Parallel ML (the language implemented by the Manticore compiler) is an extension of Standard ML. While we are currently improving our support for the full language, most of our effort has been focused on the generation of efficient code. So, we recommend first learning Standard ML in SML/NJ and then moving to Manticore.

There are some very good tutorials on Standard ML:

- Andrew Cumming’s tutorial
- Stephen Gilmore’s tutorial
- Bob Harper’s book

And there are also two very good books:

- Paulson, ML for the Working Programmer
- Ullman, Elements of ML Programming

Once you have a command of the Standard ML language, we have a tutorial that introduces the additional features in our implementation:

- Matthew Fluet’s tutorial