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2014-02 Meeting Invitation and Information

The winter 2014 meeting of WG21 is being hosted by Microsoft and will be held on **February 10-15, 2014** at:

[Hilton Garden Inn](#)

1800 NW Gilman Blvd.
Issaquah, Washington, USA 98027

The hotel is both the meeting location and the recommended lodging location. Free Internet access is available throughout the hotel. Issaquah is pronounced *ISS-a-kwah* by visitors including Seattleites, *IZZ-a-kwah* by true locals.

Hotel reservations. We recommend attendees stay at the meeting hotel if possible to take advantage of the included breakfast and negotiated room rate. Register using [this link](#) before the registration deadline of January 20, 2014. This will ensure you are registered in the room block reserved for "ISO WG21 C++" and will get the negotiated rate of US\$159 per night which includes free breakfast, free Internet, and free parking. At time of registration the hotel requires a credit card or check for one night's stay as a deposit to guarantee the reservation; you may cancel up to 24 hours before your planned arrival for a full refund.

Travel and transportation. Seattle is served by [Sea-Tac Airport \(SEA\)](#) which offers many direct domestic and international flights on major airlines. Taxis are available at the airport and a ride to the meeting hotel costs about US\$70 including tip; prearranged [shuttle services](#) are also available. You can reach the hotel by [public transit](#) with only one change by taking the new LINK rail to downtown Seattle followed by a bus to within three blocks of the hotel.

If you have a car, the hotel is a [20+ minute drive](#) from the airport and your hotel room rate includes free parking. A car is not required for the meeting because breakfast and lunch are being provided at the hotel, and there are several evening dining options in walking distance, including the hotel restaurant. However, a car can be useful to get to additional restaurants or attractions (see below) outside the immediate hotel area.

Meals and refreshments. The hosts and your room rate will cover all breaks and meals except the evening meal. Buffet breakfast and lunch will be provided each day; breakfast is included in the guest room rate for attendees staying at the



meeting hotel. Refreshments will be served at the meeting for mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks.

Attendees will be responsible for their own evening meals, which can be taken in the hotel restaurant or in many restaurants in walking or short driving distance. In particular, in addition to the walking-distance options, driving just one highway exit to the east (approximately 1mi/2km) you will find a concentration of shops and restaurants.

Attractions. If you are arriving early or staying after the meeting, you will find the Seattle area is [full of things to see and do](#). There is lots of hiking near the hotel: A [15 min walk](#) away is [Lake Sammamish state park](#) with lakeside hiking trails; a five minute drive away are the [Cougar Mountain](#) and [Squak Mountain](#) parks with flat and hilly hiking. There are nearby mountains with excellent skiing in February, the closest a 30 min drive east at [Snoqualmie](#) as well as [many others](#). A 30 min drive west takes you to downtown Seattle with its famous attractions including [Pike Place Market](#), the [Experience Music Project](#), the [Museum of Flight](#) (an excellent air and space museum), several stadiums with sports and music, live theatre, and much more—including world-class opera with local committee member expertise (consult Jon Caves, who helps run the [Seattle Opera](#)).

Weather. Seattle [average weather in February](#) is refreshingly cool and intermittently drizzly, with daytime highs of 50F/10C and nighttime lows above freezing. You can attend the entire meeting without leaving the hotel grounds, but you may want a sweater and light rain jacket if you wish to walk to a nearby coffee shop or restaurant or go for a hike in the nearby state park. The hotel also has some loaner umbrellas available.