

## INVITATION

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Welcome to OOPSLA 2001! We are very glad to have you here at the waterfront in sunny Tampa for this the sixteenth edition of our conference that celebrates the world of object-oriented systems, languages, and applications. Over two hundred people (mostly volunteers) have devoted their time, energy, and ideas to organize this conference, with the objective of making OOPSLA 2001 an outstanding experience for you.

OOPSLA is well known as the premier conference for object technology. The wide variety of events and activities make it appealing to object experts and novices alike. Object technologists from all over the world have come together to present interactive workshops, an outstanding set of tutorials, thought-provoking invited talks on a broad range of topics, panels and debates designed to surface controversy and provoke audience participation, technical papers on the latest object research, practitioners' reports sharing lessons learned from development experiences, and two "Intriguing Technology" sessions that promise to be of interest to both researchers and practitioners. There are also a number of specialized activities – symposia for Ph.D. students to get feedback on their research ideas (the Doctoral Symposium) and for academic and industrial educators to share new ideas and best practices (the Educators' Symposium) as well as our ever-popular DesignFest and CodeFest. And you can organize your own Birds of a Feather session here at the conference.

In the OOPSLA Courtyard you will find commercial exhibits of the latest products, news, and publications, a new "geek alley" where you can pick up your favorite personal devices and software, posters and demonstrations that present late-breaking results (including summaries of some pre-conference events), Birds of a Feather sign-ups, job and message boards, and tables for impromptu demos or discussions. And don't miss the opportunity to network with your colleagues at the social events. You should also be sure to leave some personal time to explore the Tampa area and enjoy some of Florida's many recreational areas.

This is a busy and exciting conference. If this is your first OOPSLA join us Monday evening after the Welcome Reception for the Newcomer's Session. We will answer your questions and give you some tips for organizing your activities.

I sincerely thank the authors, presenters, exhibitors, the entire conference committee, program committee, and all the other volunteers who make OOPSLA possible. I also thank the OOPSLA Steering Committee, SIGPLAN, SIGSOFT, and ACM for sponsoring the conference and keeping us on track, while encouraging our innovations. Finally, I thank you, the conference attendees. You make OOPSLA a success. We are grateful for your continuing, enthusiastic support. Enjoy the conference.

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