The fourth workshop on specification and verification of component-based systems is affiliated with ESEC/FSE'05 and will be held at the Campolide campus of the New University of Lisbon, Portugal, September 5-6, 2005. Seven page papers are due on June 20, 2005.

**Theme and Topics of Interest**

SAVCBS is focused on using formal (i.e., mathematical) techniques to establish a foundation for the specification and verification of component-based systems. Suggested research topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Techniques for component-based verification or reasoning
- Component-based specification languages
- Static analysis, advanced type systems, or model checking of components and component compositions
- Verification-oriented design methodologies for components
- Dynamic checking techniques, including run-time assertion or property checking
- Specification and verification of non-functional component behavior (performance, memory, concurrency, etc.)
- Unifying formal descriptions of concurrency properties with model-based behavioral descriptions of components
- Balancing tradeoffs (automatic/manual verification, soundness/completeness, static/dynamic verification, testing/formal verification, scalability/coverage, etc.)
- Theories of component composition
- Industrial experience, such as adoption issues, with formal techniques for component-based systems
- Case studies of applying formal techniques to component based systems
- Educational experience or tactics for formal approaches to component-based systems
Submissions should outline the current state of research or practice, describe the most pressing shortcomings, and formulate goals for future development.

**Submissions**

Submissions must not exceed 7 pages. We encourage, but do not require, use of the ACM Conference format. Please add page numbers to your submission, to make adding comments easier. Papers will be accepted in PDF or Postscript formats. Papers will be submitted on-line at [http://www.paperdyne.com/savcbs05.html](http://www.paperdyne.com/savcbs05.html).

**Important dates**

- **Submission deadline:** June 20, 2005
- Early registration (with hotel) deadline: July 1, 2005
- Notification date: July 18, 2005
- Final versions: August 1, 2005

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