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on
Spoken Language Technology for Education

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Language technologies have evolved to the stage where they are reliable enough, if their strong and weak points are properly dealt with, to be used for education. The creation of an application for education presents several challenges: making the language technology sufficiently reliable (and thus advancing our knowledge in the language technologies), creating an application that actually enables students to learn, and engaging the student. Papers in this special issue should deal with several of these issues. Although language learning is the primary target of research at present, papers on the use of language technologies for other education applications are encouraged. The scope of acceptable topic interests includes but is not limited to:

- Use of speech technology for education
- Use of spoken language dialogue for education
- Applications using speech and natural language processing for education
- Intelligent tutoring systems using speech and natural language
- Pedagogical issues in using speech and natural language technologies for education
- Assessment of tutoring software
- Assessment of student performance

Tentative schedule for paper submissions, review, and revision:

Deadline for submissions: June 1, 2008.

Deadline for decisions and feedback from reviewers and editors: August 31, 2008.

Deadline for revisions of papers: November 31, 2008.

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