

Curriculum Vitae of **Michael Barr**

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Summary

Adjunct professor of computer engineering with degrees in electrical engineering and over a decade of hands-on software design and programming experience. Author of three books and more than sixty articles. Recognized internationally as an expert in the field of embedded software process and architecture. Admitted as a testifying expert witness in U.S. and Canadian court cases involving a range of issues from patent infringement (as well as patent validity and re-examination); software quality and product liability; theft of copyrighted source code (and trade secrets issues), computer security and interception of encrypted signals (particularly piracy of satellite TV), and reverse engineering (i.e., Digital Millennium Copyright Act).

- *Programming Languages:* C, C++, Java, Visual Basic, assembly (various)
- *Processor Families:* Microchip PIC, Intel 80x86, Motorola 68k, PowerPC, Atmel AVR, and others
- *Operating Systems:* MicroC/OS, VxWorks, RTOSes generally; DOS and Windows; Linux/Unix
- *Communication Protocols:* RS-232, I²C, SPI, TCP/IP, UDP/IP, ARP/RARP, CEBus, ISDN
- *Application Domains:* Set-Top Boxes, Medical Devices, and Satellite Communications; Debug Technology

Present Activities

Netrino, *President/Chief Technical Officer*, Jan 1999 - present

Expert witness with testifying experience in patent infringement and patent reexamination, source code copyright infringement, satellite television piracy, software quality/reliability, and other issues

Creator of professional training curriculum and courses for embedded software developers, including [Embedded Software Boot Camp](#)[®] and [Embedded Software Training in a Box](#)[™]

Performed engineering design, consulting, and training services for clients in industries ranging from consumer electronics to medical products

Executive management for an engineering services firm specializing in the design and development of custom embedded computers; clients range from small startups to Fortune 100 firms

Responsible for setting corporate strategy, overseeing marketing strategy and business development, and managing revenue and profit growth; the company has been profitable in each year of operation

Embedded Systems Design, *Technical Editor/Editor-in-Chief/Contributing Editor*, Feb 1999 - present

Technical consultant to the editor-in-chief of this monthly journal with over 50,000 subscribers

For three and a half years, served as editor-in-chief, supervising editorial staff members and working with authors and columnists to refine their technical content to fit subscriber needs

Embedded Systems Conference, *Advisory Board Member/Track Chair/Conference Chair*, Jan 2001 – present

Provide industry viewpoint and observations on emerging and ongoing trends in the marketplace

Suggest possible new course and panel topics and speakers for future events

Past Experiences

Johns Hopkins University, *Adjunct Faculty*, Winter Session 2012

Taught embedded software architecture to undergraduate students in computer science and related fields

University of Maryland, *Adjunct Faculty*, Sep 2000 – Dec 2002

Taught operating systems design to graduate and undergraduate students in computer engineering

Designed and supervised independent study projects related to real-time embedded software development

PropHead Development, *Software Architect*, Oct 1998 – Jan 1999

Defined the embedded software architecture and detailed design for a satellite TV set-top box joint venture between America Online and Hughes Network Systems

TSI TelSys, *Principal Software Engineer*, Jun 1997 – Sep 1998

Wrote software in Java to convert any valid Java program into a synthesizable Verilog hardware design

Developed Solaris and Windows NT device drivers for a PCI-based reconfigurable coprocessor card

Led the effort to produce a development and prototyping platform for microSPARC-IIep processor users

Designed and implemented a set of development tools for designers of applications based on reconfigurable computing technology; wrote InstallShield application to distribute it to computers running Windows

Hughes Network Systems, *Software Engineer*, Jun 1994 – May 1997

Developed a Windows NT device driver for a high-speed I/O device on a PCI card

Successfully led a short-term, three-person project to resolve a software problem that had been plaguing internally developed test equipment for more than six-months

Coordinated with engineers at Hitachi in Japan to design the middleware interface between home consumer electronics over a CEBus network and implemented the same for a high-volume satellite TV set-top box

Developed an implementation of the UDP/IP protocol stack that included BOOTP, TFTP, and ARP client software, requiring just 8-kilobytes of memory—a ten-fold decrease over the commercial alternative

Ported the VRTX and VxWorks board support packages to multiple custom hardware platforms

Affiliations

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineering, *Member*

Patents

Issued

Perret, Joseph and Michael Barr. *Method of Calibrating a Brake System for Stationary Equipment and Apparatus for Doing the Same*. U.S. Patent No. 6,976,562

Zeidman, Robert, Daniel Hafeman, and Michael Barr. *Method and Apparatus for Synthesizing a Hardware System from a Software Description*. U.S. Patent No. 7,210,116

Zeidman, Robert, Michael Barr, and Daniel Hafeman. *Method and Apparatus for Selecting a Hardware Representation from a Software Description*. U.S. Patent No. 7,945,879

Degrees

Management

Master of Business Administration. *University of Maryland*, Dec 2006

Engineering

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. *University of Maryland*, May 1997

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. *University of Maryland*, May 1994

Publications

Books

Barr, Michael. [Programming Embedded Systems in C and C++](#). O'Reilly & Associates, 1999.

Ganssle, Jack and Michael Barr. [Embedded Systems Dictionary](#). CMP Books, 2003.

Barr, Michael and Anthony Massa. [Programming Embedded Systems with C and GNU Development Tools](#). O'Reilly & Associates, 2006.

Barr, Michael. [Embedded C Coding Standard](#). Netrino, 2009.

Articles and Papers

- Barr, Michael and Brian Frank. "Java: Too Much for Your System?," *Embedded Systems Programming*, May 1997.
- Barr, Michael. "Controlling Run-Time Reconfigurable Hardware Designs with Java," DesignCon, Jan 1998.
- Barr, Michael and Jason Steinhorn. "Kaffe, Anyone? Implementing a Java Virtual Machine," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Feb 1998.
- Barr, Michael. "A Reconfigurable Computing Primer," *Multimedia Systems Design*, Sep 1998.
- Barr, Michael. "A Free Java Virtual Machine for Embedded Systems," Embedded Systems Conference, Nov 1998.
- Barr, Michael. "Choosing a Compiler: The Little Things," *Embedded Systems Programming*, May 1999.
- Barr, Michael. "Programmable Logic: What's it to Ya?," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jun 1999.
- Barr, Michael. "Architecting Embedded Systems for Add-on Software," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Sep 1999.
- Barr, Michael. "IrDA and Bluetooth," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Oct 1999.
- Barr, Michael. "Checksums," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Nov 1999.
- Barr, Michael. "Cyclic Redundancy Codes, Part 1," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Dec 1999.
- Barr, Michael. "Cyclic Redundancy Codes, Part 2," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jan 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "Virtual Serial Ports," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Feb 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "Language Lessons," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Mar 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "TCP/IP or Not TCP/IP?," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Apr 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "Calibration," *Embedded Systems Programming*, May 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "MAC Daddy," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jun 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "Address Resolution Protocol," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jul 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "Software-Based Memory Testing," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jul 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "Internet Working," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Sep 2000.
- Barr, Michael. "Introduction to Memory Types," *Embedded Systems Programming*, May 2001.
- Barr, Michael. "K Virtual Machine," Embedded Systems Conference, Jul 2001.
- Barr, Michael. "Java Technology Overview," Embedded Systems Conference, Sep 2001.

- Barr, Michael. "Introduction to Pulse Width Modulation," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Sep 2001.
- Barr, Michael. "Introduction to Watchdog Timers," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Oct 2001.
- Brown, Chris and Michael Barr. "Introduction to Endianness," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jan 2002.
- Barr, Michael. "Embedded Programming 101," Embedded Systems Conference, Mar 2002.
- Barr, Michael. "Java 2 Micro Edition," Embedded Systems Conference, Mar 2002.
- Barr, Michael. "Preparing Your System for Java," Embedded Systems Conference, Mar 2002.
- Stewart, David and Michael Barr. "Introduction to Rate Monotonic Scheduling," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Mar 2002.
- Kalinsky, David and Michael Barr. "Introduction to Priority Inversion," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Apr 2002.
- Barr, Michael. "Toward a Smaller Java," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jun 2002.
- Beal, David and Michael Barr. "Embedded Linux and the Law," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Aug 2002.
- Barr, Michael. "Introduction to Closed-Loop Control," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Aug 2002.
- Ball, Stuart and Michael Barr. "Introduction to Counter/Timer Hardware," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Sep 2002.
- Wagner, Brian and Michael Barr. "Introduction to Digital Filters," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Dec 2002.
- Barr, Michael. "Choosing a Real-Time Operating System," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Jan 2003.
- Berger, Arnold and Michael Barr. "Introduction to On-Chip Debug," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Mar 2003.
- Labrosse, Jean and Michael Barr. "Introduction to Preemptive Multitasking," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Apr 2003.
- Ball, Stuart and Michael Barr. "Introduction to Timer-Based Measurement," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Aug 2003.
- Barr, Michael. "Fixed-Width Integers in C, C++, and C99," *Embedded Systems Programming*, Feb 2004.
- Barr, Michael. "Multitasking Alternatives and the Perils of Preemption," *Embedded.com*, Sep 2006.
- Barr, Michael. "Don't Believe Everything You Hear About RTOSes," *Embedded.com*, Oct 2008.
- Barr, Michael. "Bug-Killing Standards for Firmware Coding," *Embedded Systems Design*, Apr 2009.
- Samek, Miro and Michael Barr. "Event-Driven Programming," Embedded Systems Conference, Apr 2009.
- Barr, Michael. "Embedded C Coding Standards," Embedded Systems Conference, Apr 2009.

- Barr, Michael. "How to Assign Priorities to RTOS Tasks (and Why It Matters)," *Embedded Systems Conference*, Apr 2009.
- Barr, Michael. "More Bug-Killing Standards for Firmware Coding," *Embedded Systems Design*, May 2009.
- Wilk, Michael and Michael Barr. "A Framework for Safe Motion Control Firmware," *RTC Magazine*, Jun 2009.
- Barr, Michael. "Real Men Program in C," *Embedded Systems Design*, Jul/Aug 2009.
- Barr, Michael. "Faulty Code Will Lead to an Era of Firmware-Related Litigation," *Electronic Design*, Jan 2010.
- Barr, Michael. "Firmware Architecture in Five Easy Steps," *Embedded Systems Design*, Sep 2009.
- Barr, Michael. "The Lawyers are Coming," *Embedded Systems Design*, Dec 2009.
- Barr, Michael. "Embedded Systems Programmers Worldwide Earn Failing Grades in C," *Embedded Systems Design*, Jan 2010.
- Barr, Michael. "Five Top Causes of Nasty Embedded Software Bugs," *Embedded Systems Design*, Apr 2010.
- Barr, Michael. "Three Things Every Programmer Should Know About RMA," *Embedded Systems Design*, Sep 2010.
- Barr, Michael. "Five More Top Causes of Nasty Embedded Software Bugs," *Embedded Systems Design*, Nov 2010.
- Barr, Michael. "Catching Copy Cats: Emerging Tools Can Detect Source Code Thievery," *Law Technology News*, Nov 2010.
- Barr, Michael. "Embedded Software Drives Economic Growth," *Electronic Design*, Dec 2010.
- Barr, Michael. "Social Networking for Engineers," *Embedded Systems Design*, Feb 2011.
- Barr, Michael. "Unintended Acceleration and Other Embedded Software Bugs," *Embedded Systems Design*, Apr 2011.
- Barr, Michael. "What Belongs in a Header File," *Embedded Systems Design*, May 2011.
- Barr, Michael. "How to Enforce Coding Standards Automatically," *Embedded Systems Design*, Jul 2011.
- Barr, Michael. "Five Dangerous Coding Standard Rules," *Embedded Systems Design*, Sep 2011.
- Barr, Michael. "Firmware Forensics: Best Practices in Embedded Software Source Code Discovery," *Digital Evidence and Electronic Signature Law Review*, Volume 8 : 2011.
- Barr, Michael. "Best Practices in Embedded Software Source Code Discovery," *Embedded Systems Design*, Nov 2011.

Blog

Barr Code. Archive available at <http://www.embeddedgurus.com/barr-code/>. Mar 2001 – present

Expert Witness Engagements

Testimony at Jury Trial

DirecTV v. Frye, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for South Carolina*, 22 Jan 2004

DirecTV v. Crespin (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Colorado*, 28 Jun 2004

DirecTV v. Medina (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for South Carolina*, 26 Jul 2004

DirecTV v. Murray, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for South Carolina*, 11 Aug 2004

Testimony at Bench Trial

DirecTV v. Escalona (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Southern Florida*, 2 Feb 2004

DirecTV v. Craft (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Northern Florida*, 6 Apr 2004

DirecTV v. Schaffer (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Southern Alabama*, 17 Jun 2004

DirecTV v. Walsh (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Middle Pennsylvania*, 30 Aug 2004

DirecTV v. Taylor (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Western Tennessee*, 29 Sep 2004

DirecTV v. Norris (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Southern West Virginia*, 25 Jan 2005

DirecTV v. Toler (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Southern West Virginia*, 25 Jan 2005

DirecTV v. Farley (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Southern West Virginia*, 15 Feb 2005

DirecTV v. Karpinsky (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Eastern Michigan*, 25 Apr 2005

Videotron, et.al. v. Bell ExpressVu (security of satellite TV), *Quebec Superior Court*, 8-9, 13 Dec 2011

Testimony at Evidentiary Hearing

DirecTV v. Andino, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Central Florida*, 27 Oct 2003

DirecTV v. Nguyen (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Central Florida*, 7 Nov 2003

DirecTV v. Iwan (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Central Florida*, 7 Nov 2003

DirecTV v. Emfinger (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Central Florida*, 7 Nov 2003

DirecTV v. Cabral (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for New Mexico*, 30 Apr 2004

DirecTV v. Koubicek, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Western Louisiana*, 22 Jun 2004

DirecTV v. Fayard, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Middle Louisiana*, 1 Dec 2004

Testimony at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Patent No. 6,321,331 (ex-parte re-exam interview), *U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*, 7 Sep 2011

Testimony at Deposition

DirecTV v. Laroe, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Colorado*, 13 Feb 2004

DirecTV v. Denton, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Northern Georgia*, 26 May 2004

DirecTV v. Stoner, et. al. (satellite TV piracy), *U.S. District Court for Eastern North Carolina*, 27 May 2004

EchoStar v. NDS Group (security of satellite TV), *U.S. District Court for Southern Central California*, 13 Sep 2007

EchoStar v. NDS Group (security of satellite TV), *U.S. District Court for Southern Central California*, 1 May 2008

Baxter Healthcare v. Fresenius (software quality), *U.S. District Court for Northern California*, 1 Jul 2009

Motorola Mobility v. Microsoft (patent infringement), *U.S. District Court for Southern Florida*, 18 Jul 2011

Trial Pending

CCP Systems v. Samsung Electronics (patent/software copyright), *U.S. District Court for New Jersey*

Motorola v. Lemko, Huawei, et. al. (software copyright/trade secrets), *U.S. District Court for Northern Illinois*

Toyota Unwanted Acceleration Federal MDL 2151, *U.S. District Court for Southern Central California*

U.S. Patent No. 5,751,736 (ex-parte re-exam interview), *U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*

Settled Prior to Testimony

Bally Gaming v. IGT (patent infringement), *U.S. District Court for Nevada*

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency vs. Davin Omeir (satellite TV piracy), *Canadian Federal Court in Ottawa*

DirecTV v. Roggero (DMCA), *U.S. District Court for Eastern Michigan*

DirecTV v. SDLogic, et. al. (DMCA), *U.S. District Court for Central California*

EchoStar v. Freetech (satellite TV security), *U.S. District Court for Northern California*

EchoStar, et. al. v. nFusion, et. al. (satellite TV security), *U.S. District Court for Central California*

Eutronix vs. Texas Embedded Solutions (contract dispute), et. al., *Louisiana State District Court*

Manard, et.al. v. Knology (class action), *U.S. District Court for Middle Georgia*