

Dear Reader,

It is a real pleasure to be able to bring you this first issue of fully reviewed regular submissions. In presenting you this issue, I am both thrilled and curious. I am thrilled because the new format is working very well, and we are receiving an increasingly high number of excellent papers, which will allow us to give you the quality you expect and deserve. I am curious to learn about your reaction to this change in format.

This issue of the Applied Computing Review deals with a variety of subjects. David and James Wang present a taxonomy for Software Agents, and give us compelling reasons to consider agents in our programming toolboxes. Siritorn Prayurachatuporn et al. give us an example application of software agents: a control system for data acquisition. Then, Luigi Benedicenti et al. show us how use a software process modeling tool in a real-life application. Finally, Rajeev Raje et al. conclude this issue with a case study on using aspect-oriented programming as opposed to “standard” object-oriented programming.

Agent technology seems to be gaining momentum, as not only will we read it in this issue, but the next issue is going to be entirely dedicated to them.

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