
FOREWORD

Special Section on New Challenge for Internet Technology and its Architecture

The character of the Internet has drastically changed from experimental networks for a small number of technical experts into a common infrastructure for people in the world. The importance of Internet technology will become further evident in a ubiquitous network era, when everything is equipped with network feature and high-speed network service is freely provided anytime, anywhere.

Conventional approaches for academic research on the Internet are strongly tied to Western reductionism and tend to narrow the scope of research into specific fields, and they sometimes fail to grasp the Internet as *architecture*. There are so many activities and technical developments that have occurred outside academic societies. It has passed six years since the Internet Architecture (IA) Technical Committee was established to improve such situation.

Based on these activities, this special section on “New Challenge for Internet Technology and its Architecture” is planned as the fifth one of the series on Internet Technology. For the call for the papers, 53 papers were submitted to the section, and 26 of them are from abroad. After careful review process the editorial committee accepts 17 papers for publication. The accepted papers include recent hot topics in various technical developments, and we believe that all of them are worthy of being called *new challenges*.

Finally the editorial committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to all authors for their valuable contributions and to all reviewers for their cooperation in completing the review process under the tight schedule.

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