

Solution to the ECOOP 2002 Quiz

Badges were coloured using **seven** different colours, assigned to seven groups of ECOOP participants according to the following scheme:

<u>Colour</u>	<u>Assigned to group</u>
Bright yellow	Members of the organization
Purple	Tutorial and invited speakers, paper authors, and PC members
White	Participants registered only for workshop and tutorials, with an odd registration number in their badges
Light yellow	Participants registered only for workshop and tutorials, with an even registration number in their badges
Light blue	Participants registered for the conference: initial of their first name between A and H .
Salmon	Participants registered for the conference: initial of their first name between I and M .
Green	Participants registered for the conference: initial of their first name between N and Z .

Results

A total of 38 participants provided an answer.

- None of them got the complete answer right.
- Only one of them (Peter Bunus, petbu@ida.liu.se) had just one mistake. He found out about the 7 colours, and guessed right the assignments for the participants registered to the conference, but not the assignments for the “workshops only” participants.
- 19 participants found out only 6 colours
- The rest of the participants only mentioned 5 colours or less

Thus, the Handheld PC donated by Microsoft will go to Peter Bunus. Congratulations!

Text of the original Quiz

At conferences and big events it is common to classify participants according to different criteria, such as their registration category (i.e. whether they are registered for the full conference, the workshops, or the tutorials only), or their level of participation (presenters of technical papers, PC members, organizers, attendees, etc.).

To help recognize people's participation level their badges are usually colour-coded for easy recognition, such as red or yellow badges for the organizers, green badges for those with access to all events, white badges for sponsors, and so forth. Using the colours enables organizers to easily confirm people's entry and participation in conference activities. Furthermore, coloured badges are also used to easily identify people with special responsibility at the conference, or distinguished participants (workshop organizers, PC members, tutorial and invited speakers, etc.).

A common social topic on the first day of a conference is about the meaning of the badges' colours and who they represent. So let's have some fun with this.

For ECOOP 2002 we have also defined a mapping function for assigning colours to groups of people (for instance, the people of the ECOOP organization will be wearing the impossible-to-miss yellow

badges). However, on this occasion we have defined a slightly more complex colour mapping function, to give you a challenging (but hopefully amusing) time trying to guess it.

To encourage you to join in the spirit of the challenge, we are offering a prize for the ECOOP participant that correctly maps all the colours that we have used to the groups of people they represent. The grand prize for the winner is a PDA donated by Microsoft.

Only one person can win the prize. If more than one participant provides a correct answer, the winner will be decided by drawing lots. If no one guesses it correctly all those with one mistake only will be put into the draw and so on.

To enter the challenge and win the prize we have provided a place on the ECOOP 2002 questionnaire for you to fill in your answer. Make sure you deposit your completed questionnaire in the designated box at the registration desk before leaving the conference. The correct answer, together with the number of people that guessed it right and the name of the winner, will be published on the ECOOP 2002 Web site the week after the conference.

Good luck and enjoy the conference!