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Call for Papers

Special Issue PERVASIVE AND CONTEXT AWARE DECISION TECHNOLOGIES

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Aims and scope of this special issue

In the new era of pervasive computing the trend is towards achieving two goals: the availability of applications and information anywhere and anytime and the invisibility of computing; computing modules are hidden in multimedia information appliances. Pervasive applications are often made of collaborative parts spread over network components like computing devices, sensors, recognition or decision modules and actuators. Furthermore, pervasive applications are characterized by adaptation of their functionality subject to their current environment. Such environment may refer to the physical location, orientation or a user profile. Context awareness similarly refers to the ability of systems to react based on their environment. Devices and computer-based systems may have information about the circumstances under which they are able to operate and based on rules, or an intelligent stimulus, react accordingly. Context aware devices may also try to make assumptions about the user's current situation and define context as any information that can be used to characterize the situation of entities. Intelligent decision support modules are considered essential in such pervasive and context aware system, since many decisions are to be made without any user interaction.

The general focus of this special issue is to provide insights on how intelligent decision technologies can be implemented in real world pervasive applications; papers describing advanced prototypes, systems, tools and techniques and general survey papers indicating future directions are also encouraged. Acceptance will be based on quality, originality and the practical value of the work. Authors of submissions should carefully explain how the work and results presented contribute to facilitating and promoting the intelligence of pervasive and context aware systems.

Main topics

This special issue will focus on research work on the design, development, evaluation, and use of emerging intelligent decision technologies for pervasive and context aware systems. Contributions are solicited in, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Tools, infrastructures, architectures and techniques for designing, implementing and deploying decision technologies for pervasive and context aware systems
- Intelligent data fusion and decision technologies

- Planning and scheduling for pervasive and context aware systems
- Data mining and information retrieval for pervasive and context aware systems
- Distributed decision systems and architectures
- Reasoning systems and machine learning for pervasive and context aware systems
- Sensor data stream fusion, feature extraction and pattern analysis
- Affective computing, Sensing of affect, emotion and cognitive state
- Behavior-driven assistance and Affect-aware interfaces
- Intelligent decision technologies for pervasive health applications
- Data modeling, ontologies and information management for pervasive and context aware systems
- Usability and methodologies for assessing the utility, intelligence and user satisfaction of context aware applications

Important dates

Submission deadline: December 31, 2011

Deadline for the completion of reviews and selection of papers: March 31, 2012 Deadline for the submission of modified papers (according to reviews): June 30, 2012

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