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Special Issue

***Method Transfer across Domains and Disciplines:
Enriching Universal-Access Development***

About the UAIS Journal

The UAIS Journal solicits original research contributions addressing the accessibility, usability and acceptability of Information Society Technologies by *anyone, anywhere, at anytime*, and through *any media and device*. Universal access refers to the systematic effort to proactively apply principles, methods and tools of universal design, in order to develop Information Society Technologies which are accessible and usable by all citizens.

The Journal's unique focus is on theoretical, methodological, and empirical research, of both technological and non-technological nature, that addresses equitable access and active participation of potentially all citizens in the Information Society.

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Aims and scope of this special issue

Method transfer concerns the selection and application of a design or evaluation method in a development context that has not been addressed so far when applying this method, but qualifies for the development situation at hand. Given a case-sensitive appropriation (process), method transfer facilitates:

- Taking into account different stakeholders, either as developers or users;
- Mapping the richness of context of use, as given by sector-specific scenarios, emerging technologies for universal use, such as table tops, and culture-specific work environments in an increasingly networked world
- Bridging the gap between accessibility and usability engineering in the context of user experience (UX)
- Making use of previous development experiences in a structured form.

Original research contributions are solicited, which focus on transfer concepts, techniques, and tools with a view to improving computer accessibility for *all users in all contexts of use*.

The thematic scope of this special issue includes scientific issues relating to software organization and development, provided that it may contribute to improving and widening the apparatus for universal access.

Main topics

This special issue will focus on research work on the design and implementation of method transfer approaches between different application domains, scenarios of use, contexts, and sectors. Authors of

submissions should carefully explain how the work and results presented contribute to facilitating and promoting opening up contexts of use, and thus, contribute to universal access.

Contributions are solicited in, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Epistemological analysis of method transfer processes
- Situation understanding fostering transfer situations
- Scoping transfer of development methods, in particular for design and evaluation
- Concepts and empirical evidence of transfer processes
- Design of and implementation of method transfer processes
- Situation theory, transfer settings, and support tools for method transfer
- Methods, techniques and instruments to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of method transfer processes
- Educational concepts on method transfer situations

Important dates

Deadline for submission of extended abstract: October 28, 2012

Notification of acceptance of abstract: November 15, 2012

Deadline for submission of papers: January 1, 2013

Notification of acceptance: February 15, 2013.

Deadline for submission of camera-ready version of accepted papers: June 1, 2013.

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Authors should submit their manuscripts electronically as PDF files to the Guest Editors of the special issue, Stefan Cronholm (Stefan.Cronholm@hb.se) and Christian Stary (Christian.Stary@jku.at).

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