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Notices on the Web Has a New Look

Starting with the current issue, January 1998, the appearance of the *Notices* on the Web will change. Previously, *Notices* material was encoded in HTML and appeared as text on the screen, with very little formatting. Thus the appearance of the Web version of the *Notices* was completely different from that of the paper *Notices*. In particular, mathematical expressions appeared as \TeX coding, and users had to follow links in order to view pictures and illustrations.

Under the new system, *Notices* pages are rendered as PDF files, which means that on-screen pages have exactly the same format as they do on paper. This greatly improves the on-screen appearance of the *Notices*, especially because it allows users to view formatted mathematics on-screen. In addition, users can print *Notices* pages that look just like those in the paper journal. Live links to other Web pages are available. Plans are being developed to offer the ability to search the *Notices* files locally on e-MATH; this capability will be made available sometime in 1998.

To view the PDF files, users must have the Acrobat Reader software from Adobe Systems. The software is available free of charge and is very simple to use. Most Web browsers, when they encounter a PDF file and Acrobat is not installed on the local machine, will automatically direct the user to the Web site at Adobe from which Acrobat can be downloaded. Alternatively, the *Notices* home page on the Web, <http://www.ams.org/notices/>, offers a link to the Adobe Web site where one can obtain the software.

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Top U.S. Education Official to Speak in Baltimore

Richard W. Riley, U.S. secretary of education, will speak at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore in January. His talk, on the subject of the proposed national eighth-grade test in mathematics, will take place on Friday, January 9, at 3:10 p.m. For further information about the meetings please consult the “Meetings and Conferences” section of this issue of the *Notices*, or the Web site http://www.ams.org/amsmtgs/2014_intro.html.

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