Chairs' Message


The Internet has revolutionized the way commerce will be conducted in the future, whether it is business to consumer or business to business. Many issues still need to be solved before E-commerce can become truly pervasive and work seamlessly. The goal of the workshop is to bring together leading practitioners, developers and researchers to explore the challenging technical issues and find feasible solutions for advancing the current state of the art in E-commerce systems.

This year's program features a wide variety of papers focusing on cutting-edge topics. Past workshops have proven to be excellent catalysts for further research and collaboration, and I fully expect that this year's meeting will continue this trend. Our program this year features a wide variety of papers, focusing on topics ranging from e-service infrastructures to data management for the Internet to Web infrastructures.

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