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FOREWORD

This volume contains papers presented in the framework of the special topic "System Specification and Design" at the Conference on Operating Systems held in Visegrad, Hungary, January 23-27, 1982.

Most of the papers published in this volume are the results of the Technical Committee's work on "Application Oriented Specifications" (TC-11) of the European Workshop of Industrial Computer Systems, Brussels.

The problem area discussed is not new in the field of software engineering, however, none of the results reached so far gives satisfactory solutions in practical measures. Our selection criterion for the papers was the presentation of new ideas with special emphasis on practical applicability in specification and the designing work of present day's large software systems.

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