



Editorial Message: Special Track on Internet Data Management

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The Internet is gradually turning into a public “utility” in people’s daily life, and the Web has served as a catalyst in this process. With an increasing number of emerging applications and architectures on the Internet, such as sensor data acquisition, peer-to-peer data sharing, and grid computing, it is essential to revitalize and enrich the Internet data management arena. For this reason, ACM SAC included a special Track on Internet Data Management this year for the first time.

This Track aims to examine the state of the art in Internet data management, focusing on emerging applications in addition to traditional web data management. The underlying theme of the Track is in building systems that are easy to use and are scalable. These usability/scalability issues will be considered in many dimensions: manageability, heterogeneity, performance, reliability, device capabilities, user behaviors, and data characteristics.

Topics of interest for the Track included: web data integration, semi-structured data management, data routing / information filtering, data management for web services, querying the hidden web, continuous/streaming web queries, data-intensive internet applications, query processing over sensor networks, web caching and replication for dynamic data, data management using peer-to-peer architectures, data management for the grid, data management for the wireless/mobile web, and web data quality.

As a response to the Call for Papers, the IDM Track received 23 submissions from 12 different countries (see table below for the breakdown). After a rigorous review process, where each paper was reviewed by at least three PC members or external reviewers, we decided to accept eight papers as full papers (a 34.78% acceptance rate) and one additional paper as a poster paper (which is published in the proceedings as an extended abstract). The accepted papers deal with a plethora of interesting topics, such as web caching, publish-subscribe systems, information extraction from web sources, XML data streaming, text mining, and personalization.

Country	Australia	Brazil	China	France	Germany	Greece	Italy	Japan	Singapore	Taiwan	UK	USA	Total
Submitted Papers	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	23
Accepted Papers	1	1	1		2	2	1			1		9	

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