Thomas Erl Biography

Thomas Erl is a best-selling IT author and founder of Arcitura™ Education Inc. Thomas has been the world's top-selling service technology author for over seven years and is the series editor of the Prentice Hall Service Technology Series from Thomas Erl (www.servicetechbooks.com). With more than 300,000 copies in print worldwide, his books have become international bestsellers and have been formally endorsed by senior members of major IT organizations, such as IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, Intel, Accenture, IEEE, HL7, MITRE, SAP, CISCO, HP, and many others.

Several of his books, including *Cloud Computing Design Patterns, Cloud Computing: Concepts, Technology & Architecture*, *SOA Design Patterns*, *SOA Principles of Service Design*, and *SOA Governance*, were authored in collaboration with the IT community and have contributed to the definition of cloud computing technology mechanisms, the service-oriented architectural model and service-orientation as a distinct paradigm. His more recent title, *Service-Oriented Architecture: Analysis & Design for Services and Microservices*, formally positions and introduces new patterns for the Microservice architectural model as part of SOA.

As CEO of Arcitura™ Education Inc. and in cooperation with SOA School, Cloud School and Big Data Science School, Thomas has led the development of curricula for the internationally recognized SOA Certified Professional (SOACP), Cloud Certified Professional (CCP) and Big Data Science Certified Professional (BDSCP) accreditation programs, which have established a series of formal, vendor-neutral industry certifications obtained by thousands of IT professionals around the world.

Thomas is the founding member of the SOA Manifesto Working Group and author of the Annotated SOA Manifesto (www.soa-manifesto.com). For 10 years, he was the editor of The Service Technology Magazine, and he further oversees the SOAPatterns.org, CloudPatterns.org and BigDataPatterns.org initiatives, which are dedicated to the on-going development of master pattern catalogs for service-oriented architecture, cloud computing and Big Data.

Thomas has toured more than 20 countries as a speaker and instructor, and regularly participates in international conferences. More than 100 articles and interviews by Thomas have been published in numerous publications, including *The Wall Street Journal* and *CIO Magazine*.