

Foreword

STACS, the Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science, is an international conference organized annually since 1984. STACS is organized jointly by the Special Interest Group for Theoretical Computer Science of the Gesellschaft für Informatik (GI) in Germany and the Maison de l'Informatique et des Mathématiques Discrètes in France. The topics covered mainly include algorithms and data structures, automata and formal languages, complexity and logic, and also include all theoretical concepts emerging from the most recent developments in computer science.

STACS '98 has been held in Paris on February 25-27 1998. The extended abstracts of the talks presented at STACS '98 have been published in volume 1373 of the series Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Springer Verlag. The present volume presents full papers of some of these contributions, selected after submission by their authors and reviewed following the standards of the journal *Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science*.

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