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Multimedia Seminar at University of Washington

Yongmin Kim, a professor at UW, will give a three-day course titled *Multimedia Algorithms, Chips and Systems* on September 23-25. The agenda covers current activities and core technologies for multimedia systems, including video standards such as NTSC and PAL, color processing and conversion, image analysis, and OCR. The course provides an in-depth discussion of video compression standards such as MPEG and JPEG and spends a half-day on signal compression and image analysis chips from leading IC manufacturers. It is intended for people with technical backgrounds.

The course will be held at the UW campus in Seattle. The registration fee is \$995. Contact UW Engineering Continuing Education at 206/543-5539; fax 206/543-2352.

Multimedia Conference in San Jose

For more information on multimedia, join the fifth annual *MultiMedia Expo* on October 18-20. Several leading corporations will present their latest multimedia technology, including IBM, Intel, Sony, and Apple. Seminars cover uses for multimedia systems and feature a variety of industry panelists. A set of workshops gives a more detailed look at the design and marketing of multimedia systems. The exhibit area will be open Monday and Tuesday.

The Expo will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Early registration is \$495 for all events, or \$385 for just seminars and exhibits. A one-day ticket is \$230. Exhibit-only registration is just \$10. All prices go up on October 5. Contact American Exhibitions, 110 Greene St. #703, New York, NY 10012; 212/226-4141.

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