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What you get

- 4 days of learning and discussion with Europe's leading software practitioners
- Delegate pack including full conference documentation on CD-Rom
- Accommodation (all rooms en-suite), meals and social activities

Full payment, refund and cancellation policy details can be found on www.spa2005.org.

Bookings should normally be accompanied by payment.

All payments must be received before the event takes place.

Organiser

SPA2005 is the 13th annual conference of the Software Practice Advancement Specialist Group of the British Computer Society. The group brings together practitioners to share knowledge and experience about best and emerging practices for software development.

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(Formerly the Object-Oriented Programming
and Systems Specialist Group)



SPA is the conference
formerly known as OT

LEAD A SESSION AT SPA2005

SPA builds on over a decade of OT Conferences as the place where leading software development practitioners gather to share their latest thinking.

One of the most rewarding ways to participate in SPA2005 is to lead a session. The sessions - their subjects and formats - define the character of the conference and this is your opportunity to ensure the conference deals with the issues that affect and interest you. You don't necessarily have to be an expert - a good session is one that provides a structured forum for participants to develop their ideas, skills, knowledge and understanding. A well-established shepherding process is in place to provide assistance and support to presenters.

We welcome proposals for sessions on any aspect of contemporary software practice. The topics list is given for indication only and we encourage sessions that cut across these areas, or explore entirely new areas, as well as sessions that fall squarely within them.

How to make a submission

Submissions should be made at the SPA2005 website (www.spa2005.org) by 10th September 2004.

A submission will explain:

- What the session is about.
- Who it is for.
- How it will work.
- What it will deliver.
- Who will lead it.

Please note

- The closing date for submissions is 10 September 2004.
- Material for inclusion in the conference documentation must be received by 7 February 2005.
- You are welcome to make more than one proposal and joint proposals are particularly encouraged.
- Session leaders qualify for very low fees for accommodation and conference attendance.
- Generous Early-Bird participant booking offers are available. See the back of this brochure.



Conference Topics and Themes

Technology

Technology is the bottom line in software. Sessions might explore established or up-and-coming technologies such as:

- Enterprise Development Platforms (J2EE, .Net)
- Internet technology, eCommerce and Web Services
- Languages (Java, C#, Python, Perl, Smalltalk)
- Distributed, component-based or service-based development
- Pervasive or embedded systems

People

Software is an intensely human activity and understanding how to organise and support people is a key challenge in software development. Sessions might deal with:

- Dynamics of software development
- Education and training
- Communication, motivation and reflection
- Problem solving and thinking models
- Organisational structures

Process

Understanding the 'how' of software development and delivery is a central issue. Sessions might examine:

- Software or system architecture
- Requirements capture management and evaluation
- Metrics and estimation
- Modelling techniques
- Agile versus plan-driven lifecycles
- Balancing stakeholders' needs

Practice

Sharing knowledge and experience of successes and challenges is critical in the face of rapidly increasing complexity. Sessions might deal with:

- Patterns and pattern languages
- Knowledge management and capitalisation
- Comparative experience (what we have learned or can learn from other disciplines)
- Experience reports that highlight lessons learned

Session formats

The conference has a tradition of active participation. We encourage conference sessions that bring people together to work and learn. In most cases, sessions are highly interactive, involving participants fully with the session leaders and each other. The types of session that typically make up the programme are fully described on www.spa2005.org, although if you want to do something different, we always welcome new suggestions. Sessions can be proposed as Tutorials, Workshops, Case Studies, Working Groups, Think Tanks, Simulations or Goldfish Bowls. Working Groups are 330 minutes long; all other sessions are 75 or 150 minutes long.

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