## **SESSION ABSTRACT**

## E61 OTMA API: An Alternative Access to IMS from S/390 Jack Yuan

IMS OTMA Callable Interface provides a high-level interface for access to IMS applications from other OS/390 subsystems. The interface consists of 10 API calls which can be used to connect to IMS, to send messages to IMS, to receive reply from IMS, and to end the connection with IMS. With this easy-to-use interface, the invoker of the APIs can submit a transaction or command to IMS from within the OS/390 environment without the necessity of understanding the technical details of MVS Cross Coupling Facility (XCF) or the IMS OTMA. Unsolicited messages from IMS can also be supported by using the API.

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