Editorial:

Introducing CITRENZ JACIT Issue 17

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Abstract

Welcome to the third edition (Volume 7, 2013) of the merged Computing and Information Technology Research and Education, New Zealand (CITRENZ) Journal of Applied Computing and Information Technology (JACIT). This edition is the second to be based on the progressive publishing model, where papers are published as soon as they have been through the review process.

1. Introduction

In 2010 the Journal of Applied Computing and Information Technology (JACIT) and Bulletin (BACIT) publications merged, and a progressive publishing model was adopted. Papers are published as soon as they are ready, rather than releasing a completed edition, so it is possible for a paper to reach publishing status within a few months of submission. The in progress edition will be closed at the end of each year, and this version of the editorial is the last for this edition as we prepare for a new edition in 2014.

I have had several requests from authors regarding submitting a paper to JACIT, and am often asked what are the requirements to have a paper considered for publication. The Journal is the flag-ship publication of CITRENZ, which is made up of tertiary educationalists in New Zealand. The Journal is primarily designed as a vehicle to publish Applied Computing papers principally from New Zealand, but international papers are considered that would be of interest to our readers, particularly if related to education or cite New Zealand based research or researchers. Please check out http://www.citrenz.ac.nz/jacit/about.html for further information. If you are submitting an international paper could you indicate in the email how your paper meets thes criteria.

Many people are involved in the process of creating the Journal, the editorial team, authors, reviewers and mentors. All are volunteers and my thanks to them for their time and in some cases their willingness to act as mentors. As always, a lot of work has gone in behind the scenes to make an edition happen and my thanks must go to the editorial team for their perseverence. I’d like to welcome as Senior Associate Editor Dr. Donald Joyce who has been a driving force in the development of JACIT since the first (paper based) edition, and acknowledge the dedication of Krassie Petrova for her work on all the BACIT publications and as Senior Associate Editor for the previous editions of the online version of JACIT. My thanks also to the editorial
team listed on the first page of the edition as without their assistance the edition would not be possible.

A special mention and thanks needs to be made of Nick Wallingford as Web editor. As well as converting the papers to the Web format, he is constantly reviewing the metadata required by various indexes and databases. Technical support and web hosting is managed by William Hannon of EIT Hawkes Bay, and we extend our thanks to him and to EIT for hosting the site.

Finally, thanks must also go to the authors who have been generously willing to develop and present their research in JACIT and the reviewers who have generously donated their time to evaluate the submissions and provide constructive feedback and guidance to the authors.

2. This edition

A wide variety of topics are presented in this edition. The first paper by Shirley Gibbs looks at gender issues in introductory computing classes, and later in the edition Ning Wei, et. al, consider gender differences in the context of Web 2.0 usage. A short paper by Kaveh Farbeh-Tabrizi looks at changing teaching methods to accommodate the Ribbon in Microsoft Office. Two papers consider the user interface, with Tim Hunt looking at globalisation and Daphne Robson and co-authors looking at educational software. Stephanie Day looks at how much users of Facebook reveal about themselves.

JACIT is also pleased to be associated with Conferences and provides a way for authors that have published in Proceedings to expand on their work. This edition includes expanded papers by Lucy Cradduck from the Internet Technologies & Society 2012 Conference (ITS 2012), and from Alison Hunter from the Australian Women in ICT Conference (OzWIT 2013) (http://www.ozwit.org).

Of the 29 papers submitted 8 were accepted for publication, giving a 28% acceptance rate.

3. Finally

Just a reminder, if you are an author of past JACIT papers, and have electronic copies of your papers and we have not yet put them on the site, we would be really grateful if they could be sent to us, as many papers are not available in an electronic format.

As usual we welcome comments, contributions, and expressions of interest to review papers, for this and future issues. My thanks to the editors, reviewers, and authors, for making this issue possible, and hope you will enjoy reading JACIT 17(1)!

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