

New Programs

The Journal of Molecular Graphics frequently receives manuscripts that describe new programs. Often these papers fail to excite referees on the grounds that they do not introduce new information. Nonetheless, we believe it would be useful to provide a type of communication that concisely describes useful software. This would advance the subject by enabling authors of new software to publish and draw attention to their work. *The Journal of Applied Crystallography* currently provides the crystallographic community with some facilities of this type. We would like to offer more space and open the *Journal's* pages to a wider range of sciences.

In order to meet this need, the *Journal* will introduce a new section entitled "New Programs." Authors will be able to describe their work in no more than two pages of the *Journal* (approximately 1500 words) and include figures. The contributions will still be refereed, and we will insist that authors indicate the availability of their software, whether this be privately or through a program exchange or commercial company.

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