

Foreword

ETAPS 2000 was the third instance of the European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software. ETAPS is an annual federated conference that was established in 1998 by combining a number of existing and new conferences. This year it comprised five conferences (FOSSACS, FASE, ESOP, CC, TACAS), five satellite workshops (CBS, CMCS, CoFI, GRATRA, INT), seven invited lectures, a panel discussion, and ten tutorials.

The events that comprise ETAPS address various aspects of the system development process, including specification, design, implementation, analysis, and improvement. The languages, methodologies, and tools which support these activities are all well within its scope. Different blends of theory and practice are represented, with an inclination towards theory with a practical motivation on one hand and soundly-based practice on the other. Many of the issues involved in software design apply to systems in general, including hardware systems, and the emphasis on software is not intended to be exclusive.

ETAPS is a loose confederation in which each event retains its own identity, with a separate program committee and independent proceedings. Its format is open-ended, allowing it to grow and evolve as time goes by. Contributed talks and system demonstrations are in synchronized parallel sessions, with invited lectures in plenary sessions. Two of the invited lectures are reserved for “unifying” talks on topics of interest to the whole range of ETAPS attendees. The aim of cramming all this activity into a single one-week meeting is to create a strong magnet for academic and industrial researchers working on topics within its scope, giving them the opportunity to learn about research in related areas, and thereby to foster new and existing links between work in areas that were formerly addressed in separate meetings. The program of ETAPS 2000 included a public business meeting where participants had the opportunity to learn about the present and future organization of ETAPS and to express their opinions about what is bad, what is good, and what might be improved.

ETAPS 2000 was hosted by the Technical University of Berlin and was efficiently organized by the following team:

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Donald Sannella
ETAPS Steering Committee Chairman

Preface

The International Conference in Compiler Construction (CC) is a forum for presentation and discussion of recent developments in language processors and language design. It emphasizes practical methods and tools. CC 2000 was the ninth conference in the series.

The CC conference originated as a series of workshops organized since 1986 by Günter Riedewald in East Germany. In 1992 the series was relaunched by Uwe Kastens in Paderborn. It was highly appropriate that the first CC conference of the new millennium should take place in Berlin, newly restored as the capital city of reunified Germany.

The CC conference, originally biennial, federated to ETAPS in 1998 and became annual. Despite that major change, the number of submissions and the number of accepted papers have remained stable. The program committee received 46 submissions for CC 2000, from which eighteen high-quality papers were selected for presentation. These papers are included in these proceedings.

The invited speaker at CC 2000 was Reinhard Wilhelm, whose talk was entitled *Shape Analysis*. A paper based on the invited talk opens these proceedings.

The work of the CC 2000 program committee was conducted entirely by electronic means. This made it practicable for all program committee members to participate fully in discussions of individual papers, to re-read papers, and in some cases to provide extra reviews. I believe that the quality of the paper selection process benefited greatly from this mode of working.

I am glad to acknowledge the hard work and friendly cooperation of all my colleagues on the program committee. I also wish to thank the much larger number of additional reviewers who helped us to read and evaluate the submitted papers. As a first-time program chair I have particular reason to appreciate the support and advice of the ETAPS chair, Don Sannella, and of the CC steering committee. Finally, I wish to thank all the authors of submitted papers for their continued interest, without which the CC conference could not thrive.

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