XML has evolved as the new standard for the representation and exchange of both structured and semistructured data. XML’s ability to succinctly describe complex information can also be used for specifying application meta-data. XML’s popularity is evident from its use in a wide spectrum of application domains: from document publication, to computational chemistry, health care and life sciences, multimedia, and e-commerce. Increasing popularity of Web-based business and the emergence of Web services that use XML-based descriptions in WSDL and exchange XML messages with SOAP have led to further acceptance of XML.

The purpose of this 3rd XML Data and Schema Management Workshop (organized in conjunction with 22nd International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE)) was to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences among the theoreticians and practitioners who are involved in design, management, and implementation of XML data management systems.

In this 3rd year of the workshop, we have accepted 10 papers presented in three sessions; XML Schema Management, Querying XML Data, and XML Document Management and Parsers. We thank all the authors who contributed to the workshop. We thank the Program Committee members of this workshop who selected such quality papers and made an excellent program. We would like to thank all the members of the ICDE committee for their support and help. Finally, we would like to thank the local organizing committee for wonderful arrangements and all the participants for attending this workshop and stimulating the technical discussions. We hope that all participants enjoyed the workshops and local sightseeing.

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