About JOT

The Journal of Object Technology (JOT) is a peer-reviewed, free and open-access journal dedicated to the timely publication of previously unpublished research articles, surveys, tutorials, and technical notes on all aspects of object technology. There is no publication fee required. JOT published accepted papers as soon as possible in the next regularly scheduled issue, after receipt of the final copy.

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Submissions are welcome in all areas of Object Technology. JOT welcomes original research contributions, empirical studies, mature best practice reports and state-of-the-art surveys.

Submissions must not have been previously published or submitted for publication in another venue. Research submissions that extend a previously published conference or or workshop paper must contain at least 30% new material to be considered original. The cover letter to the submission must list all related previous publications and detail the differences to the submitted paper. Manuscripts should be concise and complete, and should be carefully proofread. Submissions that do not meet these standards may be returned without review.

Submissions should include a title, list of authors and affiliations, an abstract, a list of keywords and a PDF of the draft for review. Manuscripts should be formatted as 10 point, single column, single-spaced text. JOT does not have fixed page limits, but submissions should typically not exceed 25 pages. Lengthier submissions may be considered if justified. (Supporting material, such as extended code examples or full proofs of theorems may be placed in a separate appendix.) If accepted, the final camera-ready version must be prepared using the provided LaTeX template. (A Word template is provided as an alternative. For best results, you will need to download and install Computer Modern fonts.)

Authors are invited to suggest an Associate Editor of JOT with the appropriate expertise to assess the paper, provided no conflict of interest exists. (An author is considered to have a conflict of interest with an editor or reviewer if they have co-authored papers or have otherwise been in a close professional relationship within the past six years.) An acknowledgement of receipt from the editor should be expected within a few days of submitting a paper.

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Review Process

Submissions will be evaluated on the basis of their relevance, originality, timeliness, significance and presentation.

- Submit your paper as a PDF to editor@jot.fm, following the guidelines listed above.
- Papers that are clearly unacceptable will be returned by the Editor-in-Chief (EiC) without being reviewed.
- Papers for review will be assigned to an Associate Editor (AE). The AE may decide to reject the paper with a short review.

- Otherwise the AE will select three expert reviewers to carry out a detailed assessment.
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- A revised paper must be accompanied by a cover letter detailing how the revised manuscript addresses the concerns raised by the reviewers.
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A special section of JOT consists of a number of papers on a specialized topic. The papers may be extended versions of "best" papers that have already been presented at a conference, workshop, or another event, or they may be papers submitted to an open call for a special section.

A special section is prepared by one or more guest editors, who should also prepare a guest editorial introducing the special section. One option is to invite a JOT Associated Editor to act as a guest editor.

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The guest editors are free to propose the schedule for the special section.

Once the camera-ready copy is received for the special section, papers will be put online as soon as practically possible. (Normally within a few days.)

Resources

- Standard review form
- Template letter of invitation to submit to special section
- Special Sections FAQ
- Template Acceptance letter to authors, with camera-ready instructions

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