

The Books of Software History

Revised Goals, Status, Issues

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Goals as of April/2006

- **Selecting significant publications:**
 - Build initial list for some areas, list other areas.
 - Focus on older books, because obtaining contextual information for them will become increasingly difficult
 - Circulate initial list, solicit comments & additions
- **Obtaining a context entry for each →**
- Helping to obtain their editions for the CHM
- Providing online versions
 - when copyright arrangements can be made

Context Entry for book (still valid)

Content

Sources

Author bio Authoring background & context	Authors, author home pages, colleagues, oral histories, IEEE Annals
Content summary Significance in software history Discussion of similar publications	Authors, and (probably older) experts in field
Reference list	anyone
Links to material on other pubs by same author	??

Revised Goals July/2006

- **New! Organizing publication list by subject/date**
 - Why?
 - For understandable presentation
 - To provide foci for annotation, not just of individual but of groups of related books.
- **Selecting significant pubs or (New!) pub groups**
- **Obtaining context entry for each →**
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Status

- Draft first-cut project pages on SCC website
 - Currently in personal directory, will be shown
 - Focus on organization

Issues

- Organization/presentation of group annotations
- Structuring of publication/group relationships