

## Re: Where to find good lisp critiques?

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In article <sfwhe0iui92.fsf@shell01.TheWorld.com>, Kent M Pitman <pitman@nhplace.com> wrote:

> *Um, not to put a monkeywrench in the works, because I can completely*  
> *sympathize with the viewpoint expressed here, but just to defend the*  
> *possibility that their might be expiration (Franz would be the people*  
> *to say if there was):*

Whoa, whoa, whoa. I trying to figure out the discrepancy between the number I heard from the professor who was talking to Franz and the number on that page. I don't think he would have quoted a number for an expiring license. I certainly didn't mean to say that Franz was doing anything wrong with an annual license, just that the number I was quoting was likely not for the expiring version but for a more permanent license.

Perhaps my phrasing is at fault – I don't really mean to criticize the decisions of the CL vendors. I'm sure what works for them works for them. I do think they have an opportunity to expand their market by offering something more attractive to students trying to actually use the language (which precludes heap-limited trials). I'm not sure what Digitool is thinking with a \$450 student product, but perhaps more students have that kind of money than I'm aware (and I'm fairly well-paid by the university). My whine was intended to express the frustration caused by my experience with better tools (I had a non-limited LispWorks during the 4.3 beta) coupled with their out-of-reach pricing – nothing more.

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