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Design and manufacturing is the essential  
element in any product development  
lifecycle. Industry vendors and users have  
been seeking a common language to be

used for the entire product development  
lifecycle that can describe design,  
manufacturing and other data pertaining  
to the product. Many solutions were  
proposed, the most successful being the  
Standard for Exchange of Product model  
(STEP). STEP provides a mechanism that is  
capable of describing product data,  
independent from any particular system.  
The nature of this description makes it  
suitable not only for neutral file exchange,  
but also as a basis for implementing,  
sharing and archiving product databases.

ISO 10303-AP203 is the first and perhaps  
the most successful AP developed to  
exchange design data between different  
CAD systems. Going from geometric data  
(as in AP203) to features (as in AP224)  
represents an important step towards  
having the right type of data in a STEP-  
based CAD/CAM system. Of particular  
significance is the publication of STEP-NC,  
as an extension of STEP to NC, utilising  
feature-based concepts for CNC machining  
purposes. The aim of this book is to  
provide a snapshot of the recent research

outcomes and implementation cases in the field of design and manufacturing where STEP is used as the primary data representation protocol. The 20 chapters are contributed by authors from most of the top research teams in the world. These research teams are based in national research institutes, industries as well as universities.

#### **A Formal Approach** Springer

This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at CEEMAS 2001. The workshop was the fourth in a series of international conferences devoted to autonomous agents and multi-agent systems organized in Central-Eastern Europe. Its predecessors were CEEMAS'99 and DAIMAS'97, which took place in St. Petersburg, Russia, as well as DIMAS'95, which took place in Cracow, Poland. Organizers of all these events made efforts to make them wide-open to participants from all over the world. This would have been impossible without some help from friendly centers in the Czech Republic, England, France, Japan, and The Netherlands. DIMAS'95 featured papers from 15 countries, while CEEMAS'99 from 18 countries. A total of 61 papers were

submitted to CEEMAS 2001 from 17 countries. Out of these papers, 31 were selected for regular presentation, while 14 were qualified as posters. The motto of the meeting was "Diversity is the core of multi-agent systems". This variety of subjects was clearly visible in the CEEMAS 2001 program, addressing the following major areas of multi-agent systems: - Organizations and social aspects of multi-agent systems - Agent and multi-agent system architectures, models, and formalisms - Communication languages, protocols, and negotiation - Applications of multi-agent systems - Agent and multi-agent development tools - Theoretical foundations of Distributed AI - Learning in multi-agent systems The richness of workshop subjects was ensured thanks to the CEEMAS 2001 contributing authors as well as the keynote speakers.

Springer Science & Business Media This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the Second International Workshop on Environments for Multiagent Systems, E4MAS 2005, held in July 2005. The 16 revised papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from the lectures given at the

workshop. The papers are organized in topical sections on models, architecture, and design, mediated coordination, as well as applications.

#### *Environments for Multi-Agent Systems II* Springer

PAAMS, the International Conference on Practical Applications of Agents and Multi-Agent Systems is an evolution of the International Workshop on Practical Applications of Agents and Multi-Agent Systems. PAAMS is an international yearly tribune to present, to discuss, and to disseminate the latest developments and the most important outcomes related to real-world applications. It provides a unique opportunity to bring multi-disciplinary experts, academics and practitioners together to exchange their experience in the development of Agents and Multi-Agent Systems. This volume presents the papers that have been accepted for the 2009 edition. These articles capture the most innovative results and this year's trends: Assisted Cognition, E-Commerce, Grid Computing, Human Modelling, Information Systems, Knowledge Management, Agent-Based Simulation, Software Development,

Transports, Trust and Security. Each paper has been reviewed by three different reviewers, from an international committee composed of 64 members from 20 different countries. From the 92 submissions received, 35 were selected for full presentation at the conference, and 26 were accepted as posters.

*Multiagent Systems* CRC Press

Autonomous agents and multi-agent systems are computational systems in which several (semi-)autonomous agents interact with each other or work together to perform some set of tasks or satisfy some set of goals. These systems may involve computational agents that are homogeneous or heterogeneous, they may involve activities on the part of agents having common or distinct goals, and they may involve participation on the part of humans and intelligent agents. This volume contains selected papers from PRIMA 2002, the 5th Pacific Rim International Workshop on Multi-Agents, held in Tokyo, Japan, on August 18-19, 2002 in conjunction with the 7th Pacific Rim International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (PRICAI-02). PRIMA is a series of workshops on - tonomous agents and

multi-agent systems, integrating activities in the Asian and Pacific Rim countries.

PRIMA 2002 built on the great success of its predecessors, PRIMA'98 in Singapore, PRIMA'99 in Kyoto, Japan, PRIMA 2000 in Melbourne, Australia, and PRIMA 2001 in Taipei, Taiwan. We received 35 submissions to this workshop from 10 countries. Each paper was reviewed by three internationally renowned program committee members. After careful reviews, 15 papers were selected for this volume. We would like to thank all the authors who submitted papers to the workshop. We would also like to thank all the program committee members for their splendid work in reviewing the papers. Finally, we thank the editorial staff of Springer-Verlag for publishing this volume in the Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence.

Multi-Agent Oriented Programming

Springer

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed postproceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Programming Multi-Agent Systems, ProMAS 2006, held in Hakodate, Japan, May 2006. Coverage includes uncertainty of agents; lightweight

devices for business and e-commerce applications; component-based agents for MAS simulation; creation, execution, mobility and communication of agents; as well as multi-agent platforms and organization.

Multiagent Systems Springer Science & Business Media

This book gives detailed descriptions of the development of two large scale multiagent systems: Agent.Hospital and Agent.Enterprise. These two systems have been developed in close cooperation with more than 20 enterprises and hospitals. They demonstrate clearly that multiagent technology has a great potential for innovative information systems, if a high degree of flexibility of the overall systems is required, e.g. because human actors and technical systems exhibit a great degree of local autonomy, or if the work environment is highly dynamic.

Practical Foundations of Business System Specifications Springer

Agents and multi-agent systems are related to a modern software paradigm which has long been recognized as a promising technology for constructing autonomous, complex and intelligent

systems. The topics covered in this volume include agent-oriented software engineering, agent co-operation, co-ordination, negotiation, organization and communication, distributed problem solving, specification of agent communication languages, agent privacy, safety and security, formalization of ontologies and conversational agents. The volume highlights new trends and challenges in agent and multi-agent research and includes 38 papers classified in the following specific topics: learning paradigms, agent-based modeling and simulation, business model innovation and disruptive technologies, anthropic-oriented computing, serious games and business intelligence, design and implementation of intelligent agents and multi-agent systems, digital economy, and advances in networked virtual enterprises. Published papers have been presented at the 9th KES Conference on Agent and Multi-Agent Systems - Technologies and Applications (KES-AMSTA 2015) held in Sorrento, Italy. Presented results should be of value to the research community working in the fields of artificial intelligence, collective computational intelligence, robotics,

dialogue systems and, in particular, agent and multi-agent systems, technologies, tools and applications.  
Coordination, Organizations, Institutions, and Norms in Multi-Agent Systems  
 Springer Science & Business Media  
 The 18 revised full papers presented in this book together with an introductory survey were carefully reviewed and constitute the documentation of the Second International Workshop on Self-adaptive Software, IWSAS 2001, held in Balatonfüred, Hungary in May 2001. Self-adaptive software evaluates its own behavior and changes it when the evaluation indicates that the software does not accomplish what it is intended to do or when better functionality or better performance is possible. The self-adaptive approach in software engineering builds on well known dynamic features familiar to Lisp or Java programmes and aims at improving the robustness of software systems by gradually adding new features of self-adaption or autonomy.  
*Second International Workshop, IWSAS 2001, Balatonfüred, Hungary, May 17-19, 2001, Revised Papers* Morgan Kaufmann  
 The Advanced Course on Artificial

Intelligence ACAI 2001 with the subtitle Multi-Agent Systems and Their Applications, held in Prague, Czech Republic, was a joint event of ECCAI (the European Coordinating Committee for Artificial Intelligence) and AgentLink, the European Network of Excellence for Agent-Based Computing. Whereas ECCAI organizes two-week ACAI courses on different topics every second year, AgentLink's European Agent Systems Summer School (EASSS) has been an annual event since 1999. This year, both of these important events were merged together, giving weight to the fact that multi-agent systems currently represent one of the hottest topics in AI research. The name, ACAI 2001 Summer School, is intended to emphasize that this event continues the tradition of regular ECCAI activities (ACAI), as well as the EASSS summer schools of AgentLink. The Prague ACAI Summer School was proposed and initiated by both the Gerstner Laboratory, Czech Technical University, Prague (GL-CTU) and the Czech Society for Cybernetics and Informatics (CSKI), with the support of the Austrian Research Institute for Artificial Intelligence in Vienna (OFAI). Part of our motivation was

catalyzed by experience gained in 1992 during the International Summer School Advanced Topics in Artificial Intelligence (see Springer's LNAI vol. 617) which was organized by the same Czech and Austrian bodies. One of the most important stimulating factors behind the organization of ACAI 2001 was the support provided by the European Commission to the Gerstner Laboratory within the frame of the MIRACLE Center of Excellence project (IST No.

Programming Multi-Agent-Systems IGI Global

Multiagent systems is an expanding field that blends classical fields like game theory and decentralized control with modern fields like computer science and machine learning. This monograph provides a concise introduction to the subject, covering the theoretical foundations as well as more recent developments in a coherent and readable manner. The text is centered on the concept of an agent as decision maker. Chapter 1 is a short introduction to the field of multiagent systems. Chapter 2 covers the basic theory of singleagent decision making under uncertainty.

Chapter 3 is a brief introduction to game theory, explaining classical concepts like Nash equilibrium. Chapter 4 deals with the fundamental problem of coordinating a team of collaborative agents. Chapter 5 studies the problem of multiagent reasoning and decision making under partial observability. Chapter 6 focuses on the design of protocols that are stable against manipulations by self-interested agents. Chapter 7 provides a short introduction to the rapidly expanding field of multiagent reinforcement learning. The material can be used for teaching a half-semester course on multiagent systems covering, roughly, one chapter per lecture. *Understanding New Media* John Wiley & Sons

This book outlines the development currently underway in the technology of new media and looks further to examine the unforeseen effects of this phenomenon on our culture, our philosophies, and our spiritual outlook.

*Multi-Agent-Based Simulation II* Multi-agent Systems An Introduction to Distributed Artificial Intelligence

This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-proceedings of the First

International Workshop on Engineering Societies in the Agents World, ESAW 2000, held in Berlin, Germany in August 2000. The 10 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected for inclusion in the book; they are organized in topical sections on emerging issues in multi-agent systems engineering, coordination models and technologies for multi-agent systems, and methodologies and tools.

Multiagent Systems Springer

This volume presents extended and revised versions of the papers presented at the Third International Workshop on Multi-Agent Based Simulation (MABS 2002), a workshop federated with the First International Joint Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS 2002), which was held in Bologna, Italy, in July, 2002. This workshop was the third in the MABS series. The earlier two were organized as workshops of the two most recent ICMAS conferences (ICMAS 1998, Paris, France and ICMAS 2000, Boston, USA). Revised versions of the papers presented at these workshops were published as volumes 1534 and 1979 in the Lecture Notes in Artificial

Intelligence series. One aim of the workshop was to develop stronger links between those working in the social sciences and those involved with multi-agent systems. We are pleased to note that many important conferences in various disciplines such as geography, economics, ecology, sociology, and physics have hosted workshops on MABS-related topics and that many respected journals publish papers that include elements of MABS. But although MABS is gradually acquiring legitimacy in many disciplinary fields, much remains to be done to clarify the potential use of MABS in these disciplines. Researchers from these disciplines have different points of view on issues such as time-frame, space, geographical scales, organizational levels, etc. Moreover, the interest in MABS goes beyond the scientific community, as MABS models have been developed and used interactively with other communities as well.

**Advanced Design and Manufacturing Based on STEP** Springer Science & Business Media

Multiagent systems (MAS) are one of the most exciting and the fastest growing

domains in the intelligent resource management and agent-oriented technology, which deals with modeling of autonomous decision-making entities. Recent developments have produced very encouraging results in the novel approach of handling multiplayer interactive systems. In particular, the multiagent system approach is adapted to model, control, manage or test the operations and management of several system applications including multi-vehicles, microgrids, multi-robots, where agents represent individual entities in the network. Each participant is modeled as an autonomous participant with independent strategies and responses to outcomes. They are able to operate autonomously and interact pro-actively with their environment. In recent works, the problem of information consensus is addressed, where a team of vehicles communicate with each other to agree on key pieces of information that enable them to work together in a coordinated fashion. The problem is challenging because communication channels have limited range and there are possibilities of fading and dropout. The book comprises

chapters on synchronization and consensus in multiagent systems. It shows that the joint presentation of synchronization and consensus enables readers to learn about similarities and differences of both concepts. It reviews the cooperative control of multi-agent dynamical systems interconnected by a communication network topology. Using the terminology of cooperative control, each system is endowed with its own state variable and dynamics. A fundamental problem in multi-agent dynamical systems on networks is the design of distributed protocols that guarantee consensus or synchronization in the sense that the states of all the systems reach the same value. It is evident from the results that research in multiagent systems offer opportunities for further developments in theoretical, simulation and implementations. This book attempts to fill this gap and aims at presenting a comprehensive volume that documents theoretical aspects and practical applications.

Agent-Based Spatial Simulation with NetLogo Morgan & Claypool Publishers  
This volume contains the final proceedings

of the MetaInformatics Symposium 2003 (MIS 2003). The event was held September 17-20 on the campus of the Graz University of Technology in Graz, Austria. As with previous events in the MIS series, MIS 2003 brought together - searchers and practitioners from a wide variety of ?elds to discuss a broad range of topics and ideas related to the ?eld of computer science. The contributions that were accepted to and presented at the symposium are of a wide variety. They range from theoretical consideration of important metainformatics-related questions and issues to practical descriptions of approaches and systems that - fer assistance in their resolution. I hope you will ?nd the papers contained in this volume as interesting as the other members of the program committee and I have. These proceedings would not have been possible without the help and assistance of many people. In particular I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Springer-Verlag in Heidelberg, Germany, especially Anna Kramer, the computer science editor, and Alfred Hofmann, the executive editor for the LNCS series.

### **9th International Conference on**

### **Practical Applications of Agents and Multiagent Systems** Elsevier

What makes teamwork tick? Cooperation matters, in daily life and in complex applications. After all, many tasks need more than a single agent to be effectively performed. Therefore, teamwork rules! Teams are social groups of agents dedicated to the fulfilment of particular persistent tasks. In modern multiagent environments, heterogeneous teams often consist of autonomous software agents, various types of robots and human beings. **Teamwork in Multi-agent Systems: A Formal Approach** explains teamwork rules in terms of agents' attitudes and their complex interplay. It provides the first comprehensive logical theory, TeamLog, underpinning teamwork in dynamic environments. The authors justify design choices by showing TeamLog in action. The book guides the reader through a fascinating discussion of issues essential for teamwork to be successful: What is teamwork, and how can a logical view of it help in designing teams of agents? What is the role of agents' awareness in an uncertain, dynamic environment? How does collective intention constitute a

team? How are plan-based collective commitments related to team action? How can one tune collective commitment to the team's organizational structure and its communication abilities? What are the methodological underpinnings for teamwork in a dynamic environment? How does a team and its attitudes adjust to changing circumstances? How do collective intentions and collective commitments arise through dialogue? What is the computational complexity of TeamLog? How can one make TeamLog efficient in applications? This book is an invaluable resource for researchers and graduate students in computer science and artificial intelligence as well as for developers of multi-agent systems. Students and researchers in organizational science, in particular those investigating teamwork, will also find this book insightful. Since the authors made an effort to introduce TeamLog as a conceptual model of teamwork, understanding most of the book requires solely a basic logical background.

**Metainformatics** IEEE Computer Society Press

The main concepts and techniques of

multi-agent oriented programming, which supports the multi-agent systems paradigm at the programming level. A multi-agent system is an organized ensemble of autonomous, intelligent, goal-oriented entities called agents, communicating with each other and interacting within an environment. This book introduces the main concepts and techniques of multi-agent oriented programming, (MAOP) which supports the multi-agent systems paradigm at the programming level. MAOP provides a structured approach based on three integrated dimensions, which the book examines in detail: the agent dimension, used to design the individual (interacting) entities; the environment dimension, which allows the development of shared

resources and connections to the real world; and the organization dimension, which structures the interactions among the autonomous agents and the shared environment.

*Augmented Knowledge & Culture* Springer Science & Business Media

Agent-based modeling is a flexible and intuitive approach that is close to both data and theories, which gives it a special position in the majority of scientific communities. Agent models are as much tools of understanding, exploration and adaptation as they are media for interdisciplinary exchange. It is in this kind of framework that this book is situated, beginning with agent-based modeling of spatialized phenomena with a methodological and practical orientation.

Through a governing example, taking inspiration from a real problem in epidemiology, this book proposes, with pedagogy and economy, a guide to good practices of agent modeling. The reader will thus be able to understand and put the modeling into practice and acquire a certain amount of autonomy. Featuring the following well-known techniques and tools: Modeling, such as UML, Simulation, such as the NetLogo platform, Exploration methods, Adaptation using participative simulation

Introduction and Coordination Control  
Springer

This volume on multi-agent systems is suitable for researchers, professors, practitioners, students, and other computing professionals.

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