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Special Issue on Multimedia Computing and Management in Cloud Environment

Introduction

Cloud computing is attracting more and more researchers, which moves most heavy tasks from clients to servers. Generally, the cloud servers can be managed in order to implement various tasks requested by clients, while clients' terminals may be very lightweight in energy cost or computational complexity. Especially, with the terminal containing only the explorer, clients can consume various services. Software-as-a-service (SaaS) is the typical application that requests users to run the software in cloud servers instead of downloading it. Thus, it saves the cost of transmitting or storing multiple software copies. Cloud computing has been used in Internet-based systems, and is being extended to telecommunication systems.

In cloud computing environment, various innovative multimedia (text, image, audio, video, graph, etc.) services appear. For example, users may work on one document or drawing together over Internet, users can push their complicated computing tasks to cloud servers, and users can forward their multimedia content (e.g., TV program) to cloud servers with the aim of obtaining the analyzed result (e.g., a short summarization). To support these services, various computing or management techniques are required, e.g., multimedia processing, coding, communication, storage and access. Additionally, in cloud computing, security and privacy become very important issues, e.g., user authentication and authorization, information exchange between clients and cloud servers, privacy protection of user-uploaded content, etc.

This special issue aims to collect the best papers contributed by leading experts, and expose the readership to the latest research results on multimedia computing and management in cloud computing environment. It will include a number of related topics, demonstrate pioneer work, investigate the novel solutions and discuss the future trends in this field.

Topics

Submitted papers may focus on theoretical model, architecture construction, algorithm design or hardware implementation. Both review papers and technical papers are expected. The topics include but are not limited to

- Resource allocation in cloud computing
- Task management in cloud computing
- Cloud computing platform and system
- Multimedia coding for cloud based applications
- Multimedia processing in cloud environment
- Multimedia communication in cloud environment
- Multimedia content management in cloud environment
- Multimedia storage and access in cloud platforms
- Multimedia service and system in cloud environment

Multimedia security and protection in cloud computing
User authentication/authorization in cloud computing
Secure communication in cloud computing
Copyright protection and tracing in cloud computing
Privacy preservation in cloud computing

Submission

The submitted papers should describe original research which is not published nor currently under review by other journals or conferences.

Besides normal submissions, the selected best papers of the following conferences are invited to this special issue:

- The 2010 International Conference on Multimedia Information Networking and Security (MINES 2010), <http://www.ieee-mines.org/>
- The 2nd International Workshop on Security in Cloud Computing (SCC'2010), <http://bingweb.binghamton.edu/~ychen/SCC2010.htm>

There should be at least 40% differences between the extended/revised paper and conference paper.

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system: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117946197/grouphome/home.html>. All papers will be rigorously reviewed based on their originality, high scientific quality, organization, clarity of writing, and support provided for assertions and conclusion.

Important Dates

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