Computer Science Colloquium

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Place: JEB 328

Speaker: Rick Edge, Intellectual Property Counsel, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories

Who is Invited? Everyone!

Title: Think It, Code It, Control It: An Introduction to Intellectual Property for Computer Scientists

Abstract

Like it or not, even the act of drafting code generates intellectual property ("IP"). Whether working on a personal project, tasks for an employer, or for a client, an understanding of various IP issues in computer science is essential for avoiding skirmishes and controlling how your work product will be used and shared. This presentation introduces the concepts of patents, copyrights, and trade secrets in the realm of computer science. We will discuss the open source phenomenon, and the implications thereof on coding. The Supreme Court’s decision in Alice v. CLS has changed the landscape of patents as applied to software. We will introduce some of the possible consequences of that

Bio

Rick Edge is Intellectual Property Counsel for Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. in Pullman WA (“SEL”). Rick earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Utah in 2002, and earned his JD in 2005. While in law school, Rick was a member of Law Review, and on the Law Review board, served in the IP Law Society, and worked as an IP intern for Bridgestone Americas. Upon earning his JD, Rick worked as a patent attorney in Salt Lake City, UT, before joining SEL in 2006. Rick is a registered patent attorney, and a member of the Utah State Bar.