The Pattern Languages of Programs (PLoP™) conference is the premier event for pattern authors and enthusiasts to gather, discuss, and learn more about patterns, programming, and software development.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of both the first PLoP conference and the Gang of Four Design Patterns book. And it will be held at its first home, Allerton Park near Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

The conference is not traditional—the main event is a set of Writers’ Workshops where pattern papers are reviewed by fellow authors, led by expert workshop leaders.

Authors and everyone will find lots of opportunities to learn about patterns, pattern languages, pattern writing, and the quest for human-centered software creation in the panoply of PLoP activities: Writers’ Workshops, Focus Groups, BoF sessions, BootCamp, Games, shared meals, late-night music and chit-chat, and a strange and beautiful venue where all attendees stay, eat, work, and play.

Friendly and effective: although very little is like other conferences, the standards are high, the intellectual stimulation is almost overwhelming, and very few will go home without having moved to the next level.

20th Anniversary Edition
Reinventing the past is hard to do and not what we plan. Programming, software, and software development are changing fast. We plan to explore where it could all go, how code will be made, what the nature of design will be, how scale will infect everything, and what kinds of new software will emerge.

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Paper submissions may include short papers containing one or more patterns, longer pattern languages or sequences, or works-in-progress by writers wishing to get in-depth shepherding by an experienced author at the conference. Patterns and pattern languages on other topics, essays on patterns, and visions for the future are encouraged.

In addition, you may submit proposals for free-format discussion groups or workshops bringing together people interested in a hot topic related to patterns or proven practices—with a duration about two hours. Non-conventional formats are welcome.

PLoP14 submissions are peer reviewed and digitally archived at ACM. Papers discussed at writers’ workshop at this conference qualify for submission to the journal “TPLoP—Transactions on Pattern Languages of Programming,” published by Springer. See Springer’s pages on TPLoP for details of this journal.

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