Call for Papers

SAVCBS'08

Workshop at
ACM SIGSOFT 2008/FSE 16
November 9-10, 2008

The fifth workshop on specification and verification of component-based systems is affiliated with ACM SIGSOFT 2008/FSE 16 in Atlanta, Georgia, November 9-10, 2008. Abstracts are due on September 8, 2008, and eight page papers are due on September 15, 2008. There will be no formal publication of papers, and authors will retain copyright to their papers.

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 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.
Challenge Problem

One session during the workshop will be devoted to presenting solutions (full or partial) to a challenge problem. This problem will present features that pose difficulties for current specification technologies. The session will be open both to presenters as well as participants of the workshop. Details on the challenge problem are posted at http://www.eecs.ucf.edu/SAVCBS/2008/challenge.shtml. Solutions should illustrate innovative features of specification or verification as they pertain to this particular problem.

Submissions

Submissions must not exceed 8 pages. We encourage, but do not require, use of the ACM Conference format. We also suggest that you 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.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=savcbs08. Best papers will be selected to submit to a journal special issue.

Important dates

- Abstract submission deadline: September 8, 2008
- Paper submission deadline: September 15, 2008
- Notification date: October 11, 2008
- Final versions: November 3, 2008

See http://www.eecs.ucf.edu/SAVCBS/ for more details.

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