

**THEME**

The Journal of the Brazilian Computer Society (JBACS - <http://www.icmc.usp.br/~jbacs/>) seeks high quality manuscripts for a special issue on Dependable Computing. The dependability of systems is known as the reliance that can justifiably be placed on the service the system delivers. Dependability has become an important aspect of computer systems since everyday life increasingly depends on them, which has left us vulnerable to their potential malfunction. The causes to these malfunctions can potentially be introduced in every step of their development, deployment and operation. With the advent of the Internet, in addition to inadvertent faults, systems must now be able to survive to malicious exploitation of imperfect computer systems. In this environment, how can one build dependable systems? What design principles are involved? How should these systems be evaluated?

This special issue is particularly interested in papers reporting on research that describe industrial projects, prototype systems, embedded system, middleware, wireless networks and mobile computing, Web applications, and other exploratory or emerging applications. The purpose of this special issue is to report works of researchers, designers and developers of dependable computing systems.

**TOPICS**

Major topics include, but are not limited to:

Architectures for Dependable Systems  
Safety-Critical Systems  
Security of Computing Systems  
Dependability in Networking  
Dependability in Multimedia Systems  
Dependability in Mobile Computing  
Software Fault Tolerance  
Fault Tolerance for Component Based  
Software

Design for Testability  
Software Testing, Verification and Validation  
Quality Assurance  
Dependability Modelling and Prediction  
Survivability of Computing Systems  
Dependable Applications  
Clustered Computing  
Internet Applications and Electronic Commerce  
Middleware

**SUBMISSION**

Submissions must be in English and should be no more than 20 pages long, including all text, figures and references. The final manuscript should be approximately 8000 words in length. The first page should contain the title of the paper, author(s) names and affiliation(s), keywords (not more than 6 keywords), abstract (no more than 250 words) and the name, fax number and complete mailing address (both postal and e-mail) of the person to whom correspondence should be sent. All contributions will be acknowledged and refereed.

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Please forward any questions about this special issue to the guest editors at the e-mail addresses below.

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