



### **English**

Professor **Günter Koch** (born in 1947) from time to time is guest professor at Technical Universities especially in Austria, also at the “Danube University”, permanent Adj. Professor in Informatics at the IICM-Institute of the Technical University of Graz, as well as consultant to governments, banks, industries, in specific software dependant industries. He is also active as a member of the Board of the Association of the Austrian Software Industry (VÖSI). Professor Koch unites several and even divergent qualifications in his person: entrepreneur, manager and scientist. His last appointment as a manager of a big R&D organisation was in 1998 as the CEO of the Austrian Research Centers (ARC), Seibersdorf, today Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT), Austria’s largest applied research organisation, employing some 1200 people in many different disciplines, including material sciences, life sciences, information technologies, system research, medical technology, energy and environment etc.

His first appointment in Austria was in the early 90ies, when he was invited to become a guest professor at the computer science faculty at Graz Technical University. During this period he was also a member of the university board of the Sévenan branch of the French University of Compiègne. From 1993 to 1997 he was the General Director of the European Software Institute (ESI) in Bilbao, Spain, at its time a prominent foundation set up by the European industry and the European Commission, which much later served as one model case for the European Institute of Technology (EIT) with its head office in Budapest. In 1997 he joined SUN Microsystems in their Geneva offices as a chief consultant in Software Engineering.

After having been assistant professor at Karlsruhe University’s computer science faculty until 1981 he became the founder managing director of a systems company specializing first in medical informatics in 1981, and later in automation and in software technology. From 1991 to 1993 he served the German GIZ (Society for International Cooperation) as a consultant with the mission to identify the qualification of Indian software companies as potential suppliers for the German industry.

Günter Koch lives in Vienna and works (part time) as General Secretary of ‘The New Club of Paris’. Until 2012 he was a member of the Board of the Fraunhofer Institute FIRST in Berlin, and he is affiliated with the Vienna-based Knowledge Management Associates/ Academy / Association (KM-A ) and its cooperation partner. [www.execupery.com](http://www.execupery.com).

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