The 2001 Christmas Distinguished Lecture
History

• Emeritus Professor Jack Cole initiated the series in 1969 with a view to exposing students and other interested parties to leading edge topics in Computer Science.

• He felt that most conferences priced themselves too highly to be used as general educational resources, and accordingly the cost of attending these open lectures has been held to a minimum through support from The Department of Computer Science, and sponsorship from industry.

• The format of the series was changed in 1998 from a two-day event with two speakers addressing different aspects of the same topic, to two separate days with independent topics.
Today’s speaker

• Richard Connor is a Professor of Computer Science at the University of Strathclyde.
• The interests of his research group include querying semi-structured data resources, autonomous information provision, and highly distributed data stores.
• His work on distributed information is currently funded by EPSRC, BBSRC, SHEFC, and a global supplier of financial information systems.
Today’s Programme

• 10.00 - 11.00 : When is a Document not a Document? When it's XML.

• 11.00 - 11.30 : Coffee in John Honey Building

• 11.30 - 12.30 : When is a Language not a Language? When it's well-typed.

• 14.15 - 15.15 : When is a SNAQue not a Snake? When it's a type projection.