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Keynote Speakers

Results of the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council’s Review of the Past and Present Contexts for Using Ada Within the Department of Defense.

Barry Boehm, University of Southern California
Wednesday, December 4, 1996, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Barry Boehm chaired the recent NRC Study Committee, which reviewed its original 1970’s Ada program, compared it to the current situation, and proposed a new set of recommendations. The committee — which included a balance of professionals from the DoD, from industry, and from the broader Ada community — received numerous briefings and reports on experiences and trends in Ada and software engineering. It considered a wide range of options. This presentation will summarize the recommendations and the rationale behind them.

Barry Boehm is the TRW Professor of Software Engineering in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Southern California. Between 1989 and 1992, he served in DoD as Director of the DARPA Information Science and Technology Office, as Director of the DDR&E Software and Computer Technology Office, and as Director of two major DoD software initiatives. His two most recent books were Software Engineering Economics (1981) and Software Risk Management (1989).

The Technical and Business Dichotomy Surrounding Ada

Dennis Turner, U.S. Army
Thursday, December 5, 1996, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Will Ada survive deep into the 21st Century? Where will it go in the software market? Ada has a proven record of benefits for organizations committed to “engineering discipline” in software development. But, despite all its technical virtues, Ada has yet to become a prominent language in the commercial market. Why? What are the likely consequences if this situation does not change? What can the Ada community do to help move it to a healthier “business” foundation?

Dennis Turner serves as Director of Software Engineering within the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) Research, Development, and Engineering Center. His directorate supports Army Project Managers and Program Executive Officers, who are responsible for weapon and defense systems used in strategic and tactical Battlefield Functional Areas. Turner’s office oversees key activities in interoperability and standardization, software technology, and joint service missions. His group also assists in worldwide software support for satellite and ground communications, intelligence/electronic warfare, aircraft, command and control, simulation and training, and fire support systems. Turner has more than 25 years of industry and service experience in information processing and software engineering.

What if Your Life Depended on Software?

Watts Humphrey, SEI
Friday, December 6, 1996, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Few people realize how much their well-being depends on software. It is critical to the performance or security of most advanced electronic products. Traditional methods to develop critical software are unsatisfactory. Better processes are essential. The Capability Maturity Model®, or CMM, is now widely used to help organizations improve their software capability. Experience with the CMM shows sharp improvements in product quality and development productivity. The Personal Software Process (PSP) introduces software engineers to disciplined personal methods. After PSP training, engineers produce more accurate plans and develop higher quality products.

Watts Humphrey is a Software Engineering Institute (SEI) fellow at Carnegie Mellon University. At SEI, he led the initial development of the CMM, and introduced the concepts of Software Process Assessment and Software Capability Evaluation. Prior to SEI, he spent 27 years with IBM in various technical executive positions including the management of all IBM commercial software development. Humphrey’s books include A Discipline for Software Engineering, Managing the Software Process, and Managing for Innovation - Leading Technical People. In 1993, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics awarded him Aerospace Software Engineering Award. He holds five US patents.
Invited Speakers

Exploiting Java Technology using Ada
Tucker Taft, Intermetrics, Inc.
Wednesday, December 4, 1996, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Ada 95’s chief designer Tucker Taft describes how Ada exploits the emerging Java technology to respond to today’s new Internet-based computing paradigm. This talk will explain how Ada 95 has been adapted to the Java “platform,” achieving full interoperability between Ada 95 and Java code, and opening up the exciting new Internet-based computing paradigm to the reliability and productivity of Ada-based development.

Tucker Taft is Chief Scientist in the Intermetrics Products and Technology Group and is currently Technical Director developing Intermetrics’ Ada 95 technology, called AdaMagic™. He is also leading development for Intermetrics’ Ada 95-to-Java, byte-code compiler, called AppletMagic™. From 1990 to 1995, Taft led the Ada 9X language design team.

Future Software Technology Trends
David Fisher, SEI
Wednesday, December 4, 1996, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Ada pioneer David Fisher discusses future software trends revealed by the Structured Survey of Software Technology (SSST), a pilot project undertaken by the SEI for the Air Force acquisition community. The SSST is meant to reveal capabilities, limitations, maturity, and risks associated with particular software technologies. It provides criteria to enable technology trade-offs and selections. This session reports on the first phase of the effort which was completed on August 23.

David Fisher is a Senior Member of the Technical Staff at the Software Engineering Institute (SEI), where he is currently involved in projects relating to network security. He recently completed a term as technical team leader for the SSST.

Ada and Its Future Role in Distributed Systems
Richard Volz, Texas A&M
Thursday, December 5, 1996, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

During the ’80s, pioneering developers recognized a number of issues with regards to distributed systems and Ada 83. The Ada community has now rectified many of these issues. Richard Volz will provide insight into these developments and discuss Ada’s use in the next generation of distributed software architectures.

Richard Volz has been Department Head of the Computer Science Department at Texas A&M University since 1988, prior to which he was Director of the Robotics Research Laboratory and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan. For the past decade, he has also served on federal advisory boards including the Ada board, and has worked on technology for distributed Ada programs.

Using Ada in a CORBA World
Bill Beckwith, OIS
Thursday, December 5, 1996, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

CORBA represents one of the most important, pervasive, application-architecture technologies of the day. Bill Beckwith will explain why Ada 95 is the language of choice for developing fast, reliable, portable CORBA systems.

Bill Beckwith is Chief Product Engineer for Objective Interface Systems, Inc. Bill is one of the founders of the company and is a member of the board of directors. He is co-author of the OMG IDL to Ada 95 mapping. Bill is treasurer and past chairman of the Washington DC SIGAda chapter. He has worked for various software companies including Interbase, Systems Center, VM Software, Computer Associates, and STSC.

Integrating Legacy Components with Ada
Robert Dewar, ACT
Friday, December 6, 1996, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Traditionally programming languages have been designed in isolation, as though they were the only language around. Ada 95 is the first language to make an aggressive attempt to break with this tradition. Robert Dewar discusses the extensive facilities for interface to other languages in Ada 95 that uniquely suit the language to modern concerns for reuse and component-based technology. He gives examples of the spectacular improvements in programming productivity that result.

Robert Dewar is a well-known expert in programming languages and compilers. He helped design Algol-68, Ada 83, and Ada 95. He led teams that developed Ada/Ed the first validated Ada 83 compiler, and more recently GNAT, the widely used GNU Ada 95 implementation.
Distributed Ada 95 Track

WE1 Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Priority Ceiling Protocol in Ada.
Kwok-bun Yue, University of Houston - Clear Lake.
This presentation discusses an implementation of the priority ceiling protocol in Ada 95. It reviews the implementation design and the Ada 95 features that enable the implementation.

Vender presentation – TBD

Prototyping a Parallel Discrete Event Simulation System in Ada.
Helge Hagenauer, Universitat Salzburg.
Software engineers have used Ada in recent research on designing simulation models for parallel execution. This presentation explores the "split-queue time warp" simulation algorithm. It also discusses the interaction between the definition of logical processes, the underlying simulation algorithm, and attainable efficiency.

WE4 Wednesday, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Vendor presentation - TBD

A Comparison of Different Tasking Architectures Used in Mobile Satellite Communication Ground Station Software.
Karl Gramp, Computer Sciences Corporation.
Three mobile, satellite-based telecommunication software designs offer a comparison of approaches to using threads (tasks) in real-time systems. The first uses single-threaded programs; the second uses a thread for each hardware component, giving hundreds of threads; and the last uses individual threads for each action, leading to tens of thousands of threads. This presentation discusses Ada tasking facilities for creating a controlled and well-defined use of threads with extensive error checking both at compile and run time.

Vendor presentation - TBD

Providing Fault-Tolerant Services to Distributed Ada 95 Applications.
Yvon Kermarrec, Laurent Nana, Laurent Pautet, Telecom Bretagne.
This paper presents various techniques and approaches for fault tolerance. It considers recovery blocks, a mechanism already implemented in an Ada 95 environment. It also extends the use of recovery blocks to deal with distributed applications.

TH1 Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Robert Pettit, Software Productivity Consortium.
This presentation describes Ada 95 Distributed Systems Annex for message communication between distributed partitions in an ADARTS" design. It uses a case study of an air-traffic, display/collision, warning-monitor system.

TH4 Thursday, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Interpartition Communication with Shared Active Packages.
Pascal Ledru, Aerospatiale, Inc.
This presentation offers a technique for porting an application based on a tightly coupled distributed system to a loosely coupled system. It discusses the Shared Active packages for making use of protected objects with entries in a loosely coupled distributed system.

GNATDIST: a Configuration Language for Distributed Ada 95 Applications.
Yvon Kermarrec, Laurent Nana, Laurent Pautet, Telecom Bretagne.
This presentation proposes a language for configuring distributed Ada 95 programs. The goal is realizing the advantages offered by distributed platforms, which include performance and high availability. Parts of this language have been implemented in an effort to make GNAT an environment for programming distributed systems.
A Comparison of Two Approaches to Distributed Application Development in Ada. John Riley, CACI, Inc. Federal.

Two approaches to distributed-application development with Ada show contrasting characteristics. One approach uses an object request broker based on the Common Object Request Broker Architecture (Corba). The other approach builds on the Ada Distributed Systems annex. The paper discusses the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches in the context of various problem domains.

Object-Oriented Development Track

WE3 Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

The Situation in Object-Oriented Specification and Design. George Cherry, Thought**Tools.

This paper proposes a radical answer to: “Why is OO development so successful?” It uses this answer as the basis for an OO method that is more intuitive and more rigorous than other methods. Every object is an implicit mathematical function from its domain of situations onto its range of reactions. Objects go about their business by perceiving, classifying, and reacting to situations. Making explicit an object’s domain of situations and its mapping onto reactions significantly enhances intuitions about objects, classes, and inheritance.


The ADAM environment provides a language-independent, OO platform from which software engineers can automatically generate Ada 95, C++, and/or Eiffel code from a single design. ADAM offers design capabilities that support variants of inheritance and relationships, from different perspectives. These alternatives during design result in behavior that more precisely matches an application’s requirements. This promotes a more disciplined approach to design and development.

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WE6 Wednesday, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Active Information Systems, From Object-Oriented design to Ada 95. Moncef Bari, Centre de Recherche Informatique de Montreal.

To build Active Information Systems, this session presents an OO design model and its mapping to Ada 95. It offers part of a methodology based, for each step of the software life cycle, on a model and a step-by-step process. Analysis is based on (1) an extended Entity/Relationship model for the static aspects and (2) an event-driven model for the dynamic aspects. Design is based on a particular OO model. Set up is based on Ada. The main benefit of this approach is to bring traceability into operation and to favor weak coupling between software components.

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Control Structure Diagrams for Ada 95. James Cross, Auburn University, Computer Science and Engineering.

GRASP (Graphical Representations of Algorithms, Structures, and Processes) is a software engineering tool that generates Control Structure Diagrams (CSDs) from Ada 95 source code. CSDs make Ada 95 source code more comprehensible. They are useful both when designing and implementing new software, as well as when reading existing source code.

GRASP also serves as a graphical interface to GNAT (GNU Ada Translator), an Ada 95 compiler used by many companies, universities and colleges. Programmers may create and edit source files,
generate CSDs for source code, print source code and CSDs, and compile and run Ada programs, all from within the GRASP environment.

Vender presentation - TBD

**Education/Training Track**

**TH3** Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM


This presentation looks at the Army and the Air Force’s commitment to Ada, as evidenced by their pervasive use of Ada in service academies, technical training schools, and graduate school. Ada has not only helped them meet operational military requirements, but also served them from a pedagogical standpoint. Academically, AFIT and the service academies resemble other collegiate environments. The U.S. Army’s Computer Science School and Air Force’s Keesler Technical Training Center are more akin to training institutions.

Vendor presentation - TBD

**Active Learning and Process Assessment: Two Experiments in an Ada-Based Software Engineering Course.** Allen Parrish, University of Alabama, Department of Computer Science.

In a junior-level software engineering course at the University of Alabama, students learn Ada for the first time. Tasks include very small programs to larger applications. Students widely perceive this course as difficult, and think of it as a “weed-out” course for computer science majors. To increase student retention, we are using cooperative learning techniques, and are assessing the student programming process. This paper reports on results from these experiments.

**Ada 95 Toolkits Track**

**TH5** Thursday, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM


TASH is a platform-independent Application Programming Interface (API) for developing Graphical User Interfaces (GUI). This API includes a complete “thin” binding to Tcl and an experimental “thick” binding to Tk from Ada 95. Several features of Ada 95 such as access to subprograms, tagged types, and interface to C prove useful in this binding.

**An Application-Independent Concurrency Skeleton in Ada 95.** Matthew Dwyer, Kansas State University, Department of Computing and Information.

Ada 95 allows software engineers to construct coordination abstractions, also known as concurrency skeletons. Just as a data abstraction hides the details of a type’s implementation, a coordination abstraction hides the details of the coordination activities that are inherent in a concurrent computation. These details include the communication, synchronization, and topology of the computation. An application is built from such abstractions by instantiation using data and computational components specific to each application. The presentation describes a concurrency skeleton construction and its application to a wide variety of problems.

**Towards an Ada Basis for KBSE: Refine-Ada 95 Conversion.** Paul Bailes, Centre for Software Maintenance, Department of Computer Science, The University of Queensland.

Accessible enabling technology facilitates Knowledge-Based Software Engineering (KBSE). Ada 95 is now universally accessible, as will be KBSE if Ada 95 is seen to support it. An automatic conversion from the Refine programming language component of the Software Refinery KBSE environment exposes the strengths and weaknesses of Ada 95’s support for KBSE. At the very least, Ada 95 enables the more widespread distribution of KBSE applications developed with Software Refinery.

**Reuse Track**

**TH6** Thursday, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

**Vendor presentation - TBD**

**Learning to Use Ada 95 Components Using HTML Linking.** Bohdan Nebesh, George Washington University.

One of the major obstacles to widespread software reuse is learning how to take advantage of components from a software library. To help, we built a tool that automatically embeds Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) links in Ada 95 specification files. The tool links derived types their parent types, child packages to their parents, and all subprogram parameter and return types to their declarations. Our preliminary results indicate that our techniques are effective in aiding programmers in learning to use library components.

**Reuse/Ada.** John Beidler, Computing Science Department, University of Scranton.

Despite promises at various levels, reuse will never achieve its true potential until resources become available that assist software developers in locating, interfacing, and applying reusable resources in a productive and convenient manner. This presentation describes two
such resources. One tool is a client-configurable, source-code development environment. The second is a web-based approach currently under construction.

**FR3** Friday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM


The time is right for the vast number of existing Ada systems to migrate to Ada 95. A necessary set of infrastructure tools and bindings is in-place, and experience has highlighted the challenges. The step is not a translation because straight code conversion does not exploit the advanced features of the new language and is not always possible because of the reliance on external products that lack Ada 95 bindings.


Few domain modeling methods couple domain architecture engineering. This presentation describes the DAGAR (Domain Architecture-Based Generation for Ada Reuse) process, a method that supports the Organization Domain Modeling (ODM) method. DAGAR is a repeatable, documented process with accompanying tools based on the GenVoca domain architecture process developed by Dr. Don Batory and colleagues at the University of Texas. DAGAR develops domain architecture, assets implementation within the architecture, and domain application. A real-world, military application (the Army STARS Project) has used DAGAR.

**Vendor presentation - TBD**


This presentation addresses distributed OO computing with real-time constraints in an open environment. The Corba (Common Object Request Broker Architecture) released by the OMG (Object Management Group) is the selected open object bus. It provides distribution transparency and interoperability between heterogeneous systems. We implemented the Corba core in Ada 95 and developed a real-time extension to the model called COREMO. This extensions will provide Corba applications with quality of service as well as the opportunity for real-time application developers to use the Corba paradigms. Preliminary experimentation showed that when configuring a COREMO server adequately with appropriate real-time policies, we improve its QoS.
WE2  Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 AM

Over the last few years there has been a shift in widely used standards for system interfaces such as Unix, database interfaces and similar services. This panel will serve as a forum for this change in activities, and will focus on how the community can continue to successfully develop Ada-associated standards in the new environment of consortia standards. The panelists will present perspectives on recent standardization efforts. They will work with the audience to propose a new approach for Ada bindings and related secondary standards.

TH2  Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 AM

This panel will address AdaSAGE’s use as a software tool for developing complex applications and for highlighting the advantages of the reuse component of this environment. The panel will discuss the factors that define reuse, as experienced by software developers. Participants will review the success of AdaSAGE on the critical measures of reuse quality — understandability, ease of use and effectiveness. Coordinated efforts among users, developers, and administrators are a necessity.

FR1  Friday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Ada and Java: Towards disciplined programming for the next software generation. Moderator: Anthony Gargaro, CSC. Panelists: Tucker Taft, Intermetrics, Inc; Ken Arnold JavaSoft East; Robert Firth, SEI.
This panel session will examine the relative merits of Ada and Java in improving practices for disciplined software development. Panelists will present their perspective on whether these languages will achieve the expected benefits claimed by their proponents. Since both Ada and Java provide similar semantic models, one question becomes whether their combined influence can overcome less disciplined software development practices promoted by other programming languages. The panel is fortunate to have leading authorities on both languages.

FR5  Friday, 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

The Future Role of Programming Languages. Moderator: Hal Hart, TRW. Panelists: Robert Firth, SEI, others TBD.
Radical changes are certain in the future of programming languages. A simple, continuously evolving level of abstraction of languages has served the field well for 50 years. Technologies for formally representing and translating languages, and the methods for teaching their effective application, have continually evolved with trends. It may be that the heyday of 3rd-generation languages is now giving way to new paradigms of serious software development, including reuse-driven processes, visual programming, reverse engineering and re-engineering, specification languages, and automatic program generators, etc. Or, maybe the biggest change is that most computer applications in the future will be developed by individuals with very different backgrounds than the vast majority of us, for very different purposes, and by appropriately different methods.

FR6  Friday, 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

The Ada Community — Reactions to Change. Moderator: Mark Gerhardt, Martin Marietta. Panelists: Chuck Engle, AJPO; Tucker Taft, NRC Committee; Maretta Holden, NRC Committee; Brad Balfour, ACM SIGAda; Oliver Cole, ARA.
A panel of experts will share their insight and opinions on the dynamic changes impacting the Ada community.
Discussions will include:
• The emergence of Ada 95, Windows ’95, Java and the explosion of the internet and the resulting changes in development standards and processes;
• The organizational location and planned lifetime of the AJPO;
• The Ada Resource Association’s issues inherent in being an effective industry association;
• The National Research Council’s re-examination of the Ada situation and current policy in light of current software and business perceptions.
• ACM-SigAda’s expanded role in support of the Ada community.
### Program at a Glance

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Tuesday AM


This tutorial will explain how to apply reuse metrics, reuse economics, and reuse return-on-investment (ROI) models in diverse organizations and programming languages. How do we measure the level of reuse on a project? (Handle generated code, COTS, internal vs. external reuse, etc.) How do we quantify the financial benefits of reuse? (Justify reuse investments based on cost-benefits, etc.) How do we identify the most reusable components? (Locate reusable components in existing code and build for reuse.)

Prerequisites: None.
Level: Novice ●

TU2 Introduction to Open Systems. Trish Overndorf, & Carol Sledge, SEI.

This half-day presentation provides participants with a high-level understanding and appreciation of the transition to an open-systems approach for systems acquisition. It provides practical definitions, the basics of an open systems approach, an understanding of the issues involved in open systems, and knowledge of what to look for based on the experiences of real DoD programs. After attending this session, participants will be better prepared to incorporate open systems into their approach to engineering and acquiring systems. They will know what to expect of their team and have more knowledge about opportunities to collaborate with other organizations.

Prerequisites: Basic familiarity with systems acquisition.
Level: Novice ●


The CoRE and ADARTS tutorial provides an overview of the Consortium Requirements Engineering (CoRE) and the Ada-based Design Approach for Real-Time Systems (ADARTS) methods. CoRE is a method for analyzing, specifying, and managing real-time software requirements. ADARTS 3.0 is one of the Consortium’s most widely-used technologies for developing real-time systems and is the standard design method for several major programs. CoRE and ADARTS 3.0 provide the analyst and designer with defined, repeatable methods consisting of an iterative series of activities. Both methods lead the designer to produce well-defined work products and system/software architectural views that aid in understanding and setting up the system.

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of software engineering principles and development processes. Experience in designing real-time systems is helpful but is not required.
Level: Novice ●

Tuesday PM


Using code examples, this tutorial illustrates how Ada 95 features can minimize unsafe Ada 83 programming practices. In particular, Ada 95 provides elegant and safe solutions to problems that have traditionally required Ada programmers to resort to unchecked programming.

Prerequisites: Familiarity with Ada 83.
Level: Intermediate ●


Controlling software projects means managing the risk factors to the project’s cost, schedule, and quality objectives. The team that identifies these factors up front and develops customizable metrics...
can get information early enough to take corrective steps. This permits frank communications among the project personnel. The session will use specific examples to show how proper trend analysis ensures that the team can cohesively assess and manage risks.

**Prerequisites:** No special training in metrics required.
Level: Intermediate


This tutorial presents the RESOLVE/Ada 95 discipline for constructing reusable software components in Ada 95. To improve software quality and programmer productivity, the discipline demands four properties of all software components: composability (with other components designed under the discipline), correctness (relative to a formal behavioral specification), reusability, and understandability.

RESOLVE/Ada 95 is a comprehensive set of principles governing component design, execution, testing, and usage.

**Prerequisites:** Workshop participants should be experienced Ada programmers — preferably practicing software engineers with a familiarity with the new language features of Ada 95.
Level: Intermediate - Advanced ♦ - -

**TU7 Product Line Management and Engineering.** Steven Wartik, Software Productivity Consortium.

Software managers and technologists can learn to apply the concepts of product lines to software. The tutorial’s emphasis is conceptual rather than practical, but includes pointers to real projects that have used product lines. It will cover the benefits of product lines and discuss the Synthesis methodology for identifying, analyzing, and setting up product lines. The session will also describe a practical approach for adopting Synthesis.

**Prerequisites:** None.
Level: Novice - Intermediate ● - ♦

**TU8 Ada 95 for Ada 83 Programmers.** Norman Cohen, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center.

This tutorial is designed to introduce Ada 95. Particular attention will be placed on the new features of the language, such as object orientation, inheritance, protected records, and hierarchical libraries.

**Prerequisites:** Some knowledge of Ada 83 is beneficial.
Level: Novice ●

**TU9 Guaranteeing Real-Time Performance Using Rate Monotonic Analysis.** Ray Obenza, SEI.

Rate monotonic analysis (RMA) is a simple, practical, mathematically sound way to meet response-time requirements. Today, engineers are using RMA to analyze real-time system designs, to identify and eliminate unbounded priority inversion, and to meet hard deadlines at all times. They can also use RMA to show when designs meet average-case performance requirements. RMA is a collection of quantitative methods and algorithms that allow engineers to understand, analyze, and predict the timing behavior of their designs. This session introduces RMA and provides information for evaluating its usefulness within an organization. The tutorial explains RMA for practical use on real-world systems and employs a case study to tie the concepts together.

**Prerequisites:** None. Participants may find bringing a calculator helpful.
Level: Novice ●

**TU10 Domain Engineering, Sholom Cohen, & Pat Donohoe, SEI**

Domain engineering is a process for building reusable software assets. It is based on understanding the commonality and variability among related software systems and on building domain models, architectures, and components accordingly. These become building blocks for applications. This tutorial addresses the technical issues and engineering tradeoffs involved in creating reusable software assets for product lines. Its focus is a model- and architecture-based approach to systematic software reuse that exploits commonality and manages variability.

Attendees will learn how the assets become the technology base.
of an application engineering process. Examples include current product-line approaches from various organizations.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Level:** Novice

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**TU11 Visual Ada 95 Development for WIN32**

Howard Steward, & Paul Whittington, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

This tutorial will provide beginning to advanced instruction in Ada for WIN32 platforms using the new Visual AdaSAGE environment. It will cover object-oriented development using visual components, ActiveX controls, custom controls, JAVA and JVM, integration with SAGE and other popular data base engines, and graphical user interface development for Windows 95 and Windows NT.

**Prerequisites:** A familiarity with the Ada programming languages is helpful. Novice to intermediate in the morning, advanced in the afternoon.

**Level:** Novice - Intermediate (am) - Advanced (pm) ● - ◆ - ◆◆

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**TU12 Object-Oriented Programming with Ada 95.**

Stephane Barbey, & Alfred Strohmeier, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne.

This tutorial provides a comprehensive view of object-oriented programming with Ada 95. It covers the new OO features of the language and their integration into good programming practice. Example applications demonstrate proper use of the new features.

**Prerequisites:** Familiarity with Ada is helpful. This tutorial will also be of interest to those familiar with other OO programming languages.

**Level:** Novice - Intermediate ● - ◆

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**TU13 Ada Design Issues.**

Patricia Lawlis, & Karyl Adams, C.J. Kemp Systems, Inc.

This course emphasizes the aspects of software design that practitioners must address in non-traditional manners to use Ada effectively. What differences in this language guide the design process? A comparison of traditional and newer design introduces the essential aspects of Ada-based design. The tutorial emphasizes design architecture and the packaging, algorithmic, and data abstractions within Ada.

**Prerequisites:** Training or experience in basic software design.

**Level:** Intermediate ◆

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**TU14 Elements of Software Architecture with Ada 95.**

Magnus Kempe, KSCE, Switzerland.

Software architecture deals with design problems beyond algorithms and data structures. It makes possible large-scale software systems with stable foundations. This tutorial provides a practical introduction to software architecture with Ada 95 and shows how to use, evaluate, and write architectural elements. The topics covered include: the nature and value of software architecture; architectural styles and structures (e.g., subsystems, layers); design for adaptability (e.g., genericity, object-orientation, table-driven mechanisms); proven, fundamental elements of software architecture in Ada 95 (e.g., containers, filters, model-view-controller, blackboard); and finally, finding and creating useful architectural elements. Participants can immediately apply this to Ada 95 systems.

**Prerequisites:** The material requires knowledge of generics and object-oriented mechanisms but no previous acquaintance with software architecture.

**Level:** Intermediate ◆

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**TU15 Object-Oriented Experiences and Future Trends.**

Mohamed Fayad, University of Nevada.

This tutorial reviews good and bad characteristics of several object-oriented techniques (OMT, Use Case Approach, Unified Approach, O-ET). It identifies aspects of these techniques to avoid. Participants will consider five case studies and the lessons learned, as well as some solutions and strategies to existing problems with OO.

**Prerequisites:** A general familiarity with OO concepts and software engineering principles

**Level:** Intermediate

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**Saturday Full Day**

**SA1 Object-Oriented Features and Programming in Ada 95.**

Eugene Bingue, & David Cook, Leslie Dupaix, The ASEET Team.

This tutorial is an introduction to Ada and Ada 95, with emphasis on features new in Ada 95.

**Prerequisites:** No knowledge of Ada is required. Familiarity with some programming language is desirable, but not required.

**Level:** Novice ●

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**SA2 Ada and the Web**

Bob Munck.

This tutorial explores the relationship of Ada and resources on the Web. It’s been said that a year on the WWW is like 10 years of normal technology. Thus, this tutorial will present the latest information and technology.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Level:** Novice ●
SA3 An Introduction to Software Capability Maturity Model-Based Software Process Improvement. George Winters, SEI.

This tutorial introduces software process improvement and the capability maturity model, IDEAL approach, and tools that support IDEAL. It is intended for those unfamiliar with the topics, and is appropriate for practitioners, managers, and executives who seek an overview of the area and of software process improvement tools and their application and integration.  
Prerequisites: None.  
Level: Novice ●

SA4 Artificial Intelligence with Ada Janet Faye Johns, The MITRE Corporation.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) harnesses the power of knowledge. AI techniques create systems to perform useful intelligent tasks. With them, innumerable systems used by real people accomplish everyday tasks. This tutorial introduces the building blocks of an AI system and focuses on rule-based systems. It develops such a system, in order to illustrate how Ada 95 can build AI.  
Prerequisites: General understanding of Ada and a general interest in Artificial Intelligence.  
Level: Novice ●

SA5 Object-Oriented Analysis and Design for Ada 95 with Colbert’s Object-Oriented Software Development Method. Edward Colbert, Absolute Software Co., Inc.

This tutorial will explore Colbert’s Object-Oriented Software Development method (OOSD) and its support for Ada, including Ada 95. OOSD focuses on the objects of a problem throughout development and is particularly compatible with Ada. OOSD addresses real-time issues, quickly communicates the information developed during analysis and design, and allows for exceptionally high re-use of both design representation and code. It is in use in many types of systems.  
Prerequisites: General familiarity with OO concepts, and languages such as Ada 83. Familiarity with Ada 95, and experience developing large real-time or distributed systems, are useful, but not required.  
Level: Intermediate ◆

SA6 Programming Distributed Applications with Ada 95 and an Inside Look at the GNAT Implementation. Yvon Kermarrec, & Laurent Pautet, Telecom Bretagne.

This tutorial will explain how to use Ada 95 for distributed applications. It will also discuss how various GNAT implementations achieve distributed components.  
Prerequisites: Knowledge of Ada and Ada tasking.  
Level: Advanced ◆◆

SA7 Design of Concurrent Software in Ada 95 Bo Sanden, Colorado Technical University.

Ada 95 is one of the few industry-strength languages that combine OO and concurrency. This tutorial shows participants how to use the concurrency features to design solutions to practical problems. The tutorial goes beyond traditional, textbook examples of concurrency. It introduces and uses the entity-life modeling (ELM) design approach. The session provides design heuristics and design patterns for different application types.  
Prerequisites: Knowledge of the Ada 95 tasking syntax.  
Level: Advanced ◆◆
The Tri-Ada Exhibition

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These vendors constantly canvas the field for its needs, issues, and opportunities. Find out from them about the products and services that can help you.

Last year’s meeting had some 50 exhibitors, including: ACT, Intermetrics, OC Systems, RR Software, and many other leading firms. This year’s exhibitors will also include GreenHills Software, Objective Interface Systems, Rational Software, Interactive Dev. Environments (IDE), DDC-I, Praxis Critical Systems, McCabe & Assoc., Absolute Software, and many others.

For information on reserving exhibit space, contact Tri-Ada ‘96’s conference manager R.E. Abraham & Associates at 919-419-8242, E-mail: 74117.35@compuserve.com

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See the Department of Defense finally getting tough on a contractor delivering code in C when it was supposed to be in Ada in clear violation of the Ada mandate "H"H"H"H"H"H"Hpolicy. See Ada herself as the plaintiff, and the secretary of defense as the judge ensure that justice is done! With music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, and words inspired by W. S. Gilbert.

You can look forward to an evening of fun and networking with fellow professionals while you sample a diverse array of “Philly Food.”

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The room block will be held until November 1, 1996.
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(215) 625-2900 Fax: (215) 625-6097
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