

ADA DEVELOPERS COOPERATIVE LICENSE (ADCL),

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0. Preamble.

0.1 Other Related Documents

The causes of the relative commercial failure of Ada, a description of Version 0.2 of this document, and the necessity for defining an entity to manage the Ada Developers Cooperative including the final drafting of this document were discussed at the SIGAda '98 Workshop on "How to Expedite the Commercial Use of Ada." A report on this Workshop has been published in Ada Letters XIX, No 1 pp. 97-107 (1999). There was a consensus that the material developed according to the Ada Developers Cooperative License, ADCL, should be supplied as "Open Source". A very preliminary description of the Ada Developers Cooperative will be provided in a separate document.

0.2. Necessity for Creation of the License

Two critical factors required for the commercial success of a technology are 1) the technology must have some inherent utility and 2) there must be a strong economic benefit connected with its adaptation. The relative commercial failure of Ada obviously is not the result of a lack of utility. If utility were the only criterion, there would be no need for this document. However, economic benefit can easily overshadow utility.

The creation of an Ada Developers Cooperative including the License specified below should increase economic motivation for the use of Ada and concomitant good software engineering practices. The quality of the design of a programming language and of the available compilers, although of significance, is often of less significance than the quality of the programming environments and libraries. If a library does not exist, then it cannot win on quality. Therefore, the formation of the Ada Developers Cooperative and the use of a standard licence is a means for providing a strong economic incentive for the creation and use of Ada libraries.

0.3. Other Relevant Documents

Because of the international nature of the Ada community, international agreements have been cited as nominative.

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0.4. Status

This document has not been completed because it requires input from the interested parties. Hopefully, a significant number of the readers of Ada Letters. I have indicated numerical values and other items where there is an obvious question or were only based on my own feelings by “?”. My belief is that it is appropriate to incubate this project on the CAUWG (Commercial Ada Users Group) Web site

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I am indebted to Currie Colket for his wise council and patience, John T Apa for his efforts with the CAUWG Web site, and to Ann Eustice Brandon and Ben Brosgol for their approving the use of the CAUWG Web site to refine this and the other drafts of documents I have posted there. I wish to acknowledge the suggestions, good advice, and enthusiasm of Marin David Condic. I hope that others will also participate in improving this License.

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