

■ Los Angeles Goes to HEC

WinHEC, that is, the annual **Windows Hardware Engineering Conference**, to be held in the Los Angeles Convention Center April 7–9. Makers, designers, and purchasers of Windows hardware (commonly called PCs) will congregate to hear Microsoft executives Steve Ballmer, Brian Valentine, David Cole, Carl Stork, Jay Torborg, and others pronounce on the future of Windows and the systems that run it. Intel's Pat Gelsinger and our own Michael Slater will also be presenting on hardware directions and design trends.

In addition to the presentations and general sessions there will be technical sessions covering system architecture, modem and audio integration, mobile platforms, embedded, security, and, encouragingly, a session on quality and simplicity.

Early registration (before 2/19) runs \$995 for the whole shooting match; passes for the evening soirees only are \$35. For more information, or to register, call 800.254.5509 or direct your built-in browser to www.microsoft.com/winhec.

■ Can You Finish 700 Pages in Real Time?

Addison-Wesley Publishing and Phar Lap Software (it's the name of a racehorse) have teamed to produce a book-and-CD combination titled **Real-Time Programming: a Guide to 32-Bit Embedded Development**. Authors Rick Grehan (formerly of *Byte* and *Computer Design*), Robert Moote, and Ingo Cyliax have

developed a resource and tutorial for developing real-time operating systems and applications for 32-bit system. The book is bound with a "light" version of Phar Lap's x86 tools.

The \$50 book (ISBN 0-201-48540-0) is available from bookstores or through the publisher by calling 800.822.6339 or visiting www.awl.com/cseng/titles/0-201-48540-0.

■ Gazing Into the Crystal Ball

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■ EEF-III v2.0 on WWW

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