

Thematic Session: Accessibility and Arabic Language: Current State and Recurring Barriers

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Abstract

Arabic is a Semitic language that uses a distinct alphabet set and spoken by more than 340 million individuals as their first language. It is the official language, either solely or jointly, in twenty countries located in the Middle East and Africa.

Given the distinctive nature of The Arabic language, accessibility tools, technologies, guidelines, etc. that support and target Arabic language are rare. Also some of the existing technologies do not handle Arabic content properly. Therefore, in this thematic session we will bring together researchers and practitioners interested in overcoming Accessibility issues and barriers of Arabic language to share their findings and solutions.

List of topics includes but not limited to:

- Accessibility of Arabic websites
- Web 2.0 accessibility and Arabic language
- Accessibility and Arabic PDF documents
- Characteristics of Accessible Arabic content
- Impact of Accessibility on Arabic content
- Accessible Mobile Technology for Arabic content
- Assistive Applications and Services for Arabic content...

Important Dates

July 20, 2013 : Submission of papers

August,20 2013 : Notification of acceptance

September, 10 2013 : Camera-ready submission & registration

October 24-26, 2013 : Conference period

Instructions for authors

The working language of the conference is **English**. Authors are required to prepare the manuscripts in the IEEE two-column format. Only manuscripts in DOC or PDF formats will be accepted.

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