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Peter Toft is a project manager in the Automated Infrastructure Laboratory, based at HP Labs in Bristol. He is responsible for leading ALL's work in the development of the Service Utility Platform, which will be one of the underlying technologies in a future dynamic cloud computing system.

Previously, he was project manager for HP Labs' activities around the SE3D animation showcase. Through the HP Labs experimental Utility Rendering Service, SE3D offered 12 small animation companies access to the same levels of flexible computer power as major animation houses such as DreamWorks. This enabled the animators to create their own short animated feature films, many of which went on to win awards.

Toft joined HP in 1986 and has worked in software product development, software research and management consulting. His consulting activities, mostly within HP and then Agilent, focused on research and development strategy and management; software-firmware engineering approaches; and project-programme management. He has a number of technical publications to his name.

He was awarded degrees in physics from Oxford University and information engineering from Bristol University.

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