

# Middleware for Sensor networks (MidSens'07)

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Submission deadline:**

August 1, 2007

#### **Acceptance notification:**

September 1, 2007

#### **Camera-ready version due:**

October 1, 2007

**Workshop date:** Nov 30, 2007

The aim of this workshop is to stimulate research in the specific domain of middleware for sensor networks, to collect current expertise, and to further refine and integrate different approaches. In particular, we will investigate how middleware architectures can relieve programmers from the lowest level sensor details, while still enabling them to exploit a sensor's resource capabilities in the most optimal way. This workshop wants to trigger and guide research efforts to create an integrated middleware vision, which is required to handle the challenges inherent to developing and deploying complex sensor applications in an efficient way.

Middleware for sensor networks is an emerging and very promising research area. Most of the current projects on sensor middleware are at an early stage, focusing on developing algorithms and components for data aggregation, localization, service discovery, synchronization, etc. These projects, however, often lack attention for integrating these algorithms and components into a generic middleware architecture, and for helping application developers to compose a system that matches their requirements.

The complexity of sensor programming is partly caused by the highly resource limited, dynamic and heterogeneous environments in which sensor applications must operate. Sensor network characteristics require a specific approach for middleware development that goes beyond dealing with resource constraints: middleware for sensor networks involves an end-to-end approach in which the sensor network as a whole is treated as an endpoint. This implies considerable consequences for typical middleware services such as mobility, coordination, service discovery, security, data aggregation, quality of service, handling hardware heterogeneity, handling communication errors, scalability, and network organization.

The workshop seeks papers in, but not limited to, the areas listed below:

#### Software engineering support:

- Software architectures
- Dynamic reconfiguration & adaptation
- Sensor middleware for self-assembly, self-configuration, self-distribution and autonomic computing in general
- Sensor mobility, heterogeneity
- Lightweight agent middlewares

#### Middleware services:

- Tracking, localization, and synchronization
- Aggregation techniques and data management
- Energy-aware middleware mechanisms
- QoS, privacy and security

#### Management of sensor networks:

- Overlay & topology management
- Resource discovery and management
- Device/Service discovery
- Interoperability of WSNs with legacy middleware

#### Sensor applications/tools:

- Testing and simulation tools for middleware
- Experience/application/assessment of sensor middleware

Submitted papers must be original work in English without substantial overlap with papers that have been published or that are simultaneously submitted to a journal or conference with proceedings. Submissions must not exceed 6 pages, must strictly follow the ACM conference proceedings format, and must be submitted in PDF format.

The proceedings will be uploaded to the ACM Digital Library. Enhanced versions of the best papers will be published in a special issue of IEEE distributed systems online (<http://dsonline.computer.org/>).