Second International Workshop on Location and the Web (LocWeb 2009) In conjunction with CHI 2009, Boston, USA

Call for Papers
Workshop Website: http://ifgi.uni-muenster.de/locweb2009/
Submission System: http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=locweb2009

Overview
The goal of the Second International Workshop on Location and the Web (LocWeb 2009) is to bring together researchers to discuss the ways in which location as a first-class concept in Web services and Web applications will transform the Web into a location-aware information system. We are particularly interested in how location concepts can be shared across applications to provide adequate support for an evolving ecosystem of location-aware services and applications.

Details
Location has become an important concept for many Web-based applications, in particular because of the increasing popularity of mobile Internet access. So far, however, location concepts are reinvented in many different places and these diverging concepts make it hard to use location-based services and data in a truly open way. The Second International Workshop on Location and the Web (LocWeb 2009) targets the capabilities and constraints of Web-based location-oriented services, looking at browser-based applications, as well as at native applications using Web services. The focus of this workshop is on exploring approaches for handling the complexity of location-based services and, more specifically, looking at location abstractions, location sharing, privacy issues, and interface design issues. The goal is to create a starting point for attaining better understanding of how the Web has to change to embrace location as a first-class concept and to bring together key scientists in all participating disciplines in order to stimulate open discussion. It is our hope that we will be able to achieve increased synergy of approaches between the disciplines engaged in Web technologies, HCI, UbiComp, and other related fields. More directly, we intend to encourage immediate interdisciplinary collaboration on future research topics.

Position Papers
We are soliciting position papers from researchers and practitioners in the fields described below. These papers should focus on current projects and work areas
as well as on future work items and collaboration opportunities. The first half-day will set the stage with a few selected kick-off talks and an interactive demo and poster session. In the afternoon, we dive into open discussions to provide a starting point for future collaboration. Each position paper will be reviewed by at least three members of the program committee, based on quality, relevance and balance of contributions to the workshop. All position papers will be published in the LocWeb 2009 electronic proceedings. It is planned to publish revised versions of selected papers in a special journal issue such as Personal and Ubiquitous Computing.

**Topic Suggestions**

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Empirically based guidelines for location-oriented systems
- Abstracting, sharing and obfuscating location information
- Location as place and space as a first-level concept in web-based services and applications; location syntax and semantics
- Mobile localized geographic information retrieval; personalization and localization
- Extracting and exploiting location in and from Web 2.0 communities
- Integration of physical affordances of location into Web-based mobile applications
- Multimodal and personalized (mobile) user interfaces making use of location information

**Submission Guidelines**

Interested researchers should submit a 4-page position paper formatted using the ACM SIG proceedings style by October 23, 2008 to the workshop management system at http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=locweb2009. Acceptance notifications will be sent out November 23, 2008. The workshop will be held April 5, 2009 in Boston, USA. Please note that at least one author of an accepted position paper must register for the workshop and for one or more days of the CHI 2009 conference. Workshop fees for participants in 2009 for a one-day workshop are still to be defined by the CHI 2009 Organizing Committee. Workshop fees for participants in 2008 (previous year) were approximately $150 ($75 for a student) for a one-day workshop.

**Important Dates**
- Deadline for position paper submission: October 23, 2008
- Acceptance notification: November 23, 2008
- Workshop: April 5, 2009 Boston, USA

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- Workshop Website: http://ifgi.uni-muenster.de/locweb2009/
- CHI 2009 Website: http://www.chi2009.org