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The Design and Verification Conference & Exhibition Europe (DVCon Europe), which is sponsored by the Accellera Systems Initiative, has announced its keynote speakers for this year’s event.



Amanda Brock, CEO of OpenUK, and one of the keynote speakers at this year’s DVCon Europe

To be held on October 14th and 15th at the Holiday Inn Munich the speakers include Ralph Schleifer, Head of Virtual ECUs and Simulation at CARIAD and Amanda Brock, CEO of OpenUK.

Amanda Brock’s keynote is entitled; ‘We didn’t start the fire...open source software in 2025’, and aims to guide the audience through a refresher on the meaning of open source software to build a base understanding of the shift seen in digital infrastructure over the last 10 years, where the pace of adoption of open source has not been met by the pace of understanding.

Brocks said that her talk will look to ‘peel back’ the layers of digitalisation, revealing the underbelly of the tech sector to show what makes tech “tick today”.

From geopolitics to tariffs and calls for sovereignty, she will look at how to build a deeper understanding of policy in a technical context. Embracing software infrastructure, deep tech and AI, she’ll talk through the technical and social evolution of the last 30 years, and how it has been driven by a world of open source and global collaboration.

In Ralph Schleifer’s presentation; ‘Driving Forward: The Evolution of Virtual Development in the Automotive Industry’, he will explore the transformation driven by virtual development within the automotive industry.

Schleifer will address the challenges faced and the lessons learned and through a detailed analysis, he will highlight advances, including innovation in simulation technologies, digital twins, and virtual testing environments.

“Our keynotes this year will be fascinating,” said Mark Burton, general chair of DVCon Europe. “We have two very different and very strong speakers who have important things to say about automotive, open source and the whole tech industry. They really are not to be missed.”

Ralph Schleifer heads the Virtual ECUs and Simulation Group at CARIAD. Before joining the automotive industry in 2015, he was active in different fields of mobile communication at Ericsson in SW development, speech processing research, system engineering, DSP sub systems and virtual prototypes. Scheifler holds a M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering and has established virtual development methodology on different abstraction levels along the automotive supply chain first within Audi and now at CARIAD. He has been active in various areas of virtual development for more than 15 years.

Amanda Brock has built OpenUK into one of open source’s most recognised and impactful organisations. A lawyer with 25 years’ experience, five as general counsel of Canonical, she has been instrumental in shaping open source’s legal frameworks, echoing her earlier work with internet



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law during the early 2000's. She holds a wide variety of Advisory Board appointments with, for example, the UK Cabinet Office Open Standards Board and the UKRI Digital Research Infrastructure.

The Design and Verification Conference & Exhibition in Europe (DVCon Europe) is the leading European event covering the application of languages, tools and intellectual property for the design and verification of electronic systems and integrated circuits.

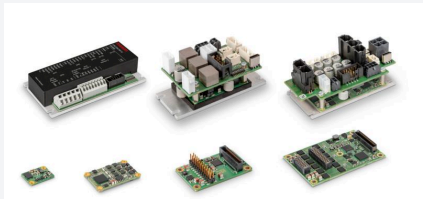
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