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ABSTRACT

The Ada programming language can now be said to have come of age. Validated compilers are available; and there is a growing number of organisations committed to using the language for sizeable and significant applications. Development of the language has been accompanied by extensive analysis and comment, much of which has focussed on the tasking facilities. This book draws on the available literature to present a comprehensive review of the Ada tasking model. The model is examined in terms of its treatment of concurrency, synchronisation and communication; its application to embedded and distributed systems; its formal semantics; and its implementation. Reported weaknesses are discussed, and the implications of proposed changes are evaluated.

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