

Preface

It is recognized that there is a rapidly increasing awareness of the need for quantum computing applications, and there is a great desire to produce quality quantum software in a controlled manner. However, this is ineffective unless research and practitioners come to understand how software engineering can help. As the Talavera Manifesto for Quantum Software Engineering and Programming stated, Quantum Software Engineering (QSE) is a necessary contribution to the success of quantum computing. IEEE defines Software Engineering as the application of a systematic, disciplined, quantifiable approach to the development, operation, and maintenance of software, as well as the study of these approaches; that is, the application of engineering to software. It is time to take care of producing quantum software by applying knowledge and lessons learned from the software engineering field. This implies to apply or adapt the existing software engineering processes, methods, techniques, practices, and principles for the development of quantum software, or even to create new methods and techniques.

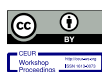
To address that challenge, 2nd Quantum Software Engineering and Technology Workshop (Q-SET) has been organized. Q-SET is promoted by aQuantum, a research unit that groups Alarcos Research group at University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM) and Alhambra IT company.

Q-SET was conducted October 19, 2021, since it was co-located with IEEE International Conference on Quantum Computing and Engineering (IEEE Quantum Week). It was conducted in virtual mode because of pandemic.

The second edition of Q-SET had 10 speakers plus a keynote by Dr. Juan Manuel Murillo, Professor of Advanced Software Engineering Techniques at the University of Extremadura. Thus, Q-SET proceedings consists of 10 papers, in which researchers and practitioners in Q-SET discussed main challenges of quantum software engineering as well as methods and techniques to address those challenges.

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