

**The 2009 International Symposium on Collaborative Technologies and Systems
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Special Session on e-Learning and Collaboration

Submission Deadline: January 26, 2009

Purpose and Description of the Special Session

Shifting to knowledge based society, high level educational environments are required, with which it is possible to continue to learn for anybody. The area of e-Learning realizes such kind of educational environments because distributed learners can learn collaboratively with multimedia contents anytime and anywhere by e-Learning technology.

This special session requests researches for systems and concepts which offer high quality education with thinking of learners' convenience, such as collaborative learning system, monitoring/mentoring system, learning design and pedagogy in technology-enhanced learning. E-Learning outcomes have been judged to be equivalent or superior to face-to-face instruction at most institutions and it has the same educational effect on learners in instructors' impressions.

We invite original contributions from researchers and practitioners in academia, government and industry, in order to go forward toward new collaborative information technology systems for e-Learning.

Topics of Interest include (but not limited to):

- Collaborative Learning Systems
- Monitoring/Mentoring Systems
- Knowledge Management/Sharing
- Learning Design Technology
- Pedagogy in Technology-enhanced Learning
- Organizational Collaboration

Submission Instructions

Authors are invited to submit original papers to the special session organizer by **January 26, 2009**. Electronic (pdf) submissions are encouraged and should be sent to okamoto@ai.is.uec.ac.jp. For other review electronic formats, please check with the organizer. Papers submitted for review should not exceed 10 pages in IEEE single-spaced, double-column format. Include up to 6 keywords and an abstract of no more than 350 words. Submissions should also include the title, authors name, affiliation, e-mail address, fax number and postal address. In case of multiple authors, an indication of which author is responsible for correspondence should also be included. If accepted, the final manuscript will follow the CTS 2009 format that is available on the conference Web site at <http://cisedu.us/cis/cts/09/main/callForPapers.jsp>.

Consistent with standard practices, each submitted paper will receive a minimum of three reviews. Papers will be selected based on their originality, timeliness, significance, relevance, and clarity of presentation. Initial selection will be based on full papers. Submission implies the willingness of at least one of the authors to register and present the paper, once accepted. All accepted papers are required to be presented and will be included in the conference proceedings.

Session Organizer Information

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Technical Program Committee:

All submitted papers will be rigorously reviewed by the special session technical program committee members.

(This committee will be announced soon.)

Important Dates:

Paper Submission Deadline:	January 26, 2009
Notification of Acceptance:	February 13, 2009
Registration & Camera-Ready Paper Due:	March 3, 2009

Contact Information

For information or questions about the workshop and the paper submission procedure, please contact the Special Session organizer.

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For information or questions about the full Symposium's program, tutorials, exhibits, demos, panel and special sessions organization, please consult the conference web site at URL: <http://cisedu.us/cis/cts/09/main/callForPapers.jsp> or contact the symposium co-chairs: Bill McQuay at AFRL/RYT, WPAFB (William.McQuay@wpafb.af.mil) or Waleed W. Smari at the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Dayton (Waleed.Smari@notes.udayton.edu).