winter 1991/92, University of Hannover)
9. Programming Course “Prolog”
   (Summer 1992, University of Hannover)
10. Exercises for “Data Structures” (Computer Science III)
    (Winter 1992/93, University of Hannover)
11. “Deductive Databases”
    (Summer 1993, University of Hannover)
12. “Logic Programming”
    (Winter 1993/94, University of Hannover)
13. Seminar on “Nonmonotonic Reasoning”
    (Summer 1994, University of Hannover)
14. “Deductive Databases”
    (Winter 1994/95, University of Hannover)
15. Software Project
    (Summer 1995, University of Hannover)
16. “Deductive Databases”
    (Summer 1996, University of Hannover)
17. “Information Systems” (Lectures and Exercises)
    (Winter 1996/97, University of Hildesheim)

18. Seminar on “Information Systems”
(Winter 1996/97, University of Hildesheim)
19. “Information Systems II”
(Summer 1997, University of Hildesheim)
20. “Deductive Databases”
(Summer 1997, University of Hildesheim)
21. “The World Wide Web: Foundations and Database Aspects”
(Winter 1997/98, University of Hildesheim)
22. “Software Engineering and Programming Style”
(Winter 1997/98, University of Hildesheim)
23. “Information Systems”
(Winter 1997/98, University of Hildesheim)
24. “Deductive Databases”
(Summer 1998, University of Hildesheim)
25. Seminar on “Advanced Search Tools for the World Wide Web”
(Summer 1998, University of Hildesheim)
26. INFSCI 2710: “Database Management”
(Spring 1999, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate Course)
27. INFSCI 0015: “Data Structures and Programming Techniques”
(Spring 1999, University of Pittsburgh, Undergraduate Course)
28. INFSCI 2710: “Database Management”
(Summer 1999, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate Course)
29. INFSCI 2711: “Database Analysis and Design”
(Fall 1999, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate Course, Two Sessions)

Research Advising (Diploma Theses and Advanced M.S. Projects):

1. A. Brinkmann: Generalized Bottom-Up Evaluation. Diploma Thesis, University of Hannover, 1992. 1992.
2. W. Ernst: Automated Theorem Proving with Defaults. Diploma Thesis, University of Hannover, 1992.
3. C. Kleiner: An Abstract Machine for Implementing OL-Resolution. Project, University of Hannover, 1995.
4. D. Hillbrecht, M. Salzenberg: Bottom-Up Evaluation of Disjunctive Logic Programs. Project, University of Hannover, 1995.

5. O. Sievers: Bottom-Up Query Evaluation with Disjunctions and Prioritized Defaults. Diploma Thesis, University of Hannover, 1996.

6. F. Rosenkranz: Implementation of the SLDMagic-Transformation. Project, University of Hannover, 1997.

7. Y. Sonnenberg: Computation of Implied Integrity Constraints on View Relations. Diploma Thesis, University of Hildesheim, 1997.

8. O. Barklage: Design and Implementation of a WWW-Interface for a Relational Database. Diploma Thesis, University of Hildesheim, 1998.

9. K. Kellner: A System for Data Extraction from Web Pages. Diploma Thesis, University of Hildesheim, 1998.

10. M. Rückert: A Data Mining Tool for Presenting Statistical Data in the World Wide Web. Diploma Thesis, University of Hildesheim, 1998.
In Cooperation with Ericsson Eurolab Germany.

11. T. Scheske: A Network Configuration Management Tool based on a Relational Database. Diploma Thesis, University of Hildesheim, 1998.
In Cooperation with "Genossenschaftliches Rechenzentrum der Volks- und Raiffeisenbanken Norddeutschlands" — a computing center of a bank consortium)

12. O. Kutter: A Web Robot for Creating a Relational Database with Information about Web Pages. Diploma Thesis, University of Hildesheim, 1999.

13. S. Schmugge: Design and Implementation of an Intranet-based Information System for Know-How Transfer. Diploma Thesis, University of Hildesheim, 1999.
In cooperation with the Siemens AG, System- und Softwarehaus, Hannover.

Other Teaching Experiences:

- I have done oral examinations of about 40 students and have been a committee member in more than 100 such examinations.
- I have advised 17 teaching assistants.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Membership of University Committees:

- Elected Member of the Council of the Faculty for Mathematics in Hannover (1995-1996)
- Member of the Examination Committee for Computer Science and Business Mathematics in Hildesheim (1997-1998)
- Member of the committee "International Endeavors", University of Pittsburgh, DIST (since Sept. 1998)
- Member of the committee "Ph.D. Admissions, Recruitment and Program", University of Pittsburgh, DIST (since Sept. 1999)
- Member of the committee "Graduate Courses & Curricula", University of Pittsburgh, DIST (since Sept. 1999)

Administrative Tasks in the Institute for Computer Science (Hannover):

- I helped Professor U. Lipeck to build up the new database group in Hannover (I selected, ordered, and installed hardware and software, etc.).
- UNIX-system administration, network administration, database administration

Membership of Program Committees etc.

- Referee for: VLDB'91, ICDT'92, IGPL Bulletin (1993, 1994), ISCO'95, Data & Knowledge Engineering (1995), KI'97, CGI'98, ECAI'98, CSL'98, Journal of Logic Programming (1998), Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence (1998/99), ECSQARU'99, ICLP'99, LPNMR'99.
- Membership of the organization committee of the Fourth Workshop on Foundations of Databases (1992).
- I am member of the council of the working group "Foundations of Database Systems" (a subgroup of the German Computer Society) since 1994.
- Member of the Program Committee of the "ICLP'95 Post-Conference Workshop W2 on Deductive Databases and Logic Programming"
- Member of the Program Committee of the ECAI'96 Workshop "Knowledge Representation Meets Databases (KRDB'96)"
- Member of the Program Committee of the "Fifth International Conference on Deductive and Object-Oriented Databases (DOOD'97)"
- Member of the Program Committee of the "12th Workshop on Logic Programming (WLP'97)"

- Member of the Program Committee of the "Seventh International Workshop on Foundations of Models and Languages for Data and Objects", 1998.
- Member of the Program Committee of the 14th German Workshop on "Logic Programming" (WLP'2000).

Projects:

- European ESPRIT Working Group 6071 IS-CORE "Information Systems — COrrectness and REusability" (1989-1995).
- ICE — Integrity Centered Environment for Database Design. Departmental project, supported by the German Research Foundation DFG
  (the project run 1988–1993, I was actively involved 1989–1990).

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