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2008 Annual IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization

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This symposium is dedicated to the understanding and characterization of workloads that run on all types of computing systems. New applications and programming paradigms continue to emerge as the diversity and performance of computers increase. On the one hand, computing workloads evolve and change with advances in microarchitecture, compilers, programming languages, and networking/communication technologies. On the other hand, improvements in computing technology are usually based on a solid understanding and analysis of existing workloads. Whether they are PDAs, wireless and embedded systems at the low end or massively parallel systems at the high end, the design of future computing machines can be significantly improved if we understand the characteristics of the workloads that are expected to run on them.

We solicit papers in all areas related to characterization of computing system workloads. Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Characterization of applications in areas including
  - Search engines, e-commerce, web services, databases, file/application servers
  - Embedded, mobile, multimedia, real-time, 3D-Graphics, gaming, telepresence
  - Life sciences, bioinformatics, scientific computing
  - Security, reliability, biometrics
- Characterization of OS, Virtual Machine, middleware and library behavior
  - Virtual machines, Websphere, .NET, Java VM, databases
  - Graphics libraries, scientific libraries
- Characterization of system behavior, including
  - Operating system and hypervisor effects and overheads
  - Effects due to virtualization and dynamic optimization
  - Hardware accelerators (GPGPU, XML, crypto, etc)
  - Failures, availability, and reliability
  - User behavior and system-user interaction
  - Instrumentation methodologies for workload verification and characterization
  - Techniques for accurate analysis/measurement of production systems
- Implications of workloads in design issues, such as
  - Power management, reliability, security, performance
  - Processors, memory hierarchy, I/O, and networks
- Benchmark creation, analysis, and evaluation issues, including
  - Multithreaded benchmarks
  - Profiling, trace collection, synthetic traces
  - Validation of benchmarks
- Abstract modeling of program behavior
- Emerging and future workloads
  - Transactional memory workloads; workloads for multi/many-core systems
  - Stream-based computing workloads; web2.0/internet workloads

Special Feature: Benchmark Session

IISWC will include a special benchmark session. Authors are invited to submit C, C++, Java, or C# code and inputs to this code for possible inclusion in a benchmark set that IISWC is making available to researchers. A paper must also be submitted explaining the benchmark and its relevance to its user community. Papers accompanying selected benchmarks will be presented at a special session to be held during the conference. Details will be available at http://www.iiswc.org. Please contact the Benchmark Chair with any questions.

Important Dates

Abstracts Due: **March 7, 2008**
Paper Submission: **March 14, 2008**
Acceptance Notification: **May 24, 2008**

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