

Keynote Address

Experiences on The Road to Object Utopia

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The talk will present lessons from nearly a decade of experience in making object technologies real in the industrial world. It is also the story of ten years of opportunities for object-oriented research and development activities. From this starting point a critical look is given at where we have been and where we are going to with object technology research and practice.

Dave Thomas has 30 years of experience in the computer industry as an architect, project manager and director.

Dave holds an adjunct research professorship at Carleton University where he previously held the position of Director of Object-Oriented Research Group. During the last 12 years Dave has specialized in the design and implementation of object-oriented systems. Projects have included the successful development and implementation of systems for client-server, embedded systems, manufacturing, networking systems, electronic publishing, integrated circuit testing, defence and instrumentation. Dave is widely published in object-oriented literature. He has served on the program committees for the OOPSLA and ECOOP conferences for the past 8 years.

Dave is founder and CEO of Object Technology International, Inc. (OTI). OTI is an advanced software technology company and a world leader in object-oriented technology. The company's primary business is joint product development and technology licensing. OTI's ENVY portfolio of software components, tools, technology and processes enable OTI alliance partners to develop and deploy innovative tools and products. Over the last 10 years, OTI's products and technology have been key in the commercialization of the Smalltalk language.