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Dyalog Road Map

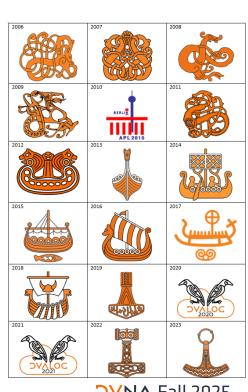
Morten Kromberg CTO, Dyalog (20 years 5 months)

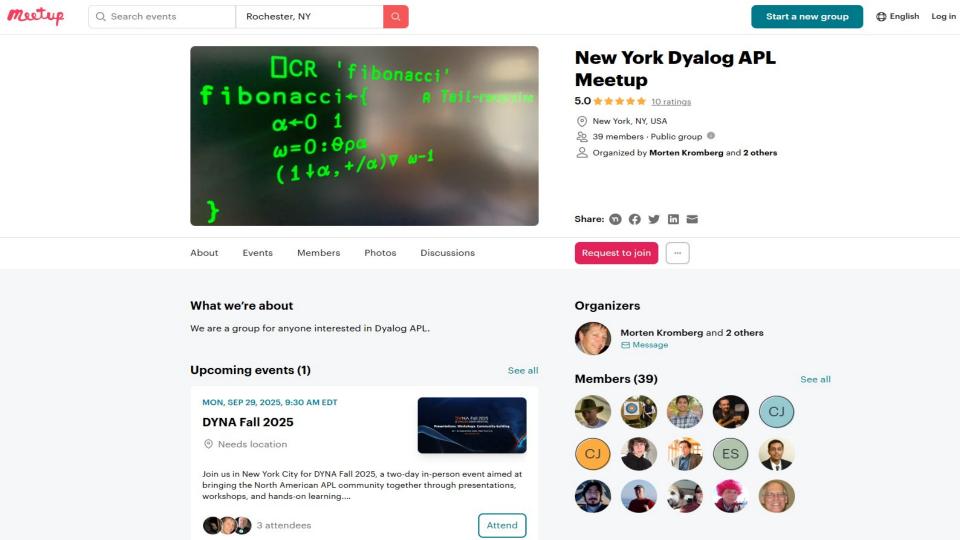


Welcome to **DYNA Fall 2025**A DYALOG USER MEETING

Current Event Schedule

- Global Dyalog User Meeting in even years
 - 2026: Eastbourne, UK (return to Dyalog'14 venue)
- DYNA Fall in odd years (~September, 2 days)
- DYNA Spring every year (April, 1 day)
 - Looking at Monday 4/13/26
- What about the "Dyalog NYC Meetup"?





Start	Mins	Title	Presenter
9:30 AM	45	The Dyalog Road Map	Morten Kromberg
10:15 AM	45	Dyalog and AI	Stefan Kruger
11:00 AM	15	Break	
11:15 AM	30	JAWS – Jarvis And Web Sockets	Brian Becker
11:45 AM	30	An Interface to Kafka	Martina Crippa
12:15 PM	30	Static Analysis of APL	Aaron Hsu and Brandon Wilson
12:45 PM	45	Lunch	
1:30 PM	30	Converting from APL+Win to Dyalog APL	Alex Holtzapple
2:00 PM	60	Dyalog APL: Our (Not So) Secret Ingredient	Mark Wolfson
3:00 PM	30	Break	
3:30 PM	30	The Data Science Journey	Josh David
4:00 PM	30	What Can Vectorised Trees Do For You?	Asher Harvey-Smith
4:30 PM	30	ArrayLab: Building a 3D APL Game	Holden Hoover
5:00 PM	30	The APL Trust US	Diane Hymas





The Plan is Unchanged



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Business as Usual





Thanks, Mike!



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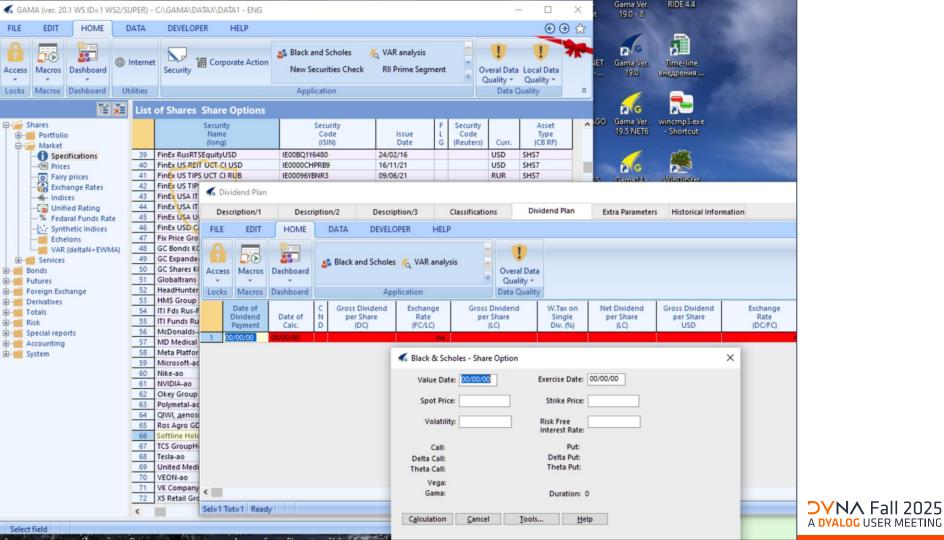


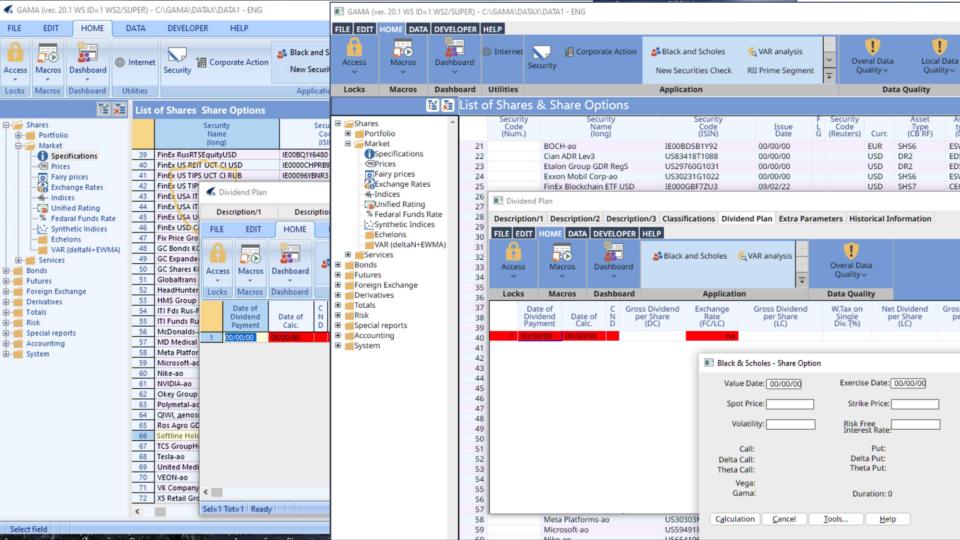


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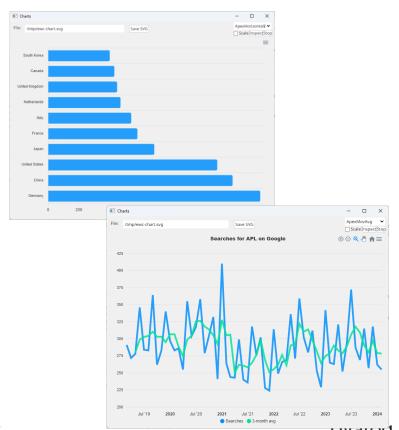
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Additional Classes in EWC (ApexCharts)





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- ATFIN: Read APL Transfer Format files and perform translation to DyalogAPL
 - Includes emulation of many APL+Win system functions

Focus has been on working with launch customers, rather than publishing the tools – we will do that now.

Davin Church will rewrite the WI emulator this Winter



Rise of the ARM64

- v19.0 Raspberry Pi & "New" Apple Macs
- v20.0 ARM64 Linux w/ Docker containers
- v21.0 Possible Experiments
 - ARM64 Windows
 - Maybe even Android
 - Not "supported", but available for experimentation





.NET Generics

The use of generic classes and methods in .NET libraries is spreading like wildfire.

```
v20.0

[NEW GenericClass (431632) T1 T2

(GenericClass (431632) T1 T2).StaticMember args
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v21.0

INEW GenericClass[T1 T2]
GenericClass[T1 T2].StaticMember args

+ Export APL code with generic signatures



■SHELL to replace complement ■CMD

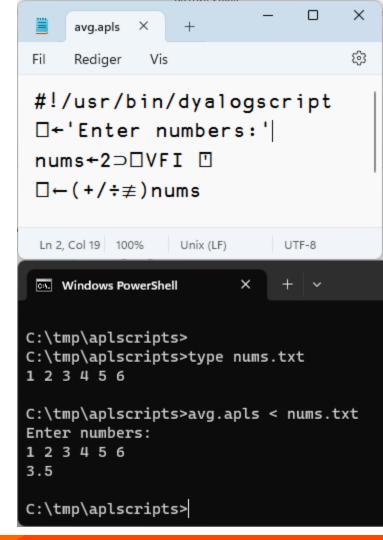
Execute External Programs from APL

- Interruptible
- Manage stdin, stdout & stderr (& other streams) independently
- Handle variety of data encodings
- Optionally return data as an asynchronous stream
- Select which shell to use
 - Defaults to PowerShell under MS Windows and /bin/sh elsewhere
 - Can also invoke programs directly, bypassing shell overhead



"Script Engine"

- #! (hash bang) scripting
- Script engine is popular with new users
 AND "Continuous Integration" engineers
- Has been gradually enhanced for several releases
- Will be further improved in v21.0
 - RIDE debugging of scripts



Link Enhancements

Recent Highlights:

- -text=plain
 - Simple representations of character data
- -preloaded
 - Create links to pre-loaded workspace content
 - Useful when you have thousands of source files

To come:

- The "crawler"
 - To find things the File System Watcher will miss



Miscellaneous

New Open-Source
 Documentation Format



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New Features, Changes, and Enhancements

This page describes the changes and new features in Dyalog v20.0 compared with Dyalog v19.0.

Syntax Changes

Array Notation

Array notation is a literal syntax for most arrays (including nested and high-rank arrays) and namespaces. Array notation is an extension of APL syntax, and, as such, can be used inside and around all other APL expressions, and wherever an APL expression can appear (for example in the Session, in functions, and in namespace scripts). It can also be used in the Editor to manipulate arrays directly.

You can edit variables using array notation in the following ways:

- Invoke the Edit command (<ED>) from within the Editor.
- Call the system function □ED with a left argument '\$', for example, '\$' □ED 'foo'.

In addition, in the Microsoft Windows IDE, array notation can be accessed in the following ways:

- Click the [o] icon in the Session toolbar this button toggles on/off the use of array notation for output (when possible).
- Click the [5] icon in the Object toolbar when the cursor is over the name of an array this opens the array in the Editor in the same way as) ED \$\displays foo.
- Click the is icon in the Editor's toolbar this displays the contents of the Editor using array notation.
- Select Show as Array Notation from the Editor's Syntax menu this displays the

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This documentation site is a new project, and we are continuing to add documents from the full documentation set (which is available at the Dyalog v20.0 Documentation Centre).



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Hints and Recommendations

New to APL? See Getting started.

Help us improve this documentation

If you discover an error on this site or would like to request an enhancement, email us your error report or enhancement request.

Alternatively, if you have a GitHub account, you can click the appropriate button below. We also welcome direct content contributions.



Content error

For example: typos, broken links, inaccurate information, example doesn't work, images are too small



For example, content not wrapping correctly, APL font not displaying, images failing with screen reader



Content enhancement

For example: additional examples for a primitive function, more screenshots of a process

Technical enhancement

For example: add a "dark mode" option, enhance search features, add ability to "bookmark" favorites

Miscellaneous

- New Documentation Format
- Kafka Interface
- ININFO
 - Set File Attributes
 - Progress Callbacks for longrunning moves & copies
- Platform Features



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Platform Features: 407510 (undocumented – future []PLATFORM)

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( | JSON | 'Compact' 0 ) 4075 | 0
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   "Td":
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   "InitialDirectory":
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"Unicode": 1.
"VersionNumber": 20}
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Less Usual Business

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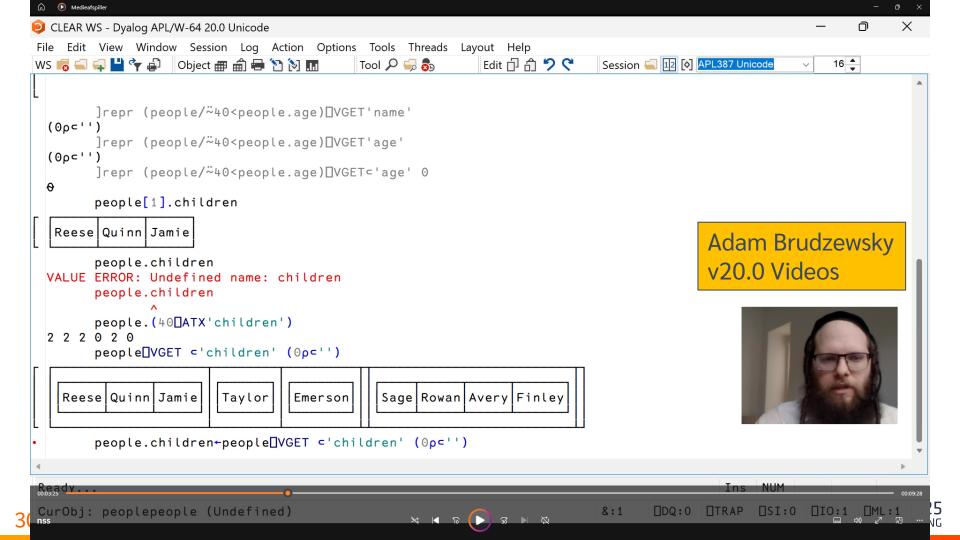


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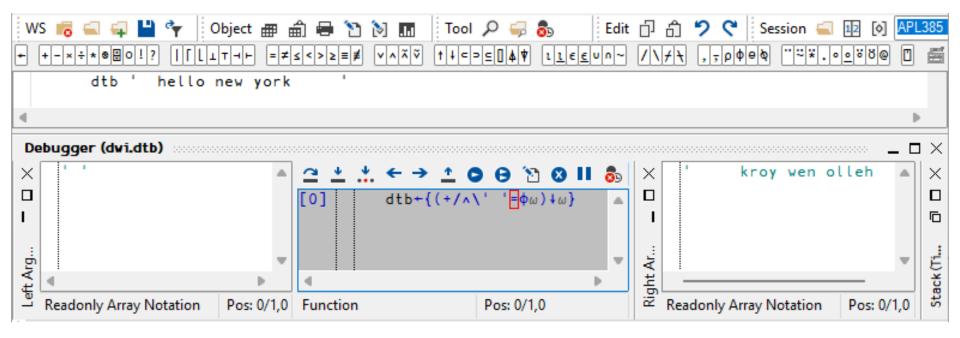
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('Three'
z+,c'Three'
                       'Blind'
z, +c'Blind'
                       'Mice')
z,←⊂'Mice'
                       [0 6 1 8
z+0,0 6 1 8
z-+ 1 4 1 4
                      2 7 1 8
z-+ 2 7 1 8
                        3 1 4 2]
z-+ 3 1 4 2
                       [10
z+-,10
z-,+20
                        20
                        30
z-+30
z-+40
                        40]
```

Namespace Notation UVGET and UVSET

```
people← (name: 'Jack' ◊ weight:75) (name: 'Jill')
     people.name
Jack Jill
     people.weight
VALUE ERROR: Undefined name: weight
     people.weight
     people □VGET 'name' ('weight' 50) A Default weight to 50
  Jack 75 Jill 50
     people[1]. VGET 72 A Get all class 2 names
  name Jack weight 75
```



Inline Tracing



Behind / Reverse Compose

(the "missing combinator")

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Monadic: f \circ g \omega \longleftrightarrow (f \omega) g \omega
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f+5°< A Predicate function f \underline{\circ} \neq \ 2 \ 7 \ 1 \ 8 \ 2 \ 8  A Filter by f 7 8 8  \lceil /\underline{\circ} = \ 2 \ 7 \ 1 \ 8 \ 2 \ 8 \ 3 \ A \ Max \ behind Equal 0 0 0 1 0 1 0
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The Longer Perspective





APL Source Code as Text

- Foundation for much modern tooling
- Link 4.1 with v20.0 is "mature"
- v21.0 interpreter to load text source w/out Link
 - Create foundation for loading modules or libraries
- Link will be enhanced & maintained
 - To support features required by applications that started out with binary code structures



□IMPORT and :Insert

```
myns.apln

:Namespace myns

:Insert part1
:Insert part2

calc←{foo goo hoo ω}

:EndNamespace
```

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myns←□IMPORT 'myns.apln'
myns.foo
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```

NB This syntax is not confirmed!

APL Libraries

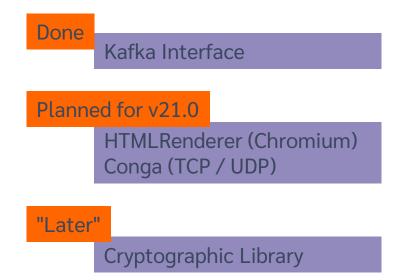
- Work on the package manager for APL (Tatin)
- Command-line interface to install packages
- Language support for loading modules will simplify implementation of Tatin
- Write more packages
 - Statistics libraries
 - General utilities
 - Other stuff



Open-Source Interfaces

We cannot open-source the language engine

- Most tools written in APL are free & open
 - And destined for the Package Manager
- We will now open-source some C code
- This will allow
 - Community Contribution
 - Inspection & Verification
 - Easier compliance with open-source licencing





Async / Parallel





Parallel / Async Operator |

- Implement a primitive operator || which can invoke functions asynchronously
 - A future is immediately returned (as with isolates today)
 - The interpreter will block automatically if the value is used and has not materialised.
- Multiple architectures will be supported simultaneously
 - Isolates (remote processes w/TCP sockets)
 - "Green threads" (as the existing & operator)
 - Multiple interpreters running on separate O/S threads within the same process



Compilation

- The || operator will support parallelism using multiple interpreters
- Effective use of GPUs requires a compiler
- Enter co-dfns
- Or is it cod-fns?





Static Analysis of APL Code

- Static Analysis of application code is seen as a required "best practice" by many corporations
- We are building a prototype of a tool which will
 - Detect vulnerabilities and other bad practices
 - "Lint" APL Code
- This tool will initially be licensed separately
 - A free "community edition" may follow later
- Will be tested by first two clients at the end of this year



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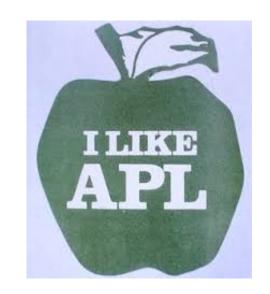


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- Mark Wolfson will talk about how they can be used to add functionality to APL systems
- Stefan Kruger is up next to talk about his journey, investigating the potential of current LLMs to help us develop APL code

Data Science

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- Today, Python has more, better libraries
- We are building a team to understand
 - Where the opportunities are for APL
 - How to make ourselves more visible
 - Where we need to improve to be competitive
 - How to share tools & data with Python



Data Science Findings

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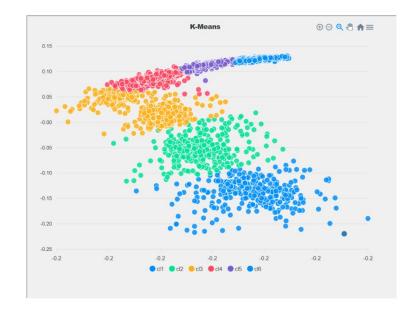
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- Arrow & Parquet Data Formats
- Python Integration
 - Use Python packages from APL
 - Use APL as a package from Python





About the APL Forge

Previous Winners

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SUBMIT YOUR PROJECT

Shaping tomorrow with APL

Forge your ideas into prize-winning APL tools

Do you have a problem and are looking for the right language in which to solve it? Do you have an idea for a library that you think other APL users might benefit from? Do you have an APL-based application that you want to share? The APL Forge is where we reward you for using Dyalog APL to solve problems and develop libraries, applications, and tools.

An APL Competition

The APL Forge

This annual event is designed to promote the use and development of APL by challenging participants to create innovative open-source libraries and commercial applications. Whether you're an individual, a group, or a company, if you have a passion for problem-solving in APL, this competition is for you.



APLForge Winners



2024 Holden Hoover Radar Ingest System



2025 Borna Ahmadzadeh APLearn – Machine Learning

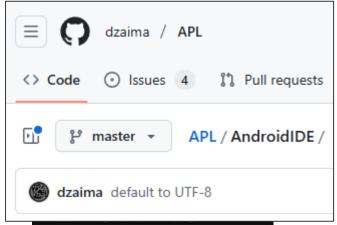
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- "dzaima" is a former
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- Suddenly one day ...

```
REPL RIDE
   lversion
         Linux 6.13.7 #1 SMP PRE
 Link
         4.0.17
 SALT
         2.915
 UCMD
         2.6
 .NET
          .NET 8.0.8
         19.0
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         (unavailable)
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Building the Team

- Recruit in good time
 - New recruits provide much-needed inspiration to go after new business
 - But need to learn from the experienced crew
- Offer Consulting & Training
 - Stay in close contact with existing users
 - Help new users build modern APL systems



Recent Hires



Asher
APL+C
UK Oct 25
(Intern in 23 & 24)



Brandon APL Japan Jan 25



Martina APL+C Denmark Aug 24



Andrea CEO Assist. Denmark Oct 24



Neil JS+APL Germany Sep 24

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A big THANK YOU to ...

- Mike Mingard provided invaluable help with the images.
- A ton of Admin work behind the scenes by Karen Shaw and Jada Andrade









Behind and on the scene: Brian Becker



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