The annual ACM/IFIP/USENIX Middleware conference is a major forum for the discussion of innovations and recent advances in the design, construction and use of middleware systems. Middleware is the software that resides between applications and the underlying architecture and platforms, often with an emphasis on networked computing. The goal of middleware is to facilitate the development of applications by providing higher-level abstractions for better programmability, performance, scalability, security. It is a rapidly evolving and growing field. The Middleware conference traditionally includes a number of high quality workshops. We invite experts on related research subjects to submit one-day or half-day workshop proposals in scope of Middleware 2017. Proposed workshops can be on any topic related to middleware, but we are particularly interested in new workshops in emerging, new middleware areas.

Important dates

Workshop Proposal Submission Deadline	May 17, 2017
Workshop Proposal Acceptance Notification	May 24, 2017
Workshop Calls for Papers Online	June 15, 2017
Approximate Workshop Paper Submission Deadline	August 31, 2017
Workshop Paper Notification	September 28, 2017
Workshop Paper Camera Ready (Hard Deadline)	October 20, 2017

Workshop Proposal Submission

A workshop proposal (not exceeding three pages, 11pt, in PDF format) should include the following information:

- The title of the workshop;
- The names and e-mail addresses of the organizing committee;
- A brief technical description of the workshop topic area;
- The history of the workshops, if applicable;
- A short description of the intended format of the workshop (keynote speakers, discussions, ...);
- Tentative workshop paper submission and notification deadlines. Note that the latest camera-ready deadline for all workshop papers is October 20, 2017. This is a HARD DEADLINE to allow papers to be published in the ACM digital library.
- A brief statement of the relevance of the workshop to Middleware;
- A preliminary list of PC members that have accepted to participate in the committee;
- The submission managing system;
- A description of the organizers' strategy for attracting submissions and attendees to the workshop, including information about how publicity will be carried to attract world-wide participation.

Each workshop will organize its own submissions and reviewing procedures, and it will provide its own web page. A link will be provided to this web page from the Middleware 2017 Web site. Workshop organizers will ensure that all accepted papers are peer reviewed and will need to

upload camera ready and copy rights of all accepted papers timely through ACM portal. It's mandatory that at least one author of accepted papers has a full pre-conference registration. Moreover, organizers will plan their schedule so that: (i) the paper submission deadline falls after the main conference's notification date; (ii) authors are notified no later than September 28, 2017; and (iii) authors submit their that camera-ready papers no later than October 20, 2017. Accepted papers should be no longer than 6 pages in the standard ACM format. Workshop organizers are responsible for preparing the papers for their workshops in the format required by ACM. As in previous years, the Middleware conference organizers will provide companion proceedings including all workshop papers, which will be available in the ACM Digital Library. This is subject to the availability of camera-ready version by October 20, 2017

We strongly encourage workshop organizers to use hotcrp (http://hotcrp.com/), which is free of charge for Middleware workshops and provides a list of tools to manage copyright assignment, final-version submission, PDF checking, and proceedings construction.

Workshop proposals must be sent to both of the following addresses:

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