

# Preface

The System Design Languages Forum (SDL Forum) is an international conference held every two years and is one of the most important open events in the calendar for anyone from industry and academia involved in system design languages and modelling technologies. Originally focusing on the Specification and Description Language – standardized and further developed by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) over a period of nearly four decades – the SDL Forum has broadened its topics in the course of time. It is a primary conference for the presentation and discussion of the most recent innovations, trends, experiences, and concerns in system and software modelling, specification, and analysis of distributed systems, embedded systems, communication systems, and real-time systems.

The SDL Forum Society that runs the SDL Forum conferences series is a non-profit organization established in 1995 by language users and tool providers to promote the ITU Specification and Description Language (SDL) and related system design languages including, for instance, Message Sequence Charts (MSC), Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1), Testing and Test Control Notation (TTCN-3), Systems Modeling Language (SysML), Unified Modeling Language (UML), and User Requirements Notation (URN). The aim of the society is to provide and disseminate information on the development and use of the languages, to support education on the languages, and to plan and organize the “SDL Forum” series and events to promote the languages.

The 18th edition of the SDL Forum conference (SDL 2017) was held in Budapest, Hungary, October 9–11, 2017. The co-organizers of conference were the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Ericsson Hungary Ltd., and the Scientific Association for Infocommunications Hungary (HTE). The special focus of SDL 2017 was on the model-driven engineering for the future Internet. In the past few years, we have witnessed a new level of convergence in the networked digital ecosystem. A large variety of embedded devices are becoming connected. The ever-growing number of heterogeneous devices connected demands highly available, scalable, secure, and mobile services from the telecommunications and computer networks side. The complexity of network services on the other side is increasing at the same time. There are several emerging standards on this field, followed by numerous implementations. This results in time pressure both in standard implementations and product development cycles. Therefore, specification, design, validation, configuration, deployment, and maintenance of such products are complex tasks, and thus high-quality modeling of these new systems with system design languages is essential.

This volume contains the papers selected for presentation at SDL 2017: 10 high-quality papers selected from 17 submissions. Each paper was peer reviewed by at least three Program Committee members and discussed during the online Program Committee meeting. The selected papers cover a wide spectrum of topics related to system design languages ranging from: the System Design Language usage to UML

and GRL models; model-driven engineering of database queries, network service design and regression testing; and modelling for Internet of Things (IoT) data processing. The papers are grouped into four technical sessions. The first section focuses on software technology aspects, the second section targets IoT, the third section provides an insight into model-driven engineering, and the fourth section discusses system design language development.

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