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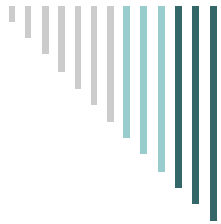
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Agent-based systems are software products that not only do things as specified but also have knowledge to do their job and can do it in a cooperative, coordinative and competitive way.

What are myths and realities of the agent-based systems?

How to develop an agent-based system for a particular task?

How to evolve from object-oriented development to agent-based systems?

How to incorporate and share knowledge among software agents?

These are only a few questions that can be answered by agent-based systems.

How to build intelligent software systems using agent technology?

How agent technology can help develop better software products?

Course Description:

This course begins with an overview of the agent systems and software agents.

Then we focus on agent system architecture and infrastructure from a software engineering viewpoint, including: requirements for agent-based systems; modeling and design of agent-based systems; development process for agent-based systems

Topics such as agent architecture, communication, knowledge sharing, computing and uncertainty management are discussed. Studying society of agents and models of agency follows. Finally, a methodology for agent-oriented software development is presented.

Workshop for agent-based system analysis and design is included to reinforce the presented material.

Course Objectives:

After taking this course, the participants

- will have an understanding of the agent system terminology and development process of agent-based systems
- will have learned techniques to design agent-based system
- will know how to modify architec-



ture of the current software systems and re-structure them to be agent-based.

Course Duration:

2 days

Course Pre-requisites:

Principles of object oriented analysis and design.

Course Audience:

Software developers; those who want to know how to use agent technology in developing software product.

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