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Richard Anderson is a Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Washington. He graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics from Reed College in 1981, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Stanford University in 1985. He joined the University of Washington in 1986, after a one-year Postdoc at the Mathematical Science Research Institute in Berkeley, CA. In 1987 he received an NSF Presidential Young Investigator award. He spent the 2001-2002 academic year as a visiting researcher in the Learning Sciences and Technology group at Microsoft Research. While at Microsoft, he led the development of Classroom Presenter, a tool for delivering presentations from the TabletPC. Presenter is built on top of Microsoft Research ConferenceXP Project which explores how to make wireless classrooms, collaboration, and distance learning a compelling, rich experience

Anderson's main research interests are in Educational Technology and Computer Science Education. He is particularly interested in using technology to improve the classroom environment, and in educational applications of the Tablet PC. Previously, he has worked in the theory and implementation of algorithms, including parallel algorithms, computational geometry, and scientific applications. He was a founder of the department's Professional Master's Program and led the effort to export the department's introductory programming courses using Tutored Video Instruction.