



The Fifty-First Asilomar Microcomputer Workshop
23-25 April 2025
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Dear Colleague:

We're pleased to invite you to the 51st Asilomar Microcomputer Workshop, held 23-25 April 2025 at the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California, on the Monterey Peninsula. Please join us!

Since the beginning, AMW has offered a friendly, informal venue for exceptional technical minds to gather as peers. We limit registration to about 100 for the best workshop experience. Since COVID has not gone away—and some of us are in vulnerable groups—we will again stream the program for remote attendees and continue to maximize safety in the meeting and social gatherings by asking attendees to be fully vaccinated, boosted, and tested daily.

Like in 2024, we will meet in Asilomar's Fred Farr Forum on Asilomar Avenue opposite the Main Entrance. The Fred Farr meeting room opens directly onto a large patio where all social receptions will be held. We have requested that the sleeping rooms be conveniently located in or near this Fred Farr complex. We will assign shared rooms, although single rooms may be requested for an additional charge.

A Zoom link for each day will be emailed to all registrants. Both scheduled talks and RAT Talks will be hybrid. You should get a Discord user ID to post comments and questions for the speakers and follow the out-of-band discussion threads there.

We are continuing the old Workshop rule of “no wallflowers.” Active participation by everybody is the essence of the workshop. Whether you are scheduled as a session speaker, a member of a panel discussion, and/or speak during our RAT Session, we'd like to hear from you. Overt commercialism is discouraged. Newcomers—in-person and remote—will have the opportunity to introduce themselves with a brief elevator speech to all.

There are potential sessions on drone technology, the downside of ubiquitous computing, and Intel's meltdown. We are also retaining several recent successful innovations in the Workshop's format. ***As our program takes shape, your responses to questions in the registration form always help us add topics of interest.*** Our website, www.AMW.org, provides additional info. Thanks to donations, 2025 rates are unchanged from 2024!

The 2025 rates. (In-person rates are for shared occupancy. Single-room upgrade is \$250 as space allows):

- **“Early Bird”** from now until Sunday, 23 February 2025: \$999 In-person; \$149 remote.
It expires in about a month, so don't dawdle!
- **Regular** rate from Monday, 24 February until Sunday, 23 March 2025: \$1,299 in-person; \$199 remote.
- **Rush** rate starts on Monday, 24 March 2025: \$1,499 in-person; \$249 remote. **Starting on this date, registrants will only be accepted as our facility space allows.**

The fee covers everything except your travel: workshop registration, shared lodging, handouts, and all meals and refreshments. We work hard to keep the fees as low as possible. Please let us know if the cost might keep you from attending, as a limited number of scholarships may be provided on a case-by-case basis. Even if you cannot attend, your tax-deductible donations can help sponsor things like breaks, scholarships, etc. Please contact registration@AMW.org if you have questions about pricing or donations.

Please register as soon as possible using one of the following options:



- Online webform at www.AMW.org using PayPal
- Mail registration form with payment to AMW, PO Box 2505, Cupertino, CA 95015-2505
- Print, scan, and email paper registration to registration@AMW.org and then pay via PayPal
- Print, scan, and fax paper registration to (650) 969-8461 and then pay via PayPal

Payment information appears at the bottom of the Registration Form. Let us know if you need a receipt.

We all look forward to another great workshop!

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General questions and suggestions for attendees: registration@AMW.org

Suggestions for speakers and/or session topics: program@AMW.org

Special requests: registration@AMW.org

Please Register Online:

<https://forms.gle/fwKKBxntJa4QzWUG6>

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Name: _____ Landline: () _____ - _____

Position: _____ Mobile: () _____ - _____

Affiliation: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

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Present responsibilities: _____

Experience with microcomputers, programming languages, OSs, design tools, intelligent agents, robots, spacecraft, IP litigation, etc. (*i.e.*, projects you've been involved with and the nature of your work):

What's the most interesting, innovative, or noteworthy thing you've done lately?

What are the most significant problems (technical or otherwise) facing design engineers and system users today?

On what topics (from the invitation letter or otherwise) would you be willing to give a short talk? Please include a descriptive title and/or short synopsis. If you have already been asked to speak in a scheduled session, please indicate here the working title of your talk. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

Got any demos? _____

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[] **Rush** registrations filed 24 March 2025 or later (only as space allows): **\$1,499 In-Person / \$249 Remote**

Don't hesitate to ask about scholarships, or to volunteer in exchange for participation registration@AMW.org

[] Request accommodation for disabilities / dietary restrictions: _____

[] First-timer. Who referred you to us? _____

[] I'm busy this year, but please keep me on the mailing list

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Name: _____

Homework Assignment: Please answer the following questions. This list will be compiled and distributed without attribution at the Workshop. Be creative—no research allowed; we're looking for opinions, not unalloyed facts. The planning committee considers responses, which may be used in selecting presentations for one of the planned sessions.

1. What are your greatest hopes and fears for technology five years from now?

2. What's the most interesting book or technical paper you read recently? What do you want others to know about it, and why?

3. Which traditional engineering or software development practices have been inappropriately deprecated and why should they be retained? Conversely, which novel engineering or software development practices are not fully appreciated by older practitioners and what are they missing?

Comments on prior workshops: _____
