

Rational User Group Nordic

Rational User Group Nordic was created in Stockholm February 20th 1998 at the first RAIN conference with about 100 participants. The geographical area for RAIN is the Nordic countries.

RAIN Makes Things Grow

RAIN is the name of Rational User Group Nordic. It is open to all Nordic users of Rational products.

RAIN is just like real life rain, a slight initial discomfort will pay off in making things grow at a later time. In the case of RAIN, it is all about getting over the threshold and becoming an active member. As a member, you will find that RAIN makes your benefits from Rational products grow. Current members view RAIN participation as part of their professional lives, making them better developers through peer-to-peer exchange of knowledge.

As the second chairman of RAIN since the inception of the organization, I'm excited to be part of the growth of RAIN, both in terms of membership and the quality of our activities. All of this is done on a voluntary basis. Current RAIN membership exceeds 1,000, which aggregates to an impressive knowledge bank on Rational Unified Process® and associated tools.

I'm pleased to note that the software development industry has matured significantly in recent years. We are now able to design software as a structured activity, creating applications that

truly support business critical processes in our companies. Personally, I'm totally committed to RUP® and the benefits it brings to my profession. It is my sincere hope that RAIN will continue to be the facilitator of an increasing exchange of RUP® knowledge and experience.

RAIN is a forum for informal contacts between companies and between individual developers. The members ARE the user group. Myself and other RAIN board members are mere coordinators. While this is a very democratic process, it puts the focus on you, the individual member. With your active support, RAIN can be the organization we all want it to be. It can be the catalyst for better professional use of Rational products and methods.

Johan Wallentin
RAIN Chairman



This is RAIN

RAIN is a non-profit membership organization that promotes the use of Rational Unified Process® (RUP®). It was founded in 1998 in Stockholm, with a pan-Nordic scope. It currently (Oct 2002) has more than 1,000 active members. The mission of RAIN is to provide an interface for communicating user requirements to

Rational, and to facilitate the exchange of RUP® related knowledge in all software developing disciplines, including tools and methods. RAIN is not an affiliate of Rational. However, the user group accepts financial and hands on support from Rational, and potentially other companies.

Benefits of Membership

RAIN communicates the views of members to Rational as guidance for managing product development. It is a forum for sharing knowledge on the use of Rational Unified Process®, and provides much needed opportunities to network with other Rational users.

Benefits include access to:

- The Web site www.rain-oo.org
- Meetings and lectures on RUP® related topics and supporting tools
- The RAIN annual meeting with highly qualified presenters

In addition, RAIN represents your views at the Scandinavian Rational User Conference and promotes the organization to new members.

You Can Contribute

The success of RAIN depends on the commitments of its members. We urge you to:

- Suggest topics of interest for coming activities
- Nominate relevant speakers to RAIN events
- Submit your suggestions for improvements of Rational products
- Share titles of relevant books with other members
- Name white papers you have found useful
- Point to URLs to good Rational related Web sites
- Name companies that can be displayed as best practices in any Rational discipline
- Share your views on how to best advance the use of tools

How to Join

It is easy to join RAIN. You become a member by registering at www.rain-oo.org. You can also reach the board by mailing to info@rain-oo.org. Membership is free.



Rational Software Nordic

is very pleased to see the development of RAIN. RAIN adds some fundamental values to its members as well as to Rational:

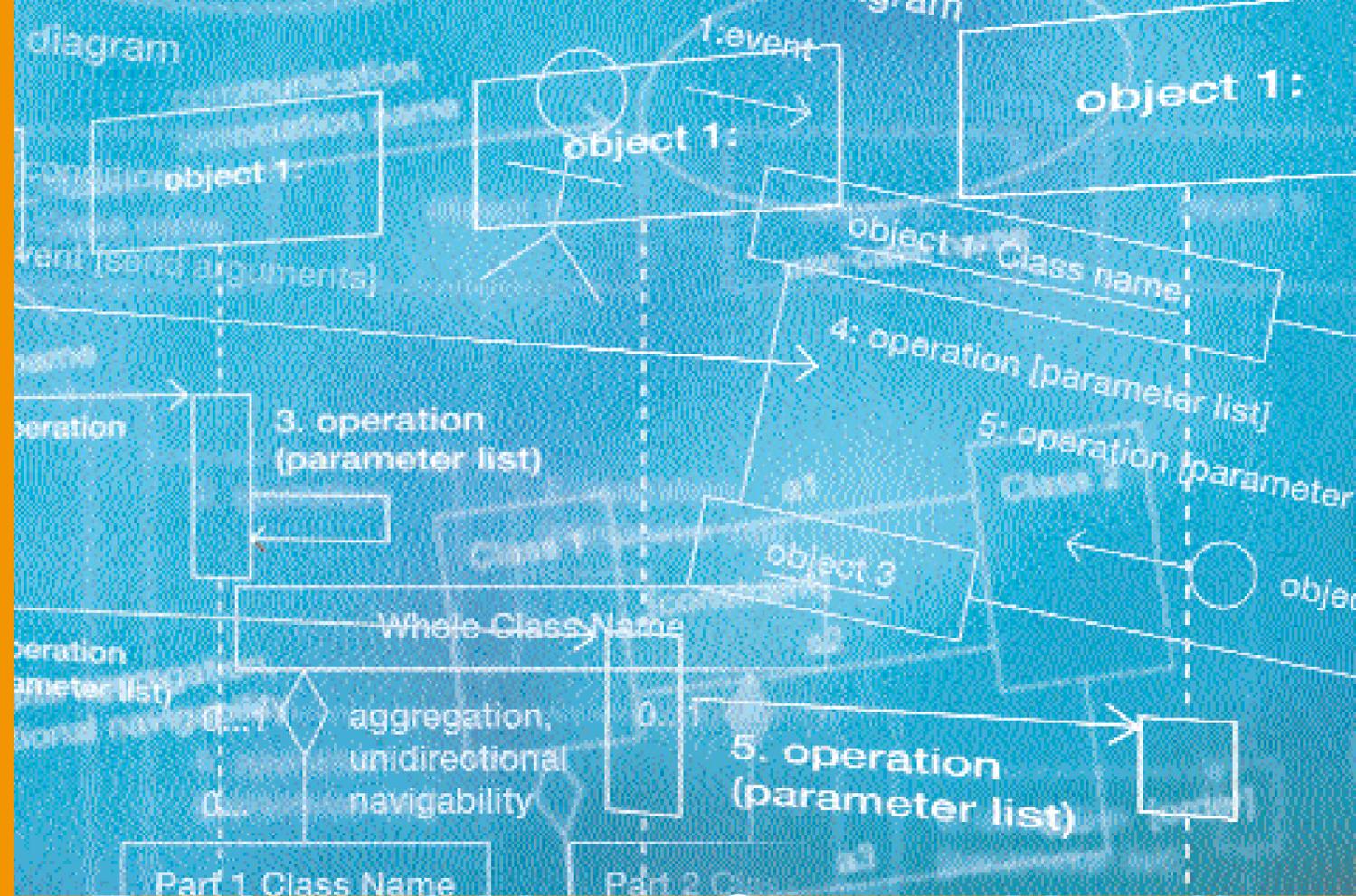
First, through the intense knowledge and experience exchange between its members, RAIN plays a role as a catalyst for all our users to get the full value out of their Investments.

Secondly RAIN is also an important feedback and communication channel to us.

We hope to see a continuing growth of RAIN for the mutual benefit of both its members and ourselves.

Congratulations to the RAIN-organization for a job well done!

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Membership

RAIN needs you, and you most likely need RAIN. Register now, free of charge, at www.rain-oo.org/forum
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