Call for Papers

------- Special Section on Software Agent and its Applications -------

The IEICE Transactions on Information and Systems announces that it will publish a special section entitled "Special Section on Software Agent and its Applications" in December 2020.

Research and development of the agent technology has been actively conducted in broad fields such as information processing, autonomous and cooperative problem solving, and information retrieval/integration on the web. JAWS (Joint Agent Workshops and Symposium) has provided opportunities for many researchers in this area to make presentation since 2002. This workshop is jointly supported by SIG-AI, IEICE; SIG-ICS, IPSJ; MACC, JSSST; SIG-KBS, JSAL; DOCMAS and IEEE Computer Society Tokyo/Japan Joint Chapter. Because of such reasons, a special section is being planned (scheduled to appear in the December 2020 issue) to further promote research and development of future communications quality.

1. Scope
   Topics related to Theory and Application of Agent Research are of interest. These include, but are not limited to the following areas:
   - Concept, technology, and instance of application of agents
   - Acquisition, integration, and circulation of information
   - Mobile communication
   - Community wear/social wear
   - Internet application system
   - Cooperation working support
   - Network administration and management
   - Web-based training
   - Application to a social system/communication
   - Electronic commerce
   - Application to software engineering
   - Concept, theory, and technology that support application of agents
     - Basic theory
     - Communications protocol between agents
     - Agent architecture
     - Agent description language
     - Agent cooperation technology
     - Agent processor/framework.

2. Submission Instructions
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