Welcome

Welcome to the workshops held in conjunction with the 2002 Symposium on Applications and the Internet (SAINT-2002) at Nara City, Nara, Japan. In light of explosive and diverse growth of the Internet and applications over the past several years, workshops with different themes tend to provide most desirable and effective forums for researchers and practitioners to meet, discuss technology trends and research results, and exchange ideas and experience on emerging topics most related to them. Four workshops are selected for inclusion, and they deal with diverse topics of growing importance.

- Linux and Internet Appliances
- Applications that Support the Dissemination of Information and Collaboration within Large Communities
- Measurement Technology for Internet Applications
- Web Services Engineering

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