Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of Datalog 2.0, a workshop celebrating the reemergence of datalog in academia and industry. Datalog 2.0 was held in 2010 during March 16–19 in Magdalen College, Oxford. We are proud to have contributions from many of the top researchers in deductive databases for this publication.

These proceedings consist of selected papers from the workshop, additionally refereed for this volume. They showcase the state of the art in theory and systems for datalog, divided into three sections: properties, applications, and extensions of datalog. Many exciting developments in datalog have occurred since the first datalog workshop in 1977 organized by Herve Gallaire and Jack Minker. By Datalog 2.0, datalog has surpassed its beginnings as an area of strictly academic interest and matured into a powerful tool for industrial use and scientific research. One need look no further than the papers in this volume for proof of this assertion. At the event itself, the Enterprise CIO of BestBuy, Neville Roberts, gave a talk on “Challenges of Enterprise IT,” making the case for datalog-based systems.

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